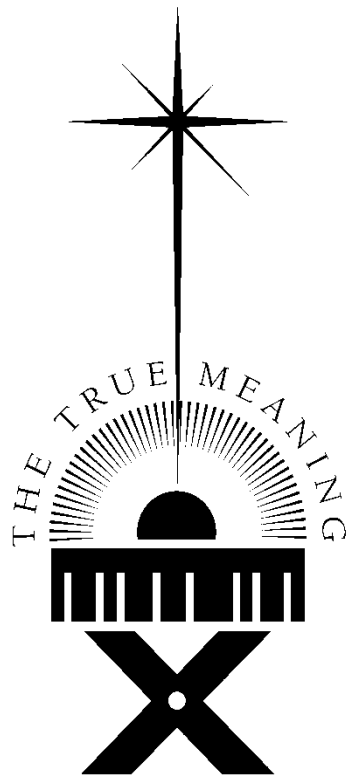


# COMMUNIQUE



of Christmas

**DECEMBER 2018**

**SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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A GROWING CHURCH

MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS

## DECEMBER WORSHIP

- December 2** *First Sunday of Advent/Communion*  
Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36  
“Sign of Things to Come!”  
Chancel Choir
- December 9** *Second Sunday of Advent/Blanket Sunday*  
**Election of Consistory/Congregational 2019 Budget Meeting**  
Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6  
“Make Ready!”  
Chancel and Handbell Choir
- December 16** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
**Advent Worship Celebration @ 9:15 AM**  
Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18  
“Look Forward!”  
All Adult Choirs
- December 23** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)  
“Moving With Mary’s Song!”  
Chancel Choir
- December 24** **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 6:30 PM**  
*“A Night Like No Other”*  
**Candlelight Service 9:30 PM**  
Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)  
“The Spiritual Life Begins!!”
- December 30** *First Sunday after Christmas*  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) or  
Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37  
“Who Is This Child?!”  
Chamber Choir

## Pastor's December Message

I must say, 'almost' nothing could have been so disorienting than this past Thursday's (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>) trip home to North Harrisburg from the church. After all it was a *whole week before* a rather early Thanksgiving! At merely noon, *the white stuff* (snow) was already at 4" and mounting up at 1" an hour!

Immediately, I want to give thanks for two very present realities: (1) A four wheel drive Ford Escape that didn't falter on the hills and dales of Northern York County. (2) A commute to and from York that's *only* 32 miles each way rather than, my last commute to and from Berks County, of *67 miles each way*; and Kutztown is on Routes I-81 and I-78. I left York and Shiloh at 12:30 PM and arrived on my doorstep at 5:40 PM, a little over five hours later!

I used my extra road time to plan and imagine my December message. (LOL) With the month of December, the Revised Common Lectionary begins a new church year in the three year cycle of Years A, B and C. December 2, 2018 starts the Lectionary Year C on the First Sunday of Advent.

I've found the Lectionary Cycles very important to my reflections and meditations on God's Word. To me the lectionary feels like the framing of the building that is Christian Faith. That is, the outward lessons from Old Testament, Psalms, Epistles and Gospels present a focused and systematic call for reflection on our inward and invisible faith in the Living God.

I know you will want to gather often in December and January as Shiloh moves into the new church and calendar year guided and upheld by the lessons and foundational texts of our faith in Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God whom we know by virtue of The Holy Spirit's still small voice speaking with our souls.

May we celebrate our faith, given by God's Holy Spirit each day in the month of December? May we stop, look and listen for the Words of the Holy One, while humbly asking for God's transforming power in our lives. May you and yours strengthen your faith in God by joining with your church, Shiloh United Church of Christ during the new church and calendar year.

Let us gather together to strengthen one another. Amen!

*Faithfully,*  
*Rev. Michael Beynon*  
*Interim Minister*

## NOVEMBER CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

**President's Report** - The Profile Committee has met twice thus far. They have completed the listing information, and the scope of work portions of the profile.

**Pastor's Report** - In response to the growing deficit, Pastor Mike met with Tim and Natalie. Pastor Mike will be annuitizing his pension in January, so as to reduce Shiloh's expenses. Salary and housing expenses will be dropped as of end of year; continued church payment of health and dental insurances and quarterly pension payments at current rate into retirement savings account with the Pension Boards of the UCC.

**Church and Ministry**- Candidates for the open Consistory positions: Laura Metzger, Sally Curren, Nathan Limbert, Jane Harrison, and Jaron Flickinger.

