

**Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ**

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NOVEMBER 22, 2020 – 9:15 AM

Our Mission Statement

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

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

by the people of God

gathered in the meeting house of

Shiloh United Church of Christ

Meditation

“We pray for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts.”

Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Prelude to Christian Worship. “Thanks Be to God!” Thompson

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

All: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with peace, hope, and love.

One: Praise be to God who provides for us.

All: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

Let us worship God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation (by Anne G. Cohen)**

Gracious God, Source of all Blessings,

You have been extravagant in your Generosity.

You have planted within us the seeds of Hope.

You have nurtured within us the saplings of Faith.

You have harvested the fruits of your Creation and

Spread before us the feast of all Possibility.

Words cannot express the gratitude with which

We come before you.

May we embody our thanks with extravagant generosity.

May we offer our lives to you in acts of compassion for one another.

May we walk gently upon the earth, ever mindful of your gifts

Of Breath, of Love, of Life itself. Amen.

Hymn. “Come, O Thankful People, Come” No. 422

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 65;

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15;

Third Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon

“Thanksgiving”

Handbell Choir “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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
(Offering plates are located next to the bulletins in the Narthex)

Invitation to the Offering

Today we thank God for the bounty we have received and return to God a portion of our blessing. We need only to be joyful in our thanksgiving.

***Offertory Response** “Doxology”No. 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**

Almighty God, make us thankful and grateful people today. We know that to give is divine, so help us embrace generosity not only of spirit but also of our resources. Help us remember, O God, that Jesus humbled himself and became obedient for our sake. Therefore, inspire in us an attitude of thankfulness so that we may generously pour out our gifts for others. And may we make this Thanksgiving not just a day, but a season. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn “Great is Your Faithfulness”No. 423

***Benediction (2 Corinthians 9 those who are able, please stand)**

Give thanks to God in all that you do,
for all that you have,
for every moment of your lives.
God provides you with every blessing,
so that you may share it abundantly with all the world. Amen.

The Postlude “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” Powell

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: (by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Good morning, Lord! Today's a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday mistakes, or failures I may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad and Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you



is gone and with it any regrets, give thanks, and I do, Lord. want me to be. Amen.

A Bedtime Prayer to Stop an Anxious Heart (by Renee Swoop)

Dear Lord, please help me trust You and empower me through Your Spirit to stop my emotions from bossing me around. I want to quit worrying about what might happen and focus on remembering and praising You for Your faithfulness in my life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Prayers for Our Community of Faith

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Charles Smith, Mary Emma Elicker, Elmer Duttera, Catherine Lochman, Elona Ellis, Mary Ann Downs, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overviller, Milton Hoak, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Audrey Gerber

Those Who Grieve for Their Loved Ones

The Minck Family, The Fix Family, The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family



The **Sunday School and Youth Fellowship** are adopting families again for the Christmas season. This year we have a family with a single mother and 2 children plus a grandmother who is raising her two grandchildren. Because of the uncertainty of being in church each Sunday, we decided not to place a tree in the gallery. This year we are asking you to support the families by donating money to **Adopt-A-Family**. We have volunteers who will use that money to purchase as much as we can from the requested items on their lists. Using a separate envelope designated for Adopt-a Family you can place your donation

in the collection plate or mail it in. You can also designate an amount for Adopt -A-Family on your church offering envelope. Thank you for your support during this Christmas season.

We are now taking orders for **Poinsettias**. Price is \$6.50 each. Envelopes for your orders are available in the Welcome Center or the narthex. The orders may be placed in the offering, placed in a basket at the Welcome Center or turned in at the Sing Along on Dec. 6. The deadline to order is **December 7**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC. Thank you.



Youth Fellowship will be selling **Texas Roadhouse Gift cards** for Christmas. Sign-up sheets are in the Gallery and office to sign up. **Deadline to order is December 6, 2020** and cards will be delivered on **Sunday December 13**. Youth Fellowship will receive 10% of the sales.

During The month of November, I will be accepting memberships for the **Homewood Auxiliary at Plumcreek** for a \$3.00 donation per person or \$5.00 per couple. You will receive a quarterly newsletter with updates from all the Homewood sites. Please see Shirley Lohmann for a membership until the **end of November**.



ANNUAL CASHEW SALE CANCELLED

Due to precautions necessary during the Covid outbreak, the Sunshine Class will not be holding their annual cashew sale this year. We hope to be back in business next year!

Since Sunday School is not meeting yet, we will not be putting the tree up in room 100. However, we will have a collection box for the **Tree of Warmth** donations in the gallery of the church. We will collect the donations from **November 15 to December 13**. Donations will be given to the Dover Area Schools. Now more than ever, donations are greatly needed and appreciated.



As a reminder, Consistory is seeking additional **Ushers and or Greeters** to volunteer during Sunday worship services. A new list will be created with members who have been attending. Please contact Maira in the office or a member of Consistory if you are interested.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH A FESTIVE MASK!

The cost is whatever you wish to donate. Please use the envelopes provided and place them in the offering plate in the Narthex. Proceeds will benefit Shiloh UCC Missionaries Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica. Thank you for your support!



- Masks are made with 100% cotton fabric
- Two styles: Surgical (pleated) and Olson (No Pleats)
- Adult Size Large: Universal, one size fits all
- Adult Size Small: scaled down version providing a snugger fit for young adults and women with smaller faces
- Both styles have an inside pocket, providing the option to insert a filter for added protection
- Stock will be replenished regularly, so please check back!
- If you have a request for a specific fabric, quantity, or child size, please email Mary Reiber at mreiber125@gmail.com.



Each year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, **Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.** conducts a cookie collection and distribution event. Individuals from local churches and other groups prepare homemade cookies and place 6-8 cookies in decorated bags along with a note, tract or Bible verse. These bags are dropped off at the trailer and then distributed to the local truck stops, trucking depots, restaurants, motels, and businesses to be handed out to drivers, employees and motel guests. Over 15,000 bags of cookies have been handed out in each of the last several years. The purpose is to let truckers and travelers know that we're thinking of them, that we are here for them, and to provide a 'taste of home' while they are on the road. The Ministry says many drivers have contacted them to say how much they appreciate our thoughts and prayers for them. **This year at Shiloh there will be a table placed in the gallery near the parlor on November 29 to collect cookies until December 13.** On the 13th the cookies will be collected and taken to the Carlisle Trucker's Ministry. Please contact Brian Curren with any questions."

Beginning **November 29**, the **SOUP KITCHEN** crew is asking for donations of wrapped candy (i.e. any snack-sized wrapped candy or mini candy canes). Please put candy donations in the boxes labeled "Soup Kitchen" in the church Gallery or kitchen. The **deadline for donations is Sunday, December 13**. We will fill small gift bags with the candy and distribute them at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in December. Thank you!



BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP is available on the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase. 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. Please contact the office if you interested in purchasing one.



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson.**

“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 9:15 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
 TUES 6:30 Boy Scouts (100)
 9:30 Bible Study (100)
 5:30 TOPS (100)
 THURS Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
 6:30 NA Group (100)
 SUN 9:15 **Worship**



Attendance last Sunday: 78

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Ben and Jake Spangler and Jason Durs by Fay and Donald Myers.
- LITURGIST: Carol Burns

Slate for the 2021 Consistory:

Elders - Jeff Hershey, Norina Bentzel, and Sallie Hagerman

Deacons - Danielle Bentzel and Janene Beck

If there are other nominations, please email Patti Goodyear- pagoodyear213@gmail.com.

THE CHURCH STAFF

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