



You're Invited!

If you have a birthday or anniversary during the month of April, come receive a special blessing from Pastor Rachel and the congregation on April 13 at 10:00! We want to celebrate you!



Church Events

- Apr 3 Rachel Circle 1:30
- Apr 7 Ruth Circle 1:30
- Apr 13 Palm Sunday
- Apr 17 Sewing 9:30
- Apr 17 Maundy Thursday service 6:00
- Apr 18 Good Friday
- Apr 20 Easter Sunrise service at 6:48 at "The Hill"
- Easter service 10:00 at Alda UMC
- Apr 24-26 Pastor gone to CCRC retreat
- Apr 27 Senior Sunday
- Apr 30 Salad Supper 6:30



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Wood River UMC
Shelton UMC

Dear Friends,

The cabinet and I are pleased to announce that Pastor Rachel Nkonge will remain appointed to Wood River UMC and additionally be appointed to Shelton UMC beginning July 1, 2025. This appointment is one that has been of great discernment and prayer by the Cabinet asking for God's wisdom about the best available leadership for your church and this is our decision.

As with all appointments, this one will be fixed during the annual conference closing session in June 2025.

I extend my best wishes and prayers to you all during this transition of pastoral leadership for your congregation.

Grace and peace,

Bishop David Wilson



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Renae Graham, President

Spring Greetings to Everyone! Soon the Salad Supper will be here! Ladies, tables are still available if you wish to host a table. If interested, please call Linda at 381-0588 or Mary at 583-2373. The date is April 30 and the theme is 'In the Garden'. We will be setting up tables on Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. If anyone is able to help us with that chore, we would be so appreciative!

On Friday, March 7, UWF provided the program for World Day of Prayer. The origins of this event date back to the 19th century. Susie Powell led the program titled 'I Made You Wonderful' and it focused on the Cook Islands. Susie's gorgeous table decorations made us feel like we were in the tropics (in spite of the weather just outside the door.) The Presbyterian church graciously hosted the event in their building. In spite of the winter weather that day, we had a great turnout with 13 people from different churches in attendance. Thank you to our Presbyterian friends!

On March 27, UWF observed Call to Prayer and Self-Denial with a program led by Renae Graham. Call to Prayer and Self-Denial began more than 125 years ago as a prayerful way to study, pray, and then give sacrificially to the lives of others. It focuses on a different theme each year, and this year's theme was 'Bold Women Transforming Communities'. We learned how our offering is used to better the lives of our Sisters around the globe, this year focusing on the women in Peru. It was exciting to hear about their journey. A take-away from the program is this statement: ***United Women in Faith is a hand-to-hold, as we venture into the world – making an impact through our beloved communities.***

Ladies, something to add to your calendars is the Mission Study on June 21 to be held at The Senior Center. The study will be 'Welcome Home' which was the Mission study from 2024,

Wishing everyone a blessed Easter season!



The Youth Group would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support! This year's pancake feed was another success! With your donations and contributions, they were able to raise \$1000 with half of that going toward the Food Pantry. Again, thank you!!



United Women in Faith - Salad Supper 2025

Wednesday, April 30 at Babel's Barn

Set up Tuesday, April 29th from 10:00-7:00 or Wednesday from 10:00-5:00.

Doors open at 5:00 pm. Meal begins at 6:30 pm.

Entertainment by a Master Gardener – Nick Lammers

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING A HOSTESS FOR OUR SALAD SUPPER BENEFIT!

Ticket Price is \$10 (Hostess is free) Each Hostess must collect payment for their table and give to Susie Powell. Checks are payable to United Methodist Women.

- Round table seats 8 and is 60"
- Long table seats 9 and is 96"
- If you are unable to sell all your seats, let Linda Thompson or Mary Bilslend know by April 25.
- You are to furnish your table settings (plates, glassware, silverware, salt & pepper) and decorations with the **theme "In The Garden."** Good quality paper napkins and paper plates are acceptable.
- You may provide nuts, hors d'oeuvres, dessert on your table if you wish.
- You will be taking your table service home dirty. So bring a tote or basket and something for table scraps.
- Each hostess is to bring 2 salads for 12 people.
- Youth group will be serving ice for glasses, water, iced tea, and coffee.
- All women in the church will be asked to bring a salad to serve 12 people.
- The young ladies will model their Prom/Winter Ball dresses. Please encourage all to participate. They will model about 7:15 pm.
- We will set up tables and chairs on Monday April 28th at 7:00 pm and take them down after the supper about 8:00. All help is greatly appreciated if you/your spouse/young people could come and help!

**If you have any questions, please call Linda Thompson - 381-0588,
or Mary Bilslend - 583-2373 .**



April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Brenda Paulk	2 Bible Study 9:30	3 Rachel Circle 1:30	4 Cathy Doane Elizabeth Price	5
6 Worship 10:00	7 Ruth Circle 1:30	8	9 Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group 6:30 Greg & Christy Burnett	10 Jane Allan	11	12 Laramie Frear
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Worship 10:00	14	15	16 Bible Study 9:30 Mary Lothrop	17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Service 6:00 at Alda UMC	18 <i>Good Friday</i> Dave Brown Barb McCoun Jennifer Wagoner	19 Bobe Wiles Sonia Rodriguez
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Sunrise Service 6:48 at "The Hill" Worship 10:00 Beau Rohrich	21	22 Jennifer Bonsack	23 Bible Study 9:30 Youth Group 6:30 Peg Krause	24 Pastor Gone to CCRC Retreat	25	26
27 Worship 10:00 Senior Sunday David & Jennifer Reeder Jocelyn Glenn	28	29 Vicki Weber	30 Salad Supper 6:30 James Thompson, Jr.			



April 13—Palm Sunday Worship service 10:00 at the Alda UMC

April 17—Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:00 at the Alda UMC

April 18—Good Friday

April 19—Holy Saturday

April 20—Easter Sunrise Service 6:48am at “The Hill” (17350 W Old Potash Hwy) hosted by the Presbyterian Church with a continental breakfast following at the Presbyterian Church (Wood River)

Easter Worship Service at 10:00 at the Alda UMC

Giving Report

Wood River:

March: \$6786

Feb: \$5,562

Jan: \$8,387

Average weekly attendance: 27

Alda:

March: \$388

Feb: \$503

Jan: \$1441

Average weekly attendance: 8



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