



**April 2024**



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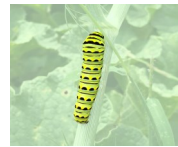
# From the Heights

## Pastor's Message

Dear Church Family,



I shared this last year at this time, and it's fitting to share it again this month. A couple of years ago, I encountered this guy at the Southern Heights Food Forest. A beautiful caterpillar, bright green in color and munching away on leaves. We all know how caterpillars are a bit of a pest in a garden, as they do eat the leaves of the plants that we are trying to grow. I looked him up, and it appears that he's the kind of caterpillar that will eventually become a type



of Swallowtail Butterfly, a beautiful pollinator that helps to continue the

fertilization cycle of plants in our region. I love butterflies. I love how they flit and float through the air. I love that their work at pollinating is such an incredibly important part of our ecosystem. And I love how they, and the caterpillars they come from, remind me of something so incredibly important in my own life and relationship with God. They remind me of hope for new life. Hope in the resurrection. You see, for a caterpillar to become a butterfly, it must first seemingly die. It creates a cocoon, wrapping itself inside, and then...nothing for the longest time. The cocoon itself is dry and papery, and it feels dead. But, inside, the most amazing thing is happening. It's being made new...it is becoming a new creation altogether. And, when it emerges...it's amazing. It is no wonder that one of the oldest symbols of Christ and the Resurrection are butterflies.

Caterpillars and butterflies are a reminder for me, and for us, that this is what's happening in us in God and Christ. That, in our lives in Christ, we are caterpillars entering into a cocoon, being wrapped in the Holy Spirit, and being made into a new creation. We are being made dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. We are being made into butterflies. Beautiful, beautiful butterflies that speak to hope, new life, and resurrection. This Easter Season, as we see caterpillars in our gardens and butterflies in the air, let us stop for a moment and be thankful that Christ is transforming us into something new, and that we are becoming butterflies, witnesses to the hope and joy we find in the new life in Christ.

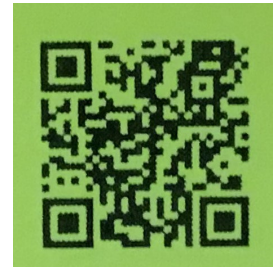
Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Leanne

## **\*I'VE GOT A NAME . . .**

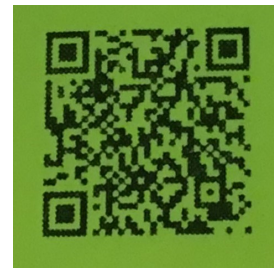
Was first introduced to Southern Heights Mission Committee in late 2012 and by December of that year the committee was designating a portion of their mission budget to I've Got A Name. That was the beginning of our continuing association with I've Got A Name in a variety of ways. There are many ways of supporting the work of I've Got A Name beyond financial.

Two Learning Opportunities are coming up in April.

**\*Walk For Freedom, Saturday, April 13th.** Walk from Nebraska Union to State Capitol steps. Hear from NE Governor Jim Pillen and UNL Volleyball middle blocker Rebekah Allick. Registration is \$25, which includes a Walk For Freedom T-Shirt and Valentino's Piz-za. For students, registration is \$15. Kids 12 and under walk for free, but no shirt is guaranteed! Check-in starts at 9:00 AM and the walk kicks off promptly at 10:00 AM.



**\*United We Stand: Human Trafficking Conference, Friday, April 26th.** This event is made available to us and the public by CHI Health. Attend in person at NE Innovation Campus or Online via Zoom. Hear Theresa Flores, nationally renowned speaker and human trafficking survivor. In-person registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Online registration is \$10. Both registrations are donations to I've Got A Name, a 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to end sex trafficking in Nebraska. For those attending in person, CHECK IN will begin at 9:00 AM.



For more info use the QR code or to go to: [ivegotaname.org](http://ivegotaname.org)

***PRAYERS are so valuable in supporting the work of I've Got A Name.  
Thank you.***

# 1st Sunday of Each Month Help Us Fill the Cart

Needed are small/individual sized canned goods for  
the Little Free Pantry located at  
The Gathering Place



## 2024 Ambassador Program

The sign-up sheet on the information stand in the Narthex is back.

Back in November the Membership Committee decided to make a change in the Ambassador program to give our congregation a chance to participate on a weekly basis rather than a monthly one with the goal of encourage our members to serve as an Ambassador on a week that fits into their schedule.

With the success of the last couple of months, it's time to start filling up the slots for the next quarter. If you have any questions or would like more information concerning the Ambassador program, please reach out to Gene Knoche.

Thank you for your interest and participation.



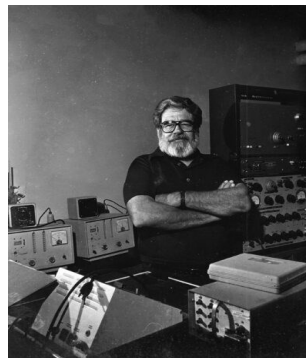
It is with great sadness to announce the passing of :

Roger Meyer and Bob Larson.

