

*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)
MON		Labor Day (Office Closed)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	10:00	Worship/Communion

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 65

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Worship Service
September 1, 2024
10:00AM

MEDITATION

“Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not.”
- C.S. Lewis

PRELUDE

“Medley of America” Arr. Hamme
 (Dedicated to all workers and homemakers)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.
All: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

One: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.
All: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

One: Come, let us celebrate God’s eternal presence and love.
All: Let us open our spirits to receive God’s direction for our lives. Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!
All: Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here, at Shiloh UCC, this day to hear your healing words of compassion, and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* #12



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.



The Wired Word Sunday School class will resume on Sunday September 9 at 9:00 in room 124. 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.

The Woman's Social & Support Group will meet for breakfast at **The West Manchester Diner, 930 Carlisle Road, York, PA on Friday, September 20th at 9:00 A.M.** Please contact Beverly Gerberick at 717-764-2988 by September 16th if you plan to attend.



Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, September 10, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant.** Contact Brad Jacobs at bcj402@verizon.net or 717-764-2773 for additional information.

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 Eppley Family, 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

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented by the Bentzel Family in loving memory of John Parke Bentzel by Janis and William Heindel.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** Katie Bentzel
- **GREETERS:** Pat Myers & Stephanie Waldron
- **USHER:** Linda Little
- **NURSERY** Patti Goodyear & Kaitlyn Rentzel
- **COFFEE CONNECTIONS:** Bev Arnold
- **MUSIC:** Joan Hamme

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

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES, SEPTEMBER COMMUNIQUES and MAJOR CHURCH EVENTS CALLENDARS are available in the Gallery or the church office.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

All: God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have often turned our back on opportunities for service. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even if you have sinned, and done what you know to be wrong, remember that God will heal and forgive you; sending you on your way to become a person of peace, joy and hope. Today receive God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Find peace for your soul for God is with you. 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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#50

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading: Psalm 15

SPECIAL MUSIC

Third Lesson: James 1:17-27

SERMON

“Just Do It!”

*HYMN *“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way* 465

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

"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." Let us celebrate our blessings with generosity as we collect the offering for the benefit of our neighbors in Christ.

*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: Generous God, you have made rich and poor, powerful and vulnerable alike in your image. Bless the gifts we have gathered today that we may use them to protect the afflicted and bring greater justice to your world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *“God’s Eye is on the Sparrow”* 475

*BENEDICTION

One: May you care for those who are left out, may you comfort those who are lonely, and may you never be left out or lonely yourself. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, be in your homes and in your families, and with all those whom you love, and for whom you pray, now and always.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Majesty”

Hayford

**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR
WORSHIP TODAY! PLEASE COME AGAIN!**

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Adapted by J. Veltri, S.J. from <https://www.xavier.edu>)

O God, I find myself at the beginning of another day. I do not know what it will bring. Please help me to be ready for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. If I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. I pray just for today, for these twenty-four hours, for the ability to cooperate with others according to the way Jesus taught us to live. Please free my thinking and feelings from all forms of self-will, self-centeredness, dishonesty, and deception. Along with my brothers and sisters, I need this freedom to make my choices today according to your desires. Send your Spirit to inspire me in time of doubt and indecision so that, together, we can walk along your path.

Evening Prayer (Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen.