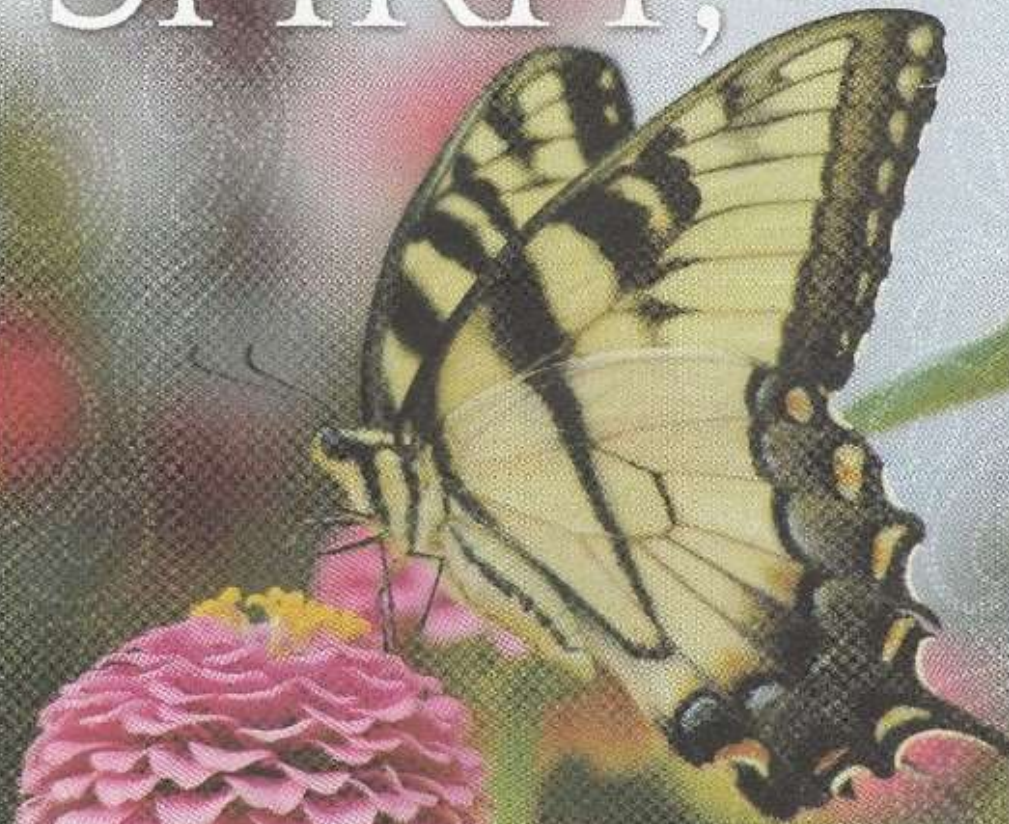


The words that I speak unto you,

they are

SPIRIT,



and they are

LIFE

John 6:63

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP SERVICE

BUTTERFLY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2024

8:30AM AND 11:00AM



MEDITATION

"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty."

~ Maya Angelou

PRELUDE

8:30AM "Christ Has Burst His Prison"

Peterson

11:00AM "God So Love the World"

Stainer

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand if you are able)

One: As a caterpillar spins into a cocoon

All: Jesus lay in the tomb for three days.

One: As the chrysalis is transformed in that time of waiting

All: So are we transformed when we die with Christ.

One: The caterpillar that was life-less now is alive and well as a butterfly!

All: Jesus is alive! He is risen! Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

All: Breathe the breath of new life into us, O God, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. May we be transformed into your butterfly people, winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope and life. May we be a blessing to others! In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"In the Garden"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord?

Is seeing truly believing?

Are we to be prisoners of our senses,

distrusting and rejecting

whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear?

Yet you are faithful—

you give sight to the blind,

you carry us when we are weary,

you call us to your side.

The locked room of our hearts

opens at the turn of your key.

Speak your words of life to us again:

“Do not doubt, only believe.”

