

# COMMUNIQUE



# Epiphany

**JANUARY 2019**

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**ANNUAL**

**MEETING**

**CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 27, 2019**

All members of the Congregation are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019.

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**

**Elders:** Jaron Flickinger, Jane Harrison, Laura Metzger

**Deacons:** Sally Curren and Nathan Limbert

## JANUARY WORSHIP

**January 6**      **EPIPHANY/COMMUNION**  
**INSTALLATION OF**  
**CONSISTORY**

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
Where Is The Child?

Chancel Choir



**January 13 First Sunday After Epiphany**

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29:1-5 Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Affirmed by Love

Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

**January 20 Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11  
Extravagant Sign!

Chancel Choir and Men's Chorus

**January 27 Third Sunday After Epiphany**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19:8-15 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21  
Good News, Good Ways!

Chamber Choir and Youth Choir

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

*In case of inclement weather for church and Sunday school,  
please check the church's website, the church's Facebook page, or the  
WGAL website for closing information. If services are held, please use your  
best judgement as to whether you are able to attend.*



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I write this New Year's greeting and message before the third Sunday of Advent or December 12, 2018. It is, of course, both a blessing and somewhat of a challenge writing almost three weeks before the end of 2018. The blessing is to lift my eyes well beyond all of the whirl, celebration and work of Christmas. And the challenge of writing days ahead of the New Year is to allow things present and to come to be what they are and no more or less than they really are in the larger plan of things.

For most of the ending of the year and beginning of the New Year is an invitation to stop, look, reflect and listen to our inner voice. For me the inner voice I find in reflection and meditation gives perspective and proportion to my living and experiences throughout the past year and aids me in charting or making plans for the coming year.

For Shiloh this means shared participation in the creative work of the Shiloh UCC Church Profile; the election and installation of the Pastoral Search Committee; and the beginning of the Search Process for the next settled minister of Shiloh United Church of Christ. With such vitally significant movements of the Holy Spirit within our church, I want to point to the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John. Should you not be familiar with this chapter of John's Gospel please consult it. It is Jesus's prayer to God on behalf of the followers he has been leading and teaching and sacrificing for and within his earthly ministry in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century.

This prayer from Jesus is the scripture behind the UCC  
Symbol of faith which I'll insert here:



Know that, as we enter the new year, the presence and spirit of Jesus is our guide and stay. That is to say, the Holy Spirit of God will continue to lead and bless us, the followers of the One that came that we might have life and abundant life in unity with God. In unity with God in whom we live and more and have our being. I believe that Jesus provides us with our unity with God.

Once more let me say and request: Let us gather together to strengthen one another in the unity of faith, the hope of the Spirit and the love of God. Amen!

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

## DECEMBER CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

**President's Report** - The minutes of the Congregational Budget Meeting & Consistory Election for 2019 were approved. The Profile Committee would like to have a solid Profile draft completed by the end of January.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Mike reported that his pension has been annuitized. He is rescheduling his five day retreat to March.

**Church and Ministry**- All 5 open Consistory positions have been filled.

**Finance**- The 2019 offering envelopes have been put out on tables in the gallery for pick up. The Consistory voted to transfer \$40,000 of the building fund reserve that has been in a money market account to pay down the principal of the mortgage. These funds were kept aside from the beginning in case there was ever a short-fall in payments, etc. that money would be available. Seeing that we are so close to paying off the mortgage, it was felt that this reserve was no longer necessary. The current Building Fund balance will now be approximately \$12,000.

**Property**- Jeff is looking in to replacing faulty CO monitors in the mechanical rooms. A range extender was installed on Shiloh Guest WIFI to connect to boiler thermostats.

**Outreach and Evangelism**- Hearts and Hands for Jesus received over \$5,000.00 on Giving Tuesday.

**Youth**- will be going caroling on December 23. They will travel to several different locations to sing, and then return to the church for lunch.

**Worship and Music**- Several special worship services are being planned for the coming year.

**Stewardship**- The Stewardship Committee sent out Christmas cards to all of the shut-ins.

**Pastoral Care and Visitation**- Jonelle reported that there were 18 visits made by the Visitation Team during the past month.

**ELC**- The ELC is hosting a Parent's Night Out on December 12. All proceeds from this event will go directly to the ELC's scholarship fund. The ELC by-laws should be completed in the next few weeks.

**Christian Education**- Items received for the Tree of Warmth were being distributed to the York City elementary schools.

## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

**New Business**- The date for the Consistory Retreat will be announced at a later date. The Consistory Installation will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

*Respectfully submitted, Tim Bentzel, Consistory President*

## 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 12, at 6:00 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 and join us for the fun and fellowship.

I, along with Marsha Reiber (Worship & Music Committee) would personally like to thank all the participants of the Advent Worship Celebration on December 16 and all the participants in the Christmas Eve Services. To everyone who gave of their time and talent to sing, play bells or be a reader, your dedication to the Worship and Music Program at Shiloh UCC is greatly appreciated! Thanks again and looking forward to the Music Program in 2019.