**Finance**- Almost \$13,000.00 has been collected thus far for the Boiler Fund. The building loan balance stands at \$63,016.68.

**Property- Property** - Jeff reported that the HVAC system is up and running.

**Communication and Technology**- Windows 10 has been installed on the new computers. The current parsonage resident helped to connect all to the server.

**Pastoral Care and Visitation**-There were 26 visits made by the visitation committee during the past month.

**ELC**-The ELC hosted 2 events during the past month. The first event was entitled "Kindergarten Awareness". The second event was entitled "Stewards of Children". The ELC, in conjunction with the West York High School Human Development Class, will be hosting a parents' night out on December 12. It will be a night of movies, crafts and games for children over the age of 2. A nominal fee will be charged with all proceeds going directly to the ELC Scholarship Fund.

### **New Business**

-Steve Besecker has agreed to serve on the Profile committee.  
-As of November 8, the Sewing Circle will no longer be meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Tim Bentzel, Consistory President*

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 9

Following the Worship Services

to elect the Consistory for 2019 and to vote on the 2019 budget.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the table in the Gallery. Please pickup your envelopes and any family members' envelopes.

**THE 2019 TEAM LISTS FOR GREETERS, USHERS, NURSERY AND OFFERING DUTY** are available Sunday before and after worship in the narthex



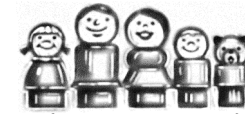
**SHILOH UCC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** will again be selling **Texas Roadhouse gift cards** for the holidays. There will be a signup sheet for any denomination from \$5 to \$100 placed around the church to place your order. We must submit the orders by the first week of

December and they should be available for distribution on Sunday December 9. The Youth Fellowship will receive 10% of the gift card sales. These cards are good at any Texas Roadhouse location and make great Christmas gifts for those hard to buy for people on your list.

### WHEN GRIEF COLORS THE HOLIDAYS

"How to manage the absence of a loved one during the festive season." A free program offered by Spiritual Care – WellSpan Health presented by Rev. Peter Kuhn. **Friday, December 14 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.** @ York Hospital. Call 717-851-2305 to make reservations. Seating is limited. Parking is free.

Youth Fellowship will be meeting on Sunday, **December 9** to make favors to distribute while caroling. The Youth Fellowship will be going Christmas Caroling on **December 23**. Watch for more details.



### Adopt-a-Family

**Adopt –A –Family:** The Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a needy family for Christmas this year. If you would like to join us, please take an ornament from the tree in the Gallery. Purchase and wrap the item and attach the tag with the person and the item inside listed and return to the church by **December 16**. Please place the item(s) under or by the tree. This family also needs daily household items such as: laundry detergent, fabric softener, cleaning supplies, paper towels, paper plates, garbage bags, baggies, Tylenol, storage containers, dish detergent, laundry soap and fabric softener (anything that food stamps do not cover.) They can also use towels, dishcloths, blankets, pillows and sheets. Help make Christmas a blessed time for everyone. Thank you for your support!



**SOUP KITCHEN** is asking for donations of wrapped candy (examples are Hershey's Kisses, any snack-sized wrapped candy, or mini candy canes). The Soup Kitchen crew will fill small gift bags with candy and distribute them at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen on December 20. Starting on December 2 please put candy donations in the boxes labeled "Soup Kitchen" in the church Gallery or kitchen. The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 16. Thank you!

**NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:** Anyone wishing to make contributions by the **ACH Method**, beginning 2019, or wishing to change amount of giving, there are pink and green authorization forms on the table in the gallery. The pink is for weekly and the green for monthly. Please complete and return to the church office no later than **December 16**. Thank you!



**POINSETTIAS - deadline to order is December 2.** The cost is \$6.50 each. Ordering envelopes are in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC, thank you.

REMINDER - Don't forget to bring mittens, gloves, caps, scarves, socks, etc. for the **TREE OF WARMTH** on **DECEMBER 9** at 10:25 a.m. in room 100. These articles will be given to Bell Socialization Services. Please note Bell distributes to families not just children, so adult items are also welcomed.



The **Women's Guild** will meet **December 3 at 12:30** in room 100 for our **Christmas Family Covered Dish**. Bring a covered dish and place settings. After lunch we will view the DVD "**The Nativity Story**." *All women of the church are invited to attend at any time. Join us to view this journey of a Lifetime.*



The Consistory has voted to donate the **Christmas Offering**, envelopes and loose plate as follows: \$100.00 to the Shiloh Fire Company; \$500.00 to Bell Family Shelter and the remainder to the Friends of Limón stipend for our Missionaries Sally Jane & Crosby Johnson.

