

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30 am & 11:00 am

9:30 am Fellowship/Coffee

Church Office Hours

Monday 8:30 am—2:30 pm

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am— 3:30 pm

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Church Staff :

Pastor	Kevin Gingerich
Assimilation	
Children's Ministry	Michelle Noack
Youth Director	Jacob Sandholm
Worship	
Organists	Pam Kobbe
Secretary	Rosa Koerselman
Custodian	Ron Noack

SHELDON UNITED METHODIST

January 2023 News Letter



Our Vision: "To open our hearts and doors to all people with love and acceptance; inviting them into a relationship with Christ, and each other; encouraging and empowering them as followers of Christ to love as He loved us; and sending them by the power of the Holy Spirit to live the word of God in our homes, community and world."

Our Mission:

"To Glorify God By Making Disciples For Jesus Christ"



Pastor's Corner:

Happy New Year!



I look forward to an exceptionally good year in 2023. The church will be renamed going forward as of July 1, 2023. We will be the "Faith Community Church" of Sheldon. I am claiming Hebrews 11 as our Biblical chapter, and especially verse 1, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." as our cornerstone. We do not know what our future holds, but we are confidently assured that it will be what God desires for us. We will be leaning into His Word for our guidance. Yes, we always have, and we will continue.

I have confidence in what we have done, and in the direction we are headed. I have a peace about our decisions. Jesus told us "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Yes, we have had some troubles. It is not easy to see some of the congregation split so far away that they may never return. It is hard to have conflict within the body of Christ. We have had, and will continue to have, problems in this world. But we hold to the peace that goes beyond our own understanding, the peace of Christ. Together with Jesus as our head, we will move forward.

Remember to give thanks to God! God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good. Come and worship!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich



PRAYER REQUESTS

Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Wilma Meinecke, Arlene Sterler, Karrine Dykstra, Bob Sterler, Gloria Morris, Carla Hoffman, Emilee Broesder, Duane Wahlstrum, Rita Sterler, Patsy Zoet

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler) **Connie Matoffe** (Sister of Pam Buysman)
Elaine & Jim Ver Meer (Sister & Brother in law of Peter & Peter and Karin Vanden Berg)

Sheila Lienau- (Sister of Karin Vanden Berg)

Stephanie Fowler (Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

Kay Ver Steeg (sister to Michelle Groen & Melissa Davis) **Ken De Groot** (Jeanette Reekers son-in-law)

Richard "Dick" Burns- Brother in law of Marcia Wassenaar

Please keep our service men and women in your prayers

AIR FORCE: Luke Kobbe, Steven Bylsma, Kevin Meinecke, Justin Wolthuizen

ARMY: Daniel Mulder, Jeremy Poss, Jesse Meendering

MARINES:

NATIONAL GUARD: Mike Welch, Travis Postma, Dr. Ryan Becker, Dr. Josephine Dunn Junuis, Jeffrey Heithus

NAVY: Dave Sarnoski, Greg Weiman, Drew Lidster

Please keep our Missionaries in prayer

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Please pray for and visit our members in the Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Facilities

Fieldcrest Assisted Living: Ray Rohlfs, Mollie Parry, Marilyn King, Jeanette Reekers, Thelma Van Nyhuis, Marie Pomerence, Julia Merley

Sanford Senior Care: Wilma Meinecke

Christian Retirement Home: Lucy Hoppe, Gerald Kroon, Myrna Seamands, Howard & Darlene Tiemens, Mildred Robinson, Clarence Meinecke, Eleanor Poppema, Nancy Burley, Janus Martin, Linda Heiliger

Other Homes: Ken Mulder, Jervis Sterler, Sherry Vander Pol, Bob & Arlene Sterler, John Van Olst

2023 Kids Club Calendar

January- April



January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

February

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

March

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

No Kids club these days

3rd & 4th Grade meet Tuesdays

5th & 6th Grade meet Thursdays

Last Day!

