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Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship

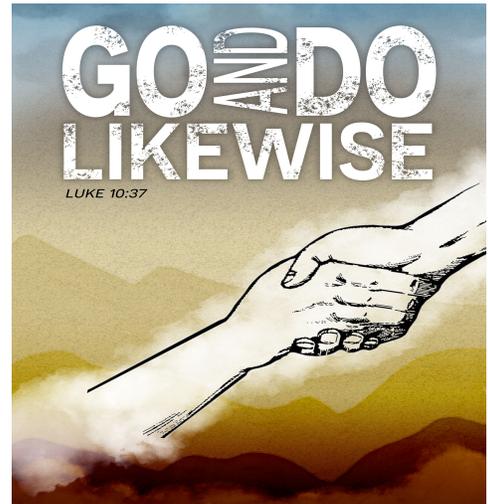
Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary, parking lot, or in your own home.

After the Service, we will begin a scaled down Fellowship after the service serving only coffee to begin.

We will continue live streaming our Sunday morning Worship Service on shepherdofthebay.org/services beginning at 9:25am. We will post a recorded version of the live streamed service on our website for viewing later.

As a third option, you can continue to listen on your radio in your car from the parking lot. Communion will be available.

Find out about all of the New Old programs that are coming back this summer!



VBS is Back!!!

Community Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 from 9:00am to Noon. To sign your kids up or to find out how you can help, see article on page 8.

Social 6 is Back !!!

Want to reconnect with people at Shepherd of the Bay? Social 6 is a great way to do it. Find out how on Page 5.

Upcoming Summer Events

Fri. 6/10	5:00-7:00pm	Visitation for Marjorie June Aurelius @ SOTB
Sat. 6/11	11:00am	Memorial Service for Marjorie June Aurelius @SOTB
Sat. 7/2	11:00am	Memorial Service for Ron Stromen @SOTB Reception following in the fellowship hall.
	3:00-9:00pm	50th Anniversary Open House for Jim & Ronnie Robinson at 11345 Wildwood Court, Sister Bay. Everyone is Invited!

What does it mean to be successful?

In his book, *The Art of Possibility*, Benjamin Zander tells of growing up in a traditional Jewish household which carried with it an assumption that all the children would be “successful.” Each even at the dinner table, the parents asked each child in turn, “What did you do today?” Over the course of time, he came to understand that his parents were not really interested in what he had done; rather, they were interested in what he had achieved.

Achievement has become part of the DNA of our culture. This drive for achievement has allowed us to accomplish extraordinary things, like putting a man on the moon, eradicating small pox, and putting a personal computers in the homes of millions of our citizens.

But we seem to be paying a price. We work hard, often at the expense of relationships. We spend much of our leisure in the company of electronic devices rather than people. We always seem to measure ourselves by the question *Have I done enough?* And we wonder whether we are loved ultimately for what we have done or for who we are.

It's the good news of our faith that God loves us. Period. We don't have to prove our lovability. In our baptism, God has decreed that God loves us. We don't have to prove it; indeed, we can't earn it. That fact that we are lovable flows from God's heart to ours, not from our achievements to God.

All of that can give us a very different perspective on how we live. Instead of measuring ourselves by standards of success, we can simply decide that for God's sake, we will be a contribution. When I decide to be a contribution, no one else's standards can be the measure of my success. We don't have to engage in games of competition for whose life matters more or whose achievements are greater. Someone else's contributions don't detract from my contributions. In fact, we are free to celebrate each other's contributions. In determining to be a contribution, we can wake up each day and take joy in the notion that somehow today, I will be a gift to someone else.

Seems to me that reframing our congregational ministry in this way is also productive. We can determine that we as a congregation are going to be a contribution to our community and our world. When that's our goal, we get to rid ourselves of the guilt-inducing and shame-producing shoulds and oughts and what-ifs. We will be a contribution to the lives of our members, and to our community. We will be a contribution to our neighbors and to brothers and sisters around the world. We will be a contribution to babies and children and teenagers and young adults and middle-agers and seniors and everyone in between. We will be a contribution to people we have known a long time and people we have just met. We will a contribution to people who look like us and people who don't.

May God bless us in our life and work together.

Pr. Jim Honig



Parables have always told great truths in simple illustrations. We read in the Gospels how Jesus taught important lessons through allegory, drawing attention to the ordinary aspects of everyday life to impart great lessons to His followers. We don't need to be scholarly or sophisticated to understand these important concepts. We just need to listen to and follow Jesus.

