

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here at Shiloh UCC, where God is still speaking”*

THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship
	9:45	Sunday School (100 & 202)
	4:00	Women’s Banquet (100)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Grief Group (Parlor)
	7:00	Quilt Club (202)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
	7:00	Church & Ministry (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	12:00	Women’s Social Group lunch (Round the Clock Diner Rt 30)
SAT	8:00	Eagle Scout project (100/Garden)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Baptism (11am)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 100

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Our Mission Statement

*“Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ’s love for all
through witness, word, and worship.”*

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
are available in the Narthex.**

Welcome to this time of worship
April 14, 2024
8:30AM & 11:00AM

MEDITATION

*"His voice leads us **not** into timid discipleship, but into bold witness."*

Charles Stanley.

PRELUDE

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Jordan

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Please stand as you are able!)

One: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

All: we come hoping for an appearance of God's love.

One: We come with our questions, doubts, and fears,
 waiting for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

All: "Peace be with you."

One: We hear the stories of God's love in the Scriptures,

All: and we know that God is still speaking!

One: We look around at our neighbors and guests,
 and see the power of the risen Christ at work in their lives,
 offering peace, offering hope, offering courage.

All: We are witnesses to the miraculous love of Jesus!

Come, let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and inner sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

#230



The **Worship and Music Committee** would like to extend a thank you to those who have volunteered to be an usher. A list has been created, and ushers have begun to be on duty Sunday mornings. Notification about serving as an usher will be done with a phone from Linda Little. If you are interested, names are still being accepted to add to the list. The more volunteers we have, the less often you will be scheduled.

The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for lunch at **Round the Clock Diner on Rt. 30 on Friday, April 19 at 12:00pm**. Please contact Judy Feeser at 717-764-9935 by **April 15** if you plan to attend.



All funds received in the Mother's Day offering envelope will go this year to the **Lehman Center in York**. This organization offers emergency respite care for children and mothers in their time of need. It also provides family advocate services, parent educational and support groups.

The **Women's Guild** will be collecting baby items for **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic** until **Mother's Day May 12**. The following are baby items that are needed: Newborn diapers, unscented wipes, formula (powder), heavy menstrual pads, breast pads, breast cream, baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), blankets (they love the fleece ones) or lighter ones for summer. Please all items should be new except clothes and blankets. Items can be placed in tubs marked **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic**.



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson**.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. For every dollar of gift cards purchased, \$.05 is donated to the church by the grocery store. This contribution is used to support our Missionaries, Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Anonymous writer)

Almighty God, I stand before You in awe this morning. Trusting in Your omnipotent presence I ask that You grant me strength. I ask You to help me to power through all the tasks today — whether they are little or big. It is by Your will that I live, oh Lord. And I know it is also by Your will that I will be strong today. I will not go lazy nor will I fail to do the things set before me because You are with me. Your Holy Spirit comforts me. Thank You for Your everlasting presence and love. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (By Topher Haddox)

Heavenly Father, thank you for holding me together today. I needed you, and you were there for me. Thank you for every bit of love, mercy, forgiveness and grace that was shown to me though I did not deserve it. Thank you for your faithfulness, even in my suffering and doubt. To you alone be the glory. Please, watch over me and my loved ones tonight. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH


Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Rick & Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The LaMontagne/Boros Family, The Spahr Family, The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family

Summer is a great time to try something different and fun! Pastor Melinda would love to hear your ideas, questions, and favorite Bible readings, to use for the "summer sermon series." There is a form in the gallery that you may use to write down your thoughts and Scripture ideas! Thank you!



 **Name tags are returning!!** New members are interested in learning your name. Name tags will be available for the greeters in the Welcome Center each week. Some of the previous name tags are on the wall in the Gallery. There is a plan to provide members with a name tag, but that will be an upcoming event. Until then, let's use what is available to help to create a warm, welcoming community at Shiloh.

Outreach Committee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!
**Holy and righteous one,
we are stunned by the miracles
of new life and forgiveness you offer.
When our awe turns to disbelief,
renew us with your joy.
When our fear turns to rejection,
lead us into your presence.
When our stumbling leads to sin,
forgive us by your grace,
and direct our steps
in your paths of righteousness.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, we are God's children now.
Because we have this hope,
we are forgiven and purified.
As beloved children,
we are made one with Christ
and brought into the righteousness of God.
Let us share this hope and love with one another
as we greet one another
in the name of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*Please wave to one another*)

One: In sharing the peace of Christ, we express the reconciliation, unity, and love that come only from God, and we open ourselves to the power of God's love, to heal our brokenness, and make us agents of that love in the world. Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcome. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child during the message.)

VIDEO

"The Road to Emmaus"

*HYMN

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

HANDBELL CHOIR *“In the Garden”* Arr. McChesney

Third Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON *“We Are Witnesses”*

*HYMN *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* #472

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we should be called children of God because of God’s love for us which is as creative as a mother and as generous as a father. Let us offer our gifts in order to care for God’s family in this church and throughout the world.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“Easter Doxology”*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!
God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *“Because He Lives”* Insert

BENEDICTION

Go in courage and peace, proclaiming the Risen Lord to all!
Be those who bring hope and Good News to a hungry and hurting world!
Go in peace, and may the peace of God go with you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”* Leatherman

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Parke W. Bentzel by the family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Sandy Fox’s birthday on April 15 by Ray Fox.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGISTS: 8:30AM:** Brian Curren **11:00AM:** Jeff Hershey
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Pat Myers & Stephanie Waldron **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **USHERS: 8:30AM** Mark Garber **11:00AM** Steve Sechriest
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM** Nathan Limbert **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Handbell Choir, Sandy Bamberger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!



In November, the Consistory received a letter from the Nominating Committee expressing the difficulty in finding people willing to serve on the Consistory. This was mainly due to the amount of time required for Consistory members to be involved in and at the church on Sundays, due to the two worship services. This committee felt that maybe we should return to having just one worship service. Many volunteers have also expressed their concern about the amount of time required due to having two services. Also, the amount of volunteers has diminished in numbers and attendance at the 11:00 service only averages about 30 people. The Consistory has discussed this issue at many meetings over and over again in order to make a decision that is in the best interest of the congregation. It was decided at the April 8th meeting that **starting June 2 there will only be one worship service. The new schedule will be Sunday School from 8:30-9:15, Coffee Connections from 9:15-9:45, and our Worship Service at 10:00.**