

They will beat their swords into plowshares -- Isaiah 2:4

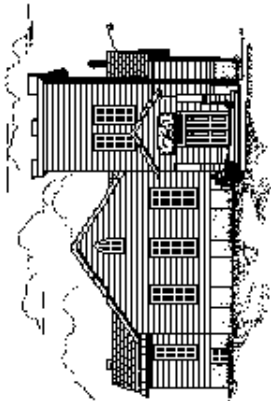
Sheldon Church of the Brethren

# PLOWSHARE

*120 Years Of God's Service*  
*Sunday, November 2, 2008*



*Come Join Us!*



Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
3011 Marsh Avenue  
Sheldon, Iowa 51201  
(712)324-3842  
**Address Services Requested**

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*Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

*September-October 2008*

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An  
Inspirational  
Thought



faith JOURNEY

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. - Hebrews 9:22 NIV

## Going Where Sent

When I donated blood some time ago, a nurse gave me a card to read while a pint of the vital red fluid was flowing out of my vein. The card showed the percentages of people who have different blood types. Here are some of them:

- O- Positive 37.4%
- A-Positive 35.7%
- A-Negative 6.3%
- B-Negative 1.5%

The rarest, AB-Negative, is found in only 1 in 167 people, or 0.6% of the population. Then the card made this eye-catching statement: "The rarest blood type is the one that's not there when you need it."

There is another supply of blood that is one of a kind and always available to those who ask for it. First John 1:7 states, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

It was the death of Christ - the shedding of His blood - that satisfied the demand of a holy God as payment for our sins (Hebrew 9:12,22). So now, whenever a person cries out in faith to God, repenting of his sin and pleading for forgiveness, his prayer for salvation is answered.

I am deeply grateful that Jesus was willing to die on the cross, giving His blood for me, so that forgiveness was available when I needed it. Aren't you? - Dave Enger

Sufficient is the blood of Christ  
To cleanse us from all sin.  
But daily we must claim its power  
To keep us pure within. - D. De Haan

The above thought was taken from a previous  
*Upper Room* devotional.

**On the Front:** Your invitation to attend the church's 120th anniversary

**The Sheldon Church of the Brethren was formally organized on Saturday, Nov. 3, 1888, in the little old schoolhouse. This first church building, on the front cover, was built in the summer of 1894.**

## RSVP form for 120th Anniversary Meal

Use the form below to let the 120th Church Anniverary planning committee know how many people are planning to attend our special day on Sunday, November 2. Please RSVP by Oct. 15, 2008.

Please detach this page and send this form to Linda Adams, 712 6th St., Sheldon, IA 51201. You can also call her at 712-324-5206. You can also submit your RSVP by going to [www.120.sheldonbrethren.org](http://www.120.sheldonbrethren.org) and click on the RSVP button.

There is no charge for the catered meal. The church is providing it.

### MEAL RSVP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attend:  Yes, I plan to attend the morning service.  
 No, I do not plan to attend the morning service.

Number planning to attend the morning service:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults      \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 10)

Free Catered Meal:  Yes.  No.

Meal Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

# Pathways

## Renovations taking place at the church

Volunteer work has taken place to renovate the outside of the church, and the basement. Faults in the north and southeast corner of the foundation were repaired by Jed and Jared Cox. Needed improvements to the basement are now underway. Scott and Ann Maggert, with Sandi Cox, moved items out of the way in preparation for carpet removal. The old basement carpet was removed by Alan, Ross and Jed Cox and new carpet will soon be laid. Before the new carpet is installed, contractors will install new mopboards, facing boards on the support posts will be replaced and the walls will have a fresh coat of paint.

## Volunteers to clean the church

Volunteers are needed to keep the church clean. Look at the signup sheet hanging at the top of the stairs going into the church and choose the months you wish to be janitors.

### Sacrifice

Blood on white fur, the saddest sight,  
for the gentlest souls come dressed in white.

