

*“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	10:00	Worship/Mission Challenge Begins
	9:00	Sunday School (202)
	9:15	Coffee Connections (gallery)
	3:00	Ecclesiastical Council for Dominique Denman (Trinity UCC)
MON		
TUES	7:00	Outreach & Evangelism (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	7:00	Worship & Music (202)
FRI		
SUN	10:00	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 68

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com 717-764-3569
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Pastor Melinda office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9AM-1PM

Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
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August 25, 2024



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.**

Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship Service
August 25, 2024
10:00AM

MEDITATION

“Where there is love there is life” ~ Mahatma Gandhi

PRELUDE

“The Lord God Has Spoken It”

Paxton

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: Give thanks to God!

All: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

One: Give thanks to God at all times!

All: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for community, for solitude, for joys and for fears.

One: Give thanks to God at all times in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God’s heart and hands. Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

All: Lord, we come to you this morning with so many things going on in our lives. Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice. However, there are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety. Humbly, we wait for your presence with us. We need your healing touch. Strengthen us to do your will, for it is in Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

All: O God of compassion, We cry out to you! We cry out for help: when we turn away from you; when we ignore the needs of our neighbors; when we speak harsh words to those around us; when we forget that we are your beloved children. Draw us close and embrace us with your steadfast love and your healing grace. Forgive us our sins in Jesus’ name. Amen.

As a reminder, the first Sunday of every month is food collection for New Hope Ministries. The non-perishable food items should be placed in the shopping cart in the Welcome Center.



An **Ecclesiastical Council** for **Dr. Dominique P. Denman** is scheduled for **Sunday, August 25 at 3:00 pm at Trinity UCC**, where she has been called to serve. Each church is requested to send their pastor and 2 delegates. If you are interested in attending please contact Nathan Limbert for more details.

The Women’s Guild will be meeting **August 26, at 1:00 pm in room 202.**

The program will be from our study book **Experiencing Contagious Joy, Chapter Five: Sing for Joy of Heart.** Joyce Mummert will be leading this chapter. Special offering this meeting is for our missionary New Life for Girls and Cash Rally.



We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available in the Gallery or the church office.



Hearts and Hands 4 Jesus is selling mums from Country View Greenhouse in Elizabethtown. A sign-up sheet is in the Gallery. Orders are due Sept 7th and pick up at the church is September 14th. Proceeds benefits our missionaries.



- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in loving memory of Catherine and Oscar C. Bupp and Oscar R. Bupp by Karen Bupp.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** Natalie Fuhrman
- **GREETERS:** Sally & Brian Curren
- **USHER:** Brad Jacobs
- **NURSERY** Norina & Jim Bentzel, Jr.
- **COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Katie Bentzel
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE!



Help is needed every other month on the first Sunday of the month. You will need to cut bread and buy grape juice. You would come Saturday to set up and then would need to clean up after the service. Training will be provided. Any help would be appreciated. See Tammy Hildebrecht or call 717-683-0440.

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** to your desired date to have your wording placed in the bulletin.



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.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Beloved Children of God, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful, will forgive our sins collectively,
All: This is good news! 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 Christ Be with you!
All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S STORY (*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 "Father I Adore You" Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 130
 Second Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

SPECIAL MUSIC

Third Lesson: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

SERMON "Live in Love!"

*HYMN "Precious Lord" #472

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

God is here, welcoming us just as we are. In thanksgiving for all of God’s blessings, and in gratitude for all the ways God loves us, we express our love and appreciation to God, by extending the grace and mercy of God to a hungry world. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” #780

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!

All: Holy God, thank you for making each of us a beloved child in your great family. You guide us by your Spirit to the way of life. Through your grace, we have enough to share with our neighbors who are in need. May these offerings bring your kindness to strangers. We pray through Christ, who loved us and gave himself as a fragrant offering and sacrifice while we were yet strangers. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “God Be With You” #81

*BENEDICTION

One: Guided by God,
All: we go with God’s blessing

One: Led by Christ,
All: we go to love and serve.

One: Strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
All: we go to bring justice and peace to all. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Come, We Who Love the Lord” Smith

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer ((Traci Miles))



Dear Lord, Help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance, and wisdom over my heart as I prepare to go into my day. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Meditation: “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5)

Evening Prayer (by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Heavenly Father, my day is drawing to an end, and I’m ready to turn in. But before I do, I have to thank you for your faithfulness today. It’s always a good day; even when things may not go the way I plan, or when the world seems in chaos, because you are in control. For all the times when I was aware of your help today, all the times when your unseen presence seemed so near, thank you, God. But for all the ways you worked behind the scenes, unknown to me, moments when heaven-sent angels moved on my behalf in ways I’ll never know, thank you for those also, Lord. Forgive me for any foolish actions on my part today or things I did without first asking your blessing or wisdom. Those are moments I’d rather forget, but I’m so grateful for your forgiveness when I ask. Thank you for loving me just as I am. Your love compels me to give you my all and fills my heart with praise. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Meditation: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Judy Feeser, Thomas Hershey, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Steve Snyder, Rick & Sue Trimble, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Hoover Family, The Wagner/Smeltzer Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family, The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Knott Family