

Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ

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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.

PRELUDE

“Praise the Lord!”

Broughton

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Please, stand as you are able!)*

One: O God, you are a mighty God! Nothing is as great as you. You can overturn evil. You hand out justice and blessings. For you, the impossible is possible. You can even make those who died live again!

All: When you brought back Jesus from the dead, you did so to show us just how powerful you are and how much you love us. You sent the Good Shepherd to show us how to love one another. You returned him from the dead to show us that you forgive our cowardliness and cruelty. We know you expect more from us.

One: Continue to guide us O, mighty God. Do not take your hand from us. Send into our lives people who are like angels to keep watch over us, to keep us from harming others or being harmed.

All: Make us your angels. Make us one people with the entire world, united by the blood and love of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#436

(Please Be Seated)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Lord, Have Mercy.

All: Jesus, you are the shepherd of us all. I pray that those who need you in this moment would not be found lacking. You lead them to calm waters, infusing them with new strength. You guide them on the path of justice for the sake of your name.

Although they pass through difficult and dark trials caused by evil forces, may they not be afraid because you are at their side and with them.

It is you who supplies all their needs, laying out a banquet for them, even when surrounded by their enemies, anointing them, continuing to fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they can know the kindness and love follow them all the days of their lives, and in the house of Jehovah the Lord, they will live every day now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: Good Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened to Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock; we are part Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and, go forth and share this Good News. Amen.

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

One: We embrace God's blessing and love. Now turn and pass that blessing on to one another so that our community may be bound together in love and blessing.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S STORY

"The Good Shepherd"

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

*HYMN

"Down in My Heart"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart,

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I've got the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart.

I've got the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

Down in my heart to stay.

(please be seated)

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Psalm 23

All: The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right way, as he promised. Even if that way goes through deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, because you are with me! Your shepherd's rod and staff keep me safe.

You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me by pouring ointment on my head and filling my cup to the brim. Certainly your goodness and love will be with me as long as I live; and your house will be my home forever.

Acts 2: 42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Arr. Raney

John 10:1-10

MESSAGE

"The Sheep's Clothing Store"

by Fred Passmore

*HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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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.

PRAYER RESPONSE *(sung)*

"Shepherd Lead"

#774

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings, let us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be called God's generous people.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, the Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: Caring and compassionate God, we feel like we have been through so much. Bettered by division, perceived by some as too judgmental and by others as too accommodating, and we know our witness to the world has suffered. Bless the gifts we give and help them to be used to sow seeds of kindness, healing, hope, and justice. When we as a church falter, remind us that Christ, our Good Shepherd, never falters. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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BENEDICTION

Remember this: the world will tell you the best response to suffering is to turn away. Yet the Guardian of our souls came near to our suffering and calls us to do the same. As you leave this place, how will you be a healing companion with your neighbors who are suffering, isolated, and struggling? May you go in peace to bring peace to all you meet. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me”

Livingston

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in gratitude for God’s amazing love and grace by Judy Clark.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in Honor of Jeanie and Don’s 65th Wedding Anniversary by Tim, Katie, Emily & Danielle.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Brad Jacobs, **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Lew Wallace **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Lisa & Kevan Stough, **11:00AM:** Richard & Helen Hodgson
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** John Reiber **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Sandy Bamberger

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (www.biblestudytools.com)



Loving God, Thank You. You made the heavens and the earth, the land and the sea, the fish that swim in the waters and the creatures that crawl upon the shores. You made me. Thank you! Truly, You hand crafted everything in this universe. Help me, Lord, not to take any of this for granted. Help me know in my soul I do not deserve the blessings You choose to bestow, yet You offer them anyway. You do this because You love me, because You are perfect and good, and because Your ways are infinitely higher than my own. Thank you, God, for breath in my lungs and sun on my skin. Thank You for the opportunity of salvation and for the gift of Your son, Jesus Christ. Help me to hold this gratitude in my heart all day long and to overflow with joy so I can share it with others in all I think, say, and do. In Jesus’ holy name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*Christina Fox*)

Heavenly Father, I can barely lift my eyes to you. It's all I can do to cry out for help. Please extend your grace to me tonight. Help me to see that you are with me every moment of every day. Your Holy Spirit comforts me. Help me to remember that you are not surprised or taken off guard by the events of this day. Forgive me for my fears and doubts. Forgive me for forgetting that you are with me. Forgive me for forgetting who I am because of what your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant me gospel hope in the midst of a hard day. Show me your presence and fill me with your Spirit. Help me to cling to your love, grace, and strength. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Jay Mummert, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Kinsley Family, The Garber Family, The Berkheimer/Bechtel Family, The Reiber/Youkers Family, The Lochman/Schwartz Family, The Besecker Family



As a reminder, Pastor Melinda is on vacation until **Tuesday, May 2**. If you have a concern or need Pastoral Care, please contact the office.

The church is collecting donations for the **ELC's Scholarship Fund**. That benefits students and families that may be having a hardship to pay for tuition. This scholarship ensures their students can continue to attend the preschool without having to worry about how they will make their next payment. If you are interested in donating, please use the **Love Offering envelopes found in your pews**. We will be collecting donations **through the end of April**.



The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **Monday, May 1, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another. Chapter Three: Encourage My Faith!** Norene Edgar will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor**. Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.



The special **Mother's Day offering** envelope will go to the **Lehman Center of York** this year. The Lehman Center offers emergency respite care for children newborn through six years of age in a 24-hour crisis nursery, art and child-centered therapy, family advocate services, and parent support groups.

The Women's Guild will be collecting items for **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic in April and May**. **Especially needed** are newborn diapers, unscented wipes, and plastic baby bottles. Other items needed are formula (powder), baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), and blankets (fleece or lighter ones for summer). All items should be new except clothes and blankets. Place them in tubs marked **Women's Guild**. Items will be displayed on **Mother's Day, May 14**.



Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, May 16, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant** located at **3720 Carlisle Rd, Dover, PA**. Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.

"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)
	9:45	Wired Word (202)
MON	1:00	Women's Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	6:30	Church Chums (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	10:30	Visitation Team (202)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Communion/Spring Music Sunday



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 182

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com 717-764-3569
Pastor Melinda office hours:	Wednesdays 9AM-2PM & 5-8PM Thursdays 5-8PM Fridays 9AM-12PM
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The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for breakfast at **9:00am on Friday, May 19 at the West Manchester Café**. Please contact Ginny Heath at 717-764-6768 by **May 15** if you plan to attend.



On **Saturday June 3**, Shiloh UCC will be hosting a **community yard sale** from **8am-2pm**. This event is rain or shine, so feel free to bring a tarp. The cost is \$10 per space and \$5 per table (while supplies last). Registration forms can be found in the gallery. For additional information, contact Patti Goodyear at pagoodyear213@gmail.com.

As a reminder, the **first Sunday of every month** is food collection for the Salvation Army. The food should be placed in the shopping cart in the Welcoming Center.



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

Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.



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.