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Worship Ministry Opportunities
We are still in need of a head usher and worship liturgists. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact the office.
Thank you.

A will is not just a dead giveaway, it is an extremely important legal document. It empowers you to determine what happens to your assets, your children, and your Church.
Have you remembered the church in your will?
(By the Endowment Committee)

Reminder
If you change your address, phone number, or email, please let the office know.
Thank you.

Treasurer's Report
Income for Nov. Operating Budget: \$9,988
Expenses for Nov. Operating Budget: \$13,927
November deficit: \$3,939

The scheduling of the use of Fellowship Hall, the Sharon Room, or the sanctuary, needs to be done through the church office to avoid any scheduling conflicts.
Thank you.

Newsletter articles and group activities need to be submitted to the office by the 20th of the month.
Thank you.

Sharon Religious Arts Ministries (RAM) for January

Welcome to 2014!

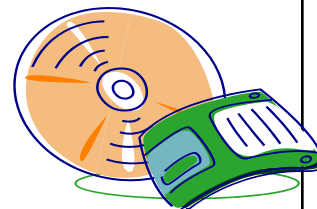


It may be cold outside, but the Sharon Religious Arts Ministries are hot! Let's look at the month of January.

Sunday, the 5th, is a Special Music Sunday. Come and be surprised! January 12th has the Chancel Choir singing two gospel songs - "Unclouded Day" AND "Will the Circle Be Unbroken". January 19th continues our gospel theme with the choir singing - "We Will Rise". Our puppets return on the 26th to entertain and give us insight. We look forward to seeing you in January.

Warm up at Sharon!! God bless.....

John and Karen Wagner
Religious Arts Ministry Directors



A Sound System Request:
If you have a CD/DVD that needs to be used in a service, please notify the sound person before that Sunday. Some of the new formats do not work with our system, and there is no time to check this out if you bring them right before worship. Thank you



Sharon Library Update

Bookshelves have been organized by type and author, and labeled for your convenience. We have many book series available in our Fiction section, including the complete "Left Behind" series.

Check out a wonderful family video for your holiday viewing pleasure - videos can be found in the former, small library room. We have been blessed with a fantastic selection.

Blessings. Toni Ruppert-Overton

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped get their children to Sunday School every Sunday, so they could practice and perform our "Charlie Brown Christmas Play." We had a lot of fun putting it together and performing for all of you. All of the Sunday School Children and Staff want to wish you a Happy New Year!



**SMALL GROUP
OPPORTUNITIES**

FIC - Friends in Christ

January 12th after worship
Bring a new soup recipe to share; after
eating we will be playing dominoes.
Ages 50 and beyond.

Chat 'n Chew

Meets Monday, January 13th,
at 8:30am
at Tommy's Restaurant

InBetweeners

January 18th at 5:00pm
Soup/snack night
Lynda Lanus' home -
652 Affirmed Lane, Fairfax
Ages college to 50

Sarah Circle:

January 16th - 6:00pm
meet at Perkins Restaurant
33rd Ave SW
Everyone bring a devotion.

Any woman in the church is
invited to attend.

Knit Wits

January 15th - 11:30am
meet at
Eastside Perkins Restaurant

Monthly Movie Night:
watch for details in upcoming bulletins

Mini-Youth

for grades 3-6
Next Meetings:
January 5th - after worship
bring 2 cans of vegetables
and
January 26th - after worship
bring 50 pennies

Youth Group

grades 7-12
Next Meeting:
watch the bulletin for
upcoming activities

To our friends at Sharon United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for your recent donation of non-perisable food items for our Food Pantry!
Many in need are being blessed by your giving and generosity!
May God bless you this Thanksgiving season!
Your friends at Mission of Hope

THANK YOU

Eastern Iowa Sharing Closet

This resource is available for any church to donate resources and for any church to take the resources.

Open by appointment only.

Contact: Pastor Barb Kruger @ 319-561-0388.

The EISC is located at the Mechanicsville UMC.

