

COMMUNIQUE



JUNE

2023

SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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A GROWING CHURCH
MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS



Summer Worship Schedule

- June 4** **Trinity Sunday/Communion**
Recognition of Graduates
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
Matthew 28:16-20
“Three in One!”
- June 11** **Strawberry Festival**
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Daniel Chapter 1
“By the Rivers of Babylon”
- June 18** **Father’s Day**
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Daniel Chapter 2
“Dreams”
- June 25** **Annual Church Picnic - Sunset Lane Park**
10:00am Worship
Psalm 13
Matthew 10:40-42
Daniel Chapter 3
“Fireproof”

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching."

Proverbs 1:8

Friends in Christ,

June is such a pretty month. The birds sing happier, the flowers show their full color, and even the sky changes to a warmer blue. The world our God created is so full of beauty! So, let's praise God for a big playground, we call Earth, where human beings learn how to love and live together in harmony. I know our world is far from a harmonious place right now, however we, Christians, must strive for a better life for all.

Time flies by fast when you are having fun! It seems like we just celebrated Mother's Day. Now, it's the men's turn. We will celebrate all the physical and spiritual Fathers of our church. Please, remember to bring your Dad, Grandfather, Uncles, and Friends to church with you on **June 18th**. Let us celebrate all of our faithful men with joyful hearts, and big hugs. And don't forget. We always have a surprise for you on these special days!

If that wasn't enough partying, come and join us for our Annual Church Picnic on **June 25th**, when we will have one service at **10AM in Sunset Lane Park**, followed by lots of good food and fun. Please, bring your whole family, adults, and especially kids to this family friendly event. There is a playground right next to our pavilion where the kids can let out some steam any time during the service and picnic.

Today, my heart is full of gratitude for the spiritual Fathers and Mothers of Shiloh UCC. I am grateful for your sacrifice and I just hope to make you happy and proud with everything I do. During the summer months, even your Pastor needs to recharge her batteries, however, I am always excited to meet with you in the church office, or for breakfast or lunch. Please, reach out to me, if you have a need, questions, or if you just want to get together for fun.

Summer is a great time to get to know each other better. Summer is also a relaxing time to join in all the fun activities at church. Please, encourage your children and grandchildren to come to church with you, so that we all can learn to praise God for a beautiful creation together.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

Church is where children learn to love their neighbor and God. In church they learn about the soul, and important things like patience, kindness, and respect. They learn how children are to honor their father and mother, and to let God guide them to safe pastures. Together, as a spiritual community, we can teach the next generation to lean on their elders for protection and the strength and stability a spiritual community can provide. Together, let's be a sacred community who fills our world with people who are ethical, kind, and loving. Let's be spiritual mothers and fathers of the next generation! What could be more beautiful praise to God than that, in this pretty month of June?

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching."

Proverbs 1:8

*Rejoicing in Christ,
Pastor Melinda*



MAY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report-

❖ **Worship**

• **Special worship services**

- April 22nd - Marguerite Lochman memorial service
- April 23rd - ELC Sunday
- April 30th – The Worship and Music committee took care of the service while I was on vacation.
- May 7th – Music Sunday + Communion

❖ **Administration**

- April 19th – Staff Meeting
- April 19th – Worship and Music
- Pastor on vacation from April 24th to May 2nd (5 days vacation including 1 Sunday)
- May 3rd – Visitation Team Meeting
- May 3rd – Outreach Meeting

MAY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

❖ Pastoral Care

- Home, Hospital and nursing home visits (6)
- Office/lunch meeting (2)
- Phone calls/Facebook private messages (10+); countless text messages to our members and friends.
- Attending Verla's (Julene's sister) Memorial service (May 7th)

❖ Christian Education

- Grief Group meets once a month (last meeting: April 21st)
- Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays in room 202. Thank you, Ray, for leading this group!
- 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

- April 20th – played music and practiced with the ELC kids.
- April 23rd ELC Sunday + reception – it went well and it was well attended. A BIG Thank you to those who organized the service and the reception!

Consistory President's Report-

1. Cub Scouts-Annual renewal of their room request for Tuesday evenings.
2. I signed a letter for Marsha Reiber and Sally Jane so Sally's bank will take the wire transfer that we send to her.

New business-

- A. Prayer list email–suggestion from Jaron Flickinger
 - a. Dani Bentzel will let Jaron know to contact Maira and she will give the information to the people on Prayer Circle
 - B. Schedules for July -December are available
 - C. Concern from a church member that our church library needs to get organized.
 - *Carolyn Poff will check with the Engaging Women group to see if they can get a couple of volunteers to take this over.
 - D. Suggestion was made by a member that during next year's ELC Sunday that we have consistory members pass the offering plate.
 - *Consistory agreed that we may want to do this in the future and also include other largely attended services such as Christmas and Easter.
- a. A slide will be included on the PowerPoint to let everyone know that the offering plates are located in the Narthex.

