

COMMUNIQUE



Epiphany

JANUARY 2018

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ANNUAL

MEETING

**CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2018**

All members of the Congregation are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2018.

Before the Annual Meeting, a Covered Dish Dinner will be held at 11:45 a.m. The dinner will be held in room 100. You may make your reservations by speaking to a Consistory member or by using the reservation sheets throughout the church building.

Following the dinner, the Annual Meeting will begin at 12:45 p.m. in room 100. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. There will be a time for questions and discussion on the printed Annual Report.

Annual Reports will be available in the gallery, the church office, and at the Annual Meeting.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST and RETURNING
CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

Elder: Tim Bentzel

Deacons: Norina Bentzel and Jeff Hershey

Youth Members : Kaitlyn Kruza and Ryan Ness

JANUARY WORSHIP

January 7 **EPIPHANY/COMMUNION INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12
“Epiphany Means Seeing The Extraordinary in The Ordinary!”
Chancel Choir and Men’s Chorus



January 14 **Second Sunday After Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;
John 1:43-51
“The Vision of Transformation!”
Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

January 21 **Third Sunday After Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20
“The Constant Gospel Call!”
Chancel Choir and Youth and Young Adult Choir

January 28 **Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1st Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28
“What Is The Authority of The Spirit?”
Cherub Choir and Chamber Choir

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If there is inclement weather and the church service must be cancelled, the cancellation announcement will be listed on the church’s website - www.shilohuccyorkpa.org WGAL’s website and Facebook – www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa If you do not have a computer, please call a friend who has one for the information or use your good judgement. We want everyone to be safe this winter.



PASTOR’S MESSAGE

I send warm greetings to you as I write this 14th day of December. Of course, this means I write for the New Year well before Shiloh even celebrates Christmas. This is also written well before I retreat for 5 days in a Trappist Monastery in Western Virginia, December 18-22. Holy Cross Abbey is an Abbey of the contemplative order of monks known as the Order Cistercians of the Strict Observance. Holy Cross is situated in Clarke County, Virginia on fertile farm land along the Shenandoah River. Since 2000, Holy Cross Abbey has been a place of retreat and rest, silence and prayer, thus recharging my spiritual energy in more ways than even I realize.

Additionally, today, December 14th is the day of two ELC Christmas programs. Yesterday Wednesday, Dec 13 was another ELC Christmas program. I’m delighted the ELC coordinator and teacher, Allison Hartnett invited me to welcome students and parents on all three Christmas programs. Since 1976 Shiloh has been deeply committed to this vitally important mission: preschool education. Our consistory and congregation demonstrate a critical commitment to our community daily by and with the educational work and fun of the ELC.

Here are two more notes of up and coming January 2018 dates and their associated events. On Epiphany, Saturday, January 6, 2018, the Consistory and I, as your interim minister, will share in retreat in the church parlor from Noon until 3 PM. Together the leadership of Shiloh will meditate and carefully focus on the interim time we find ourselves in. We’ll look at the recent past of our congregation, reflecting on the process necessary for the effective and long term future of Shiloh’s mission and ministry. Specifically, we’ll focus on the Shiloh identity and the process necessary to move and transition from the short tenure of the former minister to the call to be extended to the next settled minister. Every aspect of Shiloh’s identity, mission, witness and varied connections needs careful review and conversation, and connection to the task of calling the next minister. Consistory will commune together with the bread and cup as an outward and visible symbols of our discipleship in Christ.

All things considered, is not too great a statement to say that Shiloh is at a critical juncture as we all approach the New Year, the consistory retreat and the Epiphany worship of January 7.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Most of all the interim time is a time for congregation and leadership to look at Shiloh and communicate with one another what we would like our church to be in 5 to 10 years. Developing new visions of Shiloh, while affirming our core identity takes time, planning, and hard work. But most of all the transition will take careful and constant prayer for God's Holy Spirit to open us to new insights, while conserving those aspects of Shiloh's current and past heritage.

The interim time is rich with many opportunities to strengthen and extend Shiloh UCC's presence and witness in York County, Penn Central Conference, and in God's world. I fervently hope and pray that you will take the opportunity to join together on Sunday, January 7th, for the Epiphany lessons, the installation of consistory, and the bond of fellowship we share in Christ, The Holy Communion of our Lord. God blesses us with each and every day in Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Hope to see you on January 7!

Faithfully,

Rev. Michael Beynon, Interim Minister

NEW MEMBER CLASS

There will be a New Member Class on Sunday, **January 21** at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. If you are interested in joining Shiloh UCC or learning more about the church please attend. Reception of New Members will be held on Sunday, **February 11**.



