

## SHARE THE LIGHT

There are always natural disasters, somewhere. Sometimes it seems like every week we hear of some sort of disaster striking, and we know it was right here in our area just days ago. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering responds to such disasters with relief to help those affected when the devastation strikes.

The American Baptist Churches along with many other denominations have participated in this special offering for 75 years. Our denomination takes this offering in June. The theme is "Share the Light" which our Lord taught us from the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5:14-16 as people of the Light that we are called to action to respond when our fellow human beings are distressed when tragedy occurs.

Our goal for the month of June is \$1,400. Will you, along with many other churches help meet this goal as children of the Light? We never know when or where a disaster might strike next.

Pastor Rick

**One Great**  
**HOUR**  
**OF SHARING**



## Sunset Hills Baptist Church June 2024 Newsletter

### Spring Has Sprung – and It Wasn't Kidding!

So, we heard the extreme weather warning siren about 2:10 a.m. We checked the weather map on TV one last time and made the scramble downstairs. About one-half hour full of scrunchy and rumbling sounds later, a break came. We resisted the temptation to go outdoors and check the damage for another hour or so.

When we went outside, we saw a fuller view of the damage. Branches looked like they'd been shot through the engine compartment and trunks. Tons worth of lumber covered and crushed three of the four vehicles in our driveway.

Yet God was present at that moment even when our attention was diverted. We still felt the protection and comfort of the Shepherd even when we weren't happy little sheep. No one had been hurt. We were sheltered and found at the right time in our driveway, looking at each other in wonder and under the very mercy of God.

“What do you think? If a Shepherd has a hundred sheep, and two of them are wandering in a storm facing all sorts of debris, does He not leave the 98 and act to shelter the two who were distracted by the storm? If He finds them, doesn't He rejoice more over the two than over the 98 just because they are safe even though they don't know it?”

God is good **all the time**. And thank you for your help and prayers as we recover from this storm.

- Steve Wamberg

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### Upcoming Sermon Schedule

#### The Sermon on the Mount

<b>June 2</b>	How Do I Make My Marriage Better?	<i>Matthew 5:31-32</i>
<b>June 9</b>	How Do I Make What I Say Matter?	<i>Matthew 5:33-37</i>
<b>June 16</b>	How Can I Consistently Show Grace in Everyday Encounters?	<i>Matthew 5:38-42</i>
<b>June 23</b>	How Do I Keep Myself from Being My Own Worst Enemy?	<i>Matthew 5:43-48</i>
<b>June 30</b>	How Much Happens If I Don't Care About Getting the Credit?	<i>Matthew 6:1-4</i>

#### 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.

#### Prayer Requests and Concerns

##### Health Concerns

Rita Vetter	Karen via Linda Hedrick	Traci Gilmer	Michael Thompson
Bob via Gary P.	Nelson via Wamberg	Sabine via Doug L.	Mike via Jill G.
Nickie via Terry A.	Matt Phillips via Dot N.	Janie Arnold	Phyllis Meyer
Glenn Kilpatrick	Patty Martin	Barb Ganey	Diana LaCroix
Bob Molby	Ruth Steele	Nancy Quinnette	Carol Welch
Norma Larsen	Dan & Marge Todd		

##### Other Concerns

Financial situation, workplace improvements, family unity, tornado victims  
On-going prayers of well-being for shut-ins and military personnel.  
Confidential prayer requests may be left in the prayer box on the wall in the narthex.

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 requests are very important to us.

### Fruit of the Spirit ~ VBS 2024

**Saturday, June 8**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Ages 4 ~ 10**

Register on the Sunset Hills website  
[www.sunsethillschurch.org](http://www.sunsethillschurch.org)  
or scan the QR code.



VBS is our biggest outreach program for Children's Ministry, and we need YOU. We would love to have adult AND teen helpers this year. Is God calling you to serve? Take a step of obedience, mark your calendars, and say yes to this incredible opportunity for our kids. Bring your kids and grandkids and enjoys the day learning beside them.

