

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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SHELDON UNITED METHODIST

May 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:

Spring is with us!!! On the late April morning I write this, cardinals are calling to one another, and the Robins are digging for bugs in our front yard. Nests are being built. Tulips are growing! A few buds have appeared on the trees. Our lilacs are getting the start of leaves! The snow is gone! It is amazing.

What is more amazing is the testimony of Peter and the other disciples. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! Death has been defeated for all who believe! For Paul, and the other apostles, the resurrection is of first importance! (Read 1 Corinthians 15) Jesus, himself, said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

This event separates us from all other religions. We have a savior who rose from the dead. We have a savior who calls us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength, and with all our mind. Jesus calls us to love God by serving our brothers and sisters in Christ. God loved us enough to send his one and only Son to bring salvation to any who would believe in His name.

Our response? "We love, because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

Not only in the spring, but all year long, they will continue to know we are Christians by our love. In the poem, The Dash, are the words, "If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel, be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile... Remembering that this special dash Might only last a while."

We are invited to have an attitude like Christ. Put Jesus at your center. Love him first, and then share His love with others around you. This brings hope to the world!

Come! Celebrate! Worship!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

True Life Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evenings

PRAYER REQUESTS

Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Arlene Sterler, Karrine Dykstra, Bob Sterler, Gloria Morris, Sandy Johnson, Darvin Rusche

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler)

Stephanie Fowler (Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

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

Nick J (friend of Nancy Burley)- Fighting leukemia

Amy Trojhan-(friend of Sarah Updike)

Please keep our service men and women in your prayers

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

ARMY: Daniel Mulder, Jeremy Post, Jesse Meendering

MARINES:

NATIONAL GUARD: Mike Welch, 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, Duane & Georgia Wahlstrom

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: Jervis Sterler, Sherry Vander Pol, Bob & Arlene Sterler, John Van Olst

Areas of Service for May

Liturgists

May 7. Ashley H

May 14. Ardis G

May 21. Matt R

May 28. Bill B

Song Leader

May 7. Ardis G

May 14. Ardis G

May 21. Bill B

May 28. Bill B

8:30 AM Greeters

May 7. Julie B

May 14. Jerry & Bev K

May 21. Steve F

May 28. Chris F

11:00 AM Greeters

May 7. Peter & Karin VB

May 14. George & Melissa D

May 21. Dave & Michelle G

May 28. Jason & Amanda N

Communion:

May 7. Henry & Carolyn D

Coffee Bar Clean up

May 7. Peter & Karin VB

May 14. Melissa D

May 21. Michelle G

May 28. Henry & Carolyn D

8:30 AM Acolyte

May 7. Eli B

May 14. Benjamin/William F

May 21. Kyler/Kenzie M

May 28. Jack B

11:00 AM Acolyte

May 7. Aubrie K/Jadelyn S

May 14. Dax N/Eli B

May 21. Jane H/Tallulah N

May 28. Hayes S/Mathias S

Looking ahead to VBS we are looking for some things to be donated. Here is a list of some of those things; lids from (milk, pop, ketchup, mustard) bottles, empty 2L bottles, old keyboards, dryer vent tubing, plastic pools, aluminum foil, game pieces (spinners), canvas drop clothes, old computers, black plastic table cloths, foam. Place donated items in the bucket in the friendship center.



We want to send out our condolences to Marilyn Koerselman and her family in the loss of Jim Koerselman

Tony and Deb Haning on the loss of Tony's father, John Haning.

The Meinecke family on the loss of Wilma.

Sheryl Weber on the loss of her father Terry Hooyer our prayers are with the entire family!

This is the winning logo's for Faith community Church.



National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 4th at 6:30 PM
Sheldon Living Water Community Church
610 2nd Ave Sheldon

Guest speaker Bob Vander Plaats

Sponsored by Sheldon Ministerial, RISE Ministries, and Honor God Ministries

Mary and Humphrey Muciiri will be having a book signing session.

When: Thursday June 29th.

Where: At Hospers Public Library.

What Time: From 10-12 noon.