New Member Class

ANNUAL MUSIC BANQUET



The Annual Music Banquet, prepared by *Chef Michael Limbert*, for the Chamber Choir, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Men's Chorus and volunteer Choir Directors will be held on Saturday, **January 6, at 6 p.m. in room 100.**

There will be no cost for members and \$12.00 for guests. Please use the signup sheet outside the choir room by January 1 and join us for the fun and fellowship.

DECEMBER CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

The Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Consistory meeting were approved with the following clarification: In coordination with the York Association's Initiative to support local organizations It was approved to put out a donation jar to support Mr. Sandy's Veteran's Shelter and Safe Haven Rehabilitation Facility during 2018. (*See article in this Communique*)

Pastor's Report – Pastoral and Visitation reports were distributed for Consistory to review. There was some discussion as to the Interim process and anticipated timeline. More details to follow with clarification.

Church and Ministry- The slate of Consistory nominees were approved at the Congregational Meeting held on December 10, 2017. One position remains open. The new Consistory members are Norina Bentzel and Jeff Hershey and Tim Bentzel returning for a second term. The Youth members are Kaitlyn Kruza and Ryan Ness.

Finance- The 2018 offering envelopes are out for distribution. The Building Loan balance stands at \$116, 847.69.

Communication and Technology- A few more volunteers are needed to help run the sound board, etc. Also looking for someone to coordinate the Technology Communications systems: web page, recording of sermons, etc.

Property- Meeting with Southern Rental to tour the parsonage. Quotes are being solicited for a new/updated church HVAC system. The Cub Scouts will be raking and removing leaves from the flower beds around the church, in the Spring.

Youth- Christmas caroling on December 17th at 10:30. A profit of \$61.00 was made on their Texas Roadhouse fundraiser.

New Business-Church will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. The 2018 Consistory Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018. New Consistory members will be installed on January 7, 2018. A new microwave oven was donated to the church by Connie Redman. Consistory unanimously approved allowing Dani Bentzel to bring her Service Dog in Training to all church activities.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tim Bentzel, Consistory President*

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*



WOMEN'S GUILD

THE WOMEN'S GUILD will meet **January 8** in room 202 at **1:30 p.m.** We will be studying Session 1 – Proverbs 33: *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.



The **SEWING CIRCLE** will meet **Thursday, January 11**, at 9:30 a.m. in room 100. We invite you to join us for our time of work and fellowship. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

If you would like a project to work on this winter, here's an easy pattern for a baby blanket. The Women's Guild will be collecting layette items in May, and baby blankets are needed.

KNITTED BABY BLANKET

Cast on three (3) stitches.

Row 1: Knit one, into the next stitch make another, knit 2 (4 stitches).

Continue to knit, ALWAYS knit the first stitch and in the second stitch make another. Knit to end of row. Only increase this way at the BEGINNING of a row.

When the finished edge of the blanket measures 35 or 36 inches (this will be half of the blanket) , knit one row plain, then start to decrease. To decrease: Knit first stitch, knit 2 together, continue to knit to the end of the row.

Continue decreasing with each row until 3 stitches are left. Bind off.

The finished blanket should be approximately 36 inches square. Use medium weight washable yarn and US size 8 circular needles 29 inches.

THE WOMEN'S SUPPORT AND SOCIAL GROUP (WSSG)

The **WSSG** will have breakfast at Shiloh Family Restaurant on Friday, **January 19** at 9 a.m. Please call Gladys Seigman at 764-1840.



VOLUNTEERS for JANUARY

EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Happy New Year! The staff of the Early Learning Center hopes that your holiday season was enjoyable and relaxing. We trust that your time spent with your family and friends was fun and memorable. We also

hope that the celebration of Jesus' birth filled your heart with love and enabled you to look at the New Year with hope and promise.

December was a beautiful month in the ELC. Not only did we bless our families with beautiful Christmas programs filled with songs, poems, finger plays and so much more. We also blessed two families with many Christmas gifts. Our first Early Learning Center angel tree was a huge success and a beautiful display of the spirit of giving.

Our busy January begins with our Bible Lesson *The Good Samaritan*. As we read Luke 10:25-37, we will learn how God wants us to help others. To enhance the story, the boys and girls will enjoy special crafts and songs.

January continues with the talk and hope of snow and cold weather, snowmen, penguins, winter animals, and friendship in honor of Martin Luther King. Pajama Day is our favorite day this month. All the students and the teachers will wear their pajamas, eat breakfast for snack and do other bedtime related activities.

January always reminds us that it is time to think ahead to the 2018-2019 school year here at the ELC. To get ready for new families, we will be hosting an **Open House on Wednesday, January 10, from 6-7:00**. If you are interested in learning more about our programs we hope that you will join us that evening. The Open House will provide you with the opportunity to meet our teaching staff as well as allow you and your child to see a small sample of what actually goes on in the classrooms on a daily basis. If you would be interested in signing your child or grandchild up for preschool but you cannot attend the Open House, you may contact me at 717-764-6491 or at elc@shilohucc.com to schedule a classroom visit.

