

## 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 :

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

## SHELDON UNITED METHODIST

### NOVEMBER 2022 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:**

November is the month of remembrance and giving thanks. We begin the month with a communion memorial "All Saints" service remembering the members of our congregation who have passed from this life into eternity over the past year. This is a time of reflection, and introspection. We are reminded by the apostle Paul that we "do not grieve as others who have no hope, for we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14) We gather to remember and to hold onto our hope in Jesus.

During November we are encouraged to give thanks for the provisions we have. We have the opportunity to make our annual commitment to serve and help finance the ministries of the church alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ who worship with us. Again, Paul encourages us to "rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-19)

And we, as a nation, have set aside the fourth Thursday of each November as our national day of Thanksgiving. We should constantly give thanks, but on Thanksgiving Day we gather with family and friends to feast and remember to thank God almighty for another blessed year. Psalm 100 says, "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs, know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name! For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."

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, Kloe Rider, Duane Wahlstrum

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler) **Connie Matoffe** (Sister of Pam Buysman)  
Katherine Dunn (mother of Josephine Dunn Junius)

Elaine & Jim Ver Meer (Sister & Brother in law of Peter & Peter and Karin Vanden Berg)

Sheila Lienau- (Sister of Karin Vanden Berg) **Lila Rose** (Cory & Ashley Hoogland's niece)

Stephanie Fowler ( Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

Kay Ver Steeg (sister to Michelle Groen & Melissa Davis) **Ken De Groot** (Jeanette Reekers son-in-law)  
Barrett Huisman (1 year old grandson of Brad & Martha)

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 Junius, 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

**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



ELECTION DAY

*Soup and Pie  
Supper*

**SHELDON METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**506 8TH ST SHELDON, IA**

November 8th 4:30-7:00 PM

Scott, Kayla, Rex, Jaxson, Huxley Ross on the loss of infant son Feenix Gail Ross!

In Deepest  
*Sympathy*

You are in our prayers!

*Psalm 34:18*

"THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE  
BROKENHEARTED; HE RESCUES  
THOSE WHOSE SPIRITS ARE  
CRUSHED."



# November Birthdays



Nov. 2 Barb Burns	Nov. 16 Marla Lindley
Jennifer Johnson	Everett Lathrop
Nov. 3 Mallorie VanMeeteren	Nov. 17 Maddison Zoelle
Isaac Wenthe	Nov. 18 Ruth Hollander
Nov. 4 Dean Hanson	Cyrah Wright
Nov. 5 Stephanie Ball	Zekiel Junius
Cody Mayer	Nov. 19 Barb Van Otterloo
Nov. 6 Sherri Morgan	Stephanie Landhuis
Nov. 9 Eleanor Poppema	Pete Hamill
Merlyn Lode	Dean Zoet
Nov. 10 Susan Klein	Nov. 20 Jackson Braaksma
Nov. 11 Ralph Hollander JR	Keith Bilsland
Tyler Johnson	Nov. 21 Jann Braaksma
Elijah Broesder	Aubrie Koerselman
Stella Molettiere	Nov. 22 Gerald Kroon
Tami Van Meeteren	Jeff Wagner
Betty Schott	Nov. 23 Jonathan Goetzke
Nov. 12 Chuck Ball	Amber Mc Clintic
Bonnie Dixon	Sarah Updike
Paul Honermann	Nov. 25 Dillion Postma
Nov. 13 Cindy Callenius	Kenzie McCuddin
Nov. 14 Betsy Young	Nov. 28 Darryl Klein
Nov. 15 Joshua Thaden	Nov. 29 Lisa Welch
Nov. 16 Kathryn Saville	Rachael Becker
Rick Kobbe	Hayes Sterler

## 2022 Kids Club

### Calendar

October - December

#### October

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

#### November

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

#### December

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30



No Kids club these days

3rd & 4th Grade meet Tuesdays

5th & 6th Grade meet Thursdays

Christmas party day!