Everyone is invited. We look forward to seeing many of you there!



May Birthday's



1. Arlen Vander Plaats

Barb Popkes

2. Levi Molettiere

3. Pat Merrill

Sandra Johannes

Josiah Molettiere

6. Archer Fischer

10. Lane Struyk

12. Ashely Hoogland

Vanessa Feller

14. Kevin Meinecke

Addilyn Lloyd

15. Susan Gingerich

17. Hayden Honermann

Darvin Rusche

18. Tyson Getting

21. Mark Rector

Darrin Klaassen

22. Art Vander Pol

Tony Haning

23. Rod Merley

Joshua Gorter

Jax Maassen

24. Ron Bahrenfuss

Dennis Gorter

Reese Van Meeteren

Max Hamill

Chapman Junius

25. Bev Kreykes

Roy Roelfs

26. Rebecca Weber

Amanda Noteboom

Gary Davis

27. Karin Vanden Berg

29. Marla Fenske

Holly Kamstra

31. Ray Anderson

He is risen! April was a fantastic month for the Impact youth group. The two big events that happened were the Omelet breakfast and the Easter Sunrise Service. Both events were well attended by community and church members. Looking more specifically at the omelet breakfast, we had five youth cook and flip the omelets to get to people's liking, and it was a hit! I was told that there was not one bad omelet in the bunch. This is one of our favorite fundraisers every year and this year we were able to raise \$1,281, which will be used on our trip to Wyoming this Summer. Next, the Sunrise service was great, and the youth did fantastic preaching and singing the Word of God. We especially want to shout out Eddie Pomrenke, who gave the sermon on this Sunday.

Looking ahead into the month of May will be one of the more relaxed months before we hit the ground running for the Summer. Next month, May 24 will be the last Wednesday night Impact of the year. We will be moving to Sunday nights for the Summer on June 4. Other than that, we are planning on having regular scheduled Impact each Wednesday night. We are looking forward to the month ahead and will continue to keep the parents and church updated as some more fundraising events happen within the next couple of months to help the youth raise money for our retreat in July. Blessings to all of you and thank you for lifting our youth up in your prayers.

Blessings,

Jacob Sandholm

A FALSE Rumor Continues

Please know that if you hear that the Sheldon UMC has decided to go to the Global Methodist Denomination that is a FALSE RUMOR!

We have NOT chosen to affiliate with the Global Methodist. We will remain independent until a decision would be considered, then the ENTIRE active membership would have a chance to voice and then vote their opinion. If you hear this rumor, please squelch it as FAKE NEWS. Thank You.

Dax will be attending the Maine Anjou/Chi Junior Nationals this year in Grand Island, NE. As a service project, they are having a state's competition and collecting tabs from any can that has a tab to donate to the Ronald McDonald house. If you would save your tabs we would gladly take them off your hands. We would like them by June 15. Thanks for your help!

Administrative Board Update

As Wil mentioned in church on April 16, the Administrative Board is continuing to meet and make decisions. At our May meeting we were able to complete the By-Laws for Faith Community Church of Sheldon. After they have been edited you may request a copy to read. They maintain the basic beliefs we have held as Methodists for years. We also approved the persons to sign our disaffiliation agreement, and it has been sent to the conference office. We are completing the next steps of the move into our new name. The board also accepted a new logo design created by Dallas Bouma and Jessica Brink.

We are looking into details for the staff contracts, and moving the names of our accounts from the name Sheldon United Methodist to Faith Community Church of Sheldon.

The board has not, and does not intend to have discussion on joining with the Global Methodist Church at this time. It was promised to our congregation at the time of the disaffiliation vote that we would be Independent for a season at least. You will be informed if we decide to move into a relationship with the Global Methodists.

We also noted that in June, the members of Sheldon UMC will receive a letter from the church informing them that membership of SUMC will automatically transfer to Faith Community unless individuals request to be removed or transferred.

Our next meeting is May 10th at 7:00 p.m. All of our meetings are open to the church members who want to listen to what we are deciding.