One parable that Jesus told was of the sower and the seed.

And he told them many things in parables, saying:

**"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,
some seeds fell on the path,
and the birds came and ate them up.**

**Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil,
and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.**

**But when the sun rose, they were scorched;
and since they had no root, they withered away.**

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

**Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,
Some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.**

Let everyone with ears listen!"

Matthew 13: 3-9

NRSV

Poets and musicians have often taken inspiration from Jesus' words and have composed some beautiful hymns for us to reflect on and sing. One hymn comes to my mind today, serving as my heartfelt prayer for myself, our community and our church family. Perhaps it might be your prayer as well.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Handt Hanson, b. 1950

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart,

Lord let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

As we continue to gather in the name of Jesus in prayer, liturgy, preaching and in song on Sunday mornings, let us remember to mindfully live our lives every day of the week, inspired by Jesus' teachings to love our neighbor, do justice and to walk humbly with our God. Let the depth of our faith be the good soil to nurture love in the world and be faithful followers of the one who is the beacon of love: JESUS.

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Blessings to you all,

Judith Jackson, Choir Director and Principal Pianist

News about SOTB's 2022 Summer Concert Series

We are happy to announce that after a two year hiatus, Shepherd of the Bay will be offering three concert opportunities for the coming 2022 summer/fall season. Our first concert will be presented in June by the Peninsula Symphonic Band under the direction of Mr. Jason Palmer. The band is made up of local musicians from across the Door County peninsula, many of whom you may recognize including our own Pastor Jim Honig. There will also be two opportunities to experience the beautiful sounds of our Op.79 Dobson tracker organ. In July, we are delighted to present

Dr. Sheri Masiakowski, Director of Music and Organist at Greenfield Presbyterian Church in West Allis, Wisconsin and former Dean of the Milwaukee chapter of the American Guild of Organists. For our final concert in October, Greg Beem, Principal Organist here at Shepherd of the Bay, will present an evening of organ music along with an inside look at the Dobson organ.

We are pleased that we can offer these opportunities to our community and realize that these performances are not complete without your presence and support, so make sure to mark your calendars for the following dates.

Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 pm	Peninsula Symphonic Band
Saturday, July 23 at 7:00 pm	Dr. Sheri Masiakowski, organ
Saturday, October 1 at 7:00 pm	Mr. Greg Beem, organ

Volunteers Needed For Bridges 2022

Thankfully, Door County is expecting over 400 International students to come and work in in local businesses again this summer. (SOTB Has been part of the bridges program for many years) The bridges program helps students to be exposed to the people and way of life in the US. They do that by offering:

- * Meaningful cultural experiences
- * Assistance in Improving English
- * Connection with American families
- * Help students resolve problems
- * 5 free events, including transportation a meal
- * Build a network of friends

SOTB will join forces with Immanuel Lutheran Church of Baileys Harbor to plan a sporting event on July 19th 2022 for International students.

- *NEED HELP to plan/ host/ set up/ referee/ games
- *NEED HELP to serve a meal
- *NEED HELP to bake deserts for the meal

Please consider being an AMERICAN CONNECTION FAMILY/PERSON to enrich the life of a student or students while they are here by:

- * Inviting them to experience American culture
- * Sharing a meal
- * Exploring the beauty of Door County
- * Being a friend

Questions??? Willing to help???

Call or email Gail McCallum-Prine at gmccallumprine@gmail.com. (608) 213-4946. or Barb Meyer bmeyer1010@gmail.com. (920) 388-9010

Building and Grounds Committee

Exterior Lighting - A second sample flood light has been installed on the front of the building near the main entrance. It will be evaluated over the next couple weeks. The sample light that was installed on the Steeple casts an annoying glare when you walk past, side reflection shields that have been ordered for evaluation.

Refrigerator outlets - Thank you Gerry Swanson for installing new outlets for Klaud's Pantry refrigerator and the refrigerator in the kitchen pantry closet. Both had been running off extension cords for a long time.

Garden Club

Mowing and gardening season has finally arrived, so if you are looking for some outdoor fellowship opportunities on Thursday mornings at 8:30 please stop by. If gardening is more your thing, then have we got an opportunity for you! We also have been know to stop for a coffee break occasionally. You don't have to commit every week. If you'd like to help but aren't available Thursday morning, that's ok. Talk to Scott Thies and stop by when you are free.

