



**March
2024**

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From the Heights

Pastor’s Message

Dear Church Family,

At the beginning of each year, we buy the boys a new wall calendar for their bedrooms, something fun and unique and reflective of their personalities, in order to track the days, weeks and months.

This year, in addition to the wall calendar, we found a page-a-day calendar that is a daily listing of different “National Days”, like “National Trivia Day” (January 4th), “National Squirrel Appreciation Day” (January 21st), or “National Act of Kindness Day” (February 17th), to name a few.

The youngest, in particular, enjoys tearing off the page each day to see what special day the new day is. It’s something that he gets a lot of enjoyment out of, and it’s become a fun opportunity to see how we might integrate the theme of the day into our lives (we most definitely watched a Star Trek movie on “National Science Fiction Day”).

You know, too often in our world, we get caught in the slog of the day to day, and we simply collapse at the end of the day to get up in the morning to do it all over again. Learning about and “celebrating” these days has given us the opportunity to lean into looking for something fun, even silly, in our daily living. It’s stretched us to find joy and try new things, to laugh and to wonder in our lives. I wonder how we might be able to do that, in general, in our lives. To break open the monotony of the ordinary, and find the little glimpses of joy and whimsy that are sprinkled in and amongst the mundane. To bring sparkle and wonder into our lives. To look for, seek out really, and celebrate the good and joyous in the world. Siblings and friends, may you seek to find ways to find and create joy and wonder, and celebrate the goodness and fun in our lives and in our world.

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor Leanne





GUEST PASTORS

SHPC Guest Pastors Series:

Please welcome:

02/25/2024 – Rev. Lauren Peters

03/03/2024 – Matt Williams

03/10/2024 – Rev. Sue Babovec

03/17/2024 – Rev. Sue Coller

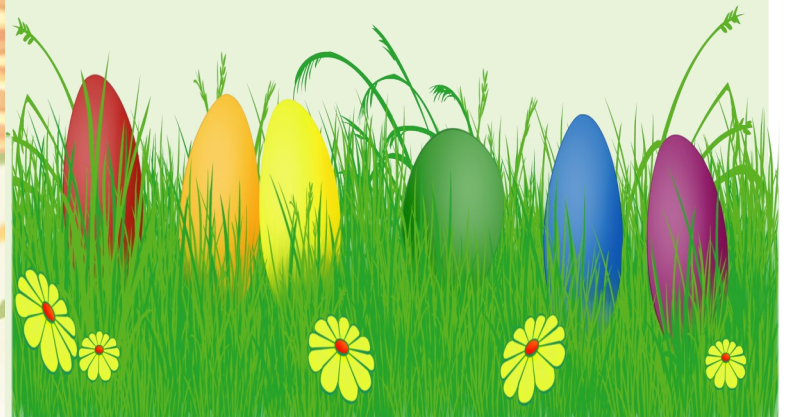
SHYP Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your appetite on Easter Sunday
and enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast
before worship service!

Sunday, March 31st. from
8:30am - 10:00am.

Join in the Easter Egg hunt
fun starting after worship
service

Sunday, March 31st. at
11:30am



SHYP has been busy in 2024 and wishes to thank everyone at SHPC for the support to make SHYP events a huge success!

A good time was had by all at the “SHYP Bingo Bash” on January 28, 2024. Great fellowship, yummy sloppy joes, perfect pasta salad, delicious desserts, bingo, and lots of prizes! After all was said and done, \$430.89 went to SHYP.

A fabulous success!!

SHYP has the approval of Session to begin work on a new “SHYPyard”! The SHYPyard hopes to be a place for youth to get together at church for all kinds of activities. Location of the SHYPyard will be the east side of the SHPC basement, south of the previous choir room. Currently SHYP has a foosball table for the SHYPyard. That is just the beginning as SHYP hopes to add a pool table, ping pong table, and air hockey table. If anyone has any of these unused items to be “re-homed”, please contact one of the SHYP leaders.

Upcoming announcements will continue as work begins!!

