

COMMUNIQUE



FEBRUARY 2019

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A GROWING CHURCH
MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES

- February 3** **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6 1;
Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
"Prophet on the Edge"
Chancel Choir
- February 10** **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138:1-8 1;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
"A Surprising Catch"
Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir
- February 17** **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-6;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
"Surprising Teaching!"
Chancel Choir and Men's Chorus
- February 24** **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**
Guest Preacher, Tom Kiepert
Genesis 45:3-11,15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38
Chamber Choir and Youth Choir



Tom Kiepert is returning to Shiloh UCC's pulpit on February 24 as guest preacher. He has been a member of the UCC church for about 35 years and has been married to his wife Brenda for 40 plus years. Together they have raised 2 wonderful children and have 3 grandchildren.

JANUARY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – The York Association Lenten meetings and their themes will be posted and announced. We will not be hosting any of them, but Shiloh will participate. Pastor Mike asked about the Profile status – Tim is sending the Profile draft to Dr. Dawkins-Smith and it will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Pastor Mike's retreat has been rescheduled to March. Pastor Mike is working with Charlotte Rohrbaugh and spiritual leaders at Providence Place and Country Meadows to establish group Holy Communion for both facilities.

President's Report: -- The plan is to have all reports added to the Profile and sent to the Profile committee and Consistory. Search team candidates will then be contacted.

Finance Committee and Budget – The line item “Building Fund” will be changed to “Capital Expense” on the 2020 church envelopes for repair projects that cost over \$5,000, since the mortgage will be paid off by then. Smaller projects are included in the maintenance fund.

Treasurer's report -- The 2018 Treasurer's report that will be included in the annual report. Consistory approved the transfer of \$2,500 from coffee connection fund to maintenance fund (leaving \$500). Consistory approved allowing the parking lot lease for Lebers to remain at \$750 a year. Consistory voted to apportion the \$3,065.50 that remains in the Undisbursed Benevolence Funds in the following manner: \$162.50 to Homewood, \$162.50 to Lancaster Seminary, \$281.25 to Hoffman Homes, \$250 for Bethany Children's Home, \$500 for Habitat for Humanity, and \$600 for Dover New Hope, all for year 2018. Consistory voted to apportion the remaining \$1,109.24 to Sally Jane for the van fund.

Communication and Technology – All computers have been upgraded to Windows 10. Sermons are now being uploaded to website. Checking on costs for backup system for computers.

Property- CO monitors have been replaced. A janitorial service was hired to strip and wax floors. The fire alarm contract has been signed with an extra \$200/year for maintenance and monitoring. Preparing to have sanctuary painted -- \$1,900 bid was approved last year.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Church Life–Will coordinate Daffodil Days.

Youth –Starting to prepare for the upcoming Fast. Caroling went well.

Worship and Music – Tom Kiepert is preaching February 24th.

Pastoral Care and Visitation- Chairperson still needed

ELC - Community Outreach of the ELC - The Stewards of Children Child Abuse session went well, and Parents Night Out raised \$378 for the scholarship fund. Tuition amounts have been settled for next year.

New business – Consistory voted to have the Love Offering envelopes used for the month of February for a Love offering for the Hartman Center to cover program costs.

Annual meeting and dinner Sunday January 27. Volunteers needed to set up on Saturday the 26th at 9:00 am and need volunteers to tear down. Annual dinner will be a potluck with no meats provided by the church.

The Consistory nominated and approved all officers and committee chairs with exception of those still missing. Full listing after Pastor's Message.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tim Bentzel, Consistory President*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Sundays after Epiphany, January 6 are several this year. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is March 6th and Easter comes late on April 21. As Shiloh's Church Profile is readied for editing and posting of the United Church of Christ employment opportunities, and the Consistory is poised to nominate and present the Ministerial Search Committee, please allow me to focus on the five Sundays remaining in the Epiphany season and the forty days of the season of Lent. These Sabbaths in February and the first days in Lent ask us to focus on the work, words and ministry of Jesus. The Sundays ask in effect, “follow me as I demonstrate what the living presence of God is doing in the world and will do for you.”

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

In our sister religion, Judaism, a powerful and concise expression of faithful purpose is boldly shown by two Hebrew words: "Tikkun Olam.; the English translation of which is, You are here to repair the world. Since 'we are the world' we are here to repair ourselves. The Sabbaths during February and the First Sunday of March focus on the work, words and ministry of Jesus after his baptism by John in the Jordan River.

I believe that it is imperative that we educate ourselves and our family and friends here at Shiloh to live according to the fundamental dynamic that all spiritual traditions teach: that we are all parts of one individual whole, which both love and suffering reveals.

While we come apart from time to time, and push each other away in our fear, the natural resting position of life on this good earth is to join in order to release the life force inherent in the biological, societal, and spiritual/mystical fact: The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Here is the reality of Shiloh and every church around our congregation: the healing, blessing, unifying power of the Holy Spirit of God is strengthened and more fully present as followers of Jesus gather to worship, study, encourage, commune, pray and receive one another's joys and concerns together. Trust, courage and the ability to listen are the agencies we each bring to one another. These gifts of trust and courage and listening are first given by God The Holy Spirit.

As the search for the next settled minister of Shiloh goes forward, and, as we move through the lessons and worship gatherings of February leading towards Lent, the essence of our faith is stated on the opening title page of each Sunday's service bulletin: **"Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ's love for all through witness, word, and worship."** *In other words,* we are, in our church, all about showing the love of Christ for all through our collective witness, word and worship. If you will this is our reason for existing.

May our encouraging, loving and gathering God richly bless these days in the life and witness of Shiloh United Church of Christ. Amen.

*Faithfully, I am,
(The Rev.) Michael W. Beynon
Intentional Interim Minister*

2019 Consistory Officers

President : Tim Bentzel
Vice President : Stephanie Berkheimer
Secretary: Sally Curren
Financial Secretary: Stephanie Berkheimer
Treasurer: Natalie Fuhrman

2019 Committee Chairs

Church and Ministry – Stephanie Berkheimer, Norina Bentzel and Jane Harrison

Finance Committee and Budget – Stephanie Berkheimer

Communication and Technology – Jen Miller, Matt Hildebrecht and Jaron Flickinger

Property – Jeff Hershey and Matt Hildebrecht

Church Life – Norina Bentzel and Jane Harrison
~Shepherding - Open

Outreach/Evangelism – Jane Harrison and Jaron Flickinger

Youth Ministry – Nathan Limbert

Worship and Music – Jane Harrison and Nathan Limbert

Stewardship – Stephanie Berkheimer

Pastoral Care and Visitation – Open

Early Learning Center – Norina Bentzel and Laura Metzger

Christian Education – Jen Miller and Laura Metzger



A LOVE OFFERING during the month of **February** will go to benefit the summer programs of Hartman Center through Penn Central Conference. The average cost of a full week of camp is just over \$500 which means that every camper is subsidized. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Hartman Center. Please use the Love Offering envelopes found in the pew racks.

DAFFODIL DAYS
Sunday, March 24

The American Cancer Society is relaunching a longtime favorite spring fundraiser, Daffodil Days! This campaign will once again celebrate the arrival of spring with the delivery of beautiful daffodils and tulips. Mini Potted Daffodils will be on sale for \$10.00 each.

Envelopes for your orders may be found on the table in the narthex. All orders must be received by Sunday,

February 10. Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society. The Mini-Potted Daffodils will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, **March 24.**



WOMEN'S GUILD

The **Women's Guild** will meet **February 4 at 1:30** in room 202. We will be viewing the DVD on the lesson from our book on **Twelve More Women of the Bible, Session 10 – Woman with the Issue of Blood.** *All women of the church are invited to attend at any time.*



LADIES TEA
FOR MISSIONARY VAN FUND

Ladies, please mark your calendars: A tea will be held on Saturday, **March 23**, at 1 p.m. in support of the Van Fund for Missionaries Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson. The donation cost to attend is \$25 per person. Seating is limited so reservations will be needed. *Watch for more upcoming details.* Any questions, please contact Linda Little @ 717-309-4523 or the church office.



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. Many different snowmen and colorful penguins are proudly displayed throughout the building.

Our Bible lesson this month from Matthew 19:13-15 and Mark 10:13-16 is about love and how Jesus loves everyone, especially the children! We will reinforce this lesson with songs, special arts projects and wonderful discussions about how much Jesus loves us, every day, even when we make mistakes.

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.

Our registration for the 2019-2020 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 9th, 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 an awesome preschool, please ask them to call the ELC office at 717-764-6491.

We have started planning for our biggest event of the year....Fun Day!!! This is a school wide event that takes place on May 16th at Shiloh UCC. Weather permitting we will hold most of the activities outside near the playground. We hope to have a petting zoo, bounce house, crafts, dance performances, snacks and so much more. We would love to have our church family help out with this fun event. If you would like to volunteer or have connection to a business or organization that might provide an activity or food item for Fun Day, please contact Allison at 717-764-6491.

Happy winter!!
Allison Hartnett, Director

THANK YOU (cont'd)

Thank you for your generous gift 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. Thanks you for your gift of \$548.00. Because of you, CWS is able to respond when disasters occur and support is need. We thank you!

*Rev. John L. McCullough,
Church World Service*

SACRISTY HOUSE CLEANING REQUEST

Please **help** us keep the Sacristy/Altar room counter top free of clutter (the small room adjacent to sanctuary). This area is used by the Communion prep teams to prepare and clean-up after church services as well as the Altar candle lighting staff.

The Visitation Team uses metal containers provided for us or brings our own to deliver the altar flowers to the shut-ins. We DO NOT use glass vases anymore. Please recycle your glass vases or give away.

Thanks, Visitation Ministry Team

SYMPATHY

OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Donna J. Myers** who passed away on Thursday, December 27. Her Celebration of Life Service was held at Heffner Funeral Chapel on January 2. Pastor Mike Beynon officiated at her service.



OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Dr. John E. Winter** who passed away on Tuesday, January 8. A Memorial Service was held at Sell Chapel at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown on January 26.

A MEMORIAL contribution to the Building Fund was made in memory of **Geraldine "Jerry" Ruth** and also in memory of **Margaret Grove** from Joan Hamme. **A Memorial** contribution in memory of **Donna Myers** was received from Judy Feeser.



COMING UP IN MARCH

- March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
- March 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
Lenten Prayer Breakfast
- March 13 Lenten Evening Meetings Begin
- March 24 DAFFODIL SUNDAY

(Watch for more details in the March Communique)



A LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, **March 10**. There will be a brief devotional and time for fellowship. *Watch for breakfast reservation sheets.*

2019 YORK ASSOCIATION LENTEN EXCHANGE

Worship Experiences Around the Table . .

**Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8 p.m. beginning
March 13 through April 10**

Join the York Association for a light dinner and worship as we explore how to BE THE CHURCH today.

- March 13 – "Immigration/Refuges" @ Hayshire UCC,
100 Haybrook Drive, York
- March 20 – "Racism" @ Faith UCC, 500 Pacific Ave, York
- March 27 – "Disabilities" @ Dover UCC, 100 Canal Street, Dover
- April 3– "LGBTQ" @ St. Paul's UCC, 205 W. Main Street, Dallastown
- April 10 – "Climate" @ Heidelberg UCC, 47 W. Philadelphia Street, York



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CONSISTORY

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Stephanie Berkheimer, V. Pres.
Jaron Flickinger
Jane Harrison
Laura Metzger

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Sally Curren, Secretary
Jen Miller
Matt Hildebrecht
Norina Bentzel
Jeff Hershey
Nathan Limbert

Natalie Fuhrman – Treasurer
Stephanie Berkheimer – Financial Secretary
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THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Michael Beynon, Interim mbeynon@shilohuc.com
Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
Organist	Sandy Bamberger
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Office Manager	Deb Althoff
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NEWSLETTER

NEWS of the 29 Churches of
the York Association

February 2019

York Association website:
www.yorkassociationucc.org

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Greetings from the York Association

Hope everyone had a HAPPY 2019 NEW YEAR.
I would like to share one of my devotions with you.

WELCOMING ALL

At each Sunday service, a man at my church sits in the last pew and greets everyone who enters. It does not matter who wanders into the church, stranger, newcomer, or homeless person. If he does not know the visitor, he introduces himself and asks for his or her name. At the sharing of peace, he walks down to where the new person sits and shakes his or her hand. I love this man’s spirit. It is the spirit of Jesus, for Jesus stands ready to welcome each and every one of us regardless of our circumstance. Our Lord calls us by our name and takes our hand. Jesus loves and welcomed all to his teaching and promise of life eternal. I pray that I may always follow this example—-not only on Sunday but on each day of the week. **THOUGHT FOR YOUR DAY - God LOVES me and knows me by name.**

Blessings, JoAnn Kreeger, President, York Association

Evening Lenten Worshipful Experiences Around the Table

Join us on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8 pm for a light dinner and worship as we explore how to BE THE CHURCH today. See schedule under “Coming Up” of Communique.

Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Dr., York Invites you to:

What: “Sonatas and Sweets”

When: Fri, Feb 15 @ 7PM (Snow Date: Mar 1)

Join us for a night of classical music performed by Laine Beachley Knaub (piano), Marie Wiley (flute), and Joan Peffer (Violin). Featuring works by Bach, Mozart, Gottschalk and others. Desserts following the recital in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$15. Call Hayshire UCC for more information.