**BLANKET SUNDAY**  
**December 9**

Our gifts to Church World Service provide not only blankets but, tents, food and emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster. Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields and wells for families living in drought prone areas are also provided. Envelopes to receive this offering are in the pew racks and on the table in the Gallery.



**THE CHRISTMAS FUND for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund** envelopes may be found on the table in the Gallery. Donations help to provide pension and health premium

supplementation to lower-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy or lay church employees in need, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to hundreds of annuitants; administered by the Pension Board.



**CASHEWS FOR SALE!** Once again the Sunshine Class is making and selling their delicious homemade cashews for their annual fund raiser. The price is \$7.00 for ½ lb. and \$14.00 for a pound, salted and unsalted are available. Pickup will be **Friday, December 7** at the church from 7 – 8 p.m. or Sunday morning. Please place your order **by December 2** on the order forms found throughout the church building. Thank you!



**THE CARLISLE TRUCK STOP MINISTRY COOKIE PROGRAM** will be held again this year. As before, please place 6-10 cookies in a Ziploc bag and put in the boxes outside the library on the table or in the kitchen next to the refrigerator. The boxes will be available Sunday **December 16** to receive your cookies. We will deliver them to Carlisle for distribution. Thank you for your support. Any questions, please contact Lisa, Kevan Stough or Nancy Sipe.

**THE WIDOWS SUPPORT & SOCIAL GROUP** will have their Christmas luncheon on Friday, **December 21** at noon at Crimson Grill South Queen Street. Please call Joyce Bowers @ 717-767-8966 by to make your reservations.



**MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION** in Convalescent Homes and Retirement Homes:

**Mary Jane Arnold** - Normandie Ridge

1700 Normandie Drive, Room 143, York, PA 17408

**Oscar Bupp** - Providence Place

3377 Fox Run Road, Room 300, Dover, PA 17315

**Helen Byers** – Providence Place

3377 Fox Run Rd #917, Dover, PA 17315

**Barbara Coxen** – Country Meadows

1900 Trolley Road Apt. 328, York, PA 17408

**Mary Ann Downs** – Normandie Ridge

1700 Normandie Drive, Room 209, York, PA 17408

**Elmer Duttera** - Providence Place

3377 Fox Run Road, Room 603, Dover, PA 17315

**Mary Emma Elicker** – Country Meadows

1900 Trolley Road, P9, York, PA 17408

**Jessie Fix** – Country Meadows

1920 Trolley Road, P6, York PA 17408

**Nancy Hamme** – Manor Care

1770 Barley Dr. Room 109, York, PA 17408

**Betty Harper** – Spiritrust Lutheran

750 Kelly Drive, Room 236-A, York, PA 17404

**Anna Hinkle** – Providence Place

3377 Fox Run Road, Room 811, Dover PA 17315

**Dottie and Bob Limbert** – Providence Place

3377 Fox Run Road, Room 116, Dover PA 17315

**Catherine Lochman** – Pleasant Acres

118 Pleasant Acres Road, Room 326A, York, PA 17402

**Helen Luckenbaugh** – Autumn House West

914 W. Market Street, Room 307, York, PA 17404

**Arlene Myers** – Spiritrust Lutheran

1801 Folkman Circle, Room 209, York, PA 17404

**Charlotte Rohrbaugh** – Providence Place

3377 Fox Run Road, Room 214, Dover PA 17315

**Charles Smith** - Country Meadows

1900 Trolley Road, Room 231, York PA 17408

**Stewart and Marie Wagner** - Country Meadows

1920 Trolley Road, Room 204, York, PA 17408

**John and Elva Winter** – Masonic Home

44 Sycamore Drive, Apt. 238, Elizabethtown, PA 17022



**VOLUNTEERS for DECEMBER**

**ALTAR ATTENDANTS**

Dec. 2 Lily Fahnestock  
Dec. 9 Isaac Pituch  
Dec. 16 Kyla Myers  
Dec. 23 Donovan Reiber  
Dec. 24 6:30: Kendra Tredway  
9:30: Nathan Limbert  
Dec. 30 Kendra Tredway



**USHERS**

Dec. 2 Carolyn Poff and volunteer needed  
Dec. 9 Don and Jeanie Bentzel and Mark Garber  
Dec. 16 Jim, Norina and Joshua Bentzel  
Dec. 23 Tim, Katie, Emily and Dani Bentzel  
Dec. 24 Consistory Members  
Dec. 30 Jim and Lori Kruza and Joan Hamme