Roger passed on March 18th. His memorial service was held in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 23, 2024.



Bob Larson passed on March 24th. His Celebration of Life service will be held later this month.







## SHPC (Birthday) Party Animals

We wish those who celebrate  
Birthdays  
in April a Very  
Happy Birthday and  
many blessings throughout the  
year!

If your name is not listed and you  
celebrate a birthday  
in March, please notify the church office  
so that our  
records can be updated.

Mason Jacobs	04/01
Mariah Nelsen	04/03
Alex Falkinburg	04/10
Dan Jackson	04/10
Grace Dougherty	04/12
Carson Miller	04/15
Karen Marker	04/17
Solvia Yoon	04/24
JoAnn Rademacher	04/25
Deb Ryckman	04/25
Clara Preissler	04/26
Sidney Jochum	04/27
Katie Price	04/27
Carol Ann Anderson	04/28

### \*\*\*NEW PUBLISHING DEADLINES\*\*\*

SESSION REPORTS ARE DUE THE 10TH OF EVERY MONTH

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH

THE CHURCH OFFICE WINTER HOURS ARE 8:00AM TO 4:00PM

### Please Review the Calendars

The SHPC Calendar can be found on the **Hotline**, Newsletter, **Online**  
and in the **Announcement Slides**.

Please contact the church office if anything needs to be  
changed or deleted. Thanks!

## A letter of Thanks from SHYP

SHYP may be small, but we are mighty and would love to grow!! The month of March was a busy month, finishing off strong with the SHYP

Easter Pancake Breakfast

and

SHYP Easter Egg Hunt!

Thank you to five of the SHYP youth who were at the church early Easter morning preparing sausages and scrambled eggs and then serving an estimated 50 hungry folks while having fun making pancakes!

Laurna Harlow, Charlie Elam, Henry Elam,  
Abigail Manley, and Jace Manley are superstars!

After breakfast was over, there were a few more Easter Eggs to fill. The youth were able to hide the eggs then make it to the children's sermon during service! It was truly a blessing to see all the youth in worship listening to Pastor Leanne! While the service was finishing up, community members and neighbors were filling Fellowship Hall! What a fabulous turnout! There were over 50 youth with their families who visited SHPC for the SHYP Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

While the weather was a little gray, spirits were high, and the rain stayed away. The laughter and joy filled the air with children running all around the church grounds! Various toys, candy, and Beanie Babies left SHPC with happy youth.

Thank you to everyone who supports SHYP by attending, helping, and supporting these events in a variety of ways. Fellowship and activities like these are what makes this church more than a building, it makes us a family of the Lord. Blessings to all!







# BOOK OF CONFESSIONS STUDY

**April 14, 2024**

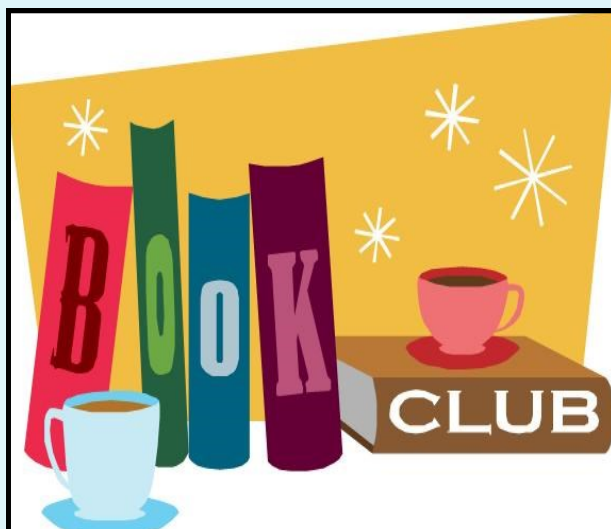
Following Worship | 12 noon  
*in the Conference Room*

**Belhar Confession**



# MONTHLY FICTION BOOK CLUB

(EVERY 4TH SATURDAY)



**Saturday, April 27th**

**1:30 pm**

**at SHPC**

**We'll discuss:**

**The Last Thing He Told Me  
By Laura Dave**

*Copies of our Fiction Book Club books are available if you would like to borrow a copy.  
Please see Pastor Leanne Masters for more information.*



# **Use Scrip Cards at Your Favorite Merchants**

## **Buy groceries or as gifts for:**

**Easter dinners**

**4th of July celebrations**

**Regular weekly groceries & monthly prescriptions**

**Gifts for Teachers, Scout Leaders, Co-workers**

### **How to Buy Scrip Cards**

The Scrip table is open every Sunday in Fellowship Hall for 20 minutes following the worship service-OR you can contact Scrip Coordinator, Andy Anderson, to place an order:

**aanderson34@neb.rr.com**

**C: 402-440-5902**

Andy carries some Scrip cards in stock. If what you want is in-stock, you can pick them up on Sundays.

Please make your payment to Andy (checks payable to Scrip).