If school is let out early or cancelled- Kids Club is cancelled

All the school cancellation info is shared on KIWA. Kids club info will be posted on the church FB page (Kids Club under the Sheldon United Methodist Church or Sheldonumc.org) and texting. With this in mind, please make sure when you register your child we have the best phone number to reach you.

Kids Club is located at:

Sheldon United Methodist Church
 506 8th Street- Sheldon
 712-324-4894- church
 847-962-5094-Michelle's cell
 Michelle Noack- Children's Ministry coordinator

sumcchildren@nethtc.net

Kids club meets just after school on the days marked on the calendar and ends at 5pm.

April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

HURRAY!

Scholarships open December 1!

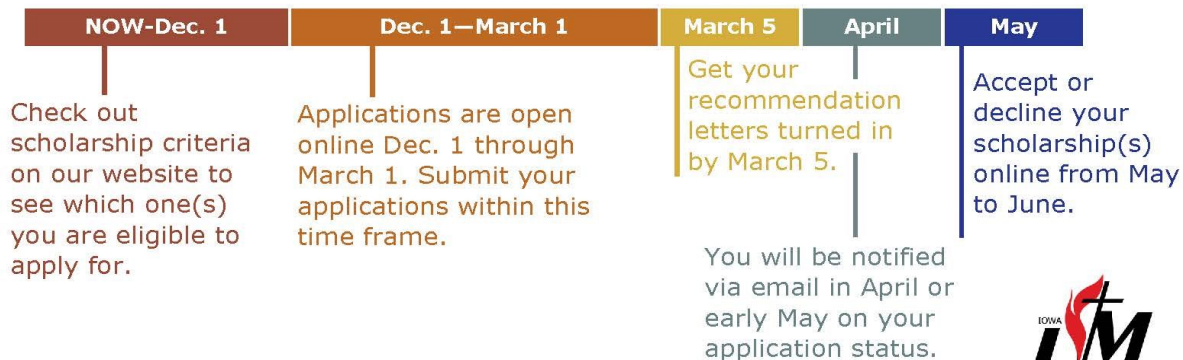
**We have over \$250,000 to award this year.
Don't miss your chance to apply!**

WHAT: The Iowa United Methodist Foundation has over 100 scholarships available for the 2023-2024 academic year. There are scholarships specifically for high school seniors, general scholarships for students going to non-Methodist colleges, scholarships for students going to United Methodist colleges and seminary scholarships designated for individuals following the call to join the ministry.

WHEN: Applications will be available starting December 1, 2022 and will remain open until March 1, 2023 (see the tentative timeline below).

HOW: Check out the criteria on our website for any scholarship at any time to make sure you are eligible to apply. After December 1, go to our website at <https://iumf.org/scholarships> and click **APPLY NOW** to begin the application process.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE:



January Birthdays



January 1: Judy Radke
Paula Hamill

January 6: Blake Koedam
Cory Hoogland

January 7: Lucy Hoppe
Wilma Meinecke

January 8: Jan Mulder
John Wahl
Heath Koerselman

January 9: Bill Boscaljon

January 10: Eli Thiner

January 11: Brayden Pomeranke

January 13: Greg Bassett
Robert Dixon
Jennifer Erkes
Marilyn Koerselman

January 15: Bonnie Baartman
Janus Martin
Kendalynn Sterler
Humphrey Muciiri
Paul Simpson

January 16: Doris Freidland
Chad Klein
Mitch Giese

January 17: Scott Ross
Sawyer Wieseler

January 18: Sally Boscaljon

January 19: Breann Getting
Zander Junius
John Vander Sluis

January 22: Steve Fowler
Eric Heibult
Chad Schwartz
Erin Whitcanack

January 23: Daniel Braaksma

January 24: Deb Haning

January 25: Marshall Kleinhesselink
Emily Lathrop

January 27: Matt Rusche

January 28: Ardis Grein

January 29: Renee Sterler

January 31: Robert McQuirk

Children's Sunday school is gearing up for our special mission project this year. We are collecting items for the EMS/Fire Fighters/ Police/Ambulance. We would like your help in collecting these items to help care for those who care for others. They are simple items that will help to bless them as they go around helping others.

