



Join our Team

Join our team and walk with us on
Saturday, August 26 at Werner Park.

Walk Check-in: 9:00 AM

Walk Start: 10:30 AM

To sign up or donate, click the link on the homepage of the Sunset Hills Website
sunsethillschurch.org
or use the link below.

[Walk to Defeat ALS Nebraska: Mark Steele and Neal North - The ALS Association \(convio.net\)](http://www.convio.net)

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Sunset Hills Baptist Church

July 2023 Newsletter

WHY BLESSED?

Happy summer to one and all! I pray you are blessed with safety and plenty of opportunities to relax in the next few weeks.

From childhood at the community swimming pool in Glenwood I heard the Perry Como chestnut “Roll Out Those Crazy, Hazy, Lazy Days of Summer” over the loudspeakers. (It seems to be on a loop in my memory banks to this day.) I still associate that song with an outdoor temperature of 90 degrees or more. In my memory, I can easily relive the relief from the heat that came with jumping into the pool after the hourly mandatory pool break. I recall the snow cones that came out of the concessions stand. Nothing like a cherry snow cone to mark a mini-celebration of the summer heat, right?

Growing older, I learned to love farm work – walking beans, painting barns, putting up fence – not so much for the inherent value of meaningful work, but for the transition it marked from “kid wages” into the “farm hourly” for teenagers. It created a chunk of money that I could use however I liked. It gave me the pathway to take a cute young thing on a real date, or to save up to replenish guitar strings or buy a real live Doc Severinsen mouthpiece for my trumpet.

And there’s another summer memory I’ll be working on to share with you. A few weeks ago, I realized that during a few different summers, I worked through the Beatitudes in the early verses of Matthew 5 with three different ministry mentors (two pastors and an evangelist). My dad and best friend from high school chipped in, too. This summer, starting July 9, we’ll take on the Beatitudes one at a time with a fresh season of study and some notes I still have from those summers focused on the Sermon on the Mount.

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I pray that your time in the Word with this input and more from your own study of Scripture refreshes you at least as much as doing a cannonball into cold water on a hot summer's day.

(Hey, speaking of prayer, how is your prayer journal coming?)

-- Steve Wamberg

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

July 2	The Cost of Freedom	<i>1 Peter 1:17-23</i>
	The Beatitudes	
July 9	Never Empty	<i>Matthew 5:3</i>
July 16	Mourning and Meaning It	<i>Matthew 5:4</i>
July 23	Meek, Not Milk Toast	<i>Matthew 5:5</i>
July 30	Resilient Righteousness	<i>Matthew 5:6</i>

Prayer Ministry - Dot North

If you are not currently on the prayer chain and would like to be or if your contact information needs to be updated, please contact Dot North at 402-658-6401.

Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

Taylor Hedrick	Phyllis & George	Paige, Matt, Maddox	Paige's Mother
Dominique & Daughter	Antonittie Johnson	Jeremy Flannery	Larry Peterson
Terry Anson & Family	Alexander	John	Rusty Anson
Corey	Dave	Tonda Dale	Bob Molby
Kim Wille	Deanne Caughey	Mike Loeffler	Linda Hedrick
Nancy Berney	Jacque McDuffie	Betty Prokop	Jack & Carol Welch
Patty Martin	Amber Dale	Barb Ganey	Nancy Quinnette
Glenn & Linda Kilpatrick	Mark & Ruth Steele	Dan & Marge Todd	Norma Larsen

Children attending Camp Moses Merrill
NE Regional Search Committee
Sunset Hills Pastor Search Committee
On-going prayers of well-being for shut-ins and military personnel.

For regular prayer requests, 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.

VBS 2023 Glow in the Dark (Trusting God When We're Scared)

Dear Church,
I had a lot
of fun at
VBS. I liked
art. I hope I
can go again.

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from: Emma
Williston

Thank You!



Stewardship Team July News - Ron Reed

In addition to small maintenance tasks, we sought bids for grinding/removal of the 47 stumps, which is now agreed to do.

We sought bids to seal the cracks on our parking lot and drive, seal coating the lot and drive, and restriping of the parking stalls. All needs to be done, however, with respect for church budget, we will likely have the cracks filled this year. We may be able to seal coat and restripe for parking stalls next year.

As well, we have been asking for proposals to address our erosion issues in the northeast barren ground. During your June Ministry Council meeting, the dead tree that is threatening power lines and Pacific Street was brought up. We thank Jason Workman for working with OPPD about this concern. Our cost may be \$1,100 to take it down.

Thanks to each one who serves on the Stewardship Ministry 2023 Team. Without your heart to serve God, many things would not get accomplished.

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Adult Sunday School July News - Ron Reed

Pastor Rick Wheatley is leading a *Joy of Living* study of the Book of Acts Part 1. This is a workbook that we're working with a little each weekday, then on the following Sundays we openly discuss the week's work. Please contact Pastor Rick or myself if you would like to join us in growing our faith together.

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Men's Study Group July News - Ron Reed

Our group currently has six attending the Tuesday evening, 6:30 to 7:30 Zoom meetings. We have been openly discussing in depth, the topic of prayer and would love to have other men join us.

Please email (addresses are in the church directory) Don Zak, Pastor Bob Molby, Bob Slechta, Pastor Rick Wheatley, Pastor Steve Wamberg, or myself, so we can arrange to provide you with the Zoom link.

