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FEBRUARY 2018

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A VALENTINE PRAYER

By Gertrude Rudberg

*O Lord, I ask before I start,
As Valentine's comes round,
That I may find within my heart
Its meaning deep, profound.*

*I ask Thee, Lord, that I may find
Some place where there is need,
Where I can be a little kind
And plant a friendly seed.*

*I ask Thee, Lord, that I might give
A little bit of love
To those I've felt I can't forgive
As Thou dost from above.*

*I ask Thee, Lord, to be my guide,
Grant patience, courage too
That I may e'er with Thee abide
In all I try to do.*

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES

- February 4** **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11,20 c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
“The Purpose of Christ’s Preaching and Healing”
Chancel Choir and Men’s Chorus
- February 11** **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
2 Kings 2:1-12, (11-20) Psalm 50:1-6:
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
“What Is the Meaning of the Transfigurations?”
Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir
- February 14** **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ 7 PM**
- February 18** **First Sunday of Lent**
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:9-15
“The Synthesis of Lent, Repentance and Baptism!”
Chancel Choir and Youth and Young Adult Choir
Lenten Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.
- February 25** **Second Sunday of Lent**
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
“The Spiritual Mindset!”
Chamber Choir and Cherub Choir

JANUARY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

The first order of business was to elect new officers for the 2018 Consistory. Please see the next page for the listing.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Mike reviewed the Interim process and anticipated timeline. Pastor Mike mentioned one area of concern is meeting the needs of Youth, Sunday School, and young adults. Consistory members will form small committees to address these needs. Jonelle, Norina, Jen and Ryan will follow up with Youth and Young Adults. Stephanie and Amie will look into inviting ELC families to attend our church and Sunday School. Consistory approved the 2018 Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs following a Jen Miller/Jonelle Eshbach motion. *see list at bottom

Treasurer’s report. The building loan balance stands at \$113,281.45. \$5,457.00 remains in the Benevolence Fund that needed to be disbursed. Consistory voted to disburse the funds in the following manner:
\$600.00 to New Hope Ministries
\$250.00 to Bethany Children’s Home
\$500.00 to Habitat for Humanity
\$4,107.00 to OCWM

Pastoral Care and Visitation- Pastor Mike visited 8 people during 13 visits. The visitation team visited 17 people with 22 visits.

ELC- ELC would like to host a Fun Day on May 17 (rain date May 18) in room 100 as well as outside and on the parking lot. Consistory approved the ELC’s request to host a Fun Day.

New Business- A percentage of the money from Cash Rally was designated for Hartman Center washer/dryer. This request was fulfilled. Hartman Center asked to relocate the \$1,156 donation to the Hartman Center Big Splash Fund (General Fund). Consistory approved the request. The Consistory accepted Cookie Rain’s resignation as church secretary. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on February 14 @ 7 p.m. There will be a Prayer Breakfast on February 18 @ 7:30 a.m. Easter Services will be as follows: 7 a.m. Chancel Communion; 8 a.m. Breakfast; 9:15 a.m. Pew Communion

*Respectfully submitted,
Tim Bentzel, Consistory President*

2018 Consistory Officers

President : Tim Bentzel
Vice President : Bonnie Bentzel
Secretary: Amie Baker
Financial Secretary: Stephanie Berkheimer
Treasurer: Natalie Fuhrman

2018 Committee Chairs

Church and Ministry – Bonnie Bentzel, Jen Miller, and Norina Bentzel
Finance Committee and Budget – Stephanie Berkheimer
Communication and Technology – Jen Miller and Matt Hildebrecht
Property – Matt Hildebrecht and Jeff Hershey
Church Life – Bev Arnold
Shepherding – Bev Arnold, Bonnie Bentzel, and Norina Bentzel
Outreach/Evangelism – Marsha Reiber, Bev Arnold, and Jonelle Eshbach
Youth Ministry – Marsha Reiber, Ryan Ness (will ask Kaitlyn Kruza to join also)
Worship and Music – Marsha Reiber
Stewardship – Stephanie Berkheimer
Pastoral Care and Visitation – Jonelle Eshbach
Early Learning Center – Amie Baker and Norina Bentzel
Christian Education – Jen Miller

