# COMMUNIQUE





2023

#### SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2251 Willow Road York, PA 17408 Telephone 717-764-3569 Email: office@shilohucc.com

A GROWING CHURCH
MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS

July 2 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Communion/July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Daniel Chapter 4

"The American Dream"

July 9 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Daniel Chapter 5

"Writing on the Wall"

July 16 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Daniel Chapter 6

"The Lion Sleeps Tonight"

July 23 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Daniel Chapters 7-8

"Visions"

July 30 Heritage Sunday

Salem UCC

2705 West Canal Rd.

Dover PA

10:30 am worship followed by picnic

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**



Central PA Blood Drive. Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 pm.

#### JUNE CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

# Pastor's Report-

# \* Worship

# • Special worship services

- May 14th Mother's Day + New Members joining Shiloh UCC.
- May 28th Pentecost Sunday (Memorial Day weekend!)
- June 4th Trinity Sunday (Recognition of the Graduates)
- June 11th Sermon Series started on the Book of Daniel

#### **❖** Administration

- May 24th Worship and Music
- May 31st Staff Meeting
- May 31st Visioning Meeting

#### **❖** Pastoral Care

- Home, Hospital and nursing home visits (8)
- Office/lunch meeting (1) Phone calls/Facebook private messages (15+); countless text messages to our members and friends.

#### Christian Education

- Grief Group meets once a month (last meeting: May 12th). We are taking a break during the summer! Next meeting in September!
- Bible Study is taking a break for the summer!
- Sunday School adult programs are held in room 100 and Room 202. Thank you to our Sunday School teachers!
- Men's Breakfast meets once a month. Thank you, Brad, for leading this group!

# Contact with the larger UCC + local community

- May 18<sup>th</sup> ELC staff breakfast attended it and started it with a prayer. Thank you to our volunteers who donated the food and their time!
- May 19<sup>th</sup> ELC Fun day! Attended it and met several new people. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped out with this amazing program!
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Yard Sale at Shiloh UCC. Thank you everyone who spent many hours organizing, advertising and selling things at our Yard Sale!
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival. Thank you to everyone who organized and worked during our Strawberry Festival!
- We have done so much this month to reach out to our neighbors, families and the community! There were countless volunteers who helped out with all our programs. Thank you for all your hard work!!

# JUNE CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

## **Consistory President's Report-**

- 1. This past week I attended the Penn Central Conference's Annual Meeting in person on June 9th and 10th. I attended all three business meetings where there was Worship and reviewing the past year's reports and voting on bylaw changes to the conference.
- 2. I attended two workshops as well. The first was "Church Empowerment Team: Empowering Congregations to Sail Confidently with God into the Headwinds of the Future" with Mike Gibbs. The second was "Evaluating Financial Health" with Rev. Izzy Harbin.

## New business-

- A. Recording service June25-Dani Bentzel will record the Church picnic service and upload it for remote viewers
- B. Will we be having a meeting in July-No in July, next meeting will be August 14
- C. Office summer hours were approved.
- D. Are Ushers needed during service-The Consistory decided to do away with ushers for the church services beginning Sunday, July 2, 2023.
- E. Further discussion of one service-Consistory members continue to be asked if we will return to a single service. After much discussion, the consistory decided to keep 2 services at this time, but this is still open for discussion in the future. It was noted that the 11 o'clock service has been increasing in attendance.
- F. Nursery coverage-Jane Harrison will reach out to Marsha Reiber for more information on the idea of paying someone to be in the nursery during services. We need to keep brainstorming for ideas since we tell families that we have that option during services.
- G. Correspondence update as of June 12: 9 letters returned by Post office (3 were resent-forwarding address provided. 6 unable to forward). 30 postcards received (14 wish to be removed, 16 wish to remain members). There were a total of 152 letters sent out.
- H. Security System Question-Doors have been found unlocked when events are in progress and no one manning the entrances. The Consistory decided that, when groups have events in the church, they are to be sure the doors are locked when their program begins and no one else is expected to need access. It was suggested to have this as a part of the building rental agreement.

# JUNE CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

- I. Parking Lot policy/–No one really knows of an actual policy concerning using our parking lot for surrounding businesses. TCBacker has been using our parking lot for their events, but not asking anyone for permission first. Matt Hildebrecht agreed to talk to the owners of TCBacker to ask them to kindly ask for permission.
- J. Meeting agenda—many people did not have the most updated agenda for tonight's meeting. After some discussion, the consistory decided to have a deadline for adding information to the agenda. Information needs to be on the meeting agenda by 5pm the night of the Consistory meeting.

## **New Business**-

1. The Engaging Women group started to organize the library. A bookcase was donated. We will work sometime in the future to finish up. Consistory noted how nice and organized it was looking.

# **Church & Ministry-**

- The annual evaluation document for the custodian was approved.
- The Church and Ministry/Nominating Committee met on May 30 to compile membership roster letter information updates and sent out 152 letters with postcards to return to us. Postcards were asked to be returned by August 1, 2023.

## Worship and Music-

- June 25 picnic Sunset Lane Park broasted chicken with potluck sides (cost of chicken covered by donations at various musical programs).
- July 30 Heritage Sunday Salem UCC Dover responsible for side dishes, drinks and ice.
  - The tech team will include a slide with a Welcome presentation.
  - Service is at 10:30am.
  - Jane Harrison will be the contact person for Shiloh UCC signups.
  - Shiloh UCC is to bring drinks, ice and sides. We decided to use the coffee connections money to buy the drinks and ice and church members will sign up for sides.
- o Major events calendar input from committees and organizations needed by August.
- o Next meeting July 19 at 7:00 PM in room 202.

# **Church Life-**

Matt Hildebrecht thanked everyone who helped with the Strawberry Festival, which was fairly well attended.

## JUNE CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

# Outreach/Evangelism-

- Planning an Ice Cream Social for the end of August (20/27) 7-8 PM.
- o Distributing Father's Day gifts on June 18.
- o Discussing Back to Church in the Fall (third Sunday in September).
- Visioning prepared to show video on September 10 as part of the worship service during the sermon.
  - \*Theme Remember Restore Renew (introductory comments with a follow-up asking for a call to action/focus).
- o Next meeting July 12 7:00 in room 202.

<u>Christian Ed</u> - VBS will be held July 23-26, 2023 from 6-8pm.

**ELC**- Next meeting August, 2023.

# Finance Committee & Budget-Treasurer's Report included

- o Funds are staying steady. Please pray that donations continue on point throughout the summer when attendance generally runs low.
- o F/U for new office copier–Natalie Fuhrman, church treasurer, sent out for 2 proposals.
- o 1 was returned and still waiting on the other.
- o It will be between Stratix and Doceo, depending on the best options for the cost.

# Communication and Technology-

- Still looking for more volunteers.
- Is there follow-up to this: Pastor Melinda, along with Jane Harrison, recommended contacting York Computer to check out our system—Matt Hildebrecht will take care of this.
- Jeff Hershey reported that it would cost \$400 to set up the computer system with York Computer and \$200/month service fee to make sure computers are up to date. Jeff will get more firm prices for the next consistory meeting.

Missions-Next meeting August 15 at 6:00.

# **Property Committee-**

- o Air conditioning for the parsonage completed.
- o Oak Tree Removal/pavers new tree (sycamore)--any other ideas?
- o Kitchen cabinets ordered for the kitchen renovation.
- o Painting Room 100-will cost about \$1,000, to be done in August.
- Security evaluation with the State Police is scheduled for Wed.,
   June 14 at 9am.
- Nathan Limbert and Dani Bentzel need to get their phones set up with the security system and training.

Respectfully submitted, Nathan Limbert, Consistory President



UNITED CHURCH July 30<sup>th</sup> is Heritage Sunday for the local Lutheran and UCC churches Womekin service begins at 10:30am followed by a picnic.

The location is at Salem UCC, 2705 W. Canal Rd. in Dover. There will be music, games and awards given out at the end of the service. This year, Shiloh UCC is responsible for bring the ice, drinks and a side dish. The drinks and ice will be purchased by the church and members can bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be available in the gallery. We are also asked to bring our own lawn chairs. We will NOT have worship services at Shiloh on this day.

The LOVE offering for the months of June and July will be used to purchase some new toys for our nursery.





The Women's Social and Support Group will meet Friday, July 21 for breakfast at 9:00am at Bob Evans. Please contact Sandy Bamberger at 717-792-2817 by July 16th if you will be attending.

Vacation Bible School is BACK! We will have VBS from Sunday July 23rd through Wednesday July 26th, from 6PM to 8PM. The theme is "Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light". Registration forms will be in the church office, so sign up early to reserve your child or grandchild's spot!



#### **ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER CHANGES:**

Margie Behler 670 Kyle Rd. York, PA 17404 717-887-1458

Rick Berkheimer 1722 Normandie Dr. York PA 17408 717-495-9710

Susan Emmons 717-650-7146

Kevan & Lisa Stough 1740 Virginia Ave Dover, PA 17315

Romaine Walton Providence Place 3377 Fox Run Road Rm 113 Dover, PA 17315

# THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Shiloh UCC,

I'm so thankful for all the prayers for our family and all who have and continue to visit my grandma Julene. I enjoyed worshiping with everyone and I will always hold a special place in my heart for Shiloh UCC and members. May God continue to bless each and every one of you!!



