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Maundy Thursday



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Sunset Hills Baptist Church March 2024 Newsletter

Preparing the Next Generation

*Walk about Zion, go around her,
Number her towers, consider her ramparts,
Go through her citadels,
That you may tell the next generation
That this is God,
Our God forever and ever.
He will guide us forever.
--Psalm 48:12-14*

You could see the talent in The Kid a mile away. If things went as planned, he'd be ready to lead the team in just a few years. But in a few years.

Kansas City Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid asked his veteran QB Alex Smith to show the ropes to the 10th-pick rookie, one Patrick Mahomes. The coach also encouraged Mahomes to pick up everything he could on how to conduct himself on and off the field from Smith.

There were fine points that reps and dedicated trips to the film room could take care of. And they were. The Kid was a quick study and not just in the mechanics of the game. Mahomes watched Smith handle the press, and handle relationships with the rest of the team. He saw the respect Smith showed for the coaching and administrative staff. He even learned the etiquette necessary to communicate well with the team owners.

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Alex Smith brought a different kind of coaching to the table: that of mentoring for the long haul. Mahomes utilized Smith’s mentoring to quickly come up to speed on how to be a leader in the NFL environment. When Smith was traded to make room for Mahomes, the younger QB was more than ready to handle himself in a sometimes brutal professional environment.

It’s the kind of coaching and communication we are encouraged to take on. Those of us who have seasoned experience in matters of faith and practice need to engage in coaching others on the ins and outs of leadership and faithfulness. Those of us who would benefit from a mentor can feel free to ask around and find one (or more!). Whatever one’s age, we need to prepare and be prepared to train, encourage and support the next generation of Jesus followers in the ways and Word of God. Like the verses above indicate, God can and will handle our examination, our questions, and our needs to help make it happen.

We’re blessed with some real talent at Sunset Hills. Let’s help each other make the most of what God has given!

-- Steve Wamberg

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

March 3	Rethinking Repentance	<i>James 1:22-25; Romans 12:1-2</i>
March 10	Revival Regenerated	<i>2 Kings 22</i>
March 17	Responsive Renewal	<i>Isaiah 40:25-31</i>
March 24	Remain and Reflect	<i>John 15:1-11</i>
March 31	Resurrection Reminders	<i>John 20, 21</i>

“We are a resurrection people. Let’s get on with it.”

Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

Hugo, grandson of Wambergs	Jill Gilliland’s aunt	Friend of Lala Barrientos
Lala Barrientos	Roberta Williston	Dave
Cheryl Arnold	Matt Phillips	Anji
Carol Lorenzen	Deanne Caughey	Antonittie Johnson
Patty Martin	Phyllis Meyer	Nancy Berney
Norma Larsen	Jack & Carol Welch	Mark & Ruth Steele
Glenn Kilpatrick	Dan & Marge Todd	Nancy Quinnette

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.

New Bible Study on the Book of James

Pastor Jason will lead a study on the book of James starting on Tuesday evening, March 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This study will last approximately 8 to 10 weeks. Please see Pastor Jason with questions.



Filled, plastic eggs are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt which will follow the worship service on Easter morning, March 31. Please have filled eggs to the church before Easter Sunday. Thank you.

Men’s Study Group - March News

We are midway through the study of *What Would Jesus Ask?* by the late Dr. Paul Welter. "For those who want to ask questions as Jesus did, that will jump-start family members and friends to take needed moral-spiritual actions." We'd love to have you join us Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 by way of Zoom. If interested, please email Bob Slechta at rbslechta@cox.net so he will be able to email you the link each Tuesday. I have a book available if you are interested.

