

*“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/Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)**
9:45 Sunday School (100 & 202)
TUES 6:30 Cub Scouts (100)
8:00 Men’s Chorus
WED 9:30 Bible Study (202)
10:00 Staff Meeting (office)
5:00 TOPS (117)
THUR 6:30 NA Group (100)
6:30 Choirs
SUN 10:00 Worship/ELC Sunday

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 85



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

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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 21, 2024
8:30AM & 11:00AM

MEDITATION

“The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty. Plainly, the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of liberty.”

~Abraham Lincoln

PRELUDE

8:30AM	<i>“The Lord’s My Shepherd”</i>	Smith
11:00AM	<i>“This Is the Day (of the Lord and new beginnings)”</i>	Althouse

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Please stand as you are able!)

One: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

All: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

One: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

All: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

One: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

All: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, you walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, you fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, you feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy, in your holy house, all the days of our lives. In the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *“My Shepherd Is the Living God”* #247

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**.



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.

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.



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

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 (writer unknown)

Dear Lord, thank you so much for another day of life on Earth. Thank you for another beautiful sunrise to enjoy. Thank you for the wonderful sounds of nature, from the cool breeze brushing through the trees to the birds singing melodies. You are a wonderful God, full of grace and mercy. I praise you for allowing me another day to spend with my family. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (writer unknown)

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing me through this day. Forgive me for the times when I have wandered outside Your best will for me, instead of fully trusting You. Thank You, that You are such a gracious Shepherd to me; that You come and rescue me even when I lose my way and stray from the path that You have laid out for me. As I look back over today, I know that there were things that I should have said and done differently, and times when I reacted in a manner that was not honoring Your holy name. Forgive me, Father. Thank you for always gently bringing me back to Yourself. Give me a good night's sleep, I pray, knowing that there is no condemnation because I am in Christ. Lord help me wake up in the morning refreshed and ready to do Your will. 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, Brad Jacobs, 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



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**.

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

Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the Good Shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and forgiven.
Amen.

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

One: May the peace of Christ make you ready for love to flow around and through you. May you boldly share his love as you pass the peace of Christ with one another this day. 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.*)

HYMN

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

Insert

11:00AM SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

See Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 23
Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

MEN'S CHORUS

Third Lesson: John 10:11-18

SERMON

“Who Do You Follow?”

*HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

Video

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

With God as our Shepherd, we will not be in need.
Our cups already overflow with God’s blessing.
Let us share in the care of all God’s children.
Let us love not simply in word or speech, but also in truth and action,
as we give from our hands and our hearts.
Now, let us gather our gifts and tithes together,
and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*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!
As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, may we, too, strive to serve our neighbors. Whether next door, across town, or around the world, may God bless our tithes, our gifts, and our ministries. In Christ’s name we present these gifts and ourselves to God. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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BENEDICTION

Fear no evil - **for God, our Shepherd journeys with us.**
Love one another - **for Christ abides with all of us.**
Be filled with the Holy Spirit - **for we are witnesses to God’s love. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30AM

“Delight in the Lord”

Sewell

11:00AM

“Abiding Love”

Wells

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our grandson, Aidan Jacobs’ 18th birthday by Nana and Pop-pop Jacobs.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Emmett Callen Simpson, grandson of Suzanne Kozuch. Our family is so blessed by Pastor Melinda by her faith, wisdom and love. The Kozuch and Simpson families.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Harry Jacoby by his wife Sara, daughters Vicki and Patti and their families. *“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal”*
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGISTS: 8:30AM:** Reen Bentzel **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM** Bob & Debbie Myers **11:00AM:** Shirley Lohmann & Joyce Mummert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM** Connie Redman **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM** Nathan Limbert **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Joan Hamme, Men’s Chorus, Sandy Bamberger

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



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!