PASTORS PAGE

On January 28th my intentional interim work at Shiloh United Church of Christ finished the fifth month. Getting to know this new congregation is truly a joy. Immediately, let me thank Deb Althoff, Tim Bentzel, Patti Goodyear, the members of both the consistory and the transition team, Stephanie, musicians and choirs, lectors, and indeed the whole congregation for making my entry more fully beneficial for Shiloh's short and long term future. Thank you to each and all of you, Shiloh's richest resource our people. You are the people of God our heavenly Father, the Body of Christ the only begotten Son, and all together the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please allow me to use this report, which doubles as my pastor's message for the February Communique, to systematically lay out the intentional interim process we've begun together. I'm writing about 'the intentional interim process' due to the understandable variety of questions from you, our Shiloh congregation. I'll start with two quotes from my January report to the consistory.

PASTORS PAGE (cont'd)

"Everything we do together either benefits the next settled minister, or hampers the next minister."

"The process is to gather all the data from congregants, leaders, PCC and York Association about Shiloh. Then find person or persons with good writing skills to fill in the blanks on the UCC Church Profile form. Next we will get the profile written and reviewed by our congregation. Consistory seeks and appoints, with assistance from Transition team search committee. The search committee is installed with Holy Communion in regular morning worship. Search committee then meets with Associate Conference Minister for Pastoral Leadership and Discernment, The Rev. Betsy Bruaw to organize the committee roles and carefully outline search process from A to Z." The Search committee will then begin reviewing all ministerial profiles, seek consensus of the gifts and skills of several candidates, and seek to interview all possible candidates. This winnowing of candidates, as to our needs and the candidates gifts, skills and experience will continue until one or two or three persons are selected for interviews. Interviews will then be conducted in as standard a way as possible towards the end of securing the best possible match of minister and Shiloh's future ministry in five to ten years. Sometimes this very thorough search process results in one candidate for the search committee to recommend to the congregation. However, the search committee is sometimes required to go back to the paper ministerial profiles and begin the process again for a whole variety of reasons.

Please note the clear and present difference in the one opening sentence and the 'long' paragraph detailing the entire search process. "Everything we do together either benefits the next settled minister, or hampers the next minister" is a statement of goal or intention governing everything we do together, including the search process led by the search committee. The one sentence statement is meant to guide the whole search for the next settled minister beginning to end. Here I'll give three examples, one benefiting and one hampering the next minister.

Should the consistory and transition team move too rapidly into the data gathering from our members, PCC, and York Association of our UCC denomination, the comprehensive picture contained in the UCC Church Profile will be less clear and thus less representative of Shiloh's life as a faith community with specific needs, characteristics, strengths and weaknesses. Therefore spending time at each waypoint in the search process is imperative for everyone to take our time. Imperative also, is time spent in prayer and meditation seeking God's leading hands. Taking our time will, be beneficial. The next minister will know more about Shiloh, and in depth, than if the data gathering for the UCC Church Profile were rushed or unduly shortened, towards the goal of calling someone ASAP.

PASTORS PAGE (cont'd)

So what's enough time? Even though this is a vital question most of us ask, even I ask as leader and intentional interim minister, the only real answer is 'enough' time. There isn't a pre-ordained amount of time to the search process from my hiring and start on September 1, 2017 until call and acceptance of the next settled minister. Some of the interims I've served have been around two years; one was just over 1 and ½ years. Another one was more than two years, just short of three years. This later interim was due to the heavy active conflict stemming from two called ministers, one senior and one associate declaring war on one another. Then these two formed separate 'armies' in a 800 member congregation. I stayed for three years even though I was 15 years after the initial conflict coming into that congregation. My interim was well after that church fight. Times vary depending of the work to be done.

While Shiloh does not have active conflict within our congregation, there are a large variety of opinions as to what the next minister will be about. Such a wide variety of opinions will accomplish and mean two realities. The variety of ideas and opinions about the strengths, skills and functioning of the next settled minister will make for a strong picture of the Shiloh congregation. Shiloh is the second largest congregation in the York Association of UCC congregations. Thus, we have a variety of strongly held opinions concerning what the next minister will be about. Such a variety will call for a very intentional and careful gathering of data for the UCC Local Church Profile. The by words are: *Don't rush, as we are setting the stage for the entry of the next settled minister.*

Finally, as I've stated more than once, there is more than enough work for two pastors at Shiloh. Just from the visitation committee and my visits, and the four funerals I've had in only five months with Shiloh, it is very clear to me that my work with the church and leadership will also empower Shiloh to move beyond one singular settled pastor. The immediate past has been one settled pastor who receives 'help' from the next part time pastor of visitation and the visitation committee. Stated directly, the next settled pastor might be the person given the lead in further resourcing Shiloh to call a second full time ordained partner leading our congregation into a Jubilee period yet to be realized.

Finally, please feel strongly encouraged to ask questions about this exciting intentional interim process of both me and the leadership. These questions bear the fruits of God's Spirit leading Shiloh to new and more vital ministries for our congregation, York Association, Penn Central Conference, the Wider UCC denomination, and the people beyond these church institutions. I'm sure you know how much the world out there yearns to hear and find determinative the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the center of a cosmos gone cuckoo. May God add rich blessings to our intentional interim work. Amen.

2018 YORK ASSOCIATION LENTEN EXCHANGE

THEME: "GREAT LOVE"

Wednesday evenings beginning February 21 through
March 21



The first four services will be preceded by a soup/sandwich/salad **dinner** at 6:00; the **service** will follow at 7:00. A Choral Worship will be held on the last Wednesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. followed by a dessert social. The offerings from these services will go ½ to Hartman Center and ½ to York Associations Missions of Safe Harbor Rehab and Mr. Sandy's Closet.

February 21 – 6 p.m. Dover UCC, 45 West Canal Street, Dover

February 28 – 6 p.m. St. Paul's UCC, 205 W. Main Street, Dallastown

March 7 - 6 p.m. **Shiloh UCC**

March 14 – 6 p.m. Trinity UCC, 200 E. Market St., Hellam

March 21 – 7 p.m. Faith UCC, 209 Pacific Ave., York

DAFFODIL DAYS

Sunday, March 25



The American Cancer Society is relaunching a longtime favorite spring fundraiser, Daffodil Days! The campaign will once again celebrate the arrival of spring. Mini Potted Daffodils will be on sale for \$10.00 each. Envelopes for your orders may be found on the tables in the narthex. All orders must be received by Sunday, **February 18**. Please make checks payable to the

American Cancer Society. The Mini-Potted Daffodils will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, **March 25**.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD voted to support **Heifer Project International** as the **Lenten Project** for 2018. Monetary donations will be collected beginning Sunday, **February 18** through Easter Sunday, **April 1**. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Food will be collected each Sunday during Lent, **beginning February 18**, for The Salvation Army.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The **Women's Guild** will meet **February 5** in room 202 at **1:30**. Due to the bad weather last month we will study January's lesson, **Session 1 – Proverbs 31: Woman How Not to Do It All** from our new book Twelve More Women of the Bible. *All women of the church are invited to attend at any time.*

SEWING CIRCLE

The Sewing Circle will meet Thursday, **February 8**, at 9:30 a.m. in room 100. We invite you to join us. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HERSHEY PARK TICKET SALES

Youth Fellowship Hersheypark Pre-season ticket sale. Get a jump on Summer fun at Hersheypark. Shiloh UCC Youth Group is selling discounted Hersheypark tickets now through **March 25, 2018**. All tickets for all ages are \$29.95 – a savings of over 50% off the regular gate price of \$66.95. Look for the sign-up sheets throughout the church to order your tickets. The Youth Fellowship will hold a meeting on Sunday, **February 11**. Time to be announced.

NOTE TO TEACHERS AND GROUPS From the Health and Safety Team

To assist teachers and groups using rooms at Shiloh UCC, we have provided an Emergency Handbook with procedures for the following:

1. Emergency Evacuation
2. Medical Emergencies
3. Lockdown Procedure Guidance

Please take time to review these summary booklets so that you can be familiar with these important procedures. Keep these books in each room at all times. They should be located next to the Evacuation Diagrams and can be removed in the event one of these situations occurs. Thank you for your cooperation in this every important matter.

The Safety Team

EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Winter is upon us and it is very evident in the Early Learning Center. In addition to the many winter jackets hanging outside the classrooms, songs about snow, snowmen, sledding, and winter weather can be heard as you are walking down the halls. You may even see ice skating or a snowball fight taking place. Snowmen, snowflakes, snow scenes, and penguins are proudly displayed throughout our school reminding us of the beauty of season.

Our Bible lesson this month is *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. This month we are learning about the love that Jesus has for everyone, especially children. Children are very precious to him. When a group of parents brought their children to see Jesus, his helpers (disciples), turned them away but Jesus said, "Let them come to me".

In addition to our Bible lesson we will celebrate Valentine's Day by having class parties, exchanging Valentines and learning about love and friendship. February also brings many other exciting and important themes. Dental Health is explored through books, demonstrations and finally visits from the staff of the Children's Dental Centre of York. Our four year old friends will celebrate healthy bodies and healthy hearts with a Tae Kwon Do demonstration from Master Bob of Dover Dragons. Finally at the end of the month we will begin our unit on Dr. Seuss, complete with many school-wide theme days and a stage production by two staff members of Green Eggs and Ham.

Our registration for the 2018-2019 school year is in full swing. We began with our Registration Night allowing our current families to choose their classes for next year. The following day we opened up registration to church members and ELC alumnae. Finally on Wednesday, January 10th, we held an Open House for outside families looking for a preschool. All of the above events went very well and many of our classes are already filled. If you or anyone you know is looking for a good preschool, please ask them to call the ELC office at 717-764-6491.

*Happy New Year,
Alison Hartnett*

VOLUNTEERS for FEBRUARY

ALTAR ATTENDANTS

Feb. 4 Olivia Pituch
Feb. 11 Donovan Reiber
Feb. 18 Volunteer needed
Feb. 25 Kyla Myers

GREETERS

Feb. 4 Charlotte and Wilbert Mickley
Feb. 11 Jackie Taft and Joan Hamme
Feb. 18 Sally and Brian Curren
Feb. 25 Karen Bupp and Jan Hopple



USHERS

Feb. 4 Beverly and Milton Hoak and Joan Hamme
Feb. 11 Jen and Mark Miller and Harry Hamme
Feb. 18 Charlotte and Wilbert Mickley and Elaine Krout
Feb. 25 Deb and Randy Reisinger and Jan Hopple

OFFERING DUTY

Feb. 4 Consistory
Feb. 11 Randy Mummert and John Reiber
Feb. 18 Katie Bentzel and Don Bentzel
Feb. 25 Jane Harrison and Ray Fox

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Feb. 4 Mary and John Reiber
Feb. 11 Angie and Matt Hull
Feb. 18 Norina and Jim Bentzel
Feb. 25 Patti and Kaitlin Goodyear



THANK YOU

Hello Friends,

Due to my declining health it is with a heavy heart that I had to resign from my position as secretary. I have gained so much during my time here. I formed many relationships that I pray will not be broken. I cannot express how thankful I am to have worked for Shiloh UCC. I appreciate all of those who helped each and every time I was ill. May God continue to bless all of you. Thank you for making my experience a great one.

Love and Peace, Cookie Rains

I want to thank the carolers for their visit on Sunday, December 17. Your music was appreciated by my fellow residents as well. Thanks to all who sent cards and other gifts. It pleases me so much to hear from my church family. Also I need to express my thanks to Pastor Mike for his enjoyable visit.

Charlotte Rohrbaugh

We want to say thank you for your continued support of New Life for Girls. Your contribution of \$60.00 makes a difference in helping to sustain this work. Your gift has the potential to impact entire families. Thank you and God Bless.

New Life for Girls

Dear Pastor Beynon and the wonderful congregants of Shiloh UCC, we are so grateful to you for your check of \$40.00 in response to our Annual Appeal. Your generous gift and ongoing support are a blessing to our children and honor our mission of service to them. Thank you!

Kris Roder, Hoffman Homes for Youth

Thank you for your generous gift of \$540.00 to the Church World Service Blankets Program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of challenges, you are standing with them. You are providing relief and hope. Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disaster occurs and support is needed. We thank you and may God bless you for your support.

*Rev. John L. McCullough,
President and CEO, Church World Service*



THANK YOU (cont'd)

Thank you for your gift of \$390.00 in support of the United Church of Christ's Neighbors in Need. We are deeply grateful for your donation.
Nichole M. Collins, Offc. Of Stewardship, UCC

Thank you for your contribution of 13 bags of canned goods to the Salvation Army. Your commitment to helping others in the York Community is greatly appreciated.

*Dennis Camuti, Major
York Salvation Army*

SYMPATHY

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Lorenza "Renz" L. Ellis** who passed away on Friday, January 12. His Funeral Service and luncheon were held here at the church on January 17. Pastor Mike Beynon officiated at his service.



OUR SYMPATHY to **Uble Frost** on the death of his sister's companion, Ricky Brodsky, who passed away on November 28.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Betty C. Shepp** who passed away on Tuesday, January 23. A Graveside Service will be held in the Spring.

A MEMORIAL contribution was made in memory of "Renz" Ellis from Brad and Sue Jacobs. A Memorial contribution to the Building Fund, also in memory of "Renz," was received from Joyce and Jay Mummert.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE: There were some omissions, beginning the end of July, on the **USHER TEAM LIST for 2018**. New lists are being revised and are being distributed. Please replace the original list you received with the **revised list**. Thank you!



NEWSLETTER

NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

February 2018

York Association website:
www.yorkassociationucc.org

YORKASSOCIATIONUCC.ORG

York UCC Churches Making 2018 Brighter Locally!

The churches of the York Association voted unanimously to support the Local Ministries Initiative in York city and county at annual meeting. This initiative is to support **Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands for Veterans** and **Safe Haven**, a drug and alcohol treatment center.

Thanks to the generous contributions received, on behalf of the York UCC churches, we were able to make Christmas brighter by purchasing a residential refrigerator for one of the transitional houses with Safe Haven. We are JUST \$400 away from purchasing a freezer or a refrigerator for the veterans' group! As we receive sufficient funds, we will purchase the items. Let's make 2018 brighter in 2018!

Save The Date - April 22, 2018 Celebration Banquet

More information to follow next month. Banquet will be held again at the Wyndham in West York.

St. Jacobs UCC, 100 E. George St, York New Salem, PA

- **Sweetheart Dinner & Dance, Feb 3 from 5:00-8:00 pm.** Live Band: *Chris-Wick & The Hip Breakers*. Dinner: Pasta, Salad. Tickets \$10 each. Reserve tickets by calling the church office, 717.792.4326 or email: office@stjacobsucc.org.

New Hope Fissel's UCC, 3426 Fissels Church Rd Glen Rock, PA

- **2nd Annual Cabin Fever Make-It, Take-It Craft Day, Sat, February 24, 9am-2pm** (Snow date: March 3). Come and spend the winter day with us making crafts and having a light lunch. All supplies are included, and items are individually priced. Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life. Watch our Facebook page [@newhopefissels](https://www.facebook.com/newhopefissels) for more details and pictures. Light lunch and homemade baked goods will be available. Please call Pam at 717-521-4259 if you have questions.

YORK ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY OUTREACH

At the November 12 meeting of the York Association, the Community Outreach Committee presented to the membership a local initiative to help two local charities with large ticket item purchases in 2018.

Our committee chose Mr. Sandy's Veterans Shelter and Safe Haven Drug Rehab. The cost per church was presented - \$180 for Mr. Sandy's to purchase a commercial freezer/freezer and \$110 for Safe Haven to purchase 2 range and refrigerator pairs for two of their group homes.

We presented to the membership an option to support **one** of these non-profits. A motion was made and accepted to support **BOTH** groups – at a cost of less than \$300 per church within the Association. I presented this to Shiloh's Consistory on Monday November 13, 2017 meeting and it was approved.

I will have information on both of these organizations and will place canisters in the Gallery to collect money for these item purchases. Please feel free to use these canisters to contribute or also a Love Offering envelope – marking it for **York Association Community Outreach**.

We have the entire 2018 calendar year to collect these funds, but wanted to let everyone know what the York Association is doing locally to support needy organizations.

*Thank you, Carol Burns,
York Assn Community Outreach Committee*

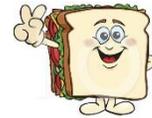


COMING UP IN MARCH

March 11 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
March 25 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
DAFFODIL SUNDAY
Youth Fellowship Easter Egg Hunt
(Watch for more details in the March Communique)



PRETZEL SANDWICH AND FUDGE SALE/FUNDRAISER



The Family Ministry Team (FMT) will be hosting a pretzel sandwich and fudge sale on **Thursday, March 22**. Orders will be taken from Sunday 3/4/2018 to Sunday 3/18/2018 (please use order sheets around the church). Sandwiches and fudge **pickup will be on Thursday, 3/22/2018 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** in the kitchen/room 100. Anyone wanting their sandwich on bread (instead of pretzel roll), please note "on bread" when placing your order. Sandwiches will be \$4.50, 1 lb. of fudge \$6.00 and 1/2 lb. of fudge \$3.50. Funds raised will benefit the Shiloh UCC building fund. Please call Lisa Stough with any questions, 717-767-9534. Please support our church fundraiser! Thank you.

HARTMAN CENTER CAMPING

Information on Hartman Center Camps has arrived by email! If you would like the info, please contact the church office and we can forward the email to you. The church will pay ½ of the camp's tuition. The deadline for the early Bird Registration Price with the church paying ½ is **Sunday, March 18**.



ADDRESS CHANGE

Mary Jane Arnold
Personal Care – Room 143
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Happy New Year 2018!



We celebrated a wonderful Christmas Season. The youth prepared a Christmas program "God's Promise Came True." They learned that by God sending His one and only begotten Son, Jesus, **all** His promises to each and every one of us came true. So we enter the New Year filled with **Faith, Hope, and Love!**

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

CONSISTORY

Elders

Tim Bentzel, President
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 Beverly Arnold
 Stephanie Berkheimer

Deacons

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

Youth

Kaitlyn Kruza
 Ryan Ness

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

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Organist	Sandy Bamberger
Missionaries in Costa Rica	Crosby and Sally Jane Johnson
Office Manager	Deb Althoff
Early Learning Center	Allison Hartnett
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I believe one of our New Year's resolutions includes a year of good health. Several years ago I had asked my gynecologist Doctora Zurika Samuels to come to our church and address Woman's Health Issues and to do exams as many of our church members and surrounding community do not have health benefits and are the poor and less fortunate. Since then she and her business partner Dra. Joyce Peynado continue to yearly help those in need throughout the country thanking God for their talents and practice. This year she connected with Hearts and Hands for Jesus and Harvest Tabernacle for a Health Fair.



Their outreach has grown as they brought a team of gynecologists, pediatricians, general medicine, radiologist, nurses and staff to help with the Health Fair to those who have need. The Baptist School, in front of the former refugee camp and now squatters village, allowed us to use their facilities. The health fair was a huge success as we attended approximately 249 children, youth, women, and men. The doctors have volunteered to follow up with those with serious health issues to see that they will receive the care that they need. Unlike the 9 who went away without giving thanks, over and over again I heard everyone giving thanks to the Doctors and God many with tears in their eyes and joy in their heart. (If you would like to hear two testimonies go to Hearts and Hands for Jesus on FB)



Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa



The team and staff continued to offer their Hearts and Hands as we celebrated a Thanksgiving Service and Christmas.

They provided provided 30 sacks of basic food needs, hygiene items, clothing, shoes, a Christmas gift and goodie bags for the children of the church and others who I have helped in our community. A special guest

clown was there to entertain children of all ages and a delicious plate of food was served to all. Words cannot express my gratitude to Dra. Zuricka and Dra. Joyce and team for all that they have done for our church and community. I can only say what Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." My prayer is that God will continue to pour out His Blessings upon them as they serve Him.



Please remember our outreach education ministry to help keep those in poverty in school. The new school year will begin February 2018. Last year we helped 63 children, youth, and single mothers with back pack supplies to start school. We also helped several students with uniforms, shoes, textbooks etc. Throughout the year this program helps with uniform replacements, photocopies, project materials, bus passes, graduation packets and other various school needs. Please help to make a change in these young peoples lives and break the chains of poverty and low self-esteem. Don't let them be forgotten.



My prayer for this New Year is that we each keep our fire burning and allow our light to shine and make an impact wherever we should be. Don't allow negativity, criticism, rejection of any form to quench your fire. Put on the armor of God. **"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure,**

whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of Peace will be with you!" *Philippians.4:8-9*

*Love and Blessings,
Crosby and Pastor Sally Johnson*