



Hope

THE NIGHT
IS ALMOST OVER,
AND THE DAY
IS NEAR

Romans 13:12

Welcome to Shiloh United Church of Christ
Communion Service
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023
8:30AM and 11:00AM

MEDITATION

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

- Desmond Tutu, 20th century

PRELUDE

8:30AM *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* Roberts
11:00AM *"Still, Still, Still/How a Rose E'er Blooming"* Arr. Berry

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

CHANCEL CHOIR *"Advent, Alleluia"* Althouse

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please stand if you are able)

One: We come into God's presence in hopeful anticipation.
All: We await the coming of the Son of God.

One: The sun may be dimmed, the moon may lose its light, and the stars may fall from the sky...
All: Still, God is with us.

One: Like clay in the hands of the potter
All: We are the work of God's creative hand.

One: We are all God's people.
All: Our God is slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. Let us worship our loving God!

*HYMN *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* (Vs. 1, 3, 5, 6) #116

BENEDICTION(*liturgylink.net*)

One: Be people of hope.
 Let hope live in your heart and share the hope of Christ with all you meet.
 Share hope by noticing someone else’s humanity.
 Share hope by listening to someone’s story.
 Share hope by praying for our world.
 In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share hope.
 As you go out into the wonder of God’s creations,
 share hope with those you meet.
All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM	“Keep Awake, Be Always Ready”	Ritter
11:00AM	“O Holy Child”	Bartlett

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 our parents John and Sophie Gessert and Ethel and Parke W. Bentzel by Rose and Jim Bentzel Sr.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Dick Hodgson’s 90th birthday on December 19. With all our love from the Steward families and your wife Helen of 66 years!
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST:** **8:30AM:** Tim Bentzel **11:00 AM:** Bobby Limbert
- **GREETERS:** **8:30AM** Jackie Taft & Judy Clark **11:00AM:** Shirley Lohmann & Joyce Mummert
- **NURSERY:** **8:30AM:** Patti Goodyear & Kaitlin Rentzel **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Joan Hamme, Sandy Bamberger

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS!

Morning Prayer in Advent (*onlineministries.creighton.edu*)

Loving God, I sense that all is your creation and everything, and all of us, are being drawn back toward your loving heart.

Help me to be a person of peace, to speak about it in an uneasy world, And to live it among the people you have put into my life every day.

Light in me a desire to prepare for your coming to stand in the darkness, waiting, eager and filled with joy. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Evening Prayer in Advent (*onlineministries.creighton.edu*)

God of strength and protection, I turn to you because I need help. I long to be free enough to trust that I can lean on you.



But I become afraid. Help me to trust in you, Lord. Your strength and power are a gentle place of protection.

Be a safe refuge when I am being trampled. I long for your help, your protecting care. Help to deliver me from the cold loneliness of these dark nights. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Gerry Funkhouser, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Bechtel Family



Today is the last day for ordering poinsettias. Each poinsettia is **\$6.00** for a 6 in. pot. They will be delivered for display on Sunday, December 24 and Christmas Eve. **You may take your poinsettias home after the 7:00 Christmas Eve service.** Ordering envelopes will be in the gallery Thank

you for support of this project to help decorate the sanctuary for this important holiday.

The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **December 4, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another. Chapter Nine: "One Another" Actions.** Zoe Bordes will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for New Life for Girls and Cash Rally. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



The next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast** will be held on **Tuesday, December 12 at 8:30 am** at Dover Valley Restaurant. Contact Brad Jacobs for more information.

Engaging Women will be meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor For additional information, contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com.



The **2024 Offering Envelopes** will be on a table in the gallery and available to pick-up on **Sunday, December 17.**

The **2024 Team Lists** for greeters, and nursery duty will be available on Sunday, **December 17** on a table in the gallery. **Please contact the office if you have a change that needs to be made prior to December 17.** The lists will be emailed if you have an email address on file.



It's that time of year to warm up with a nice cup of **coffee** from **Costa Rica!** A new shipment has come in and it includes decaffeinated coffee as well as whole coffee beans for a fresh grind! Please contact Linda Little if interested at 717-309-4523



Shiloh UCC is sponsoring two families for **Adopt-a-Family.** We are asking for your support **by donating money** for our volunteers to purchase from the requested items on their lists. These families also need daily household items such as: laundry detergent, fabric softener, cleaning supplies, paper towels, paper plates, garbage bags, baggies, Tylenol, storage containers, dish detergent and air fresheners. You can designate Adopt-A-Family on your offering envelope or use a separate envelope which can be placed in the collection plate or mail it in to the office by **December 3.** Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC. Thank you for your support as we prepare for the Christmas season!