A hawk with talons long and bare  
draws blood on a rabbit's snowy hair -  
the white of an antelope's underside,  
a shot - and blood spreads where he died.  
Always there's something still and dead  
with fresh blood turning its white fur red.

Yet He who was crucified walked in white  
that all might believe and walk in light.

by Sally Young, from her book of poems, *Like Snow-Flakes*. Used by Permission.

### Addresses to Remember:

Harriet Rolston  
641 8th Ave  
Sheldon, IA 51201

Jeannette Grove  
521 East Main St. Apt. 102  
Laurens, IA 50554-1556

These people would love to receive mail. Your letters will add sunshine to their days and help them know that you care.



## PLOWSHARE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2008

The Plowshare is a bimonthly outreach publication of the Sheldon, Ia., Church of the Brethren. News items, pictures, and other contributions can be submitted for consideration to Alan Cox. Those materials can be sent by mail to 903 Morningside, Boyden, Iowa 51234. Materials can also be sent by email to [plowshare@sheldonbrethren.org](mailto:plowshare@sheldonbrethren.org) or by calling 712-725-2459.

# Back Home in Haiti, Again!

We were so happy when news came that we would be able to fly directly into Pignon, seven miles from our home. It would mean, however, that we would have to wait until Thursday, Sept. 18. We were very anxious to return to Haiti after all the terrible news about the devastation from the hurricanes, but, it was worth it to wait. We flew into Cap Haitian and worked to unload our cargo. We had brought many necessary items from the States to help the ministry and our family. We were also able to bring in 8 boxes of hurricane relief items from Lighthouse Fellowship in Cape Corral, FL. We had been assured that we would not have to pay customs on these things. But, JeanJean had to fight for the right to bring in clothes and necessities for homeless people. It took 2 hours in the airport before they let us go. The customs official took 2 boxes that he said that he was going to bring to Gonaives, site of the worst devastation, himself. We can only pray that he really does this.

Then we found out that the grass runway in Pignon was flooded and we would have to find a tap-tap in Cap Haitian and drive up the mountain. A tap-tap is a small private pick-up that is used to traffic people and cargo across Haiti. We felt fortunate that we were able to find one on short notice that was going our way. We had to fit 8 people and 900 lbs of boxes into the pick-up. With a lot of shoving and strong rope, we all fit. The next decision was, which road should we take home?

The distance from the northern town of Cap Haitian to our area in the Central Plateau is only 45 miles. In the dry season, this normally takes around 4-5 hours. Yes, this means that we usually don't go more than 10 mph. In the wet season it will take even longer. There are 2 main routes that we can take. The one we would normally choose has 2 rivers that need to be forded. Due to the heavy rains from the hurricanes, it was not safe to try to cross with the small pick-up that we had. We decided to go the alternate route. We don't normally take this route because the road through the mountain is terrifically steep. The average vehicle can not make it up this grade. Our driver said that he was confident that he would be able to do it. But, this was a constant worry for us.

The trip was long and as arduous as we had expected. We did have plenty of time to talk to our driver and find out news of the country. Cap Haitian is out of gas. The gas has to be trucked over from Port-au-Prince. But the coastal road, the shorter road, has had all of its bridges washed away by the hurricanes. The trucks have to drive on another road that is twice as long. By the time the gas gets to the city it cost \$10/gallon of diesel and up to \$15/gallon of unleaded. Wow. Food prices are also up due to the difficulty of getting supplies around the country.

We had such a wonderful time in the States. People around the country opened their hearts, their homes and their churches to the message that we brought back from Haiti. There are so many people we want to thank and we can't list them all in this newsletter. Please continue to pray for the victims of the hurricanes. So many people lost their homes and livelihood. There are many gardens and fields that were lost. A church that works closely with UCI lost its roof. Many people remain hungry. Many of you asked if you could help out. Food aid is the number one priority. We will write about some of them in our next newsletter. God bless you!

