

Musical Project

We need to replace our aging drum set on the worship platform. Jason Rich (our drummer/sound tech) has used his personal drum set, for the past several years, for us to enjoy. It has come to our attention the drum set has exceeded its life expectancy. Components have been failing on the current set so the drums cannot be used to their full potential. As components fail, the replacement parts are adding up to costing more than a new drum set. Please consider giving a little extra so together we can help raise the funds to buy a new set for Sunset Hills Baptist Church.



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Sunset Hills Church April 2023 Newsletter



Just by Being Alive

I want to become evidence that validates the work and ways of Jesus. I want to become like Lazarus who, as mentioned in a sermon a few weeks back, became dangerous to the scribes and Pharisees and other religious types in and around Jerusalem.

How? Just by being alive. When everyone else (including his sisters) anticipated good old Lazarus should be dead, he was alive and kicking when the Triumphal Entry rolled around. Lazarus' very life validated Jesus' mission and ministry.

Lazarus made no sermons or sayings that made it on the record. Let me say it again: *Lazarus was dangerous simply by being alive.* When Jesus told Lazarus to strip off his grave clothes, there was a reason. Lazarus would simply not have been as dangerous if his decaying clothing continued to hide the evidence of his resurrection. The tomb at Bethany provided a good moment for Jesus to exercise His power over life and death, leaving Lazarus as a perpetual reminder of Jesus' authority over the elemental stuff of the universe.

Something else to consider: Even with Jesus fully present, the community that surrounded Lazarus was challenged to have faith within the process of a miracle. That cartwheel-sized and shaped stone blocking Lazarus' path to light and life took the effort of friends and family to move out of the way. This was no secret setup between Jesus and Lazarus. It was a full-participation miracle that called for others to help remove barriers and prepare for the miracle.

What happens when a fellowship of Jesus followers makes the commitment to become the evidence that validates the work and ways of Jesus *just by being alive*?

Shall we find out together? Move a few stones, perhaps?

-- Steve Wamberg

Meal Ministry Update

We had our second cooking day on March 18 and made 60 meals for those in our church family who are experiencing special or abnormal circumstances.

Thank you to all who have helped, in so many different ways, to get this ministry going. It is being refined with each week.

If there is someone you know in the church family experiencing a difficult time or situation and might be helped or comforted by a few meals, please bring it to the attention of one of the Meal Ministry team members. We would love to help.

Thank you for supporting the ministry with your prayers. If you would like to give support financially, please mark your gift Meal Ministry.

Our Mission

To provide comfort and care to Sunset Hills Baptist Church members and attendees by providing meals during crisis, abnormal or special circumstances.

Meal Ministry Team:

Terri Rich, Annie Wamberg, Carol and Darby Von Forell, Jean Larsen, Steve Bottum, Jill Gilliland, Dot North, Mary and Ron Reed, Denise Vanosdall, Kellye Deane, Carol McCormick, Linda Wheatley, Sarah Minarick, Pam Hamlin

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

April 2	Mean What You Say	<i>Mark 11:1-11</i>
April 9	Why the Resurrection?	<i>1 Corinthians 15</i>
April 16	To Be Announced – Pastor Jason	TBD
April 23	Freedom, Flesh, and Fruit	<i>Galatians 5</i>
April 30	It Begins with Me	<i>Galatians 6</i>

Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

Please pray for the NE Regional Search Committee

Kim Wille	Deanne Caughey	Mike Loeffler	Bob Molby
Linda Hedrick	Nancy Berney	Jacque McDuffie	Yvonne Swearingen
Glenn & Linda Kilpatrick	Betty Prokop	Jack & Carol Welch	Patty Martin
Mark & Ruth Steele	Amber Dale	Nancy Quinnette	Dan & Marge Todd
Barb Ganey	Dick & Norma Larsen		

On-going prayers of well-being for shut-ins and military personnel.

Please text or call and leave a message for Dot North at 402-658-6401, emails may not be seen in a timely manner. She will confirm that your request was received and it will be sent out to the prayer chain. Your prayers are very important.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church Annual Meeting Minutes January 29, 2023

Terry Anderson opened the meeting with nomination for a new moderator. Diane Workman was nominated, and motion passed. There were no nominations for clerk or vice moderator.