Tuesday, January 7th - 6:00-7:30pm

Please join us in the sanctuary for a 2014 Kick-Off Event:

Joyce Meyers's "Healthy Living - Spirit, Soul & Body"

As a believer, your body is God's house.

Learn Biblical truths to prepare yourself for a healthy, happy new year. Hope to see you there!



In our prayers:

Maddison Chyma - recent surgery

Rev. Jack Kendall - recent hospitalization

Larry Niemeyer - recent hospitalization

Nadine Speer - at Hiawatha Care Center rehab

Peg & Lyle Watts on the death of Lyle's brother

**Sharon United Methodist Church
2014 Officers**

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson of Church Council	Mark Achey
Lay Leader/Vice-Chairperson of Church Council	Dale Usher
Recording Secretary	Lynda Lanus
Church Treasurer	Dustin Boxa
Financial Secretary	Sue Usher
Chairperson of SPRC	Gloria Jahnel
Chairperson Board of Trustees	Gib Boxa
Chairperson of Worship	Lynda Lanus
Chairperson of Education /Youth	Jamie Achey
Chairperson of Outreach	Linda Odeen
Endowment Fund/Finance Committee Chair	Marv Evenson
Representative of Young Adults	Amanda Frank
Chairperson of Ministries	
At Large Members: (2014) John Powers; (2015) Steve Tomash; (2016) Duane Usher	

MINISTRIES

Adult Ministries:

Friends in Christ (F.I.C.) – Marcy Usher
Chat 'n Chew – Doris Flynn
Knit Wits – Doris Leonard
Sunday School -

Young Adult Ministries: (InBetweeners) – Amanda Frank

Youth Ministries – Mark Achey
Mini-Youth Ministries – Marcy Usher
Children's Ministries – Jamie Achey
Nursery – Jenny Gibson

Small Group Ministries:

Women's Monday morning Bible Study – Phyllis Daugherty
Wednesday night Bible Study – Doris Leonard
Thursday night Bible Study – Duane Usher
Sarah Circle – Joan Foster

Religious Arts Ministry (RAM):

Chancel Choir – John Wagner
Tone Chimes – Karen Wagner
Puppet Troupe – Marcy Usher
Drama – John Wagner

Building and Grounds – Steve Tomash
Church Historian – Sandy Tomash
Membership Secretary – Kathleen Weiss

COMMITTEES

Board of Trustees

(2014) Steve Tomash, Gib Boxa
(2015) Nancy Ellison, Rick Flynn
(2016) Don Speer, Kathleen Weiss

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

(2014) Marilyn Clements, Cynthia Chyma
(2015) Dale Usher, Doris Leonard, Steve Tomash
(2016) Marcia Evenson, Gloria Jahnel

Nominations and Personnel

(2014) Amanda Frank, Cynthia Chyma
(2015) Sue Usher, Keith Berk
(2016) Steve Flockhart, Tamara Boxa

Education and Spiritual Growth

(2014) Cynthia Chyma, Tami Flockhart
(2015) Amanda Frank, Jamie Achey
(2016) Marcy Usher, Stacey Evenson

Evangelism and Outreach

(2014) Sue Usher, Duane Usher
(2015) Linda Odeen, Kathy Patterson
(2016) Mary Boxa, Toni Overton

Worship Committee

(2014) Linda Odeen, Karen Wagner
(2015) Tami Flockhart, Jan Kuda
(2016) Lynda Lanus, Kathleen Weiss

Finance Committee

Chairperson of SPRC	Chairperson of Church Council
Chairperson of Trustees	Church Treasurer
Financial Secretary	Lay Leader
Chairperson of Endowment	

Audit Committee

Dave Hornocker Kathleen Weiss

Endowment Committee

Don Speer Marv Evenson Lyle Watts Dustin Boxa

MISSION/OUTREACH PROJECTS



Recent projects:

- ***The Mitten Tree:** we collected 115 pairs of mittens/gloves; 58 hats; 8 sets of mittens with hats; 2 sets of hats/mittens/scarves; 5 pairs of inside socks; 5 lap robes; 1 pair of boots; 4 scarves; 1 coat; 1 scarf/glove set; and 2 pair of snow pants. These were taken to the Interfaith Hospitality Network and Family Promise organization.
- * **Heifer Project:** thanks to the Chancel Choir for spear heading this project. We raised \$250 and were able to buy a water buffalo!!!
- * **Neighborhood Caroling**
- * **Care Center Caroling**
- * **Sarah Circle** provided gifts for two seniors in the community



A HUGE thank you to all of you who supported this year's Pie Bake! With your help, we were able to raise \$800 to help send kids to camp this summer. Thank you for your continuous support.

Ongoing projects:

Sharon Food Pantry for members and constituents:
The church has some shelves stocked with food items. If you are struggling financially and would like some items, please see Pastor Mee, Linda Odeen, Toni Overton, Mary Boxa or Sue Usher.



A New Ministry Opportunity:
Do you know how to knit or crochet?
Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet?
Join us **Thursday, January 9th at 6:30pm**
for the start of a prayer shawl ministry.
You will need to bring: 1 pair of 10 or 11 size knitting needles
3 skeins of yarn
6 blunt end needles
questions?: see/ask Mary Boxa

You



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January 2014

Impacting lives through
faith, action, and the
power of positive prayer.

Names in *Italics* are birthdays. Contact us if we missed yours.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Church office closed Happy New Year!!	2 Church office closed 3-6pm: Green Square Meals <i>Debbie Bray</i>	3	4
5 9am: Sunday School 10am: Worship Service 11am: Mini-Youth 6:30pm: Scouts Patrol Leaders	6 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Boy Scouts 6:30pm: Boy Schouts	7 6:00pm: Healthy Living Group	8 5:30pm: Bible Study 6:30pm: Chancel Choir	9 6:30pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry	10	11 <i>Marcia Evenson</i> <i>Lexi Knutsen</i>
12 Finance Report 9am: Sunday School 10am: Worship Service 11am: FIC - soup/dominos	13 8:30am Chat 'n Chew @ Tommy's 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Boy Scouts	14 10:00am: Outreach Mtg 6:00pm: SPRC Mtg	15 11:30am: Knit Wits @ Eastside Perkins 5:30pm: Bible Study 6:30pm: Chancel Choir	16 6:30pm: Sarah Circle @ Westside Perkins <i>Zach Wagner</i>	17	18 5pm: Inbetweeners- @ Lynda Lanus'
19 Pledge Sunday 9am: Sunday School 10am Worship Service 6pm: Church Council Meeting 6:30pm: Scout Committee Mtg	20 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Boy Scouts	21 <i>Delbert Bray</i>	22 5:30pm: Bible Study 6:30pm: Chancel Choir 7:30pm: Worship Mtg <i>Richard Whittlesey</i>	23 6:30pm: Finance Mtg <i>Zoie Pasker</i>	24	25
26 9am: Sunday School 10am: Worship Service 11am: Mini-Youth	27 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Boy Scouts	28	29 5:30pm: Bible Study 6:30pm: Chancel Choir	30 3-6pm: Green Square Meals <i>Kathy Patterson</i>	31 <i>Linda Odeen</i>	

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January Helpers						
Date	Greeters	Liturgist	Hymn Leader	Sound System	Laptop	Cleaning Crew
5	Joan Foster Dale Usher Marcy Usher John Wagner	Marcy Usher	Zach Wagner	Steve Flockhart	David Hornocker	Odeen
12	Dustin Boxa Tamara Boxa Phyllis Daugherty Cecil Ellison	John Wagner	Kathleen Weiss	Dale Usher	Doris Leonard	Flockhart
19	Mary Boxa Bill Jahnel Betty Matheny Nancy Nelson	David Hornocker	John Wagner	Duane Usher	Jan McMann	Dustin Boxa
26	Joyce Lins Paul Newman Linda Odeen Kathleen Weiss	Tami Flockhart	Tim Ruppert	Bill Jahnel	Mary Reeve	Dale Usher