The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. is conducting a cookie collection and distribution event to provide a little home away from home for truck drivers during the holiday season. Individuals from local churches and other groups prepare cookies and place 6-8 cookies in decorated bags along with a note, tract or Bible verse (Homemade cookies are preferred but we understand if they aren't). Try to package your individual bags in something to preserve their freshness, if possible. There will be a **table placed in the gallery** near the parlor beginning **Sunday, November 26 through Sunday, December 10 for donated cookies.** Thank you for caring! Please contact Brian Curren at bcurren@hotmail.com with any questions.



****Please Note**** *Due to ongoing Covid concerns, we are asking you to wear masks and gloves while preparing and packaging cookies and that you seal the bags with staples, bows, etc.*



Annual Reports for all organizations and committees of the church and Sunday School are due in the church office by **Sunday, December 31 2023.**

*“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”*

The Woman’s Social & Support Group will meet for lunch at **Red Lobster** on East Market St. on **Friday, December 15 at 12:00 pm**. Please call Joyce Bowers at 717-767-8966 by December 11 if you plan to attend.



On **Sunday, December 17**, you are invited to attend a potluck luncheon following the **musical program held at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary**. The luncheon will begin at **11:30 AM in room 100**. Place settings and beverages will be provided. Please plan to join us for good food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be in the gallery beginning **Sunday November 26th**. Please indicate how many are attending and the dish you will be bringing to the luncheon. We hope to see you there!



Beginning **November 28**, 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 17**. We will fill gift bags with the candy and distribute them at Our Daily Bread in December.



Remember Our Missionaries 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.



THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	First Sunday in Advent/Communion
	9:45	Sunday School (100) & Wired Word (202)
MON	9:00	Moms in Motion (100)
	1:00	Women’s Guild (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	6:00	Advent Study
THUR	6:30	NA Group
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	4:00	Sunshine Class (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Second Sunday in Advent/Annual Budget Meeting/Election of Consistory/Blanket Sunday/Tree of Warmth



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 76

THE CHURCH STAFF

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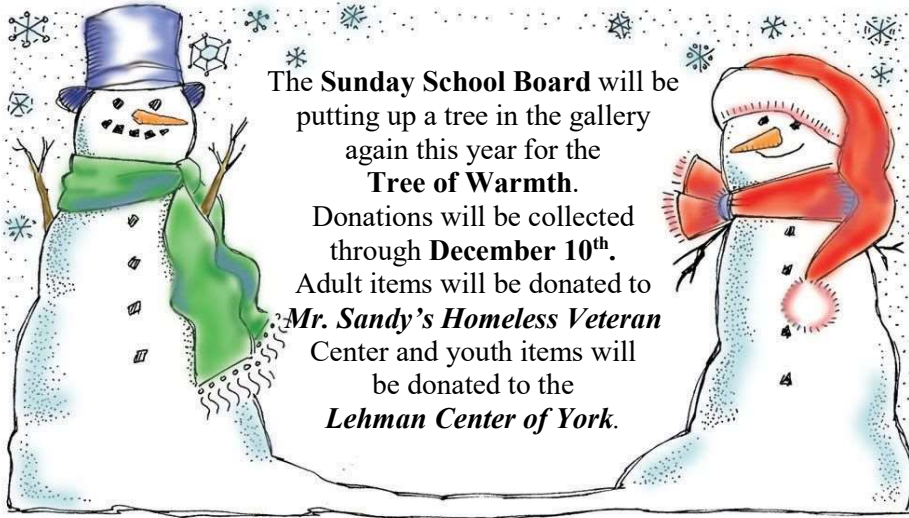
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The **Sunday School Board** will be putting up a tree in the gallery again this year for the **Tree of Warmth.**

Donations will be collected through **December 10th.** Adult items will be donated to **Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veteran Center** and youth items will be donated to the **Lehman Center of York.**

Veteran's Helping Hand was created by Sandy Walker, a Vietnam Veteran who did not want any of his fellow Veterans to feel isolated or unwelcomed after coming home from war. The mission of *Veteran's Helping Hand* is to provide immediate aid to homeless Veterans and any Veteran that needs assistance. *Veteran's Helping Hand* offers a variety of services including: emergency shelter, mental health counseling referrals, emergency food baskets, clothing, hot meals on weekends and many more!

The *Lehman Center* was started in 1913, by a group of compassionate and dedicated individuals who made a contentious decision to do something to help orphaned, neglected, and indigent children to change their life situation. Today, their team of compassionate and dedicated professionals, volunteers, churches, businesses and community organizations collaborate to create the Children's aid Society. Their vision, is that all children are safe and feel loved by helping them and their families build stronger healthier lives through their compassionate and professional services of; children centered creative art & play therapy, crisis nursery respite care, family advocacy, *Incredible Years* Parent Support & Education groups, children's clothing bank, and their 24-hour Parenting Hotline and York Cares Coffee Spot. The Children's Aid Society is unique in our commitment to help all children and their families regardless of their economic or social circumstances.

The Sunday School Board thanks you for your consideration in donating to these two organizations!

Change My Heart, O God Hymn

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