*Stephanie Limbert  
Adult Choir Director*



The **WOMEN'S GUILD** will meet **January 7 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 9 – Bent Woman: We've Got God's Complete Attention**. *All women of the church are invited to attend at any time.*

If you would like to get a head start on the layette collection – Below is the pattern.

#### **KNITTED BABY BLANKET**

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.

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 33 or 34 inches, knit one row plain, then start to decrease. (This will be half of the blanket, using one 7 oz. skein.)

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 34 inches square. Use two 7 oz. skeins of medium weight washable yarn and US size 8 circular needles 29 inches.

#### **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 had Parent's Night Out on December 12. This evening allowed our ELC families to have a night out, whether for shopping or dinner. The ELC staff and the West York High School Human Development Classes provided supervision and fun activities. All proceeds of this event goes to our Scholarship Fund.

Our busy January begins with our Bible Lesson about Zacchaeus. As we read Luke 19:1-10, we will learn about Zacchaeus and how Jesus helped him change. To enhance the story, the boys and girls will enjoy special crafts and songs.

January continues with 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 2019-2020 school year here at the ELC. To get ready for new families, we will be hosting an Open House on Wed. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:elc@shilohucc.com) to schedule a classroom visit. Registration will open up to church members on the morning of January 9.

*Happy New Year, Allison Hartnett*

## VOLUNTEERS for JANUARY

### ACOLYTES/ALTAR ATTENDANTS

January 6 Lily Fahnestock  
January 13 Kyla Myers  
January 20 TBA  
January 27 TBA

### USHERS

January 6 Laura and Bryan Metzger and Lew Wallace  
January 13 Joe and Gladys Seigman and Penny Hombach  
January 20 Helen and Dick Hodgson and Donna Robertson  
January 27 Harry and Sara Jacoby and Gail Chronister

### GREETERS

January 6 Ken and Patti Goodyear  
January 13 Skip and Ginny Heath  
January 20 Wendy and Bob Davis  
January 27 Cheryl and Jeff Hershey

### OFFERING

January 6 Consistory  
January 13 Milton Hoak and Brad Jacobs  
January 20 Mark and Jen Miller  
January 27 Keith and Kimberly Eldredge

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

January 6 Norina and Jim Bentzel  
January 13 John and Mary Reiber  
January 20 Joyce Mummert and Sallie Hagerman  
January 27 Patti Goodyear and Kaitlin Rentzel



## THANK YOU



A huge “Thank you” to members of Sunday School and Church for your very generous donations to our “Tree of Warmth.” We received several hundred items for children that attend York City Schools. 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 your generous and beautiful donations.

*Jeanie Bentzel*

Thank you for your contribution of thirty cartons of food (889 lbs) to The Salvation Army of York. Your commitment to helping others in the York community is sincerely appreciated. We are so very grateful that York County is blessed with such caring and giving people who are willing to share what they have with others. With your support, we continue to keep hope alive in those who are going through tough times. Because of you we are able to show God’s love through the many services and programs we offer. Thank you and may God richly bless you!

Sincerely, Dennis Camuti, Major

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 20, we distributed the candy to clients at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. They were delighted with the special treat and thankful for your kindness.

The Soup Kitchen Crew would like to thank Mary Ann Lehman for her donation of knitted hats and scarves. These beautiful items were distributed to clients at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen to help keep them warm this winter.

Thank you for all the expressions of sympathy received on the passing of Dan’s mom. The words of sympathy helped us get through the Thanksgiving holiday and beyond.

*Dan and Carol Burns*

I would like to thank the church for allowing our Relay For Life Team to make our candy here in the kitchen. We raise money all year to help the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Patient Help Fund at Apple Hill and this is our biggest fundraiser. So thanks again and also to those who bought candy.

*Connie Redman*

Thank you (cont'd)



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 260 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*

On behalf of the Board of Directions and our resident family, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your congregation's gift of \$112.50 to the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the Homewood Foundation recently received through the Penn Central Conference. 2018 marks 86 years of Homewood serving retired men and women. Your church's support is extremely important and we thank you for it.

*J.D. Shuman, Homewood Foundation*

"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 Monday 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!**



**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **Emory Edgar** who passed away on November 27. He was the uncle of Ross Edgar.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to **Dan Burns** on the passing of his mother, Mary Baumgardner, on November 17, 2018.

### COMING UP IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

- February 3      **Communion**  
                         Boy Scout Sunday
- March 3         **Communion**
- March 6         **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
- March 10        **Lenten Prayer Breakfast**  
                         **First Sunday in Lent**



*(Watch for more details in the February & March Communique)*



**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP** – If you would like to sponsor the bulletins for a "Special" Sunday, the new **2019** 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 2019** 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.

### ROOM # AND PHONE # CHANGE

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Stephanie Berkheimer  
Jaron Flickinger  
Jane Harrison  
Laura Metzger

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

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Jeanie Bentzel – Church School Superintendent

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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