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Pastor Staff Relations Committee July News - Ron Reed

Your PSRC members, Nancy Berney, Jason Rich, Denise Vanosdall, Linda Wheatley, and I are making ourselves available confidentially to each of you who may have a need to share concerns. Matters will be addressed in a timely manner. Our next quarterly meeting is in July.

SHBC Financial Scoreboard

May Pledges	\$9,530
YTD Income	\$73,297
May Expenses	\$10,924
YTD Expenses	\$64,473

Date	Attendance	Giving
May 28	68	\$1,794.00
June 4	67	\$6,711.59
June 11	58	\$2,921.82
June 18	51	\$2,525.00
June 25	49	\$2,443.82

- 3 Carol Von Forell
- 6 Sophia Rhedin
- 8 Kerry Thompson
- 10 Donna Colligan
- 21 Sarah Minarick
- 21 Dot North
- 25 Betty Prokop
- 29 Jacob Dale



Women Mentoring Women

Meeting on Monday,
July 10 and 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.
See Jacque McDuffie or Shawnda Woods with questions.



Bible Study

Join Rev. Steve on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Bible Study. All are welcome.

Vision Statement

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

Mission Statement

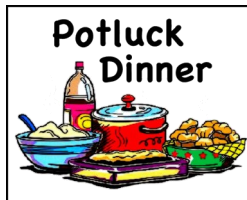
Build disciples by empowering each church participant to practice personal and congregational mission to reach people in our everyday lives.

Happy Anniversary!

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| 2 Doug & Pam Hamlin | 35 Years |
| 12 Jay & Rosemary Gordon | 37 Years |
| 14 Denise & Marvin Vanosdall | 39 Years |
| 23 Ron & Mary Reed | 20 Years |

Congregational Business Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, July 30, following the Worship Service. Please bring a **main dish** and the assignment based on the initial of your last name.



- A-G Vegetable Dish**
- H-O Salad**
- P-Z Dessert**

**Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
June 19, 2023**

Attendees: Rev. Steve Wamberg; Moderator, Diane Workman; Pastor/Staff Relations, Ron Reed; Prayer, Dot North; Treasurer, Doug Larsen; Church Clerk, Becki Pike; Shepherding, Amber Dale; Visitor, Scott Darden

Devotion and Prayer – Rev. Wamberg

Monthly Treasurer Report – Doug Larsen

- ◆ The new drum set was paid for by donations with a little money left over.
- ◆ Moving some funds from Morgan Stanley into an account that will earn more interest.
- ◆ Looking into when the church will start making payments on renovation for Cabin 9 at Camp Moses Merrill.

Business

- **Pastoral Search Committee:** Interviews start June 24th.
- **Safety and Security:** Jason – No issues or updates at this time.
- **Music and Worship:** Jason – Sound issues have been resolved. The committee will be meeting in the next 30 days.
- **Pastor/Staff Relations:** Ron Reed – The committee will be meeting soon to start the staff evaluation process.
- **Prayer:** Dot North
 - ◆ Prayer/Suggestion box – Prayer requests that come in by way of church website will be put into the prayer box. Suggestion to put church bulletin on the slide show or have a link so online viewers can see prayer requests and other information.
 - ◆ Men’s study group have been talking about answered prayers and would like to share with congregation personal prayers that have been answered. Also, to encourage congregation to share answered prayers.
- **Ministry Council:**
 - ◆ Review of the By-Laws – Finalize Article I, sections 1-3; Review Article II, section 1-3.
 - ◆ Set date for reviewing Article III & Article IV – Set new goal for completion and vote at Thanksgiving dinner. This way, voting can be made on changes and the budget. Each Ministry is to look at their by-laws and make note of changes they would like to make.
 - ◆ Plan for Church Business Meeting/Potluck – July 30, 2023 (promote the date.) Will have financial update and any plans for raises.
 - ◆ Plan for November Thanksgiving dinner, budget for 2024. This event is planned for November 19th. Suggestions for what to bring will be designated by last name and put in the church bulletin.

- **Discipleship:** Vacant
 - ◆ VBS Report – This year VBS had 23 kids in attendance. The cost was almost all covered by donations.
- **Missions/Outreach:** Vacant – Pending
 - ◆ May – June – Moving forward, what is a mission that develops a relationship?
 - ◆ August's mission will be the ALS walk. Will get information out in July’s newsletter and in Sunday's bulletin.
 - ◆ How can we use VBS for Mission/Outreach? – Dot North and Jacque McDuffie are looking into *hopenetministries.org* for potential future donations to them.
- **Shepherding:** Welcome Amber Dale
- **Stewardship:** Vacant (Ron Reed interim)
 - ◆ Yearly plans for Parking Lot Maintenance – Waiting on one more bid before deciding on what work will be completed.
 - ◆ Tree update – Dead tree on SW corner – stump – Bids to have all tree stumps removed were reviewed. Motion made by Dot North, seconded by Amber Dale, all members were in favor of moving forward with having stump removal and grinding work completed.
 - ◆ Women’s Bathroom – Company came in and looked at issues we were having. At this point there is nothing that can be done to improve issues.
 - ◆ Northeast Land Erosion – Working on getting bids on correcting issues where water is being drained to stop the ground erosion.
- **June – July – August Council/Ministry preparation**

Prayer – Doug Larsen

Next Meeting – Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

(Have Agenda Items emailed to Diane by June 12th).

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To our church family:

I want to thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during Rob’s illness and at his passing. We really appreciated the prayers, cards, calls, food and beautiful bouquet for the service. Thanks for your support.

*Thank
You*

Nancy Berney