



Slater-Sheldahl UMC January-March 1Q 2020 Newsletter

Looking back, looking ahead



The Slater Christmas carolers who strolled Dec. 18 are shown, back row, from left: Amber, Logan, Kate, Padma, and Emily. From row, from left: Marlayna, Ayla, Brittany, Jameson, and Rachel. Not pictured: Ethan, Morgan, Marianna, and Judy.

by **Amber Shill**

Youth group and church school children had a great time Christmas caroling on Wednesday, Dec. 18! We had a group of 14 joyous singers spreading cheer and delivering homemade jam!

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Sheldahl trustees needed

by **Sheldahl Nominating Committee**

Sheldahl UMC still seeks two trustees for its 2020 officers. Each is a one-year term expiring at the end of 2020. One is needed for the **church trustees**, who look after the upkeep and

needed repairs for the church. And another is needed for the **parsonage trustees**—three members from Sheldahl UMC and three from Slater UMC work together to look after the maintenance of the parsonage.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact **Connie Peterson**, cjpete@iowatelecom.net, or **Janice Halverson**, rehalver@huxcomm.net.

Mike Nelson honored at Rose Bowl

Mike Nelson, late son of Dan and Lynda Nelson, is among the 2020 Floragraph Honorees on the **Donate Life Float** in the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade showcased on New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif. The float's theme is "Light in the Darkness."



This biography of Mike is included at the donatelifefloat.org website:

Mike Nelson was a kind and loving man who always put others first. In Mike's short, but mighty 47 years, he lived life to the fullest and loved his family with his whole heart. He worked for Iowa Donor Network and knew the importance of his job, and what it meant to so many families.

It was his passion to bring comfort to people facing the unknown surrounding a tragedy. Mike did everything he could to bring awareness to organ, eye and tissue donation. When Mike passed away, his family knew that he wanted to be a donor. Mike donated tissues and corneas to enhance the lives of others. His recipients range in age from a baby under the age of one, to a 74-year-old.

Wednesday meals, youth group at Slater resume Jan. 8

by **Amber Shill**

Did you know that we have a weekly **Faith, Fellowship, Food, and Fun meal** at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings? Everyone is welcome to join us! The meal precedes the 6 p.m. educational programs of children's church school, youth group, and adult Bible study. Even if you can't stay for any of that, we still would love to see you for dinner at 5:30!

Recent meals have included pizza, salad, and ice cream; grilled cheese sandwiches, homemade chicken noodle soup, and brownies; mini pizzas, fruit, and brownies; pancakes, sausage, and strawberries; and other yummy things!

A free will offering is accepted to help provide the food.

This Wednesday evening meal and programming took a break for the holidays but resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Mission Ingathering at Sheldahl

Sheldahl UMC would like to thank everyone who donated items for the 100 school kits. The church received a note from Rev. Alaire Willits thanking us for making a difference in the lives of children.

Sheldahl's Comet Cupboard

On Nov. 11, church members collected food and groceries from homes in Sheldahl. These items will be used to help keep the **Comet Cupboard** filled. The cupboard is located by City Hall, and anyone is welcome to take items as needed or to add items. Gloves, socks, and stocking caps have also been placed there.

Please share information about the Comet Cupboard with others. It is there for anyone, not just those living in Sheldahl.

Blessing Box in Slater

by **Amber Shill**

Did you know that the Helping Hands group put up a **Blessing Box** this fall? What's a Blessing Box, you ask? Well, it's a free little pantry! Similar to those Free Little Libraries that are in people's yards and at churches, a free little pantry is available for anyone to access 24 hours a day—for free! Anyone can place donations in the box to bless others, and anyone can receive blessings from the box any time of day.

Donations can also be dropped off in the entryway at Slater UMC. The Slater Blessing Box is located on North Street and Teak in the Hammond Estates mobile-home park. Look for it in a space between two storage garages. Take what you need, and give what you can!



Help chaperone Winter Jam 2020?

by **Amber Shill**

The Slater UMC youth group is planning to attend an energetic Christian music concert **Jan. 23 at Wells Fargo Arena** in Des Moines. We would love to have additional adults to chaperone this trip, so if anyone would like to attend **Winter Jam 2020** with us, please contact Amber Shill, youth group leader, at 515-729-2450.

Admission costs \$15 at the door. More information about the music acts is available at jamtour.com.



Sheldahl Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, Nov. 24, Sheldahl UMC enjoyed a potluck and decorating the church for the Advent Season. It was a fun afternoon and things went quickly as fall decorations were stored and the nativity, advent wreath, and other decorations were put in place. The addition of 12 bright red poinsettias during the **Hanging of the Greens** service on Dec. 1 added so much. Thank you to everyone who helped.

A beautiful day in Jesus' neighborhood

Congrats to playwright/director **Julie Astarita** and her entire team for the wonderful Mister Rogers-themed youth Christmas play staged during Sunday worship Dec. 8 at Slater.



Gifts of third-grade Bibles

by [Amber Shill](#)

On Nov. 3, Ayla Shill, Jameson Meimann, and Hannah Swisher all received their official third-grade Bibles during worship at Slater.



Thanks for Sheldahl giving

by [Sheldahl Finance Committee](#)

Writing this Dec. 19: With two Sundays left in the year, we should have enough income to pay all of the regular bills for 2019. It appears we will end the year still owing approximately **\$3,500** on conference apportionments.

Meeting these obligations is only possible with the prayers and donations of our church family. We appreciate each of you and know you will continue your support as we start a new year. God has truly blessed us as individuals and as a church family.

Thank you for every penny.

Nuts and rag rugs for sale

by **Sheldahl United Methodist Women**

Sheldahl UMW has nuts for sale: butter toffee peanuts, cashews, pecan halves, mixed nuts, chocolate caramel patties, chocolate covered peanuts, chocolate covered mixed nuts, chocolate covered pecans, and chocolate covered almonds.

There also is a large inventory of rag rugs, from 30 to 60 inches, in denim and other fabrics.

Sheldahl seeks worship helpers

Lists for 2020 Sheldahl ushers, liturgists, altar flowers, and prayer notes are being filled in for services from January through April. The lists are posted on the bulletin board, with several spots yet to be filled. Please take time to stop by the church and add your name if you would like to be a part of worship.

Youth group and church school fun in December

by **Amber Shill**

On Dec. 11, the youth group and church school kids enjoyed time together listening to Christmas music, making crafts, and playing games in the fellowship room.





Thanks for all your newsletter items

Reach out to me at kyleleemunson@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!

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january

2020

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				No Sheldahl UMW work day in January.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Children's church resumes at Slater.			
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

february

2020

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Sheldahl UMW 1:30 p.m., hostess & program TBD.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Joint Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Slater.			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m., Sheldahl			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

march

2020

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Sheldahl UMW at Alleman United Church of Christ for World Day of Prayer.	7
8	9	10	11	12 Sheldahl UMW: 1:30 p.m. Program JoAnn Barnes, hostess Doris Benson.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Joint Council meeting, 7 p.m., Slater.	26	27	28
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