

Shiloh United Church of Christ

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Our Mission Statement

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

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION *"A man/or a woman who won't die for something is not fit to live."* - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 20th century

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM..... *"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"*..... Thygerson
11:00AM..... *"We Worship & Adore You"*..... Arr. Tornquist

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: But following Jesus isn't easy.

One: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

All: It will change our whole lives.

One: Come, all of you. Come and learn of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Lord, we come, seeking Your holy wisdom and guidance. Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Still Speaking God, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. Guide us, we pray, on the adventure of search and hope, and help us see the ways which lead to you and a beloved community, where Jesus Christ is at the center. In His Holy name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"Morning Has Broken"* See Page 10

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN *"King of Kings"* See Page 11

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

Psalm 116:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

"Follow Jesus"

HYMN *"On a Hill Far Away"* # 195

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

We are called to listen to the words of wisdom and to respond with our whole lives. Let us give thanks to God with all that we are and all that we have — in word, thought, and action.

PIANO SOLO BY JESSIE SECHRIEST

11:00AM. “*Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome*” Rambo/Arr. Thornquist

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “Doxology” # 778

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, we hear and respond to your words of love and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves — our words, our thoughts, and our actions — be acceptable to you. Help us spread your message of life and love wherever we go. Help us spread your blessings of care and comfort where a need arises. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake of communion)

***HYMN OF COMMUNION.** “*We Are People on a Journey*” # 340

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH– A NEW CREED #887

<p>We are not alone, we live in God’s world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.</p>
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INVITATION

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

All: **In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: God is present to us, but we don’t always feel it. God is good to us, but we can’t always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God’s goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that “sin.”

All: **God of all mercy, I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sin is in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored stand between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you, and I shall follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, everyone one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

All: **By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(Please wave to one another)*

Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.
The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

HYMN.....*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*..... See Insert

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please open the cup containing the bread first, then please open the juice. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN.....*“How Great Thou Art”*..... See Insert

BENEDICTION

Go forth with the words of wisdom speaking in your ears.
Go forth with songs of hope singing in your heart.
Know that you are called to be faithful followers
of the One who will always be near you,
will always guide and encourage you
to walk the path of life.
Go in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30AM.....*“Lord of Our Life”*.....Smith
11:00AM.....*“Higher Ground”*.....Gabriel/Arr. Thornquist

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Mildred and Earl Chronister by Jane Harrison.
- **LITURGIST:** 8:30AM: Linda Little, 11:00AM: Marsha Reiber
- **USHERS:** 8:30AM: Helen & Dick Hodgson, 11:00AM: Volunteer needed
- **GREETERS:** 8:30AM: Sara Jacoby & Joyce Mummert, 11:00AM: Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY DUTY:** 8:30AM: Carol Burns & Karen Bupp, 11:00AM Volunteers needed
- **MUSIC:** 8:30AM: **Sandy Bamberger**, 11:00AM: **Jessie Sechriest**
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Lew Wallace, Matt Hildebrecht, Jaron Flickinger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND SANDY AND JESSIE FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Inspired by Lysa Terkeurst)

Gracious God, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way, so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by Your Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by this world's noise. Help me remember Psalm 86:13, 'Great is your love toward me.' That's amazing. But what's most amazing is that the Creator of this world would spend a few minutes with me this morning. Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to be in your holy presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Inspired by Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Lord Jesus Christ, bless us with rest and a good night's sleep. Forgive us for the things we did today that did not honor you. Forgive us when we didn't love you and our neighbor with our whole heart. Thank you for loving us even when we make mistakes. Thank you for loving us and forgiving us no matter what. Tonight we pray for our loved ones. Bless our family, our home, and keep us safe through the night. May your angels guard us and watch over us, just like you promised. Be with the people who are suffering. Heal the sick and comfort the weak. Send your peace and presence into our struggling world tonight. In Your Holy name. Amen.



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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Oscar Bupp, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Mary Rodgers, Vanessa Seifarth, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Elva Winter.