Angie Doedderlein

Dear Pastor Melinda and Shiloh UCC Staff,

Thank you all for the graduation gift. The church and early learning center have been a large part of my life. I can't wait to take the next step in my life.

Jackson Reiber

Dear Shiloh UCC members and friends,

Our heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, calls and concerns that have been expressed for us and Joe, Jack's son. He is truly a miracle in surviving and in his positive attitude in rehab. A special thank you to Pastor Melinda and Judy Clark for their concerns and visits.

Jack & Diane Jordan

Dear Shiloh UCC,

Thank you for your donation of \$1820 that will provide families with livestock, seeds and training. They now face the future full of hope, knowing better days are ahead. Thank you for all that you do as part of the Heifer family. Your generosity and compassion inspire me every day!

> With appreciation, Christy Moore Senior Vice President of Marketing

Dear Shiloh UCC Staff.

Thank you for your guidance, patience, music, food and preparations for my mother, Marguerite Lochman's funeral. Our family is grateful for you all and for making everything beautiful and comforting during our time of sorrow. Thank you so much.

> God Bless! Lois and Tom & family

# THANK YOU NOTES (Cont'd)

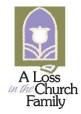
Dear Shiloh UCC Members,

On behalf of the West Manchester Township Fire Department and the Convention Fundraising Committee, I would like to thank you for your generous donation towards the event we are hosting on Aug. 12, 2023. The donation from Shiloh UCC & ELC will help supplement the funding of many different activities needed to make the convention a success.

You have been acknowledged on the WMTFD Facebook page and on our digital marquees that are located in front of the Shiloh Fire Station and in front of the WMT Building on Berlin Rd. Your support is greatly appreciated!

> Sincerely, Suzy Markle West Manchester Township Fire Department

#### **SYMPATHY:**



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Rev. Charles "Chuck" Baboian who passed away on June 4, 2023. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 15th at 11:00am at Shiloh UCC with Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph. D officiating. A luncheon will follow the service in room 100.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Russell "Russ" Brenneman who passed away on June 10, 2023. A visitation and memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 27 beginning at 10:30am at Shiloh UCC with Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph. D officiating. A luncheon will follow the service in room 100.

#### MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Rev. Charles "Chuck" Baboian from Connie & Blaine Memorial Copenheaver, John Cori & Jean Treber, Roberta Kepner, Robert & Debbie Myers, Keith & Elaine Krout, Rosabel Bentzel, Gloria Melhorn, John & Janice Herrold, William Futoransky & Patricia Frett, Don & Jeanie Bentzel, Jim & Rosemary Bentzel, Beverly Gerberick and Dick & Helen Hodgson.



Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Russell "Russ" Brenneman from Don & Jeanie Bentzel, Jim & Rosemary Bentzel and Sara Jacoby.

#### **JULY BIRTHDAY'S**

- Susan Emmons July 1
- July 2 Robert Davis William Heindel
- Marvel Burg July 5 Michael Limbert
- **Dottie Limbert** July 7 Shirley Rinehart
- Stephanie Barnes July 10 Marilyn Johnson Dianne Jordan
- Susan Myers July 12 **Brandy Schmidt**
- Sandy Bamberger July 14
- Sally Jane Johnson July 16 Jackson Reiber
- Tyler Baker July 19
- Julene Bechtel July 20 Luther Garber Jr. Donald Hoffman
- July 22 Michelle Kessler
- Karen Ness July 23
- July 24 George Flickinger Jr. DeeAnne McDaniel
- Carol Burns July 25 Gail Chronister Beverly Hoak **Brad Jacobs**
- Stephanie Limbert July 29
- Ryan Bentzel July 31 Robert Heilman



# "Shiloh United Church of Christ is called to show Christ's love for all through witness, word, and worship."

# **CONSISTORY**

Elders	Deacons
Nathan Limbert, President	Dani Bentzel
Norina Bentzel, V. Pres.	Judy Clark
Sallie Hagerman	Pat Myers
Jane Harrison	Carolyn Poff
Jeff Hershey	•
Matt Hildebrecht	

Natalie Fuhrman – Treasurer Sallie Hagerman – Financial Secretary Jeanie Bentzel – Church School Superintendent

#### THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D.
	pastormelinda@shilohucc.com

Pastor Melinda office hours: Wednesday 9 AM-2 PM & 5-8 PM

Thursday 5-8 PM Friday 9AM-2 PM

Director of Music Stephanie Limbert Sandy Bamberger Organist Missionaries in Costa Rica Crosby and Sally Jane Johnson Administrative Assistant Maira Rivera Early Learning Center Allison Hartnett Church Office Phone Number 717-764-3569 Church Email Address office@shilohucc.com www.shilohuccyorkpa.org Website



www.facebook.com/shilohuccyorkpa