### If school is let out early or canceled- Kids Club is canceled

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) or will be texted to you. 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 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.

The Impact Youth Group was all over the place in the month of October, but that is not always a bad thing. While we only had a couple weeks of normal Impact on Wednesday nights, the youth were invited and able to do other things. For example, on October 6, the Jr. High went to Solstmas Pumpkin Patch and went through the corn maze. The youth had a good time, and they realized that the maze was harder than they thought! The week after that, the Sr. High were encouraged to go to the first ever, "Fields of Faith" event here in Sheldon. This event was put on by the FCA and sounded like it was a good and powerful night for the youth! After that, the youth were encouraged to go and support their peers who were playing in playoff volleyball on Wednesday, October 19. I think it is so important to support each other, so I was glad to see most of our youth group there in the stands that night. Finally, the Jr. High and Sr. High youth group were able to have a Halloween costume party on October 26 to close out Impact in the month of October. The Sr. High will also be having an escape room night here at the church on October 30. While reading this, you might be thinking to yourself, where is Jesus in all of this? Well, He is in all of it. It does not matter what we do, we make it a point to always give God the glory, every time that we meet as a youth group. We have lessons even amid parties, corn mazes, and escape rooms. October was a very fun month for Impact, and I am excited to see what happens in November!

As we look ahead into November, we are getting ready and excited to out on "Heroes Unmasked". A one-day festival for children to come and hear the stories of certain Bible Characters put on by the Impact youth group. This event will be for all the Sunday school grades/ages and will be on November 20. More details will be coming soon! We will also be continuing our current youth series entitled, "The Leader in Me". This series is all about finding ourselves in Christ and finding out ways that we can get through certain issues in our lives to get closer with Christ. It is crazy to believe that we will be getting into November soon, which means the Advent season is right around the corner. I am hoping and praying that the youth will be able to find Christ in a new and special way this Holiday season. Thank you always for reading this and for your support.

Blessings,  
Jacob Sandholm

### **Operation Christmas Child:**

**Please take a shoe box, item list, tag to stick on box to say what age and who you are buying for a boy or girl, and a "lets be friends page". When filled out return to the Church. We will be collecting filled shoe boxes until Monday, November 14th.**

## **Areas of Service for November**

### **Liturgists:**

**Nov. 6 Ashley Hoogland**

**Nov. 13 Judy Nieuwenhuis**

**Nov. 20 Steve Fowler**

**Nov. 27 Bill Boscaljon**

### **Coffee Bar Clean up:**

**Nov. 6 Michelle Groen**

**Nov. 13 Tony & Deb Haning**

**Nov. 20 Barb Merley**

**Nov. 27 Jim & Judy N**

### **Worship Leader:**

**Nov. 6 Ardis Grein**

**Nov. 13 Bill Boscaljon**

**Nov. 20 Ardis Grein**

**Nov. 27 Bill Boscaljon**

*Kid's Club: We are happy to announce that we have started Kid's Club with a bang! We had 26 children for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday & 8 children show up for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> on Thursday. We had 2 helpers come to have fun with the kids. Please check the calendar to note the days we will not be meeting. We are so very grateful to be able to have this ministry to share God's love and promises with the kids in our community.*

At the November Archer UMW meeting, Wednesday, Nov 2 at 1:30, they will have a special speaker. Love Inc will be presenting a poverty simulation. This is very powerful. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**All saints Sunday is Sunday Nov. 6th.**

That will be done at first service with lighting of a candle in remembrance of loved ones lost in this past year.

**Coats for Kids**

**Monday November 14. Is the last day to bring your old or new coats to either the church or Top Notch (Please do not bring coats that have deep stains, or zippers that do not work.) Thank you for your support.**

Dear Members and Friends of the Sheldon United Methodist Church,

I am writing to inform you that we did have a special church conference on Sunday October 16, 2022. There were 256 professing members of the church (over 18) present at the church conference. The vote to disaffiliate resulted in 178 "yes" votes, 76 "no" votes and 2 abstains. The percentage of those in favor of disaffiliation was 69.5%. Those who opposed were 29.6%. And those abstaining were less than 1%.

