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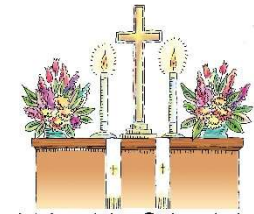
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A GROWING CHURCH
MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS



Worship Schedule

- August 6** **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Communion
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Daniel Chapter 9-12
"A Man of Prayer"
- August 13** **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
Guest Preacher
Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
1 Kings 19:9-18
Matthew 14:22-33
"Wings of Faith"
- August 20** **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
Brass Ensemble
- August 27** **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Ice Cream Social
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20
"The Rock"

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear members and friends of Shiloh UCC,

Rock Star, Bono, from the band, U2, once said: “*Music can change the world because it can change people.*” And even though he is only a popular singer, he is right. Music **can** change the world. Most specifically for us, music can change the world because it inspires us Christians to tell our story, and change people who are worrying and full of anxiety. Even after services are over, the hymns we hear keep singing in our souls all week long. Like a liturgical force for change, the songs keep reminding us of God’s grace and power as we go about our work week. Music changes us, and we are called to spread that spiritual change throughout the world.

As you probably know, all hymns have a back story of how they were written, and how they inspired the communities in which they were created. As I was reading about the stories of hymns, I came across one that I wanted to share with you.

Have you ever heard the story of “*This Is My Father’s World*”? Believe it or not, this famous hymn, actually had nothing to do with Father’s Day. Written by Maltbie L. Babcock, “*This is my Father’s World*” was inspired by God’s omnipotence and magnificence in nature.

Today, not many people remember his name. Born in Syracuse, New York, in 1858, Rev. Babcock was a Presbyterian Minister who faithfully served churches in Baltimore and New York City. Pastor Babcock was an excellent musician and lover of nature. He deeply felt God’s presence in the beauty of creation.

“*This is my Father’s World*” was born from the inspiration Rev. Babcock got on his long morning walks while serving a congregation in Lockport, New York. During these walks, he often climbed up to the top of a hill north of Lockport, where he had a panoramic view of Lake Ontario and the picturesque countryside. Before he left for his nature hike, he would often say to his wife, “*I’m going out to see my Father’s world.*”

On one of these walks, he was inspired to write “*This Is My Father’s World.*” When you listen to it, you can almost hear the singing of birds and the soft chirping of crickets. You can almost smell the hilltop dew, and the pristine Canadian pine.

*“This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.”*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

Rev. Babcock believed that God didn’t just create a beautiful universe, but God also sustains and rules the world. Every tree, and every soul in creation, is accounted for. God knows everything. God even knows every hair on our heads. We do not have to worry, not even about climate change. We, human beings, often forget that we are not in control. God is in control. Just listen to these words:

*“This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world!
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied.
And earth and heaven be one.”*

Let these words calm and comfort your souls. Do not worry about anything, not even Canadian forest fires. Everything in God’s world is exactly as it should be for this moment. Let the beauty of music “change” you into better people, more faithful people who trust that God will sustain this great Universe that He has created. With Rev. Babcock, enjoy the warm months of summer and fun vacations, but do not forget, that this is my Father’s world, and that there is nothing to worry about, because, ultimately, God is in control.

Singer Bono, from U2 says: “*music can change people.*” And he is right. Music has the power to help us trust God, and let go of worry and anxiety. When we sing hymns in church, the words of the hymns wash through us, like pure spring water. Singing hymns is a state of prayerful worship, that tames the mind’s wild impulses.

So, please, for your soul’s well-being, join us at Shiloh UCC this summer. Sing and enjoy the presence of the Holy One, together in our air conditioned spiritual home. Truly this congregation is blessed. So let’s be grateful, and never forget about the importance of worship. Let’s never forget that coming to church, changes our anxiety level.

Remember, your soul doesn’t take a vacation for the summer months. You still need to feed it. So, keep reading your Bible, praying, singing, meditating, and spending time with your church community on Sundays at Shiloh UCC.

*Rejoicing in Christ,
Pastor Melinda*

MISSIONARY NEWS

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.



Women's Fellowship

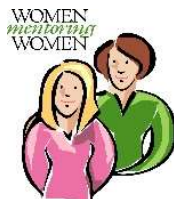


Life for Girls and Cash Rally.

The Women's Guild will be meeting twice in August. The first meeting is on **August 7, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another.** **Chapter Five: It's a Gift!** Shirley Lohmann will be leading this chapter. Special offering for New

The second 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.