- Security - Pastor Jason Workman - Cameras have been installed in the nursery for safety and protection of workers and children. CPR/first aid for Safety and Security is also open for the congregation.
- Music & Worship - Don Zak - Blessing of streaming service, celebration of life, helps people stay connected. Young people doing the slide show during worship service. Thank you for the sanctuary decorations and worship team.
- Prayer - Dot North - Prayer and Praise boxes are installed and ready for use in the narthex.
- Shepherding - Pam Hamlin - Pam is stepping down from this position. New diaper changing station has been installed in nursery. Sink to be improved in nursery bathroom.
- Moderator - Terry Anderson – The Ministry Council has been taking over the role of Mission/Outreach. We are currently taking donations for the Bethlehem House.
- Pastor/Staff Relations & Stewardship - Ron Reed – Pastor/Staff Relations if you have questions reach out to anyone serving on the committee. We’re still looking for someone to take over the Stewardship Ministry.
- Treasurer - Doug Larsen - Was there enough promotion for getting pledge cards returned? Fewer pledge cards returned meant less money for next year’s budget.

Prayer Ministry Update – Dot North

We have some opportunities to help with prayer beyond the regular prayer chain prayers. Please consider helping with or taking part in some of these opportunities:

- If you attend Sunset Hills, you can now post any **confidential/private praises and prayers** in a box in the Narthex. This is not intended to replace the prayer chain requests that you receive. It is intended for a way for unspoken prayers that are private and confidential to still be prayed over by prayer warriors. There are times in everyone’s life, that names cannot be named or situations cannot be shared, that intense prayers and praises need to be raised to the Heavens. This is a safe place where that can be accomplished with everyone’s help. Only God will know their content. These confidential praises and prayers will be prayed over without being read or seen by any earthly being. They will be burned or shredded after being prayed over.
- **This is an opportunity for everyone to stop and pray whenever they pass by the boxes.** It is a way for you to practice your faith in the strength of prayer. It is an opportunity to praise the Lord for the privilege of prayer and for thankfulness for the answering of prayers.

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Date	Attendance	Giving
February 26	67	\$4,090.21
March 5	73	\$5,035.50
March 12	60	\$3,443.00
March 19	64	\$3,194.00
March 26	62	\$1,736.00

SHBC Financial Scoreboard	
February Pledges	\$14,556
February Expenses	\$13,602
YTD Income	\$30,922
YTD Expenses	\$26,207


3 Casey Weber
5 Gabi Cortez
8 Riley Ann Rhedin
8 Kaylee Rich
11 Amber Dale
20 Linda Hedrick
28 Telly Woods
29 Jessica Mikkelsen



4 Steve and Cindy Combs 42 years
6 Jim and Linda Hedrick 49 years
21 Rev. Jason and Diane Workman 11 years

Happy Anniversary!

We will have a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday evening, April 6, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come join us as we reflect on Christ's sacrifice and prepare for Resurrection Sunday.



HOLY WEEK

Sunset Hills will once again hold its annual Easter egg hunt which will follow 10 minutes after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to donate filled, plastic eggs for this event, please leave your donation in the kitchen prior to Easter Sunday. Thank you!


Women Mentoring Women

Wednesday, April 12 & 26

6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

See Shawnda Woods or Jacque McDuffie for more information.

The church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 7 and also on Easter Monday, April 10. The office will be open again on Tuesday, April 11.



Upcoming Events at Camp Merrill

April 14-16 Wild at Heart Men's Retreat
April 21-23 Scrapbookers Retreat

For cost and to register, visit cammerrill.com



Stewardship Ministry 2023 Team April News - Ron Reed

We will be asking for help with spring cleanup of the church building and grounds in a couple of weeks, as the weather permits. I will be preparing a list of tasks that we will need to address. We pray for many of you to answer God's call to help clean up His building and grounds.

Our ongoing issue with clogged toilets in the upstairs women's restroom will soon be addressed. Budget restraints still exist; however, it's believed that now is the time to address more seriously what needs to be done.

I'm still managing the Stewardship Ministry until one in our midst answers God's call to serve Him in this very important ministry. I will partner with our new leader until they are confident to handle things on their own and will still be available for consultation.

In God's will I'm trying to be, Ron Reed

Pastor Staff Relations Committee April News - Ron Reed

Your committee members are Nancy Berney, Denise Vanosdall, Linda Wheatley, Jason Rich and Ron Reed, as chair. We are charged with taking care of the needs of our paid staff and addressing the needs of our congregation as it pertains to paid staff. Ideas to improve things in our church are welcome as are concerns anyone may have. Please, contact anyone on the PSRC and we will address anything brought to us in a very timely manner.

In God's love for each of you, Ron Reed

Men's Study Group April News - Ron Reed

We welcomed Rev. Steve Wamberg and Rick Wheatley to the group and Jason Rich has now been invited meet with us on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 by way of Zoom. We are very focused on better understanding God's Word, and we invite other men to consider growing our faith with us. Contact Don Zak, Pastor Bob Molby, Pastor Steve Wamberg, Pastor Rick Wheatley, Marvin Vanosdall, Bob Slechta or Ron Reed so we can arrange for the link to be sent to you.

