

## CHILDREN OF GOD

These words may be sung to the tune of "In Christ there is no East or West," No. 306, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

*Come, children, celebrate and sing  
a song of liberty;  
Join hand and heart in sounds of praise  
to God who made us free.*

*In God the Spirit we are one,  
together bound, but free;  
In God's own image we are made  
to be what each can be.*

*To each God gives a destiny,  
in paths that none can see;  
A life unfolding fresh and free,  
to live creatively.*

*Praise God who freely gives to all  
abundant life at birth;  
Praise God who wills that all shall live  
in dignity and worth.*

— Wilbur E. Brumbaugh  
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### Text for Today

### 1 John 3:1-7 (2)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **Beloved, we are God's children now;** what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, LIVING WORD BULLETIN 496

Beloved, we are  
God's children now





Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 February 26, 2006  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING/SHARING TIME/SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP #662 Responsive Reading

\* OPENING HYMN (see back of bulletin)

\*INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY #119

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING #748 Unison Reading

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #359 *Lead Us, O Father*

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAISE HYMN #110 *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 11:6

MESSAGE "Blessed Is He Who Shall Not Be Offended in Me"

\*CLOSING HYMN #627 *There is a Balm in Gilead*

\*BENEDICTION

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY:**

Message	Rev. Bill Schoonover
Worship Leader	Steve Dagele
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Special Music	Rev. Bill Schoonover
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Greeter	Rhelma Evans
Adult Sunday School	Marcene Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann, Brianna, Doug, Laurean, Sandi, and Vicki

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, March 5:**

Message	Don Adkins
Children's Message	Don Adkins
Music	Mabel Lokken
Ushers	Mark and Val
Greeter	Alisha Dumar
Brethren Heritage Series	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann, Brianna, Doug, Laurean, Sandi, and Vicki

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

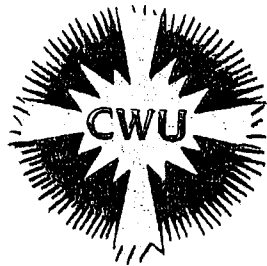
Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Arline English	Mary Wille's Family
Ann Evans	Don Vermilyea
Linda Beal	Jean Jean & Kristie
Those Serving in the Military	Phillip Riecks
Living Peace Church of the Brethren	in Sioux City



World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer each year. Women of various races, cultures and traditions in gather in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm their faith in Jesus

Christ and become aware of the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; share the burdens of other people and pray with and for them; become aware of their own talents and use them in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world

World Day of Prayer USA Committee  
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Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Founded in 1941, Church Women United (CWU) is:

- a movement representing 25 million Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and

- other Christian women
- biblically based, shared Christian faith
- organized into more than 1,200 local and state units working for peace and justice in the United States and Puerto Rico
- supported by constituents in state and local units and denominational women's organizations
- impassioned by the Holy Spirit to act on behalf of women and children throughout the world

## World Day of Prayer

March 3, 2006

“Signs of the Times”



World Day of Prayer (WDP) is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women and men in over 170 countries in prayer. Throughout the day, from the first sunrise to the last sunset, our prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. Spoken in hundreds of languages and dialects, WDP strives to bring “informed prayer and prayerful action” to our communities.

Christian women from South Africa invite us to become better informed about their country and its needs. Through the WDP service, “Signs of the Times,” they share their rich heritage of faith with us even in a time when about 600 South Africans are dying of AIDS each day. We all witnessed the miracle of the fall of Apartheid. Today we pray and take action so that fewer people die from the preventable disease of HIV/AIDS.

Come and join your sisters and brothers in prayer with and for South Africa.

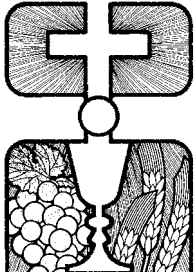
In the United States, World Day of Prayer is promoted by the World Day of Prayer USA national office and Church Women United, an ecumenical movement working to bring about peace and justice. An offering is taken to enable the ongoing work of the WDP USA and International Committees.