This has been a very tense and divisive time for the congregation, and I hope that, in time, each of us can come back and worship together and continue to be the church. I encourage everyone to step up in service to the congregation. Together we will thrive in Christ!  
Sincerely,

Rev. Kevin D. Gingerich

**HEROES**

# UNMASKED

**TURKEY POT LUCK  
TURKEY PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH!  
PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN UP  
RIGHT NOW FOR THIS ONE DAY EPIC EVENT!**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2022  
12 NOON-3:00 PM**

**SHELDON METHODIST CHURCH**



## **What is in a Name?**

What do you name a new church? How do we go about making this major decision? What is in a name? The Administrative Council, at our October 26 meeting, wanted us to extend an invitation to the worshipping congregation an opportunity to submit a possible name for our church as we move forward. The Ad Council would like the ideas to be submitted by our November 30th meeting. We will read through the proposals and dwindle them to around 3, and then ask for your help in choosing our new name. You may submit it through and email to the office, or place your idea in the box at the church. Thanks for your ideas!

## **One Board**

Over the next few months, as we transition from the United Methodist Church to a new name, the Administrative Council has decided to move to a “One Board” to make the decisions less complicated. Instead of nominating nine committees with nine members each, we will nominate a 13 member council who will be tasked with having listening sessions to communicate where we are headed. These persons may serve for a three year terms (the terms will be staggered so three will serve through 2023, three will serve through 2024, and three will serve through 2025). The chair of the council will be selected (we are continuing with our current chair of Ad Council through 2023) and we will leave room for a member of the women, children and youth teams. When we have our convening church conference we will be listening to ideas about committees going forward.

We will continue to have a women’s ministry team, children’s ministry team, and a youth ministry team headed by chair of current UMW, Michelle and Jacob. They will have a representative on the Ad Council.

Going forward, as the new by-laws are written and voted into place this “one board” may be changed to several committees again.

The Administrative Council has open meetings, and all voices are welcome to come and share.

These will be challenging times, and we request you make your voice heard and keep us all in your prayers. We will announce the members of the board as they are selected, and if you would like to be considered to be one of the members please contact pastor Kevin as in the United Methodist Church he is still the chair of nominations. We remain UMC until June as we disaffiliate.

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:00 Am Staff 9:00 Am Village	<b>2</b> 9:30-11 AM Mom to mom 5:30 PM Education 5:30 PM Bells 5:30 PM Nominations 4:00 PM JR high IMPACT 8:00 PM SR High IMPACT 5:30 PM Nominations	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Love INC	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Archer Lords Acre Day 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 UMW Bazaar 11:00-1:00 Lunch 1:00 PM Parade 11:00-12:45 Silent Auction Live Auction to follow
<b>6</b> Communion & All saints day 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 1:00-3:00 PM Prep Soup & pie 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study	<b>7</b> 6:30-8:00 PM Set up for soup and pie	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Staff 9:00-11:00 AM prep for soup and pie 4:30-7:00 PM Soup and Pie Supper	<b>9</b> 2:30 PM Confirmation 4:00 PM JR high IMPACT 5:30 PM Bells 5:30 PM Nominations 6:30 PM Missions 8:00 PM SR High IMPACT 5:30 PM Nominations	<b>10</b> 3:30-5:00 PM 5/6 Kids Club 6:00 PM Love INC	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 AM-1:30 PM Shower! Fellowship hall and kitchen reserved
<b>13</b> 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Staff	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Circuit Meeting 3:30-5:00 PM 3/4 Kids Club	<b>16</b> 9:30-11 AM Mom to mom 2:30 PM Confirmation 4:00 PM JR high IMPACT 8:00 PM SR High IMPACT	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Love INC 3:30-5:00 PM 5/6 Kids Club	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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