

Welcome to this time of worship
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.**

MEDITATION

“Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.”

~ Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE

“Sometimes a Light Surprises the Christian”

Powell

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Based on Psalm 85:8-13)*

(Please stand as you are able!)

One: We ask God to pour out a blessing on us and on our land.

All: May God continue to restore our fortunes and the fortunes of this world.

One: God has forgiven the sins of God’s people.

All: May God restore us again, for God is our salvation!

One: May God forgive our sins and show unfailing love to us and all the people of this earth!

**All: May God continue to show undying love for us and let us be filled with God’s Glory!
Let us worship and praise our amazing God!**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (UCC BOOK OF WORSHIP)

One: Let us pray!

O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day. Hear our prayers, our yearnings. Help us change the narrowness of our vision. Make us live into the fullness of life you desire for us and grant us Your grace, so our worship is filled with integrity and energy, so we may be witnesses to your amazing love and stay with us as we humbly try to do your will. Amen.

***HYMN**

“We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear”

#74

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UCC BOOK OF WORSHIP)

One: Let us pray!

All: God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Hear these comforting words If you repent and believe in God’s redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in Gods promise and begin anew your life with God and all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.
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 during the message.)

*HYMN “Children of God” #533

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Second Reading: I Kings 19:9-18

SPECIAL MUSIC

Third Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON “Wings of Faith”

*HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” #386

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

Every time we give our offerings, as we do this morning, we experience transformation. God takes what we offer, and turns our gifts inside out to show what’s possible in a simple act of generosity. Now let us be generous with our time, talents, and treasures; so that God may transform them into an ocean of blessings to those who are struggling!

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!
May our offering be acceptable to you, God. These gifts are offered in gratitude for all we have been given. May they in some small way, help to make our church, our community, and our world better in many ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” #77

BENEDICTION

One: Go and meet the world which God loves and for which Christ died. Proclaim that God is worthy of our trust. Go and make disciples and live as heirs of Christ. For you are the beloved people of God. Amen!
All: Amen.

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 Dale Hoffman by his wife Mary and family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Consistory and all of those serving on the committees that serve Shiloh UCC.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Patti Goodyear, **11:00AM:** Steve Besecker
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Natalie Fuhrman & Sallie Hagerman **11:00AM:** Shirley Lohmann & Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel & Jim Bentzel **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*David Mathis*)

Gracious God, thank you for your abundant, abounding grace. Thank you that we don't have to earn a drop of the mighty river of grace that flows freely for us today. Thank you for the unexpected, unmerited favor you shower on my life. Help me put myself in the path of your love and grace today. Help me not neglect the disciplines I need to meet with you regularly and to drink from the water of life. Thank you for your rich love. Amen.



Evening Prayer (*Unknown*)

Almighty God, radiant with light, cast your goodness to shine upon me. Most wonderful Lord, creator of all things, hold your truth to shield me. Majestic King who reigns over all, slay with great love all the shadows around me. Prince of Peace, glorious and true, lift your arms of strength to cover me. All this night through. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Baboian Family, The Brenneman/Hershey Family, The Guillard Family



Please be advised that the **kitchen project** has begun. Therefore, the kitchen will be **unavailable for use until further notice**. We apologize for the inconvenience.

The Women's Guild will be meeting is on **August 28, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another. Chapter Six: Your Experience Can Encourage Others!** Julia Hahn will be leading this chapter. A special offering will be taken for Sally Jane Johnson. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



The Women's Social and Support Group will meet on **Friday, August 18th at 12:00pm for lunch at the Shiloh Family Restaurant**. Please contact Joan Hamme at 717-292-6905 by **August 14th** if you will be attending.

Our Missionaries Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson will be making a home visit to PA on Wednesday, August 30th through Monday, October 2nd **They are in search of a vehicle to borrow during their stay**. They are excited to come worship with Shiloh UCC and attend activities such as Bible Study, Women's Guild, Soup Kitchen, etc. as they are able. If you are interested in meeting with them personally for lunch or dinner, or can help them with a vehicle, please contact the office or call Wanda Bentzel at 717-764-1864.



“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”

Pastor Melinda is on **vacation from Tuesday, August 8 through Tuesday, August 22**. Contact the office with any concerns or if you require Pastoral Care.



You're Invited!

An **Ice Cream Social** will be held on **Sunday, August 27**. It will be held from **4:00 PM – 6:00 PM in room 100**. A variety of toppings will be provided to place on the ice cream. Please consider joining others for an afternoon of fellowship and a wonderful treat. Friends and neighbors are also welcome. *A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Gallery beginning Sunday, August 6*. We hope to see you there! ~The Outreach Committee

Friends of Limon are having a Zook’s Homemade Meat Pie sale. Orders will be taken through **Sunday, August 27th** and may be picked up on **Thursday, Sept 14th between 4-6 pm in room 100**. Order forms will be available in the gallery for your convenience. Please pay when submitting your order. Any questions may be directed to Marsha Reiber or Natalie Fuhrman.



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.



THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Guest Preacher, Judy Clark
	9:45	Sunday School (100)
TUES	6:00	Missions meeting (Parlor)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	5:00	TOPS (100)
THUR	10:30	Our Daily Bread
	6:30	NA Group (100)
FRI	12:00	Women’s Support Group Lunch (Shiloh Fam Rest.)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Brass Triumphant

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 103

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