

Welcome to this time of worship  
Shiloh United Church of Christ  
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408  
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August 27, 2023



**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

*“Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.”*

~Henry Van Dyke

## PRELUDE

8:30 AM

*“My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff”*

Hegarty

11:00AM

*“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful”*

Green

## WELCOME AND CONCERNS

## MISSION MOMENT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Please stand as you are able!)*

One: You have called us to this place, O Lord.

**All: Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.**

One: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God’s realm.

**All: Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.**

One: Come, let us praise God who has called us here.

**All: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God’s word for us. Let us praise God!**

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

**Almighty God, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction for our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

**Giving God, it is so easy for us to diminish the gifts you have given us. We have come to believe that either we are experts in some areas, or we know nothing. Each of us has been given special talents and gifts that can be used to help others, but for some reason we have chosen not to use these gifts, deciding that they are unimportant or not needed. Forgive us when we make decisions not to act. Help us look at the blessings that you have poured into our lives and to discover the special talents that we have. Open the doorways of service that we may go forth to serve you in this world. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.**





- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and 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: 8:30AM:** Dani Bentzel, **11:00AM:** John Reiber
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Cindy & Rick Repman **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY 8:30AM:** Patti Goodyear & Kaitlin Rentzel **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Donna Seifarth, Sandy Bamberger

### **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### **Morning Prayer**

Holy God,  
 Please enlighten my mind with truth;  
 In flame my heart with love;  
 Inspire my will with courage;  
 Enrich my life with service.  
 Pardon what I have been;  
 Sanctify what I am;  
 And order what I shall be.  
 In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer** (*Unknown*)

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 for the relationship we share because of Jesus. In His name I pray. 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, Elaine Krout, 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 Bechtel Family, The Baboian Family, The Brenneman/Hershey Family, The Guillard Family



Please be advised that the **kitchen project** is progressing but isn't quite finished yet. Therefore, the kitchen will be **unavailable for use until further notice**. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## 2023 MISSION CHALLENGE

This year's challenge will begin on **August 27** and end on **October 8**. Our goal is to raise **\$3000** to be divided between **White Rose Hospice and the VNA Hospice and Home Care**. These non-profits provide a wonderful service to persons who want to stay in their home and receive health care as well as those who choose to wish to spend their end of life time with dignity. As we know all too well, many of our Shiloh members have had the need of these services. Please mark your offering envelope "Mission Challenge" on the other line or just use a regular envelope and mark it accordingly. Thanks for considering this mission challenge.



Women's Fellowship



**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.*

As a reminder, the **first Sunday of every month** is food collection for the Salvation Army. The food should be placed in the shopping cart in the Welcoming Center.



**Bible Study** will reconvene on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in room 202.** They will continue the study of the major prophets, beginning with the “Book of Zechariah.” You may contact Ray Fox with any questions.



**The Wired WORD** The **Wired Word Sunday School** class will resume on **Sunday September 10 at 9:45 in room 202.** They discuss current topics in the news with a focus on how Christians should be responding and what scriptures tell us. *All are welcome and all opinions are welcome.*



**Engaging Women** will reconvene for its first fall meeting on **Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.** They will be discussing William Kent Krueger’s book This Tender Land. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Sally Curren with any questions.



The **Central PA Blood Bank** will be having a mobile blood drive on **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 pm.** Walk-ins are welcome but they strongly suggest you schedule an appointment. There are 3 ways to do so. 717GiveBlood.org, call 1-800-771-0059 or scan the QR code on one of the flyers. Registration is required in the church lobby prior to donating. You must bring a form of I.D. Donors will receive a \$5 Bill Mack’s Ice Cream gift card!



The **Women’s Social and Support Group** will meet for breakfast at **Shiloh Family Restaurant** on **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.** Please contact Gladys Seigman at 717-764-1840 **by Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend.



**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.



*“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**  
9:45 Sunday School (100)  
4:00 Ice Cream Social (100)  
MON 1:00 Women’s Guild (202)  
6:30 Nominating Committee (202)  
TUES 7:00 Worship & Music (202)  
WED 10:00 Staff Meeting (202)  
5:00 TOPS (100)  
7:00 Visioning Meeting (202)  
THUR 6:30 NA Group (100)  
SUN 8:30 & 11 **Worship**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 89**

### **THE CHURCH STAFF**

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