

## 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>Children's Ministry</b>	Michelle Noack
<b>Youth Director</b>	_____
<b>Worship</b>	Wil George
<b>Organists</b>	Pam Kobbe
<b>Secretary</b>	Rosa Koerselman
<b>Custodian</b>	Ron Noack

# Faith Community Church

## October 2023 Newsletter



**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:

The month of October is our month for planning and dreaming together. As stated by Wil George on Sunday, September 24, our planning session on October 1 is the first step of many that will lead us into our vision for the future, not just one year at a time, but a look at where God is calling us as a church. October 22 is Faith Community's Annual Meeting to elect officers for 2024-2026, set our 2024 budget, and adopt our goals.

The preacher states in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." We are entering into the season of Fall. With Fall comes the harvest of grain. I believe we are also in the harvest season for the church right now. The harvest of souls is coming soon!

Matthew 9:35-38 says, "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

During the harvest season this year, please keep our farmers and agricultural workers in your prayers. We pray for a safe and bountiful harvest of grain. Also keep the church (remembering you are the church) in your prayers and pray for a bountiful harvest of souls. Invite family and friends into a relationship with Jesus. Pray for them. Encourage them.

Let us remember to worship together. Do not be too busy to worship.

Come! Celebrate! Worship!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

**PRAY FERVENTLY:** We are without a youth director at this time. The Youth Council and the Administrative Board feel this is a vital position to fill. Please pray for the right leader to apply for this position. Until then, Rachael Becker and Pastor Kevin will be preparing the Impact programs, and the adults will be stepping in to help lead. Pray for the position, and for the program in the interim.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Karrine Dykstra, Gloria Morris, Bonnie Baartman, Ron Ling

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler)      Jim( Skip) Schipper

Stephanie Fowler ( Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

Donna Whitfield (Mother of Michelle Noack)

Eli Sims (grandson of Rich Haack)

Sheila Lienau (sister of Karin Vanden Berg)

### 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, Reese Van Meeteren

**NAVY:** Dave Sarnoski, Greg Weiman, Drew Lidster

### Please keep our Missionaries in prayer

Otto & Robin Lawson- 1015 W. Sam Houston #101 Pharr , TX 78577

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AMSHA- Mary Muchiri

Nicole Sims- nsims@umcmmission.org

### 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, Julia Merley,

Duane Wahlstrom, Leona Sauer

**Christian Retirement Home:** Lucy Hoppe, Gerald Kroon, Mildred Robinson, Clarence Meinecke, Nancy Burley, Janus Martin, Linda Heiliger

**Other Homes:** Jervis Sterler, Sherry Vander Pol, Bob Sterler, John Van Olst, Eleanor Poppema



1:00 PM

OCTOBER 22

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual Meeting

We will have a potluck following the Modern service 12:00 PM that will be followed by the Annual Meeting.

October is

## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. A time set aside each year to honor and give thanks for our pastors who give, care, and serve us and our communities in remarkable ways

**SHOWER HIM WITH HIS FAVORITE THINGS:  
CARDS, CHOCOLATE, GIFT CARDS, PIE, CAKE**

**VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME, ENCOURAGING VISITS**



# October Birthdays



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|-------|--|-------|---|
| 10-1  | George Davis<br>Greta Giese<br>Carole Ten Braak<br>Cooper Meyer-Vander Sluis | 10-17 | Shirley Muecke<br>Duane Wahlstrom<br>Connie Pennings<br>Jenepher Ennema<br>Rachel McQuirk |
| 10-2  | Matt Radke<br>Emarie Sterler   | 10-19 | Ryan Dorsman<br>Christina Goetzke   |
| 10-4  | Teddy Smith  | 10-20 | Luke Kobbe  |
| 10-6  | Sheryl Weber<br>Lydia Giese  | 10-24 | Michelle Simpson<br>Evelyn Boone  |
| 10-7  | Staci Kleinhesselink<br>Melanie Roelfs                                       | 10-26 | Kameron Kleinhesselink  |
| 10-8  | Bonnie Hilbrands<br>Tysa Adkins  | 10-27 | Marcia Roos   |
| 10-10 | Dave Popkes  | 10-28 | Renae Merley<br>Barb Merley<br>Irie Wieseler  |
| 10-11 | Riley Hoogland   | 10-30 | Dallas Ennema<br>Payton Radke   |
| 10-12 | Bev Andringa   | 10-31 | Roger Boone   |
| 10-15 | Oliver George  |       |   |