Thank you Tim West for painting a Garden Club crest to adorn the Garden Club shed. Thank you Scott Eckdahl, Glen Rossman, and Scott Thies for helping with the Spring cleanup. We got the field along highway and ditch where brush was cleared last Fall mowed to keep it from coming back. A gently used air compressor was recently donated to the Garden Club which will make adding air to the tractor tires much more convenient.



WHAT IS "SOCIAL 6"

Are you a recent arrival at Shepherd of the Bay or have you been a member for years or all of your life? Social 6 gives you a chance to get to know others in the congregation in a relaxed social setting.

In the a 3 month time period - June, July, & August - groups of 6 (couples or singles) will be formed and will get together once a month for a meal or any other activity that the groups wants to plan.

Everyone at Shepherd of the Bay is interesting and this is an opportunity to get to know some of them better!

Sign Up by filling out a form at church - found on the WELCA Bulletin Board in the hallway or in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays start on June 5th or by calling Cheri Boock at 920-421-1210



These are from our Little Lambs last day celebration at the Open Door Bird Sanctuary, hike and picnic and visit with the birdys!



Also photos of our last WW hike and picnic at Ellison Bluff Cty. Park. Thank you Jane Burress for guiding our "sensory" hike!



Thanks to everyone who helped hand out water at the Door County Half Marathon on May 7th. We raised \$500 for the Guatemala Mission.



Confirmation Class of 2022
Kuper Tesnow, David Olson, Kia Nordahl, & Aria Nordahl were confirmed on May 1, 2022.



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors! Michael Pothast, Anthony Casanas, and Ian Casanas! Please join us for worship, followed by a cake and coffee reception to honor their accomplishment and their time spent in faith formation at Shepherd of the Bay! Sunday, June 12th! A card basket will be left in the church Narthex, beginning Sunday, June 5th, for anyone who would like to wish them well!



Michael Anthony Pothast

Favorite memory at SOTB: Confirmation with all my brothers attending.

Future Plans: U of W Milw - marketing
Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who gives me strength.



Anthony Casanas

I appreciate everything that the Shepard of the Bay has done for me and will be forever grateful. My plans for my future are going to the workforce and continuing to find ways to incorporate myself in the ELCA. One memory I think back to was when I went to Louisville, Ky. I was able to do volunteer services and meet new friends along the way.



Ian Casanas

FIRST THURSDAYS FAMILY MINISTRY NIGHTS!!

Beginning this summer, we will meet with our families on the **first Thursday of the month!** Let's get our families to gather around our amazing fire circle, bring a dish to pass! Included; campfire meats (brats, dogs, sloppy joe etc), all table utensils, beverages, and the fixens for s'mores!! **June 2, July 7, August 4, and September 1st at 7:00 p.m.** campfire supper and fellowship! Bring your friends from the community!!

Super Summer Sunday School (Say that five times fast!!)

This summer we will be together on the following dates for Super Summer Sunday School following the Children's message at 9:30 a.m. worship!

Sunday, June 5th, July 10th, and August 7th! Other Sundays, look for a kid friendly worship kit that follows the gospel message for that Sunday!

Confirmation

Please pray for our Confirmation students who will be attending Confirmation camp at Imago Dei, June 12th-17th! For God's love to infiltrate their hearts even more, and for friendships, safety, and fun!!

Bobby Opper, Xavier Gaddes, David Olson,
and Kuper Tesnow

Summer Wonderful Wednesdays Creation Station!!

For children ages Four through Grade Six, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This summer, we'll experience God's love through play, art, water works, music, games, snacks, movies, guest presenters, service, and a field trip! For safety, our volunteers will have a background check and training. To register, please contact Lynda at sotb.lynda@gmail.com with the requested attendance dates, names of your children, and ages.

July 6th The Heavens and the Earth

July 13th Birdys and Fishys

July 20th The Farm Animals, and a special field trip!

August 3rd The Jungle Animals

August 10th God made me special to take care of HIS creation!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!!

Come help and hang with our amazing kids for an hour or two, a half day, or a full day!

