

Sunset Hills Easter Egg Hunt

Immediately following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20.

If you'd like to donate filled, plastic eggs, please have them turned in to the church kitchen by Sunday, April 13.

Thank you!



Sunset Hills Baptist
9416 Pacific Street
Omaha, NE 68114

Contact us at:
402-391-0820
www.sunsethillschurch.org
sunset@sunsethillschurch.org

Sunset Hills Church April 2025 Newsletter

By and large, what human beings want is resurrection without death, answers without doubt, light without darkness, the conclusion without the process.

-- Richard Rohr

Any week that engages me in more than two bereavements as a pastor, or a friend, or both, seems kind of weighty.

Today, finishing the week leading up to this article, I was hanging up from the message about the death of a fifth friend when I got the Facebook notice about a sixth. I had to walk away from my desk and just think and pray for a few minutes.

Of course, that turned into a few hours. Know what God helped me figure out? *Boy howdy, do I need the Resurrection!*

This pastor's article was going to dive deep into the meaning of the Resurrection to a culture that sometimes seems in a race to embrace death regardless of the consequences. It is turning into an article to tell you a bit about two of my six friends who passed this week. They chose to run toward Jesus, and made my life richer in their race. They represent part of the reason I need the Resurrection.

Wilma was a veteran of Sunday school teaching. Annie and I were completely transfixed when we first saw her combine her gifts as a storyteller with her artistic acumen through flannel graphs. When video became the medium of choice for Bible stories told to children, Wilma held her own with the flannel graphs. She also made exceptional cinnamon rolls and coffee, and was a faithful prayer warrior for Annie and me for the past 35 years or so.

(Continued on Next Page)

(Continued from Page 1)

During his elementary school years, Bob was severely injured by a car while riding his bicycle. The accident stunted his growth on one side of his body. It also affected his speech. He worked hard to make himself understood. He was self-conscious about his appearance and often kept to himself. God bless the Future Farmers of America, who welcomed Bob into their number during high school. Bob was a consistently successful contestant at FFA judging contests and conventions. He wrote three books about his life and faith. He wasn't about to let his story go untold, and it didn't.

I need to carry Bob and Wilma in my heart while we wait for our reunion. I need to see them again. In the sure hope of the Resurrection, Jesus-followers have the unique privilege of being able to say, "See you later" instead of "Goodbye" to those we cherish in this life. This year, more than ever, I realize I need the Resurrection. Yes, for its power that destroyed death and proved Jesus as Savior and Lord of all, and for the relationships that the Resurrection produces and seals. I need to see Jesus face-to-face for starters. I need to be known as I am known.

Then I need to see Bob and Wilma among my remarkable family and friends (you included!) (Maybe some heavenly concierge might arrange for us to sit at the table where Wilma made the cinnamon rolls. Who knows?)

He is risen! We and those who passed before us in Christ have already passed from death to life.

He is risen indeed! May the power of the Resurrection be alive in us today.

--Steve Wamberg

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:19-20)

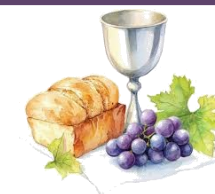
Upcoming Sermon Schedule

April 6	TRANSFORM: Spiritual Warfare into Authority	<i>Ephesians 6:10-20</i>
April 13	Palm Sunday: Line in the Sand	<i>Matthew 21</i>
April 20	Easter Sunday: Because Our Hearts Are Burning	<i>Luke 24</i>
April 27	Rev. Jason Workman	

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily this year cost is \$12 per plant. All orders are due by Sunday, April 13.



Maundy Thursday Service
6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 17, 2025



Congregational Business Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, April 13

Following the Worship Service

Pastor/Staff Relations News

We want to welcome Dan Allman to the Staff Relations Committee. He joins Linda Wheatley, Denise Vanosdall, Ron Reed and myself. Feel free to share your thoughts about our church family.

Blessings,

Gary Peterson

Sunday, April 6



11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Please mention Sunset Hills when ordering.

