

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

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REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 25, 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 *“ Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace,
so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.”*

~Martin Luther

The Prelude to Christian Worship. “Be Still and Know” Williamson

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, let us worship our loving God!

All: God is our refuge and strength.

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

All: God brings peace to all nations and peoples.

One: When we are on shaky ground,

All: God rescues us.

One: When changes bring hardship and overwhelm us,

All: God holds us in Christ and will not let us go.

One: Christ is our solid ground.

All: Thanks be to God, our refuge and strength! Let us worship our loving God!

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Loving God, we remember the many ways in which you have helped and saved us, from generation to generation. Be with us this day as we listen for your word for us in our time. Touch our hearts with your healing mercy, for we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen..

Hand bell Choir and Organ. “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 439

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 46

Second Lesson: John 8:31-36

Third Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Sermon “The Gift of God’s Grace”

Hand bell Choir “Be Thou My Vision”Slane/Arr. Larson

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

Through Christ let us continually praise God and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

***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**

Merciful Lord, we offer our gifts and we offer our prayers, not trusting in our righteousness, but as those who know our own unworthiness and trust only in your love and grace. Keep from us any temptation to see ourselves as better than any other, remembering that you love us all equally, no matter where we are on life’s pilgrimage. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen

Hand bell Choir and Organ “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”No. 4

***Benediction**

One: Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.
All: God’s love goes with us!
One: Go to follow Christ’s example in loving God and your neighbor.
All: God’s love goes with us!
One: Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.
All: God’s love goes with us! Amen.

The Postlude “Our Refuge and Strength” Broughton

Prayers for the Week

Morning:

In the midst of these frightening times, be with me, merciful God. I seek your peace and healing love. My heart is filled with concern for my family and friends, as well as those in far off lands who face difficulties and illnesses. Now I share the names of those for whom I seek prayers knowing that you hear my cries and respond in love. [Silent Prayer]. Yet in the midst of darkness your light of joy abounds within me as I share those moments which have caused me to rejoice in delight. Thank you, loving God, for this new day. And now send me out to love and share your Good News with everyone I meet today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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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. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers for Our Community of Faith

Nancy Hamme, Betty Harper, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Mary Jane Arnold, 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



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.

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.



During the month of **October**, the **Women's Guild**, through the Sunday School, will be having a special collection to support the needs of the residents of "**New Life for Girls.**" New Life for Girls is a residential ministry for women with drug and alcohol related problems. Due to Covid-19 concerns, our support will be limited to monetary contributions. Please use the "other" line on your offering envelope and designate **New Life For Girls.** The deadline to donate is **October 25.**



Please join a "Surprise Drive-Thru" Birthday Celebration for Bob Long here at Shiloh UCC on **November 1 from 1-3:30 p.m.** or send a card to 330 Rumford Road Lititz, PA 17543. See the Timothy board for more details.





Cash Rally will be observed on **Sunday, November 1**. This year’s contributions will be given to the Early Learning Center of our church to help them meet the challenges that Covid-19 has created for them. Increasing costs due to additional cleaning and smaller class sizes are among the challenges. Special materials were purchased to encourage social distancing. There have been some programs in the area that have not opened, so parents have been enrolling children in our church’s program. An additional class for three-year-olds has been created to meet their needs. Beginning in

October, enrichment classes will be held, and a Friday two- hour kindergarten readiness program will be held for children whose parents do not yet feel comfortable sending their children to the Preschool sessions. The dedicated teachers and staff have helped the program to be well respected in the community and have followed a Health and Safety Plan to ensure the children’s safety. The Early Learning Center has been a successful part of our church life for over forty years and would appreciate your support.

Any church organization who is contributing as a group can obtain an envelope in the office or from Jane Harrison. These envelopes can be placed in the offering plates in the narthex. Envelopes for individuals can be found with the weekly offering envelopes. “Cash Rally” can also be entered on the “Other” line on the weekly envelopes. Thank you for your contributions and support.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work. These grants fund projects to community organizing and advocacy and address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. **Offering will be accepted during the month of October.** Please use the special envelopes in the narthex or use the “other” line on your envelope and designate “NIN”.



The **Women’s Guild** will meet on **November 2 at 1 p.m.** Please be advised we will social distance and wear masks. We will be starting our new study book on **Bad Girls of the Bible**. Chapter One is on *Eve: The First Bad Girl*. Carolyn Poff will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

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



Please do not use the comcastbiz.net email for the church office or Pastor Melinda. It will be discontinued in January. You can continue to use Office@shilohucc.com and PastorMelinda@shilohucc.com.

THIS WEEK

- SUN 9:15 **Worship/Pumpkin Festival (portico)**
- 2:00-3 Trunk or Treat
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (100)
- 6:30 Engaging Women (Gallery)
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 6:15 Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals (Sanct.)
- 6:30 NA Group (100)
- SUN 9:15 **Worship/Cash Rally/Memorial Sunday**



Attendance last Sunday: 72

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maryllyn M. Reisinger and Peggy S. Firestone by Deb, Randy and Tyler Reisinger.
- CHANCEL FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard D. Reiber by his wife Sally and family.
- THE BULLETINS are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of James and Rosemary’s anniversary with love, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- LITURGIST: Sara Jacoby

THE CHURCH STAFF

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*“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”*