

# COMMUNIQUE



**MARCH 2019**

**SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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## LENTEN WORSHIP

- March 3**      **Transfiguration Sunday/Holy Communion**  
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians  
3:12 - 4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)  
“Astounding Glory”  
Chancel Choir
- March 6**      **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ 7 pm**  
Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17;  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
“Remembering Our Finitude”
- March 10**     **First Sunday of Lent**  
**Lenten Prayer Breakfast @ 8 a.m.**  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;  
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13  
“Wilderness Companions”  
Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir  
**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**
- Don't forget Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, **March 10.**
- March 17**     **Second Sunday of Lent**  
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35  
“Strong and Tender”  
Chancel Choir and Men's Chorus
- March 24**     **Third Sunday of Lent**  
Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9  
“Open Invitation”  
Chancel Choir and Youth Choir
- March 31**     **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**One Great Hour of Sharing**  
Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
“Embracing Love”  
Chamber Choir

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It seems impossible to believe, but today, Wednesday February 13 marks only (1) three weeks from Ash Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Plus today is just five weeks from the first day of spring, March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>. What seems eminently possible and probable is the reality that we will have more snow, ice and rain combined with cold temperatures. The phrase the TV weather casters have come up is "mixed precipitation." This late February season makes me aware of the dynamic place the environment takes in our souls and spirits. The weather this February has been filled with clouds and precipitation. Without the sunlight and the moon by night our spirits wane and decline. For me, SAD, (seasonal affective disorder) seasonal affective disorder is more than a newly encounter term! SAD is my lived experience this year.

Especially this February, with such harsh winter weather, my soul is put into the inward singing of the Christmas hymn (Carol) that describes my inward yearning for the next seasons of the Church's calendar year. That is to say, just as we earnestly, we look to the Sundays after the Epiphany of our Lord we yearn for the spring and the Easter miracle. Before spring and the Easter miracle, and prior to those, is our hope for the meaning and message of Jesus Christ, our Guide and Guardian. Together with Lent's beginning on Ash Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, Lent is our journey through the winters of our lives. These winter darkneses can, and do occur, periodically in our lives as followers of the Lord of time and tide. Ash Wednesday and Lent follow our spiritual heights of Christmas and Epiphany.

Notice here are two verses, the first and last (fifth) from Christina Rossetti's hymn In The Bleak Midwinter. Verse 1: In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan; Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,

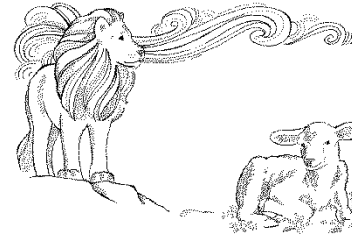
In the bleak mid-winter Long ago. Verse 5 What can I give Him, Poor as I am? —If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, — Yet what I can I give Him, —Give my heart.

Most of us sing this hymn to the tune written in 1906 by Gustav Holtz. Holst's works were played frequently in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but it was not until the international success of *The Planets* in the years immediately after the First World War that he became a well-known figure. A shy man, he did not welcome this fame, and preferred to be left in peace to compose and teach.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Suffice it to say that the effects of the outdoors upon us are surely seen in the gifts our Lord gives us in his birth, life, ministry, healing presence, spiritual guidance and lastly Jesus' death and resurrection.

Once more let me say and ask: Let us gather together to strengthen one another in the unity of faith, by following the Guardian and Guide of our souls and lives Jesus Christ and the hope of the Spirit and the love of God. Amen!



*(The Rev.) Michael W. Beynon  
Intentional Interim Minister  
Interim Ministry Network,  
Baltimore, MD*

**A LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held on Sunday, **March 10 @ 8 a.m.** There will be a brief devotional and time for fellowship. Make your reservations on the sheets found throughout the church.



## HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM

The current Health and Safety Team has disbanded. The Consistory is looking for individuals who might be interested in evaluating other alternatives for this Committee. This committee includes keeping the PA Clearances for Volunteers up to