**GREETERS**

Dec. 2 Karen Bupp and Jan Hopple  
Dec. 9 Gary and Marvel Burg  
Dec. 16 Beverly and Milton Hoak  
Dec. 23 Jackie Taft and Julene Bechtel  
Dec. 24 Consistory Members  
Dec. 30 Carolyn Poff and Bob Heilman



**OFFERING**

Dec. 2 Consistory  
Dec. 9 Nancy Sipe and Lisa Stough  
Dec. 16 John and Mary Reiber  
Dec. 23 Don Bentzel and Katie Bentzel  
Dec. 24 Consistory Members  
Dec. 30 Jane Harrison and Ray Fox

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Dec. 2 Patti Goodyear and Kaitlin Rentzel  
Dec. 9 Tim and Katie Bentzel  
Dec. 16 Marvel Burg and Karen Bupp  
Dec. 23 Sallie Hagerman and Natalie Fuhrman  
Dec. 30 Mike and Penny Hombach



## EARLY LEARNING CENTER



November was a beautiful month in the Early Learning Center, filled with celebrations, fall colors, turkeys, and thankfulness. Our Bible lesson from Jonah reminded us that God wants us to obey. We all smiled beautifully as A

Moment in Time Photography came with cameras in hand to take our school pictures. ForSight Vision spent two days with us checking the vision of our three and four year old friends. Finally, our busy month ended with our delicious Thanksgiving Feasts.

The sounds and sights of December are always very festive and fun in the Early Learning Center. We mark this very special month with many meaningful activities. All of our children are busy preparing songs, finger plays and even little musicals to present to their families during our Christmas Programs. The sound of children singing is beautiful and a gift to anyone who is listening! In addition, we will be making special gifts and cards for our families. As we practice our songs, rehearse for our programs, and prepare our gifts we will constantly remind our students of the importance of "giving". Finally and most importantly, throughout this month, we will talk about and share the magical story of Jesus' birth.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8 we will be partnering with the West York High School Human Development II Class and hosting a *Parent's Night Out*. This special evening will feature activities, crafts, and games for our preschool friends. We are hoping that this gives parents an opportunity to go out to dinner or finish their Christmas shopping. All of the profit from this event will benefit the ELC Scholarship Fund.



May your Christmas be warm, peaceful and filled with many beautiful sounds and memories.

*Allison Hartnett & the Staff of the ELC*



## AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

### Emmanuel UCC, York

**Thank You** - *Emmanuel UCC, York gives a big shout out to all who supported our Kenya Bus Concert in September which raised \$2,300 for the Kenya Mercy Home Orphanage New Primary School Bus Fund. Our great thanks to the musicians, Rev. Dominique Denman, our Bridge Pastor at Emmanuel; Rev. Kellie Turner, Choirmaster and Organist at Trinity UCC, York; Chynnah Maryoung, student at Lancaster Seminary; and Troy Winemiller. And our deep appreciation goes to Heidelberg UCC, York for their abundant and overflowing hospitality in hosting the concert.*

### Heidelberg UCC

#### 47 W. Philadelphia St. York, PA

- On Fri, Dec 7 ~ 6:00-9:00 pm, celebrate **First Friday at our coffee house, HeidelBean**. Music provided by our former praise band – songs of the season – your holiday favorites.
- **Fri, Dec 21 we will host a "Longest Night" service at 7:00 pm** remembering that even in those darkest times the light shines in the darkness and the dark does not overcome it.

### St. Peter's Lischey's UCC

#### 5671 Lischeys Church Rd, Spring Grove

- **What: A Christmas Cookie Extravaganza and Christmas Craft Bazaar**  
**When: Saturday, Dec 8 - 8:00 am**  
Come stroll through a cookie wonderland, as well as hand-crafted gifts and decorations to impress your friends and family at holiday gatherings. New this year is Granny's Attic. For more info, please call the church at 717:225-3932.

**NEWS of the 28 Churches of the York Association**

**December 2017**

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[www.yorkassociationucc.org](http://www.yorkassociationucc.org)

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[YAPCCUCC@AOL.COM](mailto:YAPCCUCC@AOL.COM)

## THANK YOU

I personally want to thank Bob Limbert and Oscar Bupp for their years of devotion in delivering the CD's and bulletins from each Sunday's service. I enjoy listening to the service and also hearing about all the news at Shiloh UCC. I enjoyed the times that we sat and chatted. They are now both residents here, with me, at Providence Place. Thanks a lot and May God Bless!