MAY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

- E. July 30, 2023 is the 2nd annual Heritage Sunday to be held at Salem UCC. Service is at 10:30am.
- F. June 9-10, 2023 is the Penn Central conference annual meeting. \$160/delegate. Nathan Limbert is planning to go as a delegate.
 - a. Pastor Melinda is also planning to attend.
- G. Several people are suggesting we go back to a single Sunday service. It was decided to table this for further discussion and this would need to be a special congregational meeting discussion for the church as a whole to decide.

Church & Ministry-

- Next Meeting May 30 6:30 pm Room 202
- Updating Membership Roster List-Seeking Approval to proceed with letter and postcard mailing, send out June 1, deadline to get postcards back is August 1, after 6 months (February 2024-unless notified to remain active) the member is placed on an inactive list, after another 6 months August 2024, the member is placed on a **Previous Member list** and considered no longer active or inactive.
- Seek approval for Maira to create a new list (Previous Members) on her church computer program in order to create consistency in membership- the three membership lists would be **ACTIVE, INACTIVE, PREVIOUS MEMBERS**
 - Consistory approved for Maira to create a new category: **PREVIOUS MEMBERS.**
- Seek approval to send the letter and postcard to the identified Shiloh UCC at risk members.
- Consistory approved sending the letter and postcard to the identified Shiloh UCC at-risk members with the correction that the letter be signed from the Consistory and not Consistory President.
- The list of names of the at-risk members was approved by Consistory.

Worship and Music-

- June 25 - picnic - Sunset Lane Park - broasted chicken with potluck sides
- Disposable communion cups were purchased
- Appreciation luncheon was held on May 7 - 28 people attended
- Geraniums will be sponsored for Pentecost May 28 from Schaeffer's
- Next meeting May 24 at 7:00 in room 202.

Church Life-

- June 11 will be the Strawberry Festival. Kaitlin Rentzel is organizing this as a Food Truck event–more information to come.

MAY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

Outreach/Evangelism-

- Table at ELC Fun Day May 19
- Planning to send notes to families that attended ELC Sunday
- Chose Father's Day gift
- Ice Cream Social for the end of Aug (20/27) 7-8 PM?
- Visioning committee video to be shown in the fall to launch
 - Next meeting is May 31
- Next meeting for Outreach - July 12 7:00 in room 202

Christian Ed-VBS will be held July 23-26, 2023

Youth & Ministry-Nathan Limbert attended the tree planting at Nixon Park on April 29. He is also on a list to be notified of future events such as this.

ELC-

- May 19 9:30 - 11:30 am is Fun Day
- Next meeting August, 2023
- Texas Roadhouse Vouchers to be distributed to the ELC students at Fun Day on May 19th. Lollipops will also be available to the ELC students on the lollipop tree at Fun Day.
 - Thank you to all consistory members for donating breakfast items to the Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Thurs. May 18 at 9 am in Room 100. Thank you Jane Harrison for helping to prepare for this breakfast.

Finance Committee & Budget-Treasurer's Report included

- The church continues to run low for current expenses, but remains in an attainable situation, provided the income remains consistently where it is, for the end of the year budget.

Communication and Technology-Nothing new to report other than we could really use more volunteers.

Missions-

- The Mission's Committee would like the offering envelope marked Father's Day to go to Habitat for Humanity.
 - Consistory approved this following a Carolyn Poff/Reen Bentzel motion.
- Also the committee would like the LOVE offering received in June and July go toward paying for some new toys for the nursery.
 - Consistory approved this.
- Next meeting August 15 at 6:00

Property Committee-Access control-Nathan Limbert and Dani Bentzel are working on getting the APP access to allow intercom users access to the bldg.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Limbert, Consistory President*

MISSIONARY NEWS

GOD IS GOOD and WE ARE THANKFUL

CREW XI blessed our community with the Bible School theme, "GOD IS GOOD." Spiritual formation is an important part of the mission of Hearts and Hands for Jesus. It brings hope and encouragement to people that often feel helpless in breaking chains of poverty, hunger, and illiteracy. The past several months our Sunday School lessons continued sharing the theme of ways God is good by learning ACTS 10:38, "...Jesus went everywhere doing good," and reading stories about Jesus in the Gospels.



Our children and youth have been looking at the good Jesus brought to our world through his life, death and resurrection. The primary class has really enjoyed lessons about the blind gaining sight and the healing of many, especially the lepers. We have practiced thankfulness to God for the many blessings we receive each day and to others for their love, kindness, prayers and support. Our community is thankful for you!



MISSIONARY NEWS (Cont'd)

As we move toward the celebration of Pentecost, we remember this was when the universal church was truly born and we are charged with sharing God's Love and Good News everywhere. May we all invite and welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives seeking continued direction toward God's will.

*Muchisimo Gracias!
Crosby and Sally Johnson*

Prayer Requests:

- *Urgent need to purchase a truck for the ministry and mission (we have been without transportation since November.
- * God's favor through Monthly financial support and prayer to meet the needs of our mission
- * Prayers for students' success and educational needs books, uniforms, bus passes
- * Hearing God's voice clearly and being led by the Spirit as we minister to our community

Praise:

Received my new passport



The offering envelope marked **Father's Day** which is **June 18** will go to **Habitat for Humanity**. Their mission is to build safe, decent, affordable housing for low income, well qualified families in York County.