Summer Lunch:

We have an official start date of Tuesday May 30th! We are excited to be back at it. Making meals for the community is such a joy, and the kitchen is my happy place. We are always in need of helpers, so if it is possible to commit to one day a week that would be great. If you are unable to do that and can fill in elsewhere. I need those people too. We serve Monday through Friday 11 am- 12:30 pm. We do start a little ahead of that time to prepare the food, and clean up is normally done no later than 1:15 pm. Please reach out to me or sign up on our friendship center.

Update on the Elevator

Last Father's Day our elevator stopped working for a short time. When we called the repairman, he came and serviced the elevator and mentioned that the control panel may need to be replaced at some point, mentioning that he was running out of parts for the current panel. He also mentioned we should update the sensory controls at the same time.

The Administrative Board approved the repairs. In April, Schumacher company came and replaced the control panel and did the updates. The total cost for the project was, \$31,155 plus tax. We are happy to report that the project fund had enough set aside to complete the project, and the elevator is working excellent.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of our church!

Please Update Your Will

As we approach a new era in the Sheldon community, we want you to be aware of the name change for the current congregation. If you have included the "Sheldon United Methodist Church" in you will, please take time to update the will to "Faith Community Church of Sheldon" if you wish the money/property to be transferred to the current congregation. If you desire it to go to another Untied Methodist Church you will want to change the name. As of July 1 there will not be a "Sheldon United Methodist Church".

Thank you.

VBS

As Pastor mentioned, it is going to be "Outta this world!" Our theme this year is "Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light." We are excited about this fun adventure. In order to make it go smoothly we need your help. It takes many hands and hearts to make VBS a success. You can help us in the weeks leading up to this by helping with decorations and set up. Or during VBS a few options could be traveling with the kiddos, being stationed in a room, helping with registration, helping cook and serve the evening meal, or leading a station. We have so many options, and so many different ways you can use your special talents that God has blessed you with. Our official dates for VBS will be June 11th through the 15th. We are super pumped to blast off for this amazing adventure learning how we can shine Jesus' light.

Sunday school:

The last day of Sunday School is Mother's Day, May 14th

We have had such great support from our teachers, large group leaders, helpers, and tech people. Parents, thank you for allowing us to help your children grow in their faith and knowledge of the Lord. We had such an amazing year!

I would like to thank each and every person who taught, subbed or helped in any way with children's Sunday School, Adult Sunday School and/or Kid's club. Here is the giant list of helpers in no particular order: Rachael Becker, Mike Molettiere, Michelle Simpson, Ellie Meendering, Elle Becker, Crystallyn Sterler, Beth Hamill, Breann Getting, Liz Subart, Maggie Lloyd, Erin Anderson, Braden Schwartz, Sally Boscaljon, Krista Honermann, Paul Honermann, Wil George, Meg George, Tony Haning, Deb Haning, Barb Merley, Pam Buysman, Mary Muciiri, Ron Noack, Eddie Pomrenke, Rex Ross, Kayla Ross, Brittney Maassen, Tricia Meendering, Rosa Koerselman, & Cael Noteboom. It is amazing and overwhelming to know just how many people care about our church, our youth, their growth and love for God.

Your Financial Support Makes A Difference!

As we near the time of our disaffiliation, you need to know that your financial support of the church makes a difference. In June we will be sending our payment of \$77,725.00 to the conference treasurer for our apportioned fees, and \$89,865 to the Board of Pensions for our unfunded pension liability. The total of these two payments is \$167,590.00 These will be our last payments to the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church. They are necessary per our signed agreement to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and have the "Trust" be placed in the Faith Community Church of Sheldon. Any extra giving you can offer toward this disaffiliation will be greatly appreciated!



Thank you to all who donated to our mission project to support our EMS, fire department and police. We presented them with the baskets on April 16th. They really appreciated it. It was nice to be able to show them how much we love and support all they do to keep us safe.

Holy Land in Your Future?