There are opportunities to help with crafts, participate in the Bible lesson, music, games, prepare snacks and/or lunch, and travel to each of the fruit of the spirit stations for fun learning.

#### Missions and Outreach Ministry – Terry Anderson

We collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during June. Sunset Hills' goal is \$1,400. OGHS supports disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons and development projects of the American Baptist Churches and its partners. The fund is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA.

The April tornadoes prompted a call for the collection of items for hygiene kits for emergencies around Omaha and beyond. While the current crisis no longer poses an imminent need for the kits, we plan to organize such an effort, details to come.

Classes may have just ended for the spring semester, but we're already thinking about the backpack program we've done in past years. We need to collect items during July so the backpacks can be filled and delivered to a grade school by early August. A list of supplies will be provided.

The Missions and Outreach Ministry is beginning plans to "adopt" a missionary or mission program next year. This will require budgeting and determining who or what and how much we can support. Input from the congregation would be appreciated.

**Stewardship Ministry Team June Update - Ron Reed**

Our serious need for a Facilities Leader remains open. We pray one will be called soon. Thanks to the few who have signed up so far on the Stewardship Ministry display board in the Narthex to help with needed tasks. We have more openings that still need to be filled.

The rework and grass seeding project of the northeast, open ground is really looking good. Thanks to all who helped on Spring Clean-up Day, especially Steve and Jess Mikkelsen who have maintained it since.

Non-budgeted repairs have been made on the parking lot in preparation for cleaning the lot and drive, sealing open cracks, two coats of seal coat to help preserve the asphalt, and repainting for the parking stalls. Agreements total \$7,205. Of the four proposals considered, \$9,800 was the most expensive.

As well, non-budgeted repairs of rotted fascia and damaged soffit on the east side will be made soon. An agreement has been signed for a cost of \$905. Of the four proposals considered, with similar scope of work, the highest was for \$2,985.

Repair of the washout/erosion concern along the fence line at the north end of the parking lot's gutter is being overseen by Stewardship's Grounds Leader, Marvin Vanosdall. Our team is working hard to be good stewards of God's provisions.

**Men's Study Group June Update - Ron Reed**

We will begin a new study and would appreciate your suggestions. We meet Tuesday evenings by way of Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30, and welcome men to join us as we go deeper to better understand the Bible and/or biblically based studies by Christian authors together. Please contact Don Zak, Rev. Bob Molby, Bob Slechta, Rev. Rick Wheatly, Marvin Vanosdall, Judah Anaya, Rev. Steve Wamberg or Ron Reed with your email address so we can send you the link each week to join in the open discussions.

**Adult Sunday School June Update - Ron Reed**

Dot North has been doing a wonderful job of helping us with the study of *The Chosen* biblically-based series, which brings the Bible to life. We would love to have you join us Sunday mornings in the lower-level doubles classroom from 9:00 to 10:00.

**SHBC Financial Scoreboard**

<b>April Income</b>	<b>\$15,329</b>
<b>April Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,389</b>
<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>\$57,916</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$71,597</b>

Date	Attendance	Giving
<b>April 28</b>	68	\$2,996.00
<b>May 5</b>	NA	\$6,862.07
<b>May 12</b>	66	\$3,084.00
<b>May 19</b>	NA	\$2,361.82
<b>May 26</b>	62	\$1,741.01

- 4 Annie Wamberg
- 6 Don Zak
- 10 Abitha Nallathambi
- 19 Carol Jones
- 28 Diane Workman



**Bible Study**

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



**Monthly Prayer Meeting**

Monday, June 3  
6:00 p.m.

**Women Mentoring Women**

**Monday, June 10 and 24**  
**6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

**Family Gathering**  
**Friday, June 7**  
**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**RetroActive**

Wednesday, June 12 & 26  
9:30 a.m.

Sunset Hills Fellowship Hall

**(Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month)**

If you would like to meet with or talk to Rev. Steve during the week, please feel free to call or email at 719-330-3536, stevewamberg@yahoo.com You may also call the office at 402-391-0820 Monday-Friday from 8:00 - 1:00 to make an appointment.