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES!



Rebekah Baker – Proud Parents, James & Amie Baker.

~Graduate of York College with a BA of Science & Respiratory Care. She plans on working at Wellspan York Hospital.

Tyler Reisinger – Proud Parents, Randy & Deb Reisinger.

~Graduate of Wilkes University with a Master's of Science degree in Education. He is currently a middle school mathematics teacher in the Central York school district.

Jackson Reiber – Proud Parents, Ben and Christel Reiber.



~Graduate of West York High School. He is headed to the University of Alabama in Huntsville for Aerospace Engineering in August.

WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR NEW BEGINNINGS!



The **Women's Guild** will meet on **Monday June 5 at 1 p.m. in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another**. **Chapter Four: Encouraging Growth** Norene Edgar will be leading this chapter. Special Offering this month will go to Sally Jane Johnson.. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*

The **33rd Annual Strawberry Festival** will be held on **Sunday, June 11th from 4:00-7:00 pm**. Please join us for food trucks, games, baked goods, and of course, strawberries and ice cream! If you would be interested in donating baked goods for the event, please contact Kaitlin at kgoodyear04@gmail.com.



Engaging Women will be meeting off-site in June. Contact Sally Curren for more details at dgft25@hotmail.com.



The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet **June 16 for lunch at 12:00 pm at the West Manchester Outback**. Please contact Judy Clark at 717-712-2468 **by June 13** if you will be attending. If Judy doesn't answer, please leave a message as her phone goes directly to voice mail if your number is not listed in her phone contacts. Or you can send a text message.

On Sunday, **June 25** the church picnic will be held at **Sunset Lane Park**. A worship service will begin at **10:00 AM** followed by a potluck meal. Broasted chicken will be the main course with a variety of sides, salads and desserts. In addition to a covered dish please bring place settings, beverages, and lawn chairs. A **sign-up sheet will be in the Gallery beginning June 4**. This will be a wonderful way to socialize with friends and worship surrounded by nature. Please consider joining us!



Hoffman Homes for Youth provides comprehensive psychiatric care, treatment, and education to emotionally and behaviorally troubled children and their families. The children placed at Hoffman are considered very high risk. Last year 99 children were helped, with 92% of them meeting their treatment goals. The therapy programs at Hoffman offer help for the children to express and build self-confidence. The purpose of the **Friends of Hoffman Homes** has been to acquaint supporters within the churches with the mission of Hoffman Homes for Youth, and also to educate supporters of the unique programs that HHY offers to the children in care. The Friends group has membership drives each year to help with the extras for the children. You can help to support them with a donation of \$5.00 or more. Funds will be collected during the **month of June** and can be given to Carolyn Poff. Any checks should be made out to **Hoffman Homes for Youth**. **Thank you for your support.**



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!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Members and Friends,

A special thank you to all my friends at Shiloh UCC for my 36 birthday cards I received for my 97th birthday. All were greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to my family for the beautiful altar flowers.



Romaine Walton

Dear Shiloh UCC Members and Friends,

A very big Thank You for all the baby items that were donated to the **WellSpan Mother/Child Clinic in May**. Everything is so appreciated especially the hand-made quilts and blankets, 20 boxes/packs of diapers, lots of baby wipes, baby wash, bottles, nursing pads, maxi pads, lots of baby clothes. We also received a gift card and check from the adult Sunday school class. Your generosity is overwhelming!

Connie Redman



Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Stephanie Berkheimer** from Milton & Beverly Hoak and Julene Bechtel.

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Marguerite Lochman** from Don & Jeanie Bentzel, Aimee Schwartz and Judy Feeser.

COMING UP

- July 2 Communion
- July 4 Independence Day – Office Closed
- July 10-14 ELC Camp
- July 23-26 Vacation Bible School
- July 31 ELC Camp



JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

June 1 Dominic Faiola
Stella Faiola
Briana Hagerman

June 2 Leslie Spangler
Elaine Werner

June 4 Lori Riccardi

June 5 Sandra Barnes

June 9 Margie Behler

June 11 Joan Hamme
Courtney Stough

June 13 Suzanne Kozuch
Chanda Sayres
Stewart Wagner

June 14 Ryan Myers
Donovan Reiber

June 15 Donald Slenker
Shelley Stewart

June 17 Tom Fox

June 18 Virginia Heath
Larson Hull
Karen Melhorn

June 20 Susan Claytor
Phyllis Myers



JUNE BIRTHDAY'S (Cont'd)

June 21 Robert E. Myers

June 22 James Bentzel Sr.

June 23 Connie Copenhaver
Brady Kessler
Cindy Repman

June 24 Courtney Bilodeau
Jessica Cramer
Eva Leezer
Olivia Pituch

June 25 Dan Burns
Jennifer Myers
Mayson Schmidt
Nancy Sipe

June 26 Caroline Bollinger
Claudia Bollinger
Saybein Cramer
Jaron Flickinger
Sharon Geltz
Jane Harrison

June 27 Roberta Lighty

June 29 Zain Fuhrman
Paxton Pizza

June 30 Brad Ness




“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

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Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
Organist	Sandy Bamberger
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