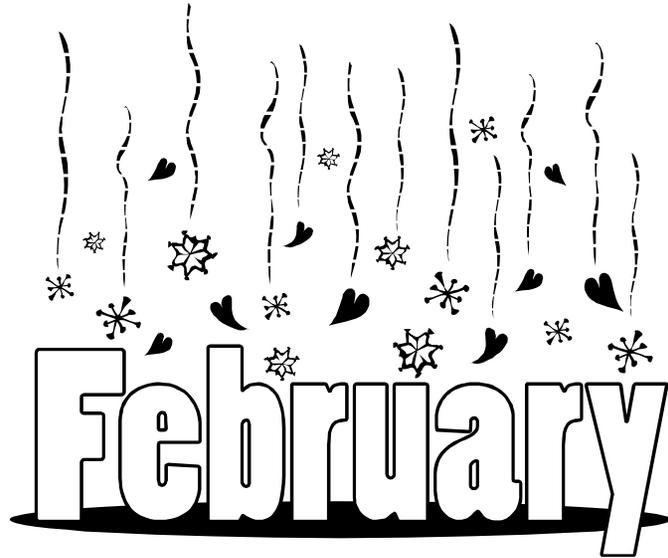


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## 2020

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## JANUARY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

**President's Report** Tuesday, January 14, 2020, several Consistory members and some members of the Congregation will be helping Pastor Melinda and her family to deposit boxes into her church office at Shiloh. Others will be helping them to find a home. Tim noted that York Association Minister Richard Gordon of the Penn Central Conference agreed to come to our Annual Meeting and give announcements.

**Finance Committee and Budget** Natalie reviewed her year-end report for 2019. Some general comments:

Our current fund is showing a positive \$5,924.75 to start the new year. The main reason for this is because we did not have to pay the normal salary and benefits for a pastor during 2019. In order to make our new budget this year, we will be asking the Congregation to prayerfully consider increasing their contributions and it is hoped that former Shiloh attendees will return. Natalie also noted that there is still \$8,742.83 owed for the Boiler Fund. In order to contribute to the Boiler Fund, the Congregation will need to designate on their envelope any contributions they wish to go to the Boiler Fund, since it is not a permanent line item on the envelopes.

**Church and Ministry** Norina noted that Randy Reisinger, Bonnie Bentzel, Stephanie Berkheimer, Patti Goodyear, Jane Harrison and Norina Bentzel will all continue to serve on the committee, along with Vice President of Consistory, Marsha Reiber. There will be a welcome celebration for Pastor Melinda either coinciding with the Annual Meeting, if she is available to attend, or during an extended coffee connection in Room 100 on February 2, 2020, following Pastor Melinda's first sermon. Marsha will confirm with Jeanie Bentzel regarding adult Sunday School that day.

**Communication and Technology** Jaron noted that the server update could not be completed successfully. Research is being done for costs for a new server. Matt noted the Sound System needs to be looked at after Pastor Melinda arrives. Jaron noted that Group Me will be updated for Consistory communications via our Smartphones.

**Property** Matt reported for Jeff that the Minister's office looks great, with newly shampooed carpets, etc. Matt noted the bi-annual testing of our fire alarm systems was successfully completed. Matt will check out the toilet in the sacristy in response to a concern and will also discuss with Jeff concerns about a spot on the ceiling needing attention in the back half of the sanctuary on the right side.

## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

Tim noted Maira has updated usernames and passcodes for WGAL and Fox 43, should there be church cancellation due to snow, to be determined by the Pastor and Tim. Jen Miller will update Facebook and Jaron Flickinger will update the church website, along with a text sent to Consistory.

**Church Life** Still need a committee person.

**Outreach and Evangelism** There was discussion concerning the name badges – Jaron will do some research. Following a discussion concerning Shiloh's pictorial directory, it was decided that the old directories will be handed out to newcomers until plans are made for a new directory.