Please call or text Lynda at 720-227-4079, or email sotb.lynda@gmail.com OR sign up at the Fellowship Hall Wonderful Wednesday Display! Volunteers are needed for Sign In/Out time at the beginning or end of the day, for Bible story telling through books, drama, or puppets, music, arts and crafts, creating, serving, and cleaning up snacks, teaching/leading or assisting with a group game, assisting smaller children at water works time, etc. We need extra eyes, and extra love to make this the most fun and safest wonderful Wednesday possible, this year! Wednesdays, July 6, 13, and 20 and August 3rd and 10th.

HEY THRIVENT MEMBERS!!

Did you know that you can help fund children, youth, and family ministry programs here at Shepherd of the Bay? It's simple to go online and apply for a Thrivent Card. Lynda can work with you to run through the short application. We just let them know how we plan to serve our community through Thrivent funding, and they give us a money card in the amount of \$250.00! If we form a "Thrivent Card Action Team" we could raise quite a bit just by requesting as individuals toward the ministry! Contact Lynda!



Vacation Bible School

We will be having Vacation Bible School this summer. But we need your children, your grandchildren, your friends and their children and grandchildren! Please invite them all!

Kids (Ages 4 through finishing 6th grade) enjoy games, crafts, worship with great music and songs, and skits, all centered around this year's theme - **Paul and 1st Corinthians (Faith, Hope, & Love)!**

Please preregister by calling the church office or by filling out the Registration form online by scanning the QR code below. VBS is held at First Baptist Church in Sister Bay, 9am -noon, Monday June 13 through Friday, June 17.

This is a big project which is made much easier by the willing support of many volunteers. There are so many ways that everyone in the congregation can help. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help. We still need helpers for :

Kitchen help - Help put together the snack for the day.

Craft Helpers - Work at a craft station. Crafts include working with clay, wood, mosaic and tie dye. No previous craft experience required. All instructions and supplies are supplied to you.

Setup and Take Down - We need help for a couple of hours before on Sunday 6/12 and after VBS on Friday 6/17 at noon.

Call the Church office or talk to Kristi Appel if you can help. Thanks! We couldn't do it without you!



Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting

March 21, 2022 7:00 PM

Call to Order – Dick Burress, President

Opening Devotion- George Cobb – the Power of Prayer

Approval of previous minutes of Feb 21, 2022. Motion made and carried . Approval of Agenda Motion made and carried
Council Development – video

Election of Council Officers – Welcome to Tara

Treasurers report – Ron Hupe

As Ron would like to retire, we are considering options to replace the Treasurers position. One option would be to have an outside CPA handle this.

Committee Reports

Pastors Report

1. Prayer Vigil 1 for Ukraine went very well. The offering was \$3512.00; \$1941 is going to ELCA Disaster Response and \$1571 to United Way Fund for Ukraine.

2. Lenten Services going well underway for Holy Week and Easter

3. Thoughts on Long Range Planning Process including and emergency preparedness policy.

B & G Tom Tuttle

Still waiting for Action Electrics revised quote on Floodlights. Chair received a quote from Bay Lake Electric.

Asked Eagle Mechanical to check on cold draft coming down from a grill.

New Business – Youth and Family Outdoor Area

Next meeting April 22

Lynda Pietruszka – Children, Youth and Family Ministry

All programs have switched over to mask optional

Workshop “Tough the Water, Taste the Bread”

High School Youth and Confirmation students hosted a Lenten meal

Six students will attend Confirmation Camp at Imago Dei on June 12-17. The High School Mission to South Dakota trip will be July 23 -30. In need of a male chaperone

Kendall Koehler gave Temple Talk on behalf of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. Well done, Kendall!

Cheryl Becht will work with the Wonderful Wednesday students on how to paint sunflowers for our framed art wall.

Lynda is currently working on updating our safety policies for the Ministry.

Motion to accept committee reports made and carried.

Old Business

Covid discussion

Trinity quilt discussion and decision. It was decided to gift the quilt to the Liberty Grove Historical Society.

Conclusion w/Lord’s Prayer

Adjourn

Next meeting April 18 (which ended up being postponed until May 23)

Respectfully submitted, Sue Daubner, Secretary

Klaud’s Food Pantry

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our SOTB members and friends. Our deepest thanks to everyone.