Adult Sunday School April News - Ron Reed

The study of Dr. Charles Stanley's *Life Principles-To Live By* continues in April. We'd love to have you join us Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the lower level doubles classroom.

Vision Statement

Communicate the love of God so all may experience the joy of a relationship with Christ.

Mission Statement

Build disciples by empowering each church participant to practice personal and congregational mission to reach people in our everyday lives.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
March 21, 2023

Attendees: Rev. Steve Wamberg; Jason Workman, Worship & Safety/Security; Diane Workman, Moderator; Dot North, Prayer; Doug Larsen, Treasurer; Becki Pike, Church Clerk; Visitors, LaShawnda Woods, Bob Molby, Kathy Cain, Scott Darden

Devotion – Rev. Wamberg
Prayer - Jason Workman
Review from February 20, 2023, meeting
Monthly treasurer report – Doug Larsen

Business

- **Pastoral Search Committee:** Diane
- Soup Lunch after services March 26. Discuss history of Sunset Hills Baptist Church - Annie Wamberg is coordinating details.
- **Discipleship:** Ministry Council
 - VBS preparations, director, promotion – Shawnda - VBS is planned for June 10 from 10:00 – 2:00. The theme this year is “Trusting GOD when we are Scared”. Had meeting after service on March 19 and are moving ahead with plans. Will need assistance from security team and someone for audio.
- **Shepherding:** Ministry Council
 - Meal ministry update – Pam Hamlin/Terri Rich - Meals were prepared last weekend for the month of April.
- **Safety and Security:** Jason - On the south side of the playground there are six trees that are needing removed. There is a bid for all six to be cut down and removed. Motion was made and passed to have this work completed. Working on having security cameras permanently installed.
- **Music and Worship:** Jason
 - Easter/Maundy Thursday Services (Palm Sunday April 2, Maundy Thursday April 6 and Easter April 9). - Music will be covered by Dan and Marge. Getting bags for the kids updated with new coloring books and crayons. Also adding fruit snacks in the bags. There is a need for a new drum set as the one we currently have is needing certain parts replaced. Planning on asking congregation for donations.
- **Pastor/Staff Relations** - Ron - no updates.
- **Prayer** – Dot
 - World Day of Prayer - March 3rd - Only had two people attend. Discussed comments/suggestions that have been left in box. Going to see about having music blended with more hymns. Also, will try changing the time when announcements are made.
- **Stewardship** – Ministry Council
 - Review Plans for Parking Lot Maintenance - seeing about having cracks filled yearly. Also finding out what will be done with damage to parking lot when cell tower was being worked on.

- What is needed for spring cleanup? - This is being planned for May 20th. List will be getting put together for inside and outside work. Will be asking congregation for input.
- **Missions/Outreach** – Ministry Council
 - Easter Egg Hunt – Leader/Gate Keeper - Ashley Rhedin will let kids start hunting Easter eggs 10 minutes after Sunday service concludes.
 - March – April – Moving forward, what is a mission that develops a relationship? Looking for recommendations for an organization to team up with to which regular donations can be made.
 - Plan for follow up with newcomers to Holy week, – develop subgroup. Think of people to ask that will be willing to reach out to visitors at our church. With Easter Sunday coming up maybe having an event to invite them to.
 - Website Development - There is currently work being done on changing our website.
- **Ministry Council:**
 - Set the date for July congregational meeting – Potluck – This is planned for July 20. A midyear financial report will be given.
 - Plan for Review of the By-Laws – March 25, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. - This will be held in the fellowship hall with breakfast.
 - Discuss Mother’s Day, May 14. Plans, promote mothers, special service plans? Looking at ideas for small gifts to hand out.
 - Plan for Graduate Recognition in May. Kindergarten, 6th grade (get Bibles), high school (get Bibles), college, (Bibles, books, gift cards) - May 28, we will have gift packages for kids graduating.
 - Prairie Pastors Conference March 27 – 29: Volunteer Coordinator, Diane, is coordinating volunteers that will be needed.
 - March-April-May Council/Ministry preparations

Prayer - Rev. Wamberg

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
(Have Agenda Items emailed to Diane by April 10th).

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- There is also a box for suggestions, ideas, and comments regarding Sunset Hills and you, just to the right of the Confidential Praises and Prayers box. Please let us know if you would like to help with anything. Please give ideas of how you would like to help to be a disciple for our Lord and Savior. Are there any gifts that you are blessed with that you would like to use to help spread the Gospel? Please encourage others to utilize their gifts also! Sunset Hills is all of us, not just a few of us.
- Both boxes are hanging on the wall just beside the bulletin board over by the entrance to the women’s restroom (to the right of the coffee/snack bar.)
- Please continue to submit your public prayers, updates and praises for the prayer chain, to Dot North at 402-658-6401 by text or call and leave a message if there is no answer.