**Youth** Nate and Marsha reported that the youth visited 13 shut-ins for caroling. Nate reported plans have begun with some other churches for the 24-hour fast to be held February 7 and 8. Jaron reported that Dover UCC would like to have retreat with Shiloh UCC at Hartman Center

**Worship and Music** Following a Nate Limbert/Jaron Flickinger motion, Consistory approved the purchase of 8 replacement clamps for the reserved signs at a cost of \$24 per sign, with funds to be taken from the Memorial Fund. Tim noted that Conference Pastor Richard Gordon will make announcements on January 26. Pavilion C at Cousler Park has been reserved for the Church Service and picnic on June 14, 2020.

**Pastoral Care and Visitation** The Visitation Team and Pastor Charles Hull made 11 visits.

**ELC** Norina reported several successful fundraisers were held, including Parents Night Out. Norina Bentzel, Jane Harrison and Stephanie Berkheimer attended the ELC Christmas program and handed out Bibles to the 3-year-olds. The ELC has formed a PTO. Tuitions have not been raised, but registration will go up \$10. They are looking to find more and better ways to market the ELC. Open House on January 8 went well. The church provided snacks and water bottles, magnets and brochures. ELC needs playground aides. There has been no new vandalism reported.

**Christian Education** Nate reported there will be a vote to confirm the Heifer Project as the Lenten project, which starts Ash Wednesday, through Easter.

**Unfinished Business**--Linda Little has volunteered to take over the sign ministry from Sue and Steve Besecker. Two committee liaisons are still needed, one for Christian Ed and one for Stewardship – we will wait to see how Pastor Melinda wants to handle that.

## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

**New business** Help to set up for the annual meeting is needed on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Tables, chairs and place settings will be needed. Following a Jaron Flickinger/Nathan Limbert motion, Consistory approved the Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter offerings being split equally between the Boiler Fund and the Crew fund. Jaron Flickinger and Nathan Limbert attended the Town Hall meeting for the York Association/Penn Central Conference held Sunday January 12. There was discussion and a decision made to allow coffee connections to be held in the parlor during the cold months.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Bentzel, Consistory President*

Shiloh UCC Youth Fellowship will again be hosting and participating in the **24-Hour Fast** beginning the evening of **Friday February 7 and continuing into Saturday February 8**. During Saturday morning and afternoon, we will be participating in community service projects including preparing and serving at York Giving Helping Hands. The Youth will be collecting pledges as they fast and serve the York community. We will be donating our proceeds to York Giving Helping Hands and Mr. Sandy's Veteran Shelter. Please see any youth to make a pledge.



**A LOVE OFFERING** will be taken on **February 16** and will 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.

## MISSIONARY NEWS

Greetings in this New Year to all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We celebrated many Joyous occasions in December, foremost the Birth of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. He was at the heart and center of all the special events that took place. We were reminded that without Him none of these wonderful occasions would have happened, and were reminded as we stand firm in our Faith God will fulfill the plans He has for us.

The beginning of December I packed up the van with gifts, treats, and apples to help with an outreach to 70 underprivileged children in Guacimo. I shared an interactive Christmas message in Spanish. It was a joy to see the laughter of the children as we displayed and journeyed the Birth of Jesus together in actions. We then celebrated with games, food, and presents for each child. Jesus, the Greatest Gift of all, poured out His Love on these children and it showed through their smiles and thankful hearts.

There were Eleven high school graduates, and we are so proud to say our first University graduate. The smiles and joy on their faces showed as they marched across the stages to receive their diplomas. Here are some words of high school graduates that have overcome many trials and difficulties to reach this accomplishment through our education ministry outreach.

The new school year will begin in February 2020. Last year through your prayers and financial support we helped 118 students with backpack supplies, uniforms, and shoes. Throughout the year we provided project materials, textbooks, bus passes, student insurance, uniform replacements, photo copy fees and many other educational needs. We hope this year that you will join us to continue to build strong communities, empower individuals, and break chains of poverty.

Crosby and I look forward to this coming year and all that God is about to do in our lives, church, Costa Rica, and wherever He calls us. We pray that God will strengthen and rekindle our gifts and talents using them for His Glory. May we be the Light of Christ wherever we go. Join us as we follow our Father and where He leads in this New Year.

*Serving Christ in Costa Rica,  
Crosby and Sally Johnson*

## 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 and theme this month is love, especially the love Jesus taught us about and displayed throughout His life. Using our beautiful new Bibles and some wonderful literature our staff will teach this concept and then reinforce it with songs and crafts.

