

COMMUNIQUE



SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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A GROWING CHURCH
MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS



- July 4 **Proper 9 (14) Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 118:1-7
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
John 8:31-36
"Freedom"
- July 11 **Proper 10 (15) Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
"God's Mysterious Will"
- July 18 **Proper 11 (16) Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 89:20-37
Mark 6:30-44
"Food for Thought"
- July 25 **Proper 12 (17) Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56
Psalm 145
"Praise God"
- August 2-4 ELC Summer Camp
August 16-30 Pastor Melinda vacation
August 29 Stewardship Challenge begins



JUNE CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report- *Worship:

- The attendance of the services has been going up lately.
- May 29th Helen Luckenbaugh Memorial Service.
- May 30th ELC Sunday went well.

*Preaching:

- June 20th Tancrede (Tank) LaMontagne.
- June 27th Pastor Charles Hull.

*September - two worship services

- Sunday School teachers (I am planning to have a meeting with everyone involved with Sunday School in July or August, then again in September, before we start)
- Confirmation class (we will need to advertise it and personally email invitations).

*Administration:

- I attended the scheduled meetings, when possible.
- Visioning Team met on May 12th; will meet in July again.
- We will need to look into the new "Funeral numbers.
- Our website needs a "donate online" opportunity for those who watch our services but don't live in the area.

*Pastoral Care:

- May 16th – I met with the Visitation Team.
- Restarted visits – usually by requests.
- 1 home visit.
- I have been meeting with our members in my office, as well.

*Contact with the larger UCC + local community

- I have attended the Penn Central Conference's Annual Meeting on June 12th (Zoom).
- The 52nd Greater York CROP Hunger Walk date is Sunday, October 10, 2021. Nate Limbert will coordinate our participation.
- Pastor Melinda decided to gracefully decline the invitation to be included in a community July 4 Sunday service, since the timeline was so short.

New business

- A. Reen will speak to Stephanie Berkheimer to determine if Father's Day envelopes should be considered.
- B. Jaron reported that George Flickinger will no longer be conducting the emergency lighting inspections. Jeff suggested that he or the work crew will handle, going forward.
- C. Reen will confirm with Maira that the Strengthen The Church Offering was collected.
- D. Procedures need to be updated for locking the church after funerals, luncheons, etc. It was also noted that all doors need to be locked by the Captain of Consistory after each Sunday service.

JUNE CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

Security list needs to be sent to all new members of Consistory. Consistory members also need to report weekly to Maira with any changes made to the Consistory schedule for Sunday mornings.

- E. Quotes are being received for new cleaning staff for the church. Our current cleaning staff resigned due to health concerns.
- F. Jane will re-confirm via email that there are no more Sunday School closets available for ELC use. Sunday School will re-start in September.
- G. Dani reported that Patti Goodyear has volunteered to create a new committee designed to encourage the relationship between the ELC and the church. It was suggested that it also encompass Family Life Ministry to incorporate events for families.

Unfinished Business –

- A. No report on reconsidering committee structure/Bylaws Review
- B. Our bulletin subscription ended 5/31. At this point, Maira is using a basic picture for the bulletins. Jane is looking into a new bulletin company.
- C. All Covid restrictions will be lifted June 27.
 - All pews will be used.
 - We will begin singing hymns that day, June 27
 - Maira may now also utilize the greeters' schedule, along with the ushers' schedule, which she is currently doing, using the Team Sheets created for 2021. It was noted that additional volunteers who have the proper clearances are needed for the nursery.
 - The Communion procedure will remain the same, at least through the summer months.
 - All doors will remain locked, with the exception of the door at the welcome center.
 - We will also re-start Coffee Connections now. Those interested in volunteering may contact Jen and Mark Miller.
 - Sunday School will re-start in September.
- D. Church Windows is now set up on Pastor Melinda's computer.
- E. The new church calendar will be approved by Consistory via email.

Church and Ministry - Reen reported that annual staff reviews will happen in August/September.

Worship and Music- We need a new acolyte mentor/coordinator.

- Suggestions:
 - Looking for special music volunteers for summer services, please see Stephanie Limbert or Maira.
 - We will begin two services starting in September 2021
 - The Sunday School picnic/Pentecost service for 2022 will be held at the Sunset Lane park.