Missions and Outreach Ministry – Terry Anderson

April's focus will be on our Easter related services: Palm Sunday on April 13, Maundy Thursday on April 17 and Easter Sunday on April 20. These are prime opportunities to invite others to join us, including any youngsters for the Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter service. Think about a phone call, email, text message or go old-school with a note in the mail. An invitation doesn't mean someone will attend, but no invitation almost guarantees they won't.

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.


Date	Attendance	Giving
March 2	63	\$6,267.00
March 9	61	\$5,854.07
March 16	66	\$3,665.00
March 23	49	\$4,116.07
March 30	TBD	TBD

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 18 and Easter Monday, April 21. Regular office hours will start again on Tuesday, April 22.


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.

Convenient times include Saturday mornings or Sunday morning after the worship service.

8	Brenda Baker	
8	Riley Ann Rhedin	
8	Kaylee Rich	
11	Amber Dale	
14	Keith Baker	
17	Julia Barrientos	
20	Linda Hedrick	
28	Telly Woods	
29	Jessica Mikkelsen	

Bible Study

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




Monthly Prayer Meeting
Monday, April 7
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests and Concerns

Health Concerns

Larry via Dot N.	Roger via Wamberg	Rita Vetter	Brenda/Keith Baker
Jan Ramy via Carol V.	Shirley via Jill G.	Cheryl Arnold	Ron/Mary Reed
Noah Hamlin	Millie via Jill G.	Jackie via Cheryl A.	Ruth Steele
Larry via Joan P.	Dan Allman	Gary Peterson	Linda via Cindy C.
Jenny via Annie W.	Steve via Jim H.	Carol via Rita V.	Dave via Rita V.
Shirley via Rita V.	Jill via Dot N.	Steve Combs	Unspoken Needs
Jessica via Amber D.	Janice via Kya D.	Ed via Kya D.	Marlene via Kya D.
Dr. Lodhia via Nalini A.			

4	Steve & Cindy Combs	44 years
6	Jim & Linda Hedrick	51 years
21	Rev. Jason & Diane Workman	13 years



Women Mentoring Women
Monday, April 14 and 28
6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Other Concerns

Continue to pray for those in mourning (including Arnold/Brisby families, Ray family, Wamberg/David families, Gilmer families.)

Continue to pray for those with ongoing mental and physical health problems.

Pray for safe travels for those who are traveling now and for those who travel for a living.

Continue to pray for the safety of those who are living alone and for those who are lonely.

Pray for our church family and our Pastor and church leaders and groups.

Pray for those seeking employment opportunities/advancements.

On-going prayers of well-being for shut-ins and military personnel.

Pray for our country. Leave judgement to God and work on the planks in our own eyes..

Confidential prayer requests may be left in the prayer box on the wall in the narthex.
 Reminder: There is a box for praises and ideas next to the confidential box.

The next Family Gathering is on
Friday, April 4 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.
A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Wednesday, April 9 and 23
 9:30 a.m.

RetroActive

“Youth Group for Adults”

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.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
March 17, 2025

Attendees: Rev. Steve Wamberg; Moderator, Diane Workman; Growing, Rev. Jason Workman; Caring, Gary Peterson; Others Present, Doug Larsen

Devotion/Prayer – Rev. Wamberg (Simplicity, Purpose, and Strategy)