Blessings,

Ron Reed

Pastor Staff Relations Ministry Committee - March News

Your PSRMC met on Monday evening, February 12. I called the special meeting to announce that I had asked Gary Peterson to pray about becoming this ministry's leader. I provided him with some information about the ministry. He and Joan considered and prayed about it, and Gary answered God's call to accept the responsibility. During the February 19 Ministry Council Meeting, I introduced Gary as the new Pastor Staff Relations Ministry Leader. He and I met with the staff to inform them of the change. I have shared that I will partner with Gary initially and will continue to serve on the committee, filling the opening Jason Rich vacated earlier last month. All is for positive change to better serve God's needs and those of our church. In the love of Christ,

Ron Reed

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.

Stewardship Ministry 2024 Team - March News

Date	Attendance	Giving
January 28	65	\$3,796.82
February 4	71	\$5,365.00
February 11	66	\$3,054.00
February 18	NA	\$3,884.10
February 25	NA	\$1,476.82

SHBC Financial Scoreboard	
January Income	\$13,137
YTD Income	\$13,137
January Expenses	\$15,499
YTD Expenses	\$15,499


A majority of the team met on February 15 and discussed ideas that would help reorganize the Ministry into four sub-ministry categories: **Facilities Leader, Grounds Leader, Events Leader, and History Leader.** I, as Interim Stewardship Ministry Leader, will partner with each sub-ministry leader to teach all I have learned. We're addressing the categories of Facilities and Ground Leader presently and will follow up with Events and History Leader categories later. Later in the meeting, Marvin Vanosdall answered the call to become the Grounds Leader. We're praying for another to answer God's call to become the Facilities Leader. An organizational chart will be created with all listed tasks and the names of those currently serving. Once completed the chart will be enlarged and displayed for our church to fill the open tasks. The tasks are to take a minimum of time from anyone's schedule and can be done when convenient. Please, pray about how you may be able to serve with us. In God's will we're trying to be,

Ron Reed

3 Mark Caughey
 7 Cheryl Arnold
 7 Carol McCormick
 12 Traci Gilmer
 14 Rev. Bob Molby
 30 Ashley Rhedin



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



15 Bob & Lou Riggs 55 Years
 22 Pedro & Joy Okoruwa 34 Years

Happy Anniversary!


Monthly Prayer Meeting
 Monday, March 4
 6:00 p.m.
 Pastor Bob Molby will lead the prayer time titled, *He Who Sings Prays Twice.*

The annual America for Christ Offering is taken most often during the month of March by the American Baptist Churches each year. And the emphasis is America. All contributions to the offering remain right here in the United States and Puerto Rico.



The 2024 theme: "Grace Upon Grace" taken from the following scripture:

Because of God's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)



Family Gathering
Friday, March 1
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Women Mentoring Women
March 11 & 25
6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.


With each annual offering there is a goal both nationally and locally. The American Baptist Home Mission Society's (ABHMS) goal is \$1,500,000 to support American Baptist missions across the United States and Puerto Rico. Our local goal is \$1,400.00 in helping reach this national goal. And we have five Sundays in order to reach it.

Your generous AFC gifts allows ABHMS to partner, for example, with ABC churches, regional ministries, community groups, ABC seminaries and institutions to financially support them in many ways in making disciples to change the world for Jesus Christ. One hundred percent of your donations is utilized to support and fund these many ministries across the USA and Puerto Rico.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10.

VBS June 8
 10:00 - 2:00
 Keep watching for upcoming details



If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily this year, the cost is \$18 per plant. Please fill out the form in the bulletin or call the office at 402-391-0820 to let us know how many you would like. Orders are due by Sunday, March 17. Thank you.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on, Good Friday, March 29 and Easter Monday, April 1

TOGETHER we can do this! We have done well in our past giving to our annual offerings and I am sure we will do so again in reaching our goal of \$1,400.00. Take the envelopes provided, pray as to what you will give, and give generously.