## College Connections 2nd Sunday of each Month 5:00-9:00 PM

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|---|------------------------|
| October 8th- Taco Bar and cookies       | Cornhole Tournament    |
| November 12th- Pasta Bar and cheesecake | Board Games            |
| December 10- Taverns and cake           | Christmas games/Crafts |
| January 14th- Soup and pies             | Scavenger Hunt         |

### Coats for Kids

The Sheldon Ministerial Association will be offering Coats for Kids again this fall! Your donation of clean and in good repair coats are needed! Donations can be dropped off at Love INC (611 Park Row) between now and October 27. Distribution events will be held on Monday, October 2 and Monday, November 6 from 4:30-6:00 pm in connection with the food bank distribution night at Living Water Church.

Congrats to Hayd en and Tysa on the baptism of Dakota Lee-ann Adkins.

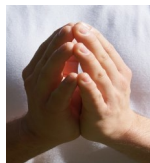


### SEPTEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The council met on Wednesday September 20. Here are some of the highlights.

- We will have a "Vision 2024" planning day on October 1. We will have one worship service at 10:00 celebrating communion and the charter of Faith Community Church, followed by a pot-luck meal and a time of planning for our shared ministries in the future.
- October 22 at 1:00 will be our annual meeting. We will share a meal together at 12:30, and then move into the meeting.
- We are searching for a new youth director. She/he will work with youth 22 hours, with the possibility to also apply for the technology position of 10 hours.
- The youth are planning to go to a Corn Maze again this fall. The Jr. High will go on October 4th, leaving at 4:00 p.m. (no Sr. High Impact this night). The Sr High will go on October 11, leaving at 5:30 p.m. (no Confirmation or Jr. High Impact this night).
- We will have one candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.
- A bid for replacing air conditioning units for the sanctuary and main floor was received. We are asking for an second bid. With fall coming, we may limp by until spring.

Our Deepest condolences to the Wahlstrom family on the loss of Georgia, also the Pomeranke family on the loss of Marie.



### Mom To Mom

If you are a mom of any age and are in need of some spiritual growth and uplifting, then Mom To Mom Bible Study is for you. This is a non-denominational Bible Study that meets at Faith Community Church the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9:30-11:00 AM. There is child care provided by loving women.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # or Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Where can I Serve?

Dear Congregation:

We need your help with the various ministries that take place at Faith Community Church. To help in doing this, please print the name/names where you and members of your family would be willing to answer God's call. We would like to have great participation from everyone, but if you truly do not want to serve, please contact the office so we can note this on our lists. Thank you all for your help.

Ministries	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Song Leader		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Praise Team	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Greeter		
Sound		
Projection		
Acolyte (3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)		
Piano/Organ		
Communion		
Coffee Bar Clean up		
Sunday School Teacher		
VBS (Decorate, Lead a group, Ect.)		
Summer Lunch		
Funeral Lunches		
Soup & Pie Supper		
Pancake Supper		
Kids Club Tue & Thur		
IMPACT Wed PM		