Operations – Rev. Jason reported for Ron Reed

- Finances: Rev. Jason Workman - interim
 - ◊ The new accounting software, Aplos, is much easier to work with and print reports from.
 - ◊ Carol McCormick has agreed to be the bookkeeper.
 - ◊ Rev. Jason explained the new finance report, budgeted line-item numbering and reported on the four active CDs. The first and second will mature in April, the third in May and the fourth in June. We will gain \$1,938 in interest on the CDs.
 - ◊ Checking balance: \$119,549; Morgan Stanley balance: \$141,129 (up \$809); Expenses \$31,199; Income: \$34,891.
- Stewardship: Rev. Jason reported for Ron Reed
 - ◊ The street work at the end of the drive has been repaired and new concrete laid.
 - ◊ New sidewalk completed.
 - ◊ Plans to open Pacific Street totally on Wednesday, March 19.
 - ◊ Main pipe outside of the building has been repaired/replaced. A new access port has been put in and is located outside of the church for potential future plumbing issues.
 - ◊ Elevator needs some repair work and parts have been ordered. Work should be completed before March 31.
 - ◊ Spring cleanup day is Saturday, April 26.
- Safety and Security: Rev. Jason Workman
 - ◊ Child Abuse and Neglect training was completed. Makeup training will be available for those that could not attend.

Caring – Gary Peterson

- Shepherding: Amber Dale
 - ◊ Memorial plaque discussions. Amber will price the new plaque and if cost is more than \$150, she will report back to the team.
- Pastor/Staff Relations Ministry: Gary Peterson
 - ◊ Dan Allman was added to the ministry team.
- Prayer Ministry: Dot North – No updates.

Growing – Rev. Jason Workman

- Discipleship Ministry: Vacant
 - ◊ Have asked a couple of people to pray about teaching the Children's Sunday School Class on the first Sunday of the month.
- Mission/Outreach Ministry: Terry Anderson
 - ◊ Diaper drive for the Open Door Mission will end on March 28.
- Worship Ministry: Rev. Jason Workman
 - ◊ Easter plans are being finalized.

- ◊ Maundy Thursday service is at 6:30 p.m. led by Pastor Steve and Annie.
- ◊ Plam Sunday – palms have been ordered.
- ◊ Worship Team meeting is planned for Sunday, April 23.

Topics for Tonight:

- Next Leadership Steps – led by Rev. Steve and Rev. Jason
 - ◊ Discussed structure of leadership. Plan to have entire team meet in June to evaluate new structure.
 - ◊ Continue to help leaders understand this structure and their roles.
 - ◊ Leaders need to continue to meet with their teams.
 - ◊ Board members need to ensure they are meeting/connecting with their ministry leaders.
 - ◊ Ministry leaders need to turn monthly reports into Moderator, Diane Workman for the monthly board meeting.
 - ◊ Copy of monthly tasks will be posted in each leader's mailbox.
- Discussion to change Mission and Vision Statements
 - ◊ Motion made by Gary Peterson and seconded by Rev. Jason to change our Mission and Vision Statement to "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it; 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*" **Matthew 22:36-40**
 - ◊ Diane Workman will review the church constitution and bylaws before changing this.
 - ◊ Rev. Steve discussed his vision of a discipleship frame of mind for the entire congregation and how we can facilitate that in our everyday lives and with each other. Moving our congregation to focus on discipleship.
- Responses gathered from March 16 service and reviewed by Rev. Steve and Rev. Jason. Common threads are:
 - ◊ How to get everyone involved. Discipleship Marketplace, based on our size and time we need to look at small group activities. Living life together as Jesus and leaders did.
 - ◊ Fishers of Men. Use skills that members indicated to develop ministries we can all be a part of, for example: cooking, game night, woodworking. Doesn't need to be a Bible study or even have an organized structure. Maybe a cooking day where those attending can learn new skills. Interact with the youth as mentors. People enjoying similar interests and learning from one another. A variety of approaches to select from as in a marketplace.
- Biennial
 - ◊ Gary Peterson motioned, and Rev. Jason seconded to approve paying for Pastor Steve and Annie to attend, if not already covered by another means. Pastor Steve will update the Finance Ministry.
- April Business Meeting and Potluck
 - ◊ To be held on April 13. Will discuss with the congregation the trial leadership structure.
 - ◊ Financial Report will be discussed in the congregational meeting.
- Future Dates of focus
 - ◊ April 23 – Administrative Professional Day
 - ◊ May 11 – Mother's Day

Closing Prayer: Rev. Jason Workman