Speak your words of life,

that we might live. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The peace of God be with you. Receive God’s forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit, for Jesus is risen from the dead. Happy are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe.

All: Amen.

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

One: May the peace of Christ fill you this day.

All: Christ is the source of our joy and gladness.

One: Please share a joyful sign of peace with those near you!

The peace of God be with you.

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(ren) during the message.)*

VIDEO

“Jesus Appears to Thomas”

*HYMN

“If I were a Butterfly”

Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

CHANCEL CHOIR

Third Reading: John 20:19-31

SERMON

“As For Me and My Family”

*HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

Insert

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

All that we have belongs to God. As we celebrate our unity as a community of faith here at Shiloh UCC, and focus our hearts on the risen Christ, we joyfully lay down our possessions before God. Through the grace of God, we have the ability to share our gifts so that all may have what they need to live.

*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!

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us Pray!

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your Son, Jesus Christ, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into spiritual gifts that will transform the world. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION

One: Go forth as God's chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard, seen and experienced.

All: We go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

One: Go forth sustained by God's steadfast love.

All: We go forth transformed and transforming.

One: Go forth with shouts of joy. Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia. Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM	<i>"Christ Is the Way, the Truth, the Life"</i>	Kendall
11:00AM	<i>"My Faith Still Holds"</i>	Gaither

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 Gordon "Skip" Heath by Ginny and family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gordon "Skip" Heath by Ginny and family.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGISTS:** **8:30AM:** Carol Burns **11:00AM:** Linda Little
- **GREETERS:** **8:30AM** Sally & Brian Curren **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras
- **USHERS:** **8:30AM** Lonnie and Mary Neiman **11:00AM** Jeff Hershey
- **NURSERY:** **8:30AM** John Reiber **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Jessie Sechriest, Sandy Bamberger

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

A **HUGE** thank you to **Gladys Seigman** for providing the beautiful and delicious cookies again this year for **Butterfly Sunday!**



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

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Tom Klunk, 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!



"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/Butterfly Sunday
	9:45	Sunday School (100) Wired Word (202)
MON	7:00	Consistory (202)
TUES	8:30	Men's B-fast (Dover Valley Rest.)
	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
	7:00	Outreach (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship
	4:00	Women's Banquet 100)



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

Mark your calendar for the next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, April 9, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant.** Contact Brad Jacobs at bcj402@verizon.net or 717-764-2773 for additional information.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 145



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.

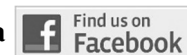
The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for lunch at **Round the Clock Diner on Rt. 30 on Friday, April 19 at 12:00pm.** Please contact Judy Feeser at 717-764-9935 by **April 15** if you plan to attend.



THE CHURCH STAFF

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Organist	Sandra Bamberger
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Come Grow with Us!



Engaging Women are inviting women and their children to Shiloh UCC to celebrate their uniqueness in a harmonious atmosphere on **Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 PM** in room 100.

A buffet dinner from Olive Garden will be served followed by a vocal presentation by Leslie Talley (daughter of Donna and Randy Seifarth who has performed professionally). Tickets will be sold in the Gallery on the following Sundays:

March 17, March 24, and April 7 (Adults \$14/Children \$6)

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Hildebrecht at 717-683-0440 or the church office at 717-764-3569. We hope you will join us for this delightful event!

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.



"If I Were a Butterfly"

If I were a butterfly,
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings.
And if I were a robin in a tree,
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing.
And if I were a fish in the sea,
I'd wiggle my tail, and I'd giggle with glee,
But I just thank you, Father, for making me 'Me'

Refrain

*For you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child.
And I just thank you, Father, for making me 'Me'*

If I were an elephant,
I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk.
And if I were a kangaroo,
I'd just hop right up to you.
And if I were an octopus,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks.
But I just thank you, Father, for making me 'Me'

Refrain

If I were a wiggly worm,
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm.
And if I were a billygoat,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my strong throat.
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy wuzzy hair.
But I just thank you, Father, for making me 'Me'

Refrain