Pastor Rick

**Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
February 19, 2024**

Attendees: Diane Workman, Moderator; Rev. Jason Workman, Worship & Safety/Security; Gary Peterson, Pastor/Staff Relations; Dot North, Prayer; Amber Dale, Shepherding; Ron Reed, Stewardship Interim; Doug Larsen, Treasurer; Becki Pike, Clerk; Terri Rich, Financial; Bob Molby, visitor

Devotion and Prayer – Rev. Jason Workman

Monthly Treasurer’s Report – Doug Larsen

- Provide itemized budget reports for each ministry. Telly is still working on itemized budget sheets for each ministry. Going to look at amount totals for the security system buy out next month and where the budget sits for the security ministry.

Business

Financial – Terri Rich

Safety and Security – Rev. Jason Workman

- Added 2 new people to the security team. Looking into having CPR training for the security team and anyone who would like to attend. Looking into a grant that may cover the cost of lighting and cameras.

Music and Worship – Rev. Jason Workman

- The team had a good meeting with good ideas for the Maundy Thursday service. We’re looking at having another leadership training in the next 2-3 weeks. Traci Gilmer will be speaking to the congregation on the Camp Moses Merrill Weaver Hall project.

Pastor/Staff Relations – Welcome Gary Peterson

Shepherding – Amber Dale

- Have 3-4 people that the ministry is going out to visit. Going to find out if they want communion brought out to them. Deb Vetter is still making phone calls to members. Currently looking for more nursery workers and someone to lead the nursery group.

Missions/Outreach – Terry Anderson – absent – written report given

- See Missions and Outreach Ministry article on next page.

Prayer – Dot North

- Pastor Bob Molby will be leading the next Monday Prayer meeting. National Day of Prayer is the first Thursday of May.

Stewardship – Vacant (Ron Reed interim)

- Working on reorganizing ministry. Have really good ideas on how to break down all the obligations this ministry has.
- Will be scheduling a date for Spring cleanup. Bushes need to be trimmed along the drive so parking lot visibility is not so blocked.
- Projects that are being looked at are a fire system upgrade (looking into grant) and restriping parking lot.

Ministry Council

Discipleship – Vacant

- Diane has forms for kids interested in attending camp.

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- Jason Workman will be starting a 10-week study on James.
- Provide Camp Promotion Sunday date for the year.
- Plans to Promote Camp
- Hold meeting for upcoming, VBS (March 17), and Summer Ministry to Children and Youth (Sunday, February 25, 2024)

Quarterly Business meeting and potluck. April 28, 2024

- Financial Report
- Review Church Constitution, Policies for all ministries.
- Set up schedule for review with goal to present to congregation at November business meeting.
- Update yearly agenda as needed (dates, times, etc. for Sunset Hills activities)

Prayer – Gary Peterson

Next Meeting – March 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

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Missions and Outreach Ministry, Terry Anderson

Volunteers Read Across America is planned March 4-8 at Pine Elementary School on 10th Street, between the Old Market and the Henry Doorly Zoo. New Missions and Outreach Ministry member Annie Wamberg is handling communications between the church, readers and school coordinator. Continuing our service at Pine, we will feed staff for parent conferences later in March.

We again will have an Easter Egg hunt for the youngsters after worship on Easter morning. We encourage everyone to provide plastic eggs and candy in the weeks prior to Easter so they can be packaged as needed before Easter morning.

Sunset Hills has a prime opportunity to connect with the immediate neighborhood by serving as a polling place for the May primary and the November general elections. Other than having the facility ready, there is very limited need for church involvement. The voting area is bounded by 84th and 96th Streets, and West Dodge Road to Pacific Street.

We could use someone to update our street sign message before our Easter week services.

There is the possibility for a church outing at an Omaha Storm Chasers baseball game. The Faith and Family Night game and concert is Saturday, July 20. We also could do a different game, maybe a Sunday 5 p.m. start time with no concert, less expensive tickets and earlier drive home. I'm eager to get feedback so we can plan accordingly.

We're studying to see if we could align with a particular missionary, one we could support financially while building a working relationship with Sunset Hills.

Missions and Outreach will continue to look for ways for AB Men and AB Women to meet and serve, as well as providing for the Cabin 9 remodel at Camp Moses Merrill.