Marvin Lindley is hoping to travel to the Holy Land with Alpha Christian Tours Inc. February 9-20 of 2024. He invites you to join he and Marla Sas on this tour. If you have never been to the Holy Land then you are missing a trip of a lifetime. The cost is around \$5,000 and includes the airfare, and the hotel and most meals. **Marvin needs to know need to know by May 15th if you would like to go you may contact him here 712-830-1487.**

All church event



Join in the fun on May 21 at our Neighborhood Spring Cleaning Scavenger Hunt. We'll meet at the church at 3:00pm and spend an hour doing a fun scavenger hunt while we clean up our church neighborhood together then we'll meet at the church again for brownies and ice cream. Everyone is welcome. Those under 16 years old should please, bring along an adult over 18. Wear clothes appropriate for the weather – we will be outside!

-Connections Team

Kid's Club: We had a bit of a bumpy year. We had a late start, many many snow days, some bouts of sickness, and a few scheduled breaks. Did we let any of that stop us from teaching the kids about how amazing our God is? NO! Kids (and us) need to be reminded of just how good and faithful our God is, even when things are unpredictable and not normal. Hopefully they can lean more fully into Christ through all that life brings to them as they grow. Thanks for letting your kids be part of this special time with us.

True Life Worship!

"A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24 NIV)

We welcome one and all to gather on Sunday evenings to worship and pray! Jacob and I will bring an inspired message, and we will sing and pray together. We believe the time is now to gather and to worship freely. We want to go deeper in the Spirit.

Dress is casual. Our faith is not casual!

Come and join us on Sunday evenings!

Pastor Kevin

Congratulations Graduates!

We congratulate the Class of 2023! The church will be recognizing the seniors at our worship services on May 28th. May God continue to bless each of you on your new ventures. Life is a journey, and remember who you are in Christ..

We especially congratulate: Charlie Bartz, Elle Becker, Emilee Broesder, Clair Johnson, Kelsey McCuddin, Alayna Myer, Cael Noteboom, Eddie Pomrenke, Blake Radke, Donilea Steeg, and Katelyn Grady.



Special Annual Conference — May 23

The bishop of the Iowa Conference has called a special meeting to the Annual Conference for the specific reason of voting on the churches in Iowa who are requesting to disaffiliate June 30. Following that vote, the churches who are leaving will not be required to attend the June 2-4 annual conference.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 AM Staff	2 9:00 Village 6:00 PM UMW	3 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM Mom to Mom (Last one) 5:30 PM Education 5:00 PM Bells 5:00-6:30 PM JR high IMPACT 8:00-9:30 PM SR high IMPACT	4 6:30 PM National Day of Prayer at Living Water Community Church No Love INC.	5	6
7 Communion 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 Modern 1:00-4:00 PM down stairs reserved 6:00 PM True Life 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study (Last Nigh)	8	9 9:00 AM Staff 9:00 Village	10 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Bells 5:00-6:30 PM JR high IMPACT 6:30 Missions 7:00 PM AD council 8:00-9:30 PM SR high IMPACT (Parent Night)	11 9:30 AM Rhoda Circle 11:45 AM Ministerial 6:00 PM Love INC.	12	13
14 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 Modern 6:00 PM True Life 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study	15	16 9:00 AM Staff 9:00 Village	17 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Bells 5:00-6:30 PM JR high IMPACT 8:00-9:30 PM SR high IMPACT	18 9:30 Quilters 6:00 PM Love INC.	19	20 1:00-9:00 PM Basement Reserved
21 Noisy Offering 8:30 AM Traditional (Bells) 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45-11:00 AM Teacher Appreciation 11:00 Modern 3:00 PM Lets Connect event 6:00 PM True Life	22	23 9:00 AM Staff 9:00 Village	24 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Bells 5:00-6:30 PM JR high IMPACT 8:00-9:30 PM SR high IMPACT } Last Night	25 6:00 PM Love INC.	26 11:00-8:00 PM fellowship hall and Kitchen reserved	27 9:00-8:00 PM fellowship hall and Kitchen reserved
28 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 Modern 6:00 PM True Life	29 Office Closed 	30 9:00 AM Staff 11:00-12:30 PM Summer Lunch	31 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00-12:30 PM Summer Lunch			

No reserving the gym or multipurpose room 