The “Souper Bowl of Caring” on February 11, 2024 showed how truly caring and compassionate the members of SHPC are! Once again, the fellowship was incredible! The chicken noodle soup, chili, ham and bean soup, dumpling soup along with cornbread and crackers were so heartwarming. The competition between The Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers was intense, however, the Kansas City Chiefs were victorious in the voting!! \$337.00 to \$87.00 for a total of \$424.00 collected to donate to The Gathering Place. WOW!

We are not done...plan on Easter Breakfast at SHPC! Pancakes are on the menu!!!

*Thank
You*

Maundy Thursday

03/28/2024

Southern Heights Presbyterian Church

Service & Supper

will be held at

First Presbyterian Church

840 S. 17th St.,

6:00pm



Thank you from Marj Jeambey

To all you dear friends who have kept me in prayer. Your kindness in keeping in touch has sustained me through this long period of uncertainty. I miss you all and my prayers are with you. God has reasons for everything. My task is to try and understand. Keep the Faith. I work at it every day.

Stay with me and

I WILL BE BACK. I BELIEVE IT!

Love, joy and peace be with you all.



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.





On Good Friday
Please welcome our guests from
First Presbyterian Church
for
Good Friday Worship Service
March 29, 2024
7:00pm



He
has
Risen

*Join us
Sunday, March 31, 2024
At 10:00am
for
Easter Sunday Celebration
& Communion*

*Pastor:
Rev. Leanne Masters*



With your help the Youth raised \$424.00 for The Gathering Place.

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



Souper Bowl

Winners!!!

(& Super Bowl winner)

The Kansas City Chiefs

And

The Gathering Place

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 AM
Sunday March 10th**



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SPRING FORWARD



SHPC (Birthday) Party Animals

We wish those who celebrate
Birthdays
in March 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.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Holten Michaud 03/05 | Nadia Plagge 03/13 | Whitlee Eveland 03/25 |
| Taygen Weyer 03/05 | Erin Pool 03/14 | Julie Grives 03/25 |
| Jin Yoon 03/05 | Bob Watson 03/17 | Ruby Jacobs 03/28 |
| Justin Yoon 03/05 | Katie Bowers 03/18 | Ava Wilken 03/28 |
| Dylan Jochum 03/06 | Marci Elam 03/18 | James O'Flaherty III 03/30 |
| Garet Jochum 03/06 | Al Phillips 03/19 | Bill Schmeckle 03/31 |
| Janette Shaver-Malick 03/06 | Matthew Sandahl 03/19 | |
| Kendall Eveland 03/07 | Stan Fortkamp 03/20 | |
| Bill Buhro 03/09 | Lyndsay Scavo 03/20 | |
| Andrew Bump 03/09 | Stephen Brownlee 03/22 | |
| Roger Meyer 03/09 | Michael Masters 03/23 | |
| Amber Green 03/13 | Brad Wilken 03/23 | |
| Stan Hatcher 03/13 | LeAnn Reeds 03/24 | |

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!



An Afternoon of Gospel Music

Presented by
George and Lynna Gene Cook,
Anita Elliott, Bill Buhro,
and the SHPC Choir

2:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

Southern Heights Presbyterian Church
40th and Old Cheney
Lincoln, Nebraska

*Let's Just Praise the Lord
He Touched Me
Get All Excited
Something Beautiful*

BOOK OF CONFESSIONS STUDY

March 10, 2024

Following Worship | 12 noon

in the Conference Room

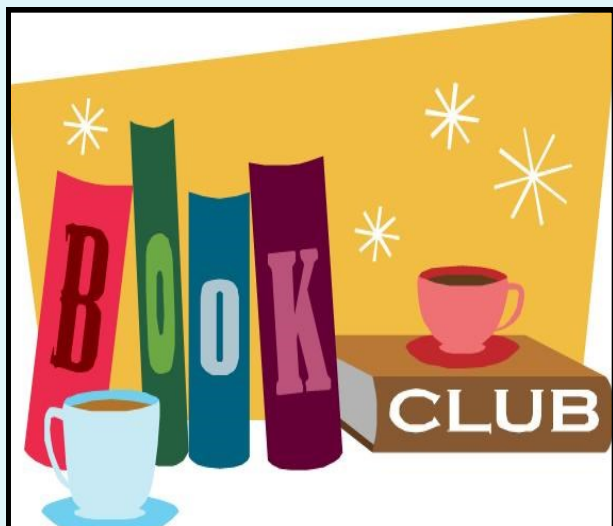
The Confession of 1967



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MONTHLY FICTION BOOK CLUB

(EVERY 4TH SATURDAY)



Saturday, March 23

1:30 pm

at SHPC

We'll discuss:

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

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!

Proposed Organizational Structure

Concept: Minimize the number of committees and the number of people needed on them, relying on recruited volunteers to accomplish long and short term tasks.

STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEES

Purpose

Cast vision and purpose

Responsibilities/Tasks

Steer the direction of the work

Develop and manage timelines

Recruit volunteers as needed

Membership

4-5 Core Members

Accountability

Committee chair voted on by committee (initially appointed by Session)

Monthly report to Session

Proposed Committees

FAITH FORMATION

Purpose

To provide for opportunities for personal growth and development of faith

Responsibilities

Worship

Ideally: Pastor, Church Musician and one other person to plan and provide for worship

Education

Youth

Adult

Intergenerational

Youth Programming

SHYP

VBS

STEWARDSHIP

Purpose

To develop and encourage stewardship practices in the life of the church

Responsibilities

Finance and Budget

Memorial

Stewardship Programming

Discernment of service

"Campaign"

Education

Where's the money going? How's it being used? (Moments for Mission, etc)

Food Forest Relationship

Steering Committee and or Board

Recruiting involvement

Responsibilities

Congregational Programming

Coffee Fellowship

Fellowship Activities

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE***Purpose***

To build and strengthen the SHPC community and relationships within it.

Responsibilities***Congregational Programming***

Coffee Fellowship

Fellowship Activities

Care/Deacon Support

Prayer Team

Welcome

Ambassadors

New Members

MISSION***Purpose***

To communicate and work with groups outside our walls

Responsibilities***Mission***

Relationships

Service Opportunities

ADMINISTRATION***Purpose***

To manage administrative aspects of the life of the congregation

Responsibilities***Personnel******Health and Safety******Kitchen******Facility***

Upkeep and Maintenance

Facility Use

OUTREACH/COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION***Purpose***

To coordinate and manage outreach and connection with the larger community.

Responsibilities***Evangelism***

Advertising

Promotion

Communication

Newsletter

Hotline

Website

Social Media

Event Programming

Outward Facing

Living Nativity

Treasurer's Report

Revenue is behind in the first month of the new year but entirely expected since we usually get off to a slow start. Bottom line is negative, mostly caused by the booking of Deacon mission fund to the STIFIT Fund.

Deacons funds were funded via journal entries in January. The budgeted amount for Deacons Fund of \$300 was added to the STIFIT fund balance and the reset of the Deacons Mission fund to \$2000 was funded by local mission. We had more than adequate savings in the STIFIT account to fund these transactions that are normal at the beginning of a year.

We have not received any new prepaid giving for 2024, only a couple received in 2023 for 2024. I am hoping that we will receive prepaid giving in February and March that will again allow us to put money in STIFIT savings to help with operating funds if we encounter cash flow problems later in the year.

Just some accounting notes. I have decided to leave prepaid estimates and Bell Tower income in the liability section of the balance sheet. Prior years I have moved these accounting transactions to below the line but that then tends to overstate the final bottom line in any given month.