## Heritage Museum

We are updating and organizing our church library and chapel. We need help to do the best we can. Please consider helping in one of these areas: book sorting, scrapbooking and framing. Can you put together a small group of friends to work together and sort our books and reorganize them on our shelves? We will give you the guidelines for what to keep and what to take out. In a couple of hours together your job will be complete and you can go out to lunch! Maybe you can put together a history and scrapbooking team. You will need someone good at organizing and someone good at recognizing past church members in photos. This could be a fun walk down memory lane for a group of people who have attended the church for many years. Materials will be provided, but we need help to get all the information and photos organized into scrapbooks people can enjoy for years to come. The larger pictures of the history of our church and events need a little extra attention. Would you and a friend reframe those pictures and help us organize them on the wall of the chapel? This job could be a two lunch date! One day you could meet to decide on framing and put a list together of what you need then go to lunch. Another day you could do the reframing and hanging them on the wall and go to lunch again. Win-win! Help us update these rooms! With all of us working together great ideas abound and the rooms get finished even better than we imagined. Please call the church office to volunteer.

**Thank you all for your snack donations for our different children's ministries. We appreciate your generosity and swift action on getting it here.**

### Family Service Project

This month we will have a Saturday service project for families with grade school children! Introduce your children to church service work on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We will meet in the church library, help sort children's books, and place them in the Sunday School classrooms. Together we can encourage the youngest members of our church to volunteer their time to make a positive impact on others. They will be reminded of their good deeds every Sunday in their classrooms. This is a great family project. Please consider giving an hour to help with this project.

### “Vision 2024” Sunday October 1

On Sunday October 1 we will have one combined worship service beginning at 10:00 a.m. This will be a charter membership service, where we will recognize all members of Faith Community Church of Sheldon, and celebrate communion. Following worship we will have a taco bar/pot-luck meal and share in planning for our shared ministries (visioning). Start considering how you can be involved in our ministries, and what needs you see in our church or in the surrounding area.



## Faith Community Church Vision Planning 2023

As we prepare for our church visioning process, please prayerfully consider these questions. Write down any thoughts you have and bring this with you on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

In the future, what do we want our facility and congregation to look like?

What do we want everyone to think about when they hear the mention of our church?

From what do our current members base their identity?

In your opinion, what is the current state of Faith Community Church?

Where do we go from here?

## Seeking Kid's Club Helpers!

We need about 5-7 more Sr. High age through Grandparent age volunteers to be able to help us manage our large active group that has been attending Kid's Club on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00PM. We just need extra eyes and ears no special qualifications are needed. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!



Start thinking about the election day soup and pie supper happening on November, 7, 2023. Donation and volunteer sign up sheets will be going up soon.

The handbell choir is looking for a few more people that would want to ring bells with them. If you are interested, please contact the office and Rosa will get you linked up with the right person.

# October 2023

	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mom to Mom nation  IMPACT (Corn Maze) High IMPACT	5 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club	6 Office closed	7
11 Confirmation  High IMPACT IMPACT (Corn Maze)	12 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club	13	14
18 Mom to Mom nation  IMPACT IMPACT	19 9:30 AM Quilters 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club	20	21
25 nation  IMPACT IMPACT	26 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club	27	28