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.

THANK YOU NOTES



Dear Pastor Melinda and Shiloh UCC Staff,

Thank you so much for the congratulations and gift! Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated! I'm looking forward to these next few steps in life's journey.

Bekah Baker

Dear Shiloh UCC

We want to say thank you for your continued support of **New Life for Girls.** Your contribution makes a huge difference in helping to sustain this work. Thank you and God bless you!

Your Friends at New Life for Girls

Dear Shiloh UCC,

Thank you to everyone who showered us with cards on the occasion of our 40th Wedding Anniversary. We were delighted to receive over twenty cards from our church family.

Jeff and Cheryl Hershey

THANK YOU NOTES (Cont'd)



Dear Congregants of Shiloh UCC,

We are ever-grateful for the ongoing gestures of loving support you share with Bell and appreciate the gift of your Easter offering of \$1425. Thank you for believing in the worth of ALL in our shared community, and your trust in Bell to do this vital work of Love.

Averie Clark, Director of Community Engagement

Dear Friends at Shiloh UCC,

We are truly fortunate to witness every day how the giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world. Which is why I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your group's recent contribution of \$185 to Heifer. Our work would not be possible without you by our side.

*With appreciation, Christy Moore
Senior Vice President of Marketing*

Dear Shiloh UCC,

Thank you to everyone for your expressions of sympathy after the passing of Russell Brenneman. Also, thank you to Pastor Melinda, Sandy Bamberger, and to all those who participated in the memorial service and luncheon afterward. Your special care and kindness are very much appreciated.

The Brenneman/Hershey Family

Dear Shiloh UCC Family & Friends,

The Baboian family are so grateful to those who helped us and shared in the service and luncheon of remembrance and thanksgiving for Rev. Charles "Chuck" Baboian. Your presence was a great honor to him. We thank you for your prayers and concerns for both of us during these past several years.

I thank God for his love, guidance and patience in leading and being so close during those years.

I always knew when Chuck could no longer remember our names he didn't forget God's name. Chuck smiled and laughed also to the end except for the last eleven days of this earthly life, when he no longer could. Praise God! Thanks to you all.

Sandra Baboian

MEMORIAL GIFTS



Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Rev. Charles "Chuck" Baboian from Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Christopher & Beth Mellott, Brad & Sue Jacobs, Ray & Sandy Fox, Natalie Fuhrman, Nelson & Pat Roth, Jane Harrison, Christian Hoover, Robert & Wendy Davis, Bart & Gerry Funkhouser, Jay & Joyce Mummert, Deb Althoff, Sandy Bamberger, Ginny Heath, Phil & Connie Redman, William & Shirley Lohmann, Sara Jacoby, Joan Hamme, Milton & Beverly Hoak, Karen Bupp and Sandy Baboian.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

August 1 Matthew Hamme

August 2 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 BIRTHDAY'S (Cont'd)

- August 13 Noah Baker
August 14 Brett Pfeiger
August 16 Susan Besecker
August 17 Charlotte Rohrbaugh
August 22 Dean Spahr
August 23 Lacinda Lewis
Gwen Shaffer
August 25 John Reiber
August 28 Susan Long



COMING UP:

- September 4 – Labor Day (office closed)
September 6 – Bible Study resumes
September 7 – Choir Rehearsals resume
September 10 – Communion/Visioning Sunday,
Sunday School resumes (Wired Word)
September 11 – ELC classes begin
September 14 – Central PA Blood Drive
September 17 – Welcome Back Sunday Brunch
September 24 – Guest Preacher (Sally Jane)



Sunday, August 6th doors open at 12:30 Bingo starts at 2pm

*Meat & Seafood Bingo
Dover Township Community Center
3700 Davidsburg Rd

Thursday, August 10th at 6pm

* Camping Theme Cookie Class
Campground Island
6220 Big Mt Rd, Dover, PA

Saturday, August 12th at 12pm

*Firefighters' Association of York County
111th Annual Convention Parade
(begins at Church of the Open Door).

Saturday, August 12th from 9am to 4pm (rain or shine).

*Visual Reality's 25th Annual A Day in the Park Car Show
Brookside Park
4054 Fox Run Road in Dover PA



Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm
Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

“Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ’s love for all through witness, word, and worship.”


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Jane Harrison	Carolyn Poff
Jeff Hershey	
Matt Hildebrecht	

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