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A GROWING CHURCH
MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS

- August 7** Proper 14 (19) Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
"Have Faith!"
- August 14** Proper 15 (20) Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher
- August 21** Proper 16 (21) Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Brass Triumphant
- August 28** Proper 17 (22) Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14
"Humility and Hospitality"
- September 5** Labor Day – Office Closed
- September 6-9** ELC Family Drop-ins
- September 7** Bible Study Resumes (202)
- September 8** Choirs Resume
- September 11** Sunday School Resumes
- September 12** ELC Classes Start
- September 12** Consistory (100)
- September 16** Grief Group (202)
- September 18** Back to Church Sunday Brunch
- September 25** Dedication of School Teachers and Installation of School Officers
Youth Fellowship Begins



טוֹב – Tov/“good”

You may not know this about me, but I love the Hebrew language. So let me share with you the rich meaning of one short word that will give you plenty to ponder during the long, sunny summer days. It's not homework for the summer. It's a spiritual gift that will help you feel closer to God and this wonderful world.

The word that I would like to share with you is טוֹב (**tov**) which usually means “good” like in “*Mazel tov!*” which means “Good luck!” However, there are other, less known meanings of this short but powerful word. It also means “*beautiful*” and “*working the way it's supposed to.*”

Where do we encounter the word “**tov**” in our English translation of the Hebrew Bible? For example, in Genesis chapter 1 you come across a sentence and its variations several times: “*And God saw that it was good (tov).*” Imagine, that at the end of every day, however long that was, God saw that the stars, moon, sun, trees, flowers, animals, and people were not simply “good” but also “*beautiful.*” Isn't this awesome? Isn't our Bible full of little surprises?

Writing this article did change my mind about one thing. I **do** want to give you homework for August. □ Read the first chapter of the Bible (Genesis 1) remembering to think about the other meanings of “good.” I know you will look at the world from a whole different perspective. Meditate on the love and care with which God created our Universe, and share that with others.

This summer many of us spend time away from church by going on vacation. When we travel we are able to see the natural beauty of our state, the hills, mountains, farmlands, and the beach. No matter where we travel, beauty surrounds us. Even when you are not able to attend church services at Shiloh, your spiritual home, I would like you to remember that God's handiwork is everywhere. There is a sermon overflowing with goodness (tov) as far as the eye can see. *But remember, God's creation is not only good, but also beautiful.*

You are a part of God's creation. You and I are God's creatures. You and I are wonderfully made, for we were born out of God's love. We are not only good, but also beautiful children of the Living God. We are beautiful not only on the inside, where Christ lives, but also on the outside. Our bodies are staying alive miraculously and amazingly.

Therefore, I wish you all the best for the rest of the summer days. Enjoy time away and have fun during vacation. At the same time, when you are not away, come to church. This Fall again, we will restart our Sunday School classes between the two services.

In September again, I would like to lead a Confirmation class for those who are 12 years and older and haven't been confirmed yet. This Fall, we are planning to start Youth Fellowship gatherings, once a month. Please, contact our office if you have children or grandchildren who are interested in a confirmation class, or the Youth Fellowship meetings.

Thank you for being faithful and wonderful members of Shiloh UCC. I am blessed to be here and serve you. I hope you will have fun in August and enjoy the last days of summer. Have fun, but don't forget your friends at Shiloh UCC, where every Sunday is a new opportunity to get closer to God.

*Rejoicing in Christ,
Rev. Melinda*



OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Anne (Nan) Frost** who passed away June 30, 2022. A memorial service was held at Shiloh UCC on July 16, 2022 with Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. officiating.

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Anne (Nan) Frost** from Richard & Helen Hodgson, Jay & Joyce Mummert, Milton & Beverly Hoak, Don & Jeanie Bentzel and Sara Jacoby.



The **Women's Guild** will meet **twice in August**. The first meeting is **August 1, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The programs will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance. Chapter Six: Balancing Love and Obedience**. Julia Hahn will be leading this chapter. **We will also meet August 29, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. At that time, we will study **Chapter Seven: Balancing Faith and Works**. Zoe Bordes will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

Updated Church Directories are available in the gallery. If you would like an electronic copy, please contact the office.





Dear Friends,

We are so thankful for each and every one of you. God is moving in this place, lives are being changed, healed, delivered and restored. Thank you for your contribution and prayers.

*God Bless You,
Kathy Kelly Brown, New Life For Girls*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$190 given to **The Salvation Army of York**. You are key to touching more lives in York County.

*May God richly bless you!
Bessie Babbitt, Major*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$150 in support of the ministry of theological education at **Lancaster Seminary**. The support you provide with your prayers and gifts opens the doors for our students' education, opens their minds to learning, and opens their hearts to serving.

*In Christ,
Matthew Hanna, Assist Director*

Dear Friends,

I would like to express our deep appreciation for your gift to **Plum Creek Benevolent Care** through the Homewood Foundation. We hope to continue our nearly nine-decade long tradition of providing world-class, personalized care and support for the entire Homewood family for decades to come.

*With Sincere Gratitude,
Jessica M. Laird, Director of Development*

We want to thank Pastor Melinda for her visit with Chuck, and for sharing communion with us at Spirit Trust Lutheran, Memory Care. We also want to thank Mike Hombach for his many visits for the cards Chuck received on his 94th birthday and for the beautiful altar flowers that were delivered by church members. Your thoughtfulness and caring have brought much gratitude and joy.

Chuck & Sandy Baboian

AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

August 1 Matthew Hamme

August 2 Haley Betz
Patricia Mellott
Fay Myers

August 3 Helen Byers
Keith Krout
Brandon Miller

August 5 Pat Roth

August 6 Clark Arnold
Jan Hopple

August 8 Alison Hamme
Jeff Hershey

August 9 David Grove
Chad Harrold
Drew Heilman
Carol Wallace

August 10 Carrie Korkie

August 11 Cheryl Hershey
Carolyn Poff

August 13 Noah Baker

August 14 Brett Pfeifer
Lori Whitecomb

August 16 Susan Besecker

August 17 Charlotte Rohrbaugh

August 22 Dean Spahr

August 23 Lacinda Lewis
Gwen Shaffer

August 25 John Reiber

August 28 Brian Copenheaver
Susan Long



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