**Sunset Hills Baptist Church  
Ministry Council Minutes  
May 20, 2024**

**Attendees:** Rev. Steve Wamberg; Music/Worship & Security/Safety, Rev. Jason Workman; Moderator, Diane Workman; Pastor/Staff Relations, Gary Peterson; Prayer, Dot North; Treasurer, Doug Larsen; Church Clerk, Becki Pike; Shepherding, Amber Dale; Financial, Terri Rich; Missions/Outreach, Terry Anderson; Visitor, Rev. Bob Molby

**Devotion and prayer** – Rev. Wamberg

**Monthly Treasurer’s Report** – Doug Larsen

- Provide itemized budget report for each ministry.

**Business:**

**Financial** – Terri Rich

- Has been in contact with Telly about getting Power Church up and running for financial reports.

**Safety/Security** – Rev. Jason Workman

- Streaming should be better as the modem has been replaced. The phone lines have been fixed so line two is working again.

**Music/Worship** – Rev. Jason Workman

- Father’s Day is on June 16. Working on service and what gift will be handed out.
- Dan and Marge will be taking a sabbatical from June - August. They do plan on attending the 3rd service of the month. Annie Wamberg will be covering while they are gone. Pay will be discussed with Annie. Plans on changes to the service are in the works and hope that everyone will be excited.

**Pastor/Staff Relations** – Gary Peterson

- Evaluations have been tabled temporarily.
- Pastor Wamberg’s vacation time was discussed for clarification. It was decided he will receive 28 days and 4 of those days are for Sundays.

**Shepherding** – Amber Dale

- Graduation cards have been sent out. Still looking for someone to run the nursery.

**Missions/Outreach** – Terry Anderson

- Looking into sponsoring a missionary next year.
- Working on putting together a list of needs for hygiene kits for when disasters happen.
- Beginning in July, list for donations for backpacks will start. Plan to have backpacks ready by August 4.
- VBS has rocks that will be placed around that have a QR code that if scanned will direct them to the Sunset Hills website. Working on having a special page on our website for this.
- Sunset Hills serving as a polling site for the primary election went well. We will also be a polling place for the general election.
- Trunk or Treat this year will be held on October 27.

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**Prayer** – Dot North

- Working on shortening up the prayer list. The thought is that when requests come in, they will stay on for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

**Stewardship** – Vacant (Ron Reed interim)

- Parking lot maintenance - Scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, May 22 and 23.
- Women’s bathroom handicap door/button - no update.

**Ministry Council:**

- The next quarterly business meeting and potluck is scheduled for July 28. Stewardship Campaign will be discussed.

**Discipleship** – Vacant

- VBS – Traveling through the Fruits of the Spirit, June 8, 10:00 – 2:00, ages 4-10.
- Graduates: 1 Highschool, 1 College

**Prayer** – Gary Peterson

**Next Meeting** – June 17, 2024

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**Sunset Hills Baptist Church  
Quarterly Business Meeting  
April 28, 2024**

Opening Prayer – Rev. Jason Workman

1. Thanks to all that helped with church cleanup day.
2. Response to the disaster in the community - Pastor Jason - donations can be dropped off at Relevant Church or St. Patrick’s.
3. Ministries:
  - Dot North – Prayer - If you have questions please see Dot.
  - Terri Rich – Financial - Budget is at a shortage due to a security system buyout that was not budgeted for. Please be sure to turn in pledge cards as that is what the church budget is based on.
  - Terry Anderson – Missions - Make sure to read the weekly updates. If you are not receiving them, please let Terry know.
  - Ron Reed – Stewardship - Stewardship team was introduced. Still looking for more help. Ministry has been broken down into different groups with a list of duties that each performs. They have made a chart so you can see the breakdown and where help is needed. This will be in the Narthex, and they will be available to answer any questions.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be in July.

Closing Prayer – Rev. Steve Wamberg