**The Mompremiers**

# You Are Cordially Invited

## 120th Anniversary Sunday, November 2

**Memories** - During the church's 120 years of existence, there have been plenty of memories.

Now is the time to share those memories! Everyone who has a memory of the Sheldon Church of the Brethren, is being encouraged to share them. Memories can be sent to Linda Adams, 712 6th St., Sheldon, IA 51201. You may also call her with your memories.

You are encouraged to send pictures of various events of the church to Barb Rolston, who is putting together a video. Any picture involving the church is welcome, especially those that involve the early years of the church. Please send your pictures to: Barb Rolston, 2918 Marsh Ave., Sheldon, Ia 51201. She will scan them, and return them to you. You may email them to her at: [broolston@netllc.net](mailto:broolston@netllc.net). You may go to this web address: [www.120.sheldonbrethren.org](http://www.120.sheldonbrethren.org), select the memory button, and it will take you to where you can submit the same information.

A memory book with blank pages will be at the church that day for those who want to write their memory of the church. From those contributions, a book will be compiled and later made available to those who want one.

**Meal** - The church will provide a meal to all those who attend. The meal will be catered, and it is very important for the church to know how many will be attending so that a number can be given to the caterer by Oct. 15.

Please use the RSVP form on the next-to-last page of this Plowshare to

indicate if you plan to attend, and how many catered meals you want. Mail the RSVP to Linda Adams, 712 6th St., Sheldon, IA 51201, or call her at 712-324-5206. You may submit your RSVP by going to [www.120.sheldonbrethren.org](http://www.120.sheldonbrethren.org) and click on the RSVP button.

Please make the catered meal reservation by October 15, 2008.

### Lodging in Sheldon -

**Holiday Inn Express** - 201 34th Ave., Sheldon. 712-324-3000. Weekend Rates: Friday/Saturday/Sunday \$120.99 (tax included). Monday-Thursday \$108.90 (tax included)

**Super Eight Motel** - 210 N. 2nd Ave., Sheldon. 712-324-8400. Weekend Rates: Friday/Saturday \$90 (tax included). Sunday-Thursday \$81 (tax included).

For more information go to: [www.120.sheldonbrethren.org](http://www.120.sheldonbrethren.org).

## Day's Activities

<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Worship and Communion</b>
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Free Catered Noon Meal</b>
<b>1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Afternoon Program</b>

**Worship Service and Afternoon Program** - Past ministers, who have served this church, have been contacted. Francis and Jean Hendricks and Tim Waits plan to attend and will be part of the morning worship service. The afternoon program will be one of singing, sharing past memories, and re-living church experiences.

## The Church's One Foundation

## ...Keeping It Strong In 2008!

# September - 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Birthday - Clarence Evans				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Speaker: Rev. Lucinda Douglas						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Speaker: Pete Aberson Anniversary - Elmer & Helen Van Kekerix		Birthday - Alan Cox				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Speaker: Rev. David Loveall	Birthday - Barb Rolston				Birthday - Scott Maggert	
28	29	30				
Speaker: Don Adkins CROP Walk - 2 pm	Birthday - Rachel Maggert					



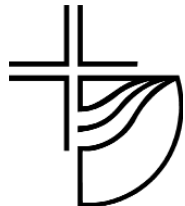
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# October - 2008

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			1	2	3	4
					Birthday - Jared Cox; Molly Rolfsmeier; Jessica Harder	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Speaker: Rev. David Loveall Communion Worldwide Communion Day Love Feast, 3:30 pm, at Worthington Church	Birthday - Donna Rae Jans; Cody Jans					Birthday - Devan Fox
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Speaker: Rev. Lucinda Douglas			Birthday - Linda Adams; Donna Brinkman	Anniversary - Pat & Julie Dumars		Anniversary - Ron & Donna Brinkman
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Speaker: Gideons				Birthday - Brian Harder	Birthday - Rhelma Evans; Roma Keller	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Speaker: Don Adkins						

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Speakers: Jean & Jr.  
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