Registration will open up to church members on the morning of Jan. 10th.

*Happy New Year,
Allison Hartnett*

ACOLYTES/ALTAR ATTENDANTS

January 7 Connor McDaniel
January 14 Elysa Myers
January 21 Jack Reiber
January 28 Lily Fahnstock

USHERS

January 7 Helen and Dick Hodgson and Donna Robertson
January 14 Sara and Harry Jacoby and Gail Chronister
January 21 Pat and Nelson Roth and Oscar Bupp
January 28 Lisa and Kevan Stough and Joan Hamme

GREETERS

January 7 Elaine Krout and volunteer needed
January 14 Laura and Bryan Metzger
January 21 Bev Arnold and Julene Bechtel
January 28 Cindy and Rick Repman



OFFERING

January 7 Consistory
January 14 Bonnie Bentzel and Jackie Taft
January 21 Sally and Brian Curren
January 28 Nancy Sipe and Lisa Stough



NURSERY ATTENDANTS

January 7 Marvel Burg and Karen Bupp
January 14 Sallie Hagerman and Natalie Fuhrman
January 21 Penny and Mike Hombach
January 28 Bob and Sue Long



THANK YOU

A hug “Thank you” to members of Sunday School and Church for your very generous donations to our “Tree of Warmth.” We received 464 items for families that are housed at the Bell Socialization Services. When the need is there, the members of our Church and Sunday School are there to answer the call. May God bless all of you and “Thank you” again for the very needed items to go to families greatly in need of them.

Jeanie Bentzel

The Soup Kitchen Crew would like to thank everyone who generously donated candy for Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. We are especially grateful to Gladys Seigman for making the beautiful cloth bags that we filled with candy. On December 21, we distributed the candy to clients at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. Everyone was delighted with the special treat and thankful for your kindness. The Soup Kitchen Crew would like to thank Mary Ann Lehman for the donation of hats and scarves that she made. These beautiful items will be distributed to clients at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen to help keep them warm this winter. Happy New Year!

I wish to thank everyone who sent me a card for my 90th birthday. It was a pleasant surprise!

Rosabel Bentzel

Thank you for all the birthday cards for my 90th birthday. I greatly appreciated them.

Chris Hoover

Thank you Shiloh UCC for your generous support of our work at Heifer International. *Yours for a better world, Valerie Darzey Heifer International*

Thank you for your gift of \$4,585.00 in support of the United Church of Christ’s Emergency USA, designated for Texas and Florida floods. We are deeply grateful for your donation. On behalf of the UCC, thank you!

Mary Paxton, Director Stewardship United Church of Christ



On behalf of the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, we would like to thank our congregation for the great job they did on the cookie project. We delivered 224 bags of cookies to Chaplain David Braithwaite, who will distribute them to the truckers and travelers in the Carlisle area. Thank you so much for your support.

Kevan and Lisa Stough, Nancy and Scott Sipe

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

- February 4 **Communion**
 Boy Scout Sunday
- February 11 **Reception of New Members**
- February 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
- February 18 **Lenten Prayer Breakfast**
 First Sunday in Lent



(Watch for more details in the February Communique)



BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to sponsor the bulletins for a “Special” Sunday, the new 2018 sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office 2 weeks prior to your date to have your “Special” wording placed in the bulletin.

The Coffee Connections sign-up sheet for 2018 is now posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. All you have to do is provide treats (you can be reimbursed if you desire), brew coffee (coffee and makers are supplied by the church), set up, and clean up. Please sign up for the dates you would like to participate in this very welcoming ministry. If you have questions, please see Mark Miller.

THANK YOU

“Thank you” to all the volunteer teams: the offering counting teams, the collating teams, all the teams on Sunday morning who greet, usher, receive the offering and help in the nursery. Thank you to our bulletin and Communique proof readers and to the Tuesday Work Crew who are always fixing something or maintaining the building and its contents. Thanks also to our IT people who help with all the technology concerns. These dedicated church members and the many unmentioned ones – help the office run smoothly! **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!**



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

CONSISTORY

Elders

Tim Bentzel
Beverly Arnold
Bonnie Bentzel
Stephanie Berkheimer

Youth

Kaitlyn Kruza
Ryan Ness

Deacons

Jonelle Eshbach
Amie Baker
Marsha Reiber
Jen Miller
Matt Hildebrecht
Norene Bentzel
Jeff Hershey

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

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Michael Beynon, Interim mbeynon@shilohuc.com
Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
Organist	Sandy Bamberger
Missionaries in Costa Rica	Crosby and Sally Jane Johnson
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