Klaud’s Pantry would appreciate the following items:

Fresh or frozen fruits and veggies

Cheese, Yogurt, Butter, Milk

Juice - bottles or frozen

TV dinners, pot pies, Frozen pizza

Coffee

Crackers

Mustard, Mayonnaise, Pickles

Cat and Dog Food

Laundry Detergent

Shampoo and Conditioner

Lessons for June

June 5 : Pentecost Sunday

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

Holy Gospel: John 14:8-17

Introduction to the readings: On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

June 12 : Holy Trinity

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

Holy Gospel : John 16:12-15

Introduction to the readings: "O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

June 19 : Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Introduction to the readings: This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

June 26 : Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Introduction to the readings: We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

2022 Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2022 is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Please sign up for the date you would like to sponsor the altar flowers.

It will be \$25 for one bouquet or \$50 for 2. Please indicate if the flowers are in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, etc or in memory of someone. You may take the flowers home after the service.

WELCA Prayer Chain

The WELCA Prayer Chain continues to serve all the members and friends of SOTB for prayer requests.

To send a Prayer Request:

1. Send an email to Cheri Boock at cheriboock@gmail.com

2. State the request with wording that you want for the request. Make sure you have received permission from the person in need of the request.

3. The request will be sent when received by Cheri.

4. The Prayer Chain members always are glad to receive a report of how the person is doing as they are sending out their prayers, so if you request a prayer for someone, please let us know how that person is doing.

If you want to be included as a recipient of the Prayer Chain, and pray for those in need, contact Cheri Boock at 920-854-5493 or cell 920-421-1210 or the above email.

WELCA Book Selections for Monthly Book Group

All meetings will begin at 9:30am, the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please contact Gretchen Farwell if you have any questions regarding the Book Group and its meetings.

June 16

O'Farrell, Maggie. **Hamnet**; a novel of the Plague. 2020. Novelized life of Shakespeare's early marriage and life of his young son, Hamnet.

July 21

Towles, Amor. **The Lincoln Highway**. 2021 – By the author of **A Gentleman in Moscow**. This story of four unfortunate youths in Nebraska who intend to head out for California but instead end up heading east along the Lincoln Highway to New York.

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June-July-August
Enjoy
Christian Fellowship

Sign-Up In
Fellowship Hall
by
June 19

The Parish Door monthly newsletter can be found in full color on our website, shepherdofthebay.org/newsletters. If you would like to be added to the monthly email list, contact the church office at 920-854-2988 or sotboffice@yahoo.com.

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FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



Donate your Old Cell Phones

Did you get a new cell phone for Christmas? We are collecting old cell phones for HELP of Door County. They recycle them and get credit towards new phones that can be given to domestic violence victims who need them. There is a basket in the narthex for the donated phones.

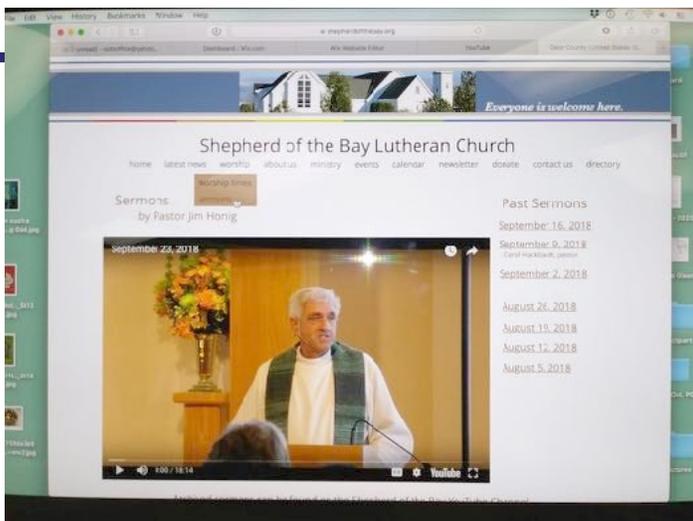


AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that Amazon has a donation program called Amazon Smile? Just make sure to go to smile.amazon.com each time you shop through Amazon and choose Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Ellison Bay, WI as your charity, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to us. Easy with no additional cost to you!

If you prefer using the Amazon App, update to the newest version and you can shop Amazon Smile through the app without having to go on the website.

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- See the **live stream** of the Sunday Service.
- Find the current issue of the **Parish Door Newsletter** and archive of the last 2 years.
- Read the **2020 Annual Report & watch a recording of the Annual Meeting**
- Send a **prayer request**.
- See the **Calendar**.
- Sign up and **manage your online giving**.
- Access the updated **Directory** of current members and friends of SOTB.

See lots of photos of what is happening!