# Areas of Service October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>1 <span style="color: red;">Communion</span></p> <p>10:00 AM One service</p> <p>Taco Bar</p> <p>Vision/planning meeting</p> <p>NO 8:00-9:00 PM Youth Bible Study</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 PM Faith Community Women</p> <p>3:30-5:00 PM 3rd/4th Kids Club</p>	<p>4 9:30-11:00 AM</p> <p>2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation</p> <p>5:00 PM Bells</p> <p>5:30 PM Education</p> <p style="color: orange;">4:00-7:30 PM Jr High</p> <p style="color: red;">NO 8:00-9:30 PM SR</p>
<p>8 8:30 AM Traditional</p> <p>9:30 AM Fellowship</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Modern</p> <p style="color: blue;">5:00-9:00 PM College Connections</p> <p>8:00-9:00 PM Youth Bible Study</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>3:30-5:00 PM 3rd/4th Kids Club</p>	<p>11</p> <p style="color: red;">NO 2:30-4:00 PM Cc</p> <p>5:00 PM Bells</p> <p style="color: red;">NO 4:00-5:30 PM Jr High</p> <p style="color: orange;">5:30-9:30 PM SR High</p>
<p>15 8:30 AM Traditional (Bells)</p> <p>9:30 AM Fellowship</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Modern</p> <p style="color: orange;">6:30 PM Youth Council</p> <p>8:00-9:00 PM Youth Bible Study</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>3:30-5:00 PM 3rd/4th Kids Club</p>	<p>18 9:30-11:00 AM</p> <p>2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation</p> <p>5:00 PM Bells</p> <p>4:00-5:30 PM Jr High</p> <p style="color: blue;">6:30 PM Ad Council</p> <p>8:00-9:30 PM SR High</p>
<p>22 8:30 AM Traditional</p> <p>9:30 AM Fellowship</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Modern</p> <p style="color: green;">12:30 PM Potluck</p> <p style="color: green;">1:00 PM Annual meeting</p> <p>8:00-9:00 Youth Bible Study</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>3:30-5:00 PM 3rd/4th Kids Club</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation</p> <p>5:00 PM Bells</p> <p>4:00-5:30 PM Jr High</p> <p>8:00-9:30 PM SR High</p>
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Liturgist:

- 1. Matt R
- 8. Barb M
- 15. Ashley H
- 22. Steve F
- 29. Bill B

Song Leader:

- 8, 22. Ardis
- 15, 29. Bill

8:30 AM Sound

- 8. Mike Mc
- 15, 22, 29. Tony H

8:30 Am Acolyte:

- 1. Jack B
- 8. Benjamin/William F
- 15. Eli B
- 22. Kyler/Kenzie Mc
- 29. Jack B

11:00 AM Acolyte:

- 1. Wyatt G/Mathias G
- 8. Kendalyn S/ Sierra G
- 15. Jaxson R/ Elijah N
- 22. Aubrie K/ Jadelyn S
- 29. Keegan A/ Levi M

11:00 AM Sound

- 8, 15, 22, 29. Bill B

8:30 AM Greeters:

- 1. Julie B
- 8. Chris & Liz S
- 15. Jerry & Bev K
- 22. Steve F
- 29. Chris & Liz S

11:00 AM Greeters:

- 1. Henry Carolyn D
- 8. Peter & Karin VB
- 15. George & Melissa D
- 22. Dave & Michelle G
- 29. Heath & Rosa K

Communion

October- Liz S & Ardis G

Coffee Bar Clean up:

- 1. No Coffee Bar
- 8. Barb M
- 15. George & Melissa D
- 22. Dave & Michelle G
- 29. Peter & Karin VB

8:30 AM Projection

- 8. Kyler Mc
- 15, 22, 29. Deb H

11:00 AM Projection

- 8,15,22,29 Sherri M

## Faith Community Annual Meeting--October 22

We invite members to join us for our annual meeting on Sunday October 22nd at 1:00 p.m. We will gather at 12:30 for a pot-luck meal. In the fall of each year our congregation will gather to hear reports on the past year, and to elect our officers for the coming year (nominations can be made from the floor). We will also present the next year's budget, set salaries, and set goals. Every member in attendance will have a vote.

The Administrative Council will set out a vision for our future together. We believe members should be actively involved in our missions and ministry.

### IMPACT YOUTH: Wednesday Nights

7th and 8th Impact meets from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Maria Schwartz and Pastor Kevin are leading. Senior High Impact meets from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Rachael Becker, Mike Van Meeteren, Chad Hamill, Kayla or Scott Ross, and Pastor Kevin are leading.

Senior High Impact Bible Study meets Sunday nights from 8:00 to 9:00. Pastor Kevin is leading **CORN MAZE!!!** - Wednesday October, 4th, the Jr. High will be traveling to Doon for a corn maze, leaving at 4:00 p.m. **No Senior high this week.**

Wednesday October 11th, the Sr. High will be traveling to Doon for a corn maze, leaving at 5:30 PM **No Jr. High or Confirmation this week.**