**Every Scrip card purchase gives money back to the Youth!**

# Treasurer's Report

## Southern Heights Presbyterian Church

## Summary

### Financial Statement

	<u>Jan - Feb 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
<b>Budgeted Income</b>	37,433.46	48,600.00	(11,166.54)
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>			
<b>Program Expense</b>			
Mission	3,099.51	-	3,099.51
Life Long Learning	1,012.50	370.00	642.50
Worship & Music	71.56	540.00	(468.44)
Membership	470.27	255.00	215.27
<b>Total Program Expense</b>	<u>4,653.84</u>	<u>1,165.00</u>	<u>3,488.84</u>
<b>Staff Expense</b>			
Salaries	16,911.84	16,919.00	(7.16)
Benefits & Allowances	11,036.59	11,100.00	(63.41)
Expenses & Substitutes	656.86	1,762.00	(1,105.14)
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<u>28,605.29</u>	<u>29,781.00</u>	<u>(1,175.71)</u>
<b>Occupancy Expense</b>			
Custodial & Maintenance	8,941.76	8,300.00	641.76
Utilities	3,930.03	4,740.00	(809.97)
Insurance	1,980.17	1,800.00	180.17
<b>Total Occupancy Expenses</b>	<u>14,851.96</u>	<u>14,840.00</u>	<u>11.96</u>
<b>Office &amp; Other Operating Expenses</b>			
Office Expense	1,021.95	960.00	61.95
Other Operating Expenses	327.62	400.00	(72.38)
<b>Total Office/Operating Expenses</b>	<u>1,349.57</u>	<u>1,360.00</u>	<u>(10.43)</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>49,563.95</u>	<u>47,696.00</u>	<u>1,867.95</u>
<b>Budgeted Net Income or (Loss)</b>	<u>(12,130.49)</u>	<u>904.00</u>	<u>(13,034.49)</u>

# April Calendar

**Room Key:** FH: Fellowship Hall  
WW: West Wing

CR: Conference Room  
S: Sanctuary

FF (or SHFF): Food Forest  
LL-K: Lower Level-Kitchenette

## Monday, April 1

6:00PM PLC / CR  
7:00PM Scouts / FH

## Tuesday, April 2

5:30PM Crocheters / FH

## Wednesday, April 3

6:30PM Choir Practice / S

## Friday, April 5

10:00AM Bible Study / FH

## Saturday, April 6

12:00PM Vine St., Community HOA / FH

## Sunday, April 7

10:30AM Worship & Communion  
Minute for Mission—I've Got A Name  
11:30AM Fellowship / FH

## Monday, April 8

6:30PM Personnel & Admin Committee Meeting / CR  
7:00PM Scouts -Court of Honor/ S  
7:30PM Scouts Meeting / FH

## Tuesday, April 9

6:00PM PEO / FH  
7:00PM Financial Stewardship Committee Meeting / CR

## Wednesday, April 10 \*\*\*Session Reports Due\*\*\*

1:30PM PW-Esther Circle / FH  
6:30PM Choir Practice / S

## Thursday, April 11

7:00PM Deacon's Meeting

## Friday, April 12

7:00PM Adoptive Moms

## Sunday, April 14

10:30AM Worship  
11:30AM Fellowship / FH  
12:00PM Book of Confessions Study / CR  
5:30PM SHYP K-2nd Grade  
5:30PM SHYP 3rd-12th Grade

## Monday, April 15—\*\*\*Newsletter Articles Due\*\*\*

7:00PM Scouts / FH  
7:00PM Sessions / CR

## Wednesday, April 17

6:30PM Choir Practice / S

## Thursday, April 18

8:30AM WIC Clinic  
3:00PM Poli-Ollie / FH  
6:30PM Life Long Learning

## Sunday, April 21

10:30AM Worship / S  
11:30AM Fellowship / FH

## Monday, April 22

7:00 PM Scouts / FH

## Wednesday, April 24

6:30PM Choir Practice / S  
7:00PM Jamestown Homeowners Assoc., Meeting / FH

## Thursday, April 25

6:30PM Worship & Music

## Saturday, April 27

1:30PM Fiction Book Club  
\*\*\*SHYP will be at Calvin Crest\*\*\*

## Sunday, April 28

10:30AM Worship  
11:30AM Fellowship

## Monday, April 29

7:00PM Scouts / FH



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**Return Service Requested**



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**We're on the Web at [www.SouthernHeights.org](http://www.SouthernHeights.org)**

We welcome your suggestions and contributions to the newsletter. Deadline for each issue is the third Tuesday of each month. It is greatly appreciated if contributions are emailed to the Newsletter Editor: [karen@southernheights.org](mailto:karen@southernheights.org).

Please don't try to structure anything . . . we will format your contribution to fit the newsletter. You may also contact us through the Church office at (402) 421-3704.

Our worship services are on Sundays at 10:30 AM. Adult Sunday school classes are at 9:30 AM from September through May.

Staff: Rev. Leanne Masters, Pastor. Karen Moore, Administrator. Anita Elliott, Music Director. Dr. Ronald L. Bump, Pastor Emeritus.