Church Life- Strawberry Festival was held Sunday, June 13, with approximately 50 people in attendance. The event raised \$344, which will be added to the Parish Fund.

JUNE CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

Outreach/Evangelism-It was suggested that the congregation start wearing their name tags again. Moving forward, temporary nametags will be provided for the immediate future to those who do not have nametags or no longer have readable nametags.

Christian Ed- Meetings have been held and plans continue for the re-opening of Sunday School in September.

Youth Ministry - As reported previously, Nate will organize participants for the Crop Walk in October.

ELC

- Jane spoke to Allison regarding Shiloh UCC church use of rooms for Sunday School needs. Reen requested that Jane do a follow-up email confirming no availability.
- Next Meeting is August 2, 2021 at 5 pm in Room 100.

Finance Committee and Budget

- Treasurer's Report – Natalie reported that YTD we have spent more than we've taken in, with a shortfall of \$2,269.64, partly due to no parsonage rental income.
 - She also reported that the \$9,000 annual charitable trust bequest has just become available.
 - Natalie reported that checks for \$1,000 each were sent to the Bell Family Shelter and the Dover Food Bank, along with a \$700 check sent to the York County Food Bank as a result of contributions for the Ash Wednesday/Lenten/Easter offerings.
 - She also reported that \$470 has been collected towards purchase of ELC Bibles.
 - Natalie will send the check for the funds collected for the Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic from the Mother's Day offering, requesting a report as to how funds were dispersed.

Communication and Technology – To do:

- Phones Report
 - Phone line in Pastor's office simply does not work - new phones will not fix this.
- Needs:
 - Two different computers have been donated to the church. Due to their age, the computers will provide parts needed for the current computers. Two laptops were also donated and one of those will be given to the ELC and the other kept for streaming purposes.
 - Phones – solution still needed
 - Office/Pastor printer/copier - a printer suggestion is being followed.
 - Pastor's monitor - will get one this summer

JUNE CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

- New soundboard - Lew got a new soundboard donated. He is working on configuring it.
- Future purchase of Smart TV (65") is on-hold
 - We have 3 people being trained to stream video
 - Jaron has done an in-depth research report concerning on-line giving, to be used solely for on-line viewers not attending in-person church. She reviewed all costs with each program and then checked with most area churches to see what is working for them. It was decided that since Tith.ly is free to start, with no monthly fees, we would try it for a limited time to see if it suits our needs.

Stewardship- Stephen Sechriest reported a meeting on Tuesday, June 15.

- As was referenced earlier, there will be discussion concerning whether we should add Father's Day envelopes.
- Love offering envelopes were made available for ELC Bibles special offering and information was included in Communique and bulletins.
- Will use the Stewardship Challenge to help build up the Parish Fund for use by the pastor for people in need.
- Sending out thank you notes to Soup Kitchen volunteers and Pastor Melinda.

Property Committee

- Current cleaning staff terminated our janitorial contract due to health issues. Maira and Jeff are continuing the process of securing quotes.
- Office AC unit install mostly completed and operational.
- Parsonage AC not cooling. Matt recharged with Freon (second year in a row). Probably needs replacing in near term.
- Blower failed on one of the three Sanctuary AC units. Matt ordered new relay.
- Work crew completed painting of black iron handrails in front of church.
- Planters at front of welcome center were replanted with summer flowers.
- Planning deep cleaning of ELC floors and touch up painting. Would like to have Sunday school closet cleaned out.

Correspondence-Jaron reported receiving a note from Ann Myers congratulating her on doing a nice job of streaming Sunday services. Jaron noted that there are several people now able to contribute to that streaming. It was also noted that we received a nice note from the renter of the parsonage.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Reiber, Consistory President*



Volunteers are needed to help in the **nursery** during service. Child abuse clearances are required. If you are interested, please contact Maira in the office.



Effective **July 4**, we will begin using all the **Team Lists** that were distributed back in November. If you are a **Nursery, Usher, Greeter or Offering** volunteer and need a copy of a list, please contact the office.