**World Day of Prayer Service**  
**Friday, March 3, 2006 2:00 p.m.**

at

**Sheldon United Methodist Church**  
**506-8<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheldon, IA**

## OUT REACH MINISTRIES



Body & Soul are jointly nourished through a fellowship meal, and spiritual exploration.

## Christ's Cupboard



"I was hungry, and you gave me food..." is the spirit behind providing to those who need it.



## Kinship

The program is designed to match adults with children ages 5 to 18 to foster a mentoring atmosphere.

### 2005 CHURCH OFFICERS

**Moderator:**  
Linda Adams

**Deacons**  
Clarence & Rhelma Evans

**Adult Sunday School Coordinator**  
Jo Rolston

**Auditor**  
Alan Cox - 2005  
Marcene Cox - 2006

**Children's Ministry Coordinator**  
Michele Elder  
Brianna Kane

**Children's S/S Coordinator**  
Laurean Clover

**Clerk**  
Jo Rolston

**District Conference Del.**  
Darius Elder

**Ministerial Committee**  
Ross Cox - 2005  
Rhelma Evans - 2006  
Jo Rolston - 2006  
Marcene Cox - 2007  
Steve Dagel - 2008

**Nominating Committee**  
Scott Maggert - 2005  
Sandi Cox - 2006  
Laurean Clover - 2007  
Alan Cox - 2008

## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service . . . . .9:30am  
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion  
1st Sunday of Each Month

Body & Soul (Sept. - May) Wednesdays,  
6:30 & 7:30 pm

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Christ's Cupboard:  
www.christcupboard.org

Kinship Community, Inc:  
www.kcimentors.org

**Parsonage Committee**  
Liz Elder - 2005  
Ann Maggert - 2006  
Sue Phillips - 2007

**Treasurer**  
Sandi Cox

**Ushers**  
Mark Bilstrand  
Eli Clover  
Val Clover  
Alan Cox  
Scott Maggert

## Anniversaries and Birthdays for February

**Birthdays**  
21 - River Fox  
26 - Marisa Van Roekel  
29 - Jim Houtsma Jr.  
02 - Nancy Osterbuhr  
05 - Paul Rolfsmeier  
15 - Jed Cox  
Eli Clover  
17 - Keenan Rolston  
Ruth Evans

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

## Church Events

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Rev. Bill Schoonover this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests this morning. May today's service be an inspiration to all.

### **Short Meeting**

There will be a short meeting after today's service. The purpose is to elect delegates to annual and district conference. Both will be held in Des Moines July 1-5. Two volunteers are also needed to work 2-4 hour shifts at the hospitality booth.

### **Reminders**

Please sign-up for Sunday worship leader (when needed), children's message, greeter, and janitorial duties in **March** and **May**. The sheet for these important duties is posted on the bulletin board for sign-ups and reference.

### **Plowshare**

The March-April issue of the Plowshare is in your church mailbox.

### **Women of Faith Conference**

It will be held June 2-3 at the Quest Center in Omaha, NE. The cost is \$115. Deadline is March 1. See bulletin board for more information.

### **Upper Room**

The Upper Room devotionals for March and April are now available on the back table.

### **Fundraiser**

The Sheldon Lions Club is sponsoring an omelet supper, Monday, March 6, at the Sheldon Community Services Building from 5-7 pm. Adults are \$5, and children 12 and under \$3. Proceeds go to the Sheldon Museum.

### **Sheldon Community Youth Rally**

It will be held Wednesday, April 12, at the Sheldon High School. Money is needed for prizes. If interested in making a donation, please see the bulletin board.

### **Guest Speakers**

March 5 - Don Adkins (First Sunday in Lent)  
March 12 - Rev. John Elder (Communion)  
March 19 - Bob Sutton  
March 26 - Matt Morrison  
April 2 - Rev. David Loveall (No Communion)  
April 9 - Pete Abernethy (Palm Sunday)  
April 13 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas (Love Feast)  
April 16 - Rev. Don Lenderink (Easter)