List of things to collect of the EMS/Fighter fighters/Police/Ambulance

Chapstick	Nuts
lotion	Gum
Tissues	Mints
Cough drops	Activity books
Advil	Car air fresheners
Multi vitamins	Water bottles
Sports drinks	Crystal light singles
Flavored water	Single snacks
Candy	Casey's Gift cards
Granola bars	Fast food gift cards
Trail mix	Single use glove warmers



JANUARY UNITY MEAL!

On Monday, January 16 the Methodist Church will be serving the Sheldon Unity Meal at Living Waters Church. We will have many opportunities to help with this meal:

1:00 p.m. Help cook the meal at the Methodist church

3:30 p.m. Prepare the desserts to serve.

5:00 p.m. serve the meal, assist people with their meals, and clean up.

Many hands make light work. We look forward to being the hands and feet of Jesus as we work side by side. Please sign up at the Friendship Center to assist with the meal.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

Sue and I say a huge thank you to the congregation as you have stood by our side during the disaffiliation and then gave so generously of you time and gifts since then. We especially thank you for the Christmas gift this year. We also have felt and treasured all the prayers. As we move forward together, it is an honor to remain your pastor and family. May we step out in Faith to form our new congregation. We do not know what is in store, but we know we have Jesus and one another to help see us through. God bless each of you!

Kevin and Sue

Thank you for the gift you have given us this Christmas season. I look forward to serving Christ and the youth in 2023. Let's make an IMPACT!

Blessings,

Jacob and Sarah

Love INC will be offering a new session of classes from January 12 – March 30. Classes are from 6:30-7:30 on Thursday evenings and are free of charge. Class offerings include Faith & Finances, Positive Parenting, Embracing Life, and Bible Study. Please call (712) 324-9707 to register!

SHELDON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BAKED POTATO SUPPER



MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023
5:00-7:00 PM
1425 E 9TH STREET
SHELDON, IA 51201

Menu: Loaded Baked Potato Lettuce salad, Fruit cup, homemade desserts & beverage

SO YOU KNOW — AN UPDATE FROM THE ONE BOARD

As most of you know, our church has been undergoing a whole slew of changes in the last few months. With the passage of the disaffiliation vote in October, we have started to progress through a massive “To Do” list of maintenance, preparation, and decision-making. One of the things that was discussed in the last Administrative Council meeting was making an extremely conscious effort to keep all the information in front of the congregation.

Let’s start from the beginning. A long while back, our Administrative Council started talking about shifting from the multiple committee style of church leadership to something the United Methodist Church refers to as “One Board.” A few months ago, we decided to make the switch, and our Administrative Council became a “One Board,” enveloping committees like Finance, Trustees, SPRC, etc. Due to the nature of how they work, committees like Education and Youth Commission will continue to exist because of the type of support they offer to larger ongoing ministries of the church.

Sunday, December 11th, we held the less formal vote for a new church name. The majority of the votes were for “Faith Community Church (of Sheldon).” We will continue to use the name “Sheldon United Methodist Church” until the end of June 2023 as things become official with the disaffiliation. At that point we will need to remove all items, decorations, and symbolism of the United Methodist Church from the facility. This includes things like hymnals, some pew Bibles, signage, etc.

A law firm has already been hired to make sure that all of the necessary paperwork is completed and filed properly with the courts. This particular firm deals specifically with church legality, and so they have put together a variety of things that we will need already, resulting in lower fees for us. Connected with the legal side of things is the adoption of the new church doctrine. This process will take a significant amount of time, and we will be looking at several examples of what other churches have put into place. Please cover this process in prayers as it is the most important piece of all of this changeover.

At this point, we are becoming an independent church, no part of any other denomination. At no point will a decision be made to join the Global Methodist Church or any other denomination without the involvement of the congregation. Also worth noting, the meetings of the Administrative Council are considered “open” meetings, and as such, everyone is welcome to attend. Watch for the meeting dates and times in the bulletins and newsletters, and plan to attend if you have questions, concerns, or just an interest in what’s being discussed. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the committee members.