*God Bless You,
Kathy Kelly Brown - Assistant Director*



Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Gordon R. "Skip" Heath Jr.** from Terry and Dana Bell and Emily Seidl, Jeff and Cheryl Hershey, Williams Chiropractic Clinic and Colin and Susan Bell.

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Harry E. Jacoby** from Jeff and Cheryl Hershey and Doris Wedlock.

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Helen M. Luckenbaugh** from Jay and Joyce Mummert and Donald and Jeanie Bentzel.

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Philip T. Myers** from Jay and Joyce Mummert, Robert and Anne Myers, Dottie Limbert, Jim and Rosemary Bentzel, Oscar and Karen Bupp, Joanne Hamme, Milton and Beverly Hoak, Mark and Bonnie Bentzel and Donald and Jeanie Bentzel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 GRADUATES!



Sarah Kruza – Proud Parents, James and Lori Kruza
2021 graduate of Central York High School
Sarah will be attending Altoona Beauty School in the fall.

Nicholas Metzger – Proud Parents, Bryan and Laura Metzger
2021 graduate of University of Pittsburgh-Sum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Management (double major).
Nicholas is currently looking for a job in his field of study while working at Johnson Control as an assembler.



The church is looking for volunteers to make **prayer shawls** which are given to our shut-ins. Please contact **Karen Bupp at 717-292-2821** for instructions for either knitting or crocheting a shawl. Your assistance would be appreciated!

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your recent contribution. We are so blessed by your faithfulness in helping to meet the needs we have here at New Life For Girls. We ask that you keep us in your prayers and in your heart as we trust the Lord to sustain us.



JULY BIRTHDAY'S

July 1 Bonnie Betz
Susan Emmons

July 2 Robert Davis
William Heindel
Michael Wilt

July 5 Marvel Burg
Michael Limbert

July 7 Dottie Limbert
Amanda Pizza
Shirley Rinehart
Jeffrey Werner

July 9 Rachel Emmons
Philip Lauer II

July 10 Stephanie Barnes
Marilyn Johnson
Dianne Jordan

July 12 Susan Myers
Richard Reidy
Brandy Schmidt

July 14 Chuck Baboian
Sandy Bamberger
Grace Gladfelter

July 16 Sally Jane Johnson
Jackson Reiber

July 18 Nan Frost

July 19 Tyler Baker
Bill Behler Sr.

July 20 Julene Bechtel
Marsha Brubaker
Luther Garber Jr.
Donald Hoffman

July 22 Michelle Kessler

July 23 Karen Ness

July 24 George Flickinger Jr.
Matt Hull
DeeAnne McDaniel



JULY BIRTHDAY'S (Cont'd)

July 25 Carol Burns
Gail Chronister
Beverly Hoak
Brad Jacobs

July 27 Robert Behler Sr.

July 29 David Eshbach
Stephanie Limbert

July 30 Wendy Mummert

July 31 Ryan Bentzel
Robert Heilman



VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY



July 4 Sara Jacoby & Donna Robertson
July 11 Marty Lehman & Elaine Krout
July 18 Cindy & Rick Repman
July 25 Helen Hodgson & Carolyn Poff



July 4 Helen & Dick Hodgson & Mary Lehman
July 11 Sara Jacoby, Gail Chronister & **Volunteer needed**
July 18 Pat & Nelson Roth & Karen Bupp
July 25 Lisa & Kevan Stough & Jackie Taft



July 4 John & Mary Reiber
July 11 Patti Goodyear & Kaitlyn Rentzel
July 18 Tim & Katie Bentzel
July 25 Karen Bupp & **Volunteer needed**

OFFERING DUTY

July 4 Consistory
July 11 Marsha Reiber & Stephanie Berkheimer
July 18 Kevan & Lisa Stough
July 25 Bonnie Bentzel & Jackie Taft

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

CONSISTORY

Elders

Marsha Reiber, President
Norina Bentzel, V. Pres.
Jaron Flickinger
Sallie Hagerman
Jane Harrison
Jeff Hershey

Deacons

Sally Curren, Secretary
Janene Beck
Dani Bentzel
Nathan Limbert
Stephen Sechriest

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

THE CHURCH STAFF

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