Respectively submitted:

Stan Fortkamp – Treasurer SHPC

Treasurer's Report

Southern Heights Presbyterian Church

Summary

Financial Statement

| | <u>Jan 24</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Over/(Under)</u> |
|--|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Budgeted Income | 19,825.43 | 24,300.00 | (4,474.57) |
| Budgeted Expenses | | | |
| Program Expense | | | |
| Mission | 1,899.51 | - | 1,899.51 |
| Life Long Learning | 87.43 | 185.00 | (97.57) |
| Worship & Music | - | 270.00 | (270.00) |
| Membership | 231.60 | 122.50 | 109.10 |
| Total Program Expense | <u>2,218.54</u> | <u>577.50</u> | <u>1,641.04</u> |
| Staff Expense | | | |
| Salaries | 8,455.92 | 8,461.00 | (5.08) |
| Benefits & Allowances | 5,711.19 | 5,550.00 | 161.19 |
| Expenses & Substitutes | 265.92 | 1,419.00 | (1,153.08) |
| Total Staff Expenses | <u>14,433.03</u> | <u>15,430.00</u> | <u>(996.97)</u> |
| Occupancy Expense | | | |
| Custodial & Maintenance | 1,615.42 | 4,175.00 | (2,559.58) |
| Utilities | 1,394.59 | 2,310.00 | (915.41) |
| Insurance | 876.91 | 900.00 | (23.09) |
| Total Occupancy Expenses | <u>3,886.92</u> | <u>7,385.00</u> | <u>(3,498.08)</u> |
| Office & Other Operating Expenses | | | |
| Office Expense | 807.26 | 480.00 | 327.26 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 734.58 | 625.00 | 109.58 |
| Total Office/Operating Expenses | <u>1,541.84</u> | <u>1,105.00</u> | <u>436.84</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>22,080.33</u> | <u>24,497.50</u> | <u>(2,417.17)</u> |
| Budgeted Net Income or (Loss) | <u>(2,254.90)</u> | <u>(197.50)</u> | <u>(2,057.40)</u> |

March Calendar

Room Key: FH: Fellowship Hall
WW: West Wing

CR: Conference Room
S: Sanctuary

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

Sunday, March 3

10:30AM Worship / Communion
Guest Pastor: Matt Williams
11:30AM Fellowship / FH

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

1:00PM St. Peter's Stampers / FH
5:30PM Crocheters / FH
6:00PM Life Long Learning

Wednesday, March 6

6:30PM Choir Practice / S

Friday, March 8

7:00PM Adoptive Moms / WW

Sunday, March 10 ***Session Reports Due***

Daylight Savings Time Begins

10:30AM Worship / Guest Pastor: Sue Babovec
11:30AM Fellowship / FH
12:00PM BoC Study
2:00PM Free Gospel Concert
5:30PM SHYP K-2nd Grade
5:30PM SHYP 3rd - 12th Grade

Monday, March 11

6:30PM Personnel & Admin Committee Meeting / CR
7:00PM Scouts / FH

Tuesday, March 12

1:00PM St. Peter's Stampers / FH
7:00PM Financial Stewardship Committee Meeting / CR

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

7:00PM Deacon's Meeting

Friday, March 15***Newsletter Articles Due***

Sunday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day

10:30AM Worship / PW Birthday Bank
Guest Pastor: Sue Coller
11:30AM Fellowship / FH

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

1:00PM St. Peter's Stampers / FH

Wednesday, March 20

2:00PM -Poli-Ollie Zoom Set-up
6:30PM Choir Practice / S

Thursday, March 21

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

Saturday, March 23

1:30PM Fiction Book Club

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

10:30AM Worship / S
11:30AM Fellowship / FH
5:30PM SHYP 3rd—12th Grade

Monday, March 25

7:00 PM Scouts / FH

Wednesday, March 27

6:30 PM Choir Practice / S

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday

6:00PM Worship Service & Supper @1st Presbyterian

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

5:00PM Choir Practice w/1st Presbyterian Church
7:00PM Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

8:30AM SHYP Pancake Breakfast
10:30AM Easter Sunday Service
11:30AM Fellowship
11:30AM SHYP Easter Egg Hunt

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Return Service Requested



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We're on the Web at 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.

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.