*Charlotte Rohrbaugh*

The Family Ministry Team (FMT) would like to thank the congregation and our volunteers for another successful pretzel sandwich/fudge fundraiser on Thursday, November 15. With sales and donations, we raised about \$1400 total; \$140 will go to the new boiler fund, the remaining funds will go towards the church's building fund pay-down. Thanks again!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Disaster Relief Fund following all the flooding in the South. The total donated was \$779.00. Thank you!

Thanks for your support of our Choir Fund raiser on October 31. The food was delicious and service seemed very good. You helped us raise \$246.26 for all the choirs to help the budget.

*Joyce Mummert, Choir President*

Thank you for the many beautiful anniversary cards and flowers sent to us for our 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 20. The flowers were delivered by Joyce Mummert and Queenetta and Jim Schneider. We are so fortunate to have chosen such a caring church family and friends. Thank you to Rev. Michael Beynon for his visits, prayers and communion.

*Stewart and Marie Wagner*

Dear Christian Friends, I would like to "thank" the church and Sunday School members for the support shown to me during my recent surgery with their prayers, calls, cards and their concern. I believe there is no power greater than prayer and I truly felt each one of your presence every day. You have been a true blessing to me. May God Bless You!

*Jeanie Bentzel*

A special thank you to everyone who sponsored the Altar and Chancel flowers during the past year. They brightened our sanctuary and the shut-ins and family members they are delivered to.

*Connie Redman, Flower Chairman*

## THANK YOU (cont'd)

Dear Friends at Shiloh, As we approach Thanksgiving, I wanted to thank you for your gifts to Penn Central Conference for your ongoing support to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM.) We are grateful for the support from our congregations and members. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

*Stephanie Rader-Titzel, Dir. Communications and Generosity*

## MEMORIAL FUND GIFTS

**A MEMORIAL GIFT** was received in memory of **Margaret Grove** from Bonnie and Mark Bentzel.



**MEMORIAL GIFTS** were received in memory of **Lorenza Ellis** from Elona Ellis and Janene Ellis.

**A MEMORIAL GIFT** was received in memory of **Pat Stambaugh (Skip's sister)** from Ginny and Skip Heath.



## 2018 DECEMBER COLLEGE GRADUATE

**Danielle Bentzel**

Millersville State University  
BS in Early Childhood Education  
Magna Cum Laude  
Member of the National Educators Honor Society  
Seeking Employment

## YORK U.C.C. CHURCHES CHANGED LIVES IN 2018

**FOR** Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands for Veterans and for Safe Haven Transitional Housing -

### **YOU**

helped our Veterans by purchasing a new washer and dryer, a printer AND a commercial refrigerator and freezer for Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands for Veterans.

### **YOU**

contributed over \$9000 to make this happen!

### **YOU**

also purchased two much needed residential refrigerators and microwaves for two drug and alcohol transition houses in downtown York.

### **YOU**

contributed \$7,500 to create three new Trust Groups in the DRC, Kenya and Colombia through Opportunity International

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40*



## COMING UP IN JANUARY

- January 5 Consistory Retreat – Parlor  
6 **COMMUNION SERVICE** at 9:15 a.m.  
Consistory Installation  
January 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
January 27 Annual Congregational Meeting and  
Dinner



*(Watch for more details in the January Communique)*

## ANNUAL REPORTS



Annual Reports for all organizations and committees of the church and Sunday School are due in the church office by **December 31, 2018**. If you are unable to meet this deadline due to financial reports, etc., please notify the church office.



*In case of inclement weather for church and Sunday School, please check the church's website, the church's Facebook page, or the WGAL website for closing information. If services are held, please your best judgement as to whether you are able to attend.*

## *The Work of Christmas*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.*

*By Howard Thurman*



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

**CONSISTORY**

**Elders**

Tim Bentzel, President  
Bonnie Bentzel, Vice President  
Beverly Arnold  
Stephanie Berkheimer

**Deacons**

Amie Baker, Secretary  
Jonelle Eshbach  
Marsha Reiber  
Jen Miller  
Matt Hildebrecht  
Norina Bentzel  
Jeff Hershey

Natalie Fuhrman – Treasurer  
Stephanie Berkheimer – Financial Secretary  
Jeanie Bentzel – Church School Superintendent

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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Organist	Sandy Bamberger
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Office Manager	Deb Althoff
Church Secretary	Maira Rivera
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