This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day by having class parties, exchanging Valentines and learning more 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 2020-2021 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 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. Looking ahead, we will have one additional Open House on April 4<sup>th</sup>. More information about this event will be in the March Communique. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

## VOLUNTEERS for FEBRUARY

### ALTAR ATTENDANTS

Feb. 2 Lily Fahnestock  
Feb. 9 Isaac Pituch  
Feb. 16 Kyla Myers  
Feb. 23 Kendra Tredway

### GREETERS

Feb. 2 Lisa and Kevan Stough  
Feb. 9 Melinda and David Kreiser  
Feb. 16 Bart and Jerry Funkhouser  
Feb. 23 Joyce and Jay Mummert

### USHERS

Feb. 2 Harry and Sara Jacoby and Gail Chronister  
Feb. 9 Pat and Nelson Roth and Karen Bupp  
Feb. 16 Lisa and Kevan Stough and Joan Hamme  
Feb. 23 Milton and Beverly Hoak and Carolyn Poff

### OFFERING DUTY

Feb. 2 Consistory  
Feb. 9 Brian and Sally Curren  
Feb. 16 Nancy Sipe and Lisa Stough  
Feb. 23 John and Mary Reiber

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Feb. 2 Marvel Burg and Karen Bupp  
Feb. 9 Sallie Hagerman and Natalie Fuhrman  
Feb. 16 Penny and Mike Hombach  
Feb. 23 Norina and Jim Bentzel



We are once again taking orders for **daffodils** to support the efforts of the American Cancer Society. This fundraiser helps to support and fund lifesaving research and life-changing programs for patients and their families who are dealing with cancer. Bunches of 10 daffodils (\$10), potted daffodils or tulips (\$15) are available. There is a new offering this year, "Gift of Hope", which allows you to gift a bunch of flowers to a local cancer center in York instead of receiving flowers yourself. The cost of this option is \$25.00. Special envelopes will be available and placed on the tables in the narthex the first Sunday of February, with the **deadline for orders is February 16. Daffodil Sunday is March 22, 2020.**



**THANK YOU (Cont'd)**

We would like to thank Worship and Music committee and Consistory for approving and welcoming our daughter Leslie Talley for the Advent program which was held on Dec. 1. We also wish to thank all ladies who prepared for the lovely social following the program. Leslie was very honored. All was greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,  
Donna and Randy Seifarth and Leslie Talley*

Members of Shiloh UCC:

Thank you for your cards and well wishes adding to the joy of my retirement!

*Brad Jacobs*

Thank you for your generous gift of \$815.00 to the CWS 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. We thank you and may God bless you for your support.

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



The **Women's Guild** will meet **February 3 at 1:00** in room 202. We will be studying **Lesson 7 – A Reason to Be Here**, from our book **Growing Older & Wiser**. It will be led by Carolyn Poff. *All women of the church are invited to attend at any time.*

**Engaging Women** will meet **Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor**. We will discuss the book "Great Small Things," by Jodi Picoult. All women are invited to join us as we enjoy each other's company and work to strengthen our relationships and our relationship with God. Please see Sally Curren with questions.

**THANK YOU**



I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during my recovery.

*Gladys Seigman*

I wanted to thank everyone who remembered me during Christmas with gift cards and visits. My church family is so close and it's comforting to know that I'm remembered. I am also grateful for the volunteers who provide me with the weekly sermon CD.

*Charlotte Rohrbach*

**COMING UP IN MARCH**

- March 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 13 Lenten Evening Meetings Begin
- March 22 DAFFODIL SUNDAY
- March 22 One Great Hour of Sharing



**A LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held on Sunday, **March 1**. There will be a brief devotional and time for fellowship. *Watch for breakfast reservation sheets.*

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

**CONSISTORY**

**Elders**

Tim Bentzel, President  
Marsha Reiber, V. Pres.  
Jaron Flickinger  
Jane Harrison

**Deacons**

Sally Curren, Secretary  
Matt Hildebrecht  
Norina Bentzel  
Jeff Hershey  
Nathan Limbert  
Stephen Sechriest

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

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