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Hamme Family, The Limbert/Crone Family, The Behler Family, The Elicker Family, The Burg/Missinger Family.



Please join us for an adult discussion class meeting **today in Room 100 during the Sunday School hour from 9:45-10:45 AM**, led by Jen Miller. We will be using **The Wired Word** which relates current events to Scripture passages and encourages class dialogue on how to apply God's word to everyday life. We will go immediately into our discussion without any opening program. Anyone, regardless of age, is invited to join us for this study. The class will join the Visioning Committee's discussion group, **Share our Story**, which will begin on September 26, also in Room 100. When the Visioning Committee discussions end, we will once again go back to **The Wired Word** for the remainder of the year. Please consider joining us as we explore our faith through these discussions.

SEPTEMBER 19 IS WELCOME BACK SUNDAY!

New service times: 8:30AM **and** 11:00AM



****You're invited to join us for a reception in room 100 at 9:45 AM.**

- Meet Pastor Melinda
- Enjoy coffee and conversation with friends.
- Learn what the Visioning Committee has planned for the future of Shiloh UCC.

The congregation is entering an exciting period, and we would like you to be part of it. Everyone is looking forward to seeing you soon at Shiloh UCC!



Engaging Women will be meeting again starting **Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** We will be doing a book study called "The Power of a Woman's Words," by Sharon Jaynes. Sally Curren will be ordering books for anyone who is interested in joining us.

This year's **Stewardship Challenge** is to raise enough money to "buy a farm" through Heifer International. We would like to buy chicks, ducks, honeybees, one sheep, one pig, one goat, one water buffalo, and one heifer. The total cost for those animals is \$1180. Of course we would be happy to buy more animals for our farm if we raise more money than that. Many times the Heifer Project received funds from our Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School. Of course with the Covid Pandemic that was not happening. Also, during Covid our own country suffered, but the third world countries even more so. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's challenge and put your donation in your regular offering envelope or any envelope and mark it Stewardship Challenge. The challenge will end on October 10th before our many other holiday outreach projects begin.



Starting on **Sunday, September 26**, between the two church services the **Visioning Committee** will host a discussion group called **SOS which stands for "share our story"**. This group will meet in **room 100** and will be discussing many topics including the history of Shiloh UCC, the culture of our church, and what our future Sunday School classes should look like and be called, as well as many other topics that arise. At no time are we trying to rewrite Shiloh UCC's story, or change anything that already is working well, but rather begin writing the

next chapter. **This needs the participation of the congregation, so please plan on participating in all or some of these group discussions.**

Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday Sept 26th from 9:45 to 10:45. Youth will meet in Room 117. Be on the lookout for more classes and small group sessions as the year progresses.



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** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin. The following dates are still available:

- SEPTEMBER:** 19 & 26
- OCTOBER:** 3 & 10
- NOVEMBER:** 14, 21 & 28
- DECEMBER:** 5

The Greater York Crop Hunger Walk Committee met on August 11th and, because of the increasing COVID testing positivity rate, decided to have this year's walk be a Virtual Walk like we had last year, rather than an in-person walk with all walkers assembling at one location. Therefore each congregation or business team can walk in the manner they wish, at a location of their own choosing ... The proceeds of the walk will support the work of Church World Service and the York County Food Bank."



Our congregation will be walking on **Sunday October 10th**. A specific time and location will be determined at a later date. If you would like to participate or donate money please let me know. If anyone has questions Nathan Limbert will be at the narthex after the service(s) on Sunday or, you can reach him at 717-873-9507 or nrlimb@gmail.com.

Updates will be provided in the bulletins and October Communique when specific information has been determined.

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/Communion
MON	7:00	Consistory meeting (100)
TUES	6:30	Boy Scouts (100)
	6:30	Engaging Women (Sanct.)
WED	7:30	Soup Kitchen
	9:30	Bible Study
	5:30	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Visioning Committee (100)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	7:00	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Welcome Back Sunday



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 88

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