Committee Members

Dennis Gorter (Chair), Mike McCuddin, Matt Rusche, Tony Haning, Mitch Geise, Susan Klein, Wil George, Marvin Lindley, Fred Grein, Linda Heiliger, Krista Honormann, Rachael Becker, Jari Brink, Judy Nieuwenhuis, Barb Merley,

Staff Representatives Kevin Gingerich, Jacob Sandholm, Michelle Noack

In Christ, Wil George on behalf of the One Board

Thank you to all of you who have supported us throughout the year, as well as blessing us with a bounty of wonderful gifts of all varieties this holiday season. We are overwhelmed by your generosity! We are so grateful for our positions at the church and so blessed to serve along side of you.

Ron and Michelle Noack

The Dordt University Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 13, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Iowa, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Directed by Dr. Rob Hobgood, the Dordt University Concert Choir will perform a wide variety of choral music including hymn arrangements, spirituals, classics from the modern choral repertoire as well as past centuries including Gabrielli, Handel, and Clausen, and several compositions written within the last decade by talented young composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MY TEACHERS FOR ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVE GOD AND TEACH OUR CHILDREN MORE ABOUT HIM AND HIS LOVE FOR US. OUR TEACHERS FOR OUR 4-YEAR-OLD CLASS ARE ELLE BECKER, AND ELLIE MEENDERING. THEIR HELPER IS CRYSTALLYN STERLER. LEADING OUR KINDERGARTEN / 1ST GRADE CLASS IS BREANN GETTING AND BETH HAMMILL. LEADING OUR 2ND / 3RD GRADE CLASS IS SALLY BOSCALJON, AND KRISTA HONERMANN, THEIR HELPER IS PAUL HONNERMAN. LEADING OUR 4TH GRADERS IS MAGGIE LLOYD, AND ERIN ANDERSON, THEIR HELPER IS BRADEN SCHWARTZ. 5TH / 6TH IS LEAD BY LIZ SUBART. 7TH / 8TH IS RUN BY RACHAEL BECKER AND MIKE MOLETTIERE, THEY HAVE MICHELLE SIMPSON AS THEIR HELPER. ALSO A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO LEAD OUR LARGE GROUP OPENING TIME. THEY ARE SALLY BOSCALJON, AND MEG GEORGE. COMING IN JANUARY, WIL GEORGE WILL NOW BE LEADING US IN OUR NEW CURRICULUM LARGE GROUP OPENING.

We are looking for individuals that would be willing to help our church out with helping Love INC.

The areas of most needed help are rides, and furniture moving! There are other areas that help is needed as well but those are the main ones Love INC. is looking for from our Church right now. The rides are mainly to Dr. appointments and you will always know what you are going for. Their policy is that woman provide rides for woman and men provide rides for men unless it’s a couple going. Thank you for considering.

A big huge thank you to the congregation for the Love offering and all the other gifts that have been given this Christmas season. You are all a blessing and have shown me and my family a glimpse of Jesus’s grace and kindness. I am so happy to be on staff here and to be able to be a part of this church.

Blessings,

Rosa & Heath Koerselman

It is 2023! What an amazing year 2022 was for Impact Youth Ministries. We had a very successful year in glorifying God and sharing the good news with people in the Sheldon community, as well as across the country in Houston, TX. We are excited and hoping that 2023 will be just as impactful and meaningful to the youth and the people of this church and community. Looking back into the month of December, a group of eleven youth went caroling with myself and two chaperones. We could not make it to every house that we wanted, but the Christian Retirement Home and the houses that we did visit absolutely loved that we were willing to come out and sing hymns of praise to them. Other than caroling, December was extremely broken up due to all the winter storms there were, which caused us to cancel Impact two weeks in a row.

As January comes, we are hoping that we can meet each and every Wednesday starting on January 4th. Two big things to keep in mind as the new year approaches are: Bella Notte Tickets go on sale on January 8, 2023. More details about Bella Notte will come on that Sunday and the week before. Also on January 18th, we will be having our first ever parent night at Impact for the Sr. High. From the same time, 8-9:30 Pm, the youth are invited to bring a guardian or guardians of their choice to come learn about Jesus with us, play games, and worship. We are hoping this will be a fun and well-attended night. This will also help show parents what we do and what we're all about at Impact. Other than that, January will be filled with Holy Spirit power and learning of the Word of God. We invite all youth to come every Wednesday to worship our Lord Jesus Christ together. Thank you all so much for reading and here's to a great 2023!

Blessings,

Jacob Sandholm (AKA PJ)

Suggestion Box

We are living in a time of great stress. Our church has undergone a huge vote and have decided to hold fast to the values that once were our Methodist roots; values of allowing scripture to shape and inform who we are. Values that honor scripture as sacred and God as unchanging (He is the same yesterday, today and always). And we know that not everyone is happy. Many have questions. So, we have a suggestion box available for you to express yourself. You may ask questions (if you sign your name we will answer directly, if your name is not on the paper, we might answer the question in a newsletter or bulletin). Or you can make comments. This is an opportunity to express yourself. The staff reads the suggestions at their weekly staff meetings.

2023 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes, please if you got them and aren't supposed to or don't plan to use them please let me know so I can make note of it, or if you want them and didn't let me know that as well.

Thank you all!!!!

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9:00 AM Bible Study M Confirmation M Bells 3:30 PM JR IMPACT 5:30 PM SR IMPACT 5/6 Kids Club	5	6	7
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January 20

Areas of Service for January

Liturgists:

Jan 1- One Service
Jan 8- Barb Merley
Jan 15- Matt Rusche
Jan 22- Steve Fowler
Jan 29- Ashley Hoogland

Song Leader:

Jan 1- One Service
Jan 8- Ardis Grein
Jan 15- Ardis Grein
Jan 22- Bill Boscaljon
Jan 29- Ardis Grein

8:30 AM Greeters:

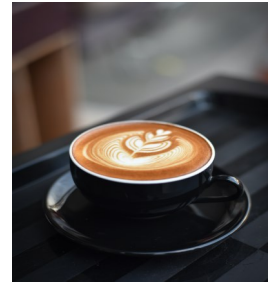
Jan 1- Steve Fowler
Jan 8- Chris & Liz S
Jan 15- Julie Brink
Jan 22- Jerry & Bev K
Jan 29- Steve Fowler

11:00 AM Greeters:

Jan 1- Peter & Karin VB
Jan 8- Jason & Amanda N
Jan 15- Tony & Deb H
Jan 22- Henry & Caroline D
Jan 29- George & Melissa D

11:00 AM Acolyte

Jan 1- Aubrie K/ Jadelyn S
Jan 8- Benjamin G/ Caleb S
Jan 15- Jane H/ Tallulah N
Jan 22- Dax N/ Parker L
Jan 29- Kendalyn S/ Sierra G



Communion:

Jan 8- Sara Sandholm & Sue Gingerich

Coffee Bar Clean up:

Jan 1- One Service
Jan 8- Peter & Karin VB
Jan 15- Henry & Carolyn D
Jan 22- Melissa D
Jan 29- Michelle G



SUN	MON	TUE	WED
1 No Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern Service 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study	2 Office Closed	3 9:00 Am Staff 9:00 AM Village 3:30-5:00 PM 3/4 Kids club	4 9:00 2:30 P 5:00 P 4:00-5 5:50 E 8:00-9
8 Communion 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study	9	10 9:00 Am Staff 9:00 AM Village 3:30-5:00 PM 3/4 Kids club	11 2:30 P 5:00 P 4:00-5 8:00-9
15 8:30 AM Traditional (Bells) 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study	16 7:30 PM Youth Com. 5:30-6:30 PM Community Meal at living water	17 9:00 Am Staff 9:00 AM Village 3:30-5:00 PM 3/4 Kids club	18 9:00 2:30 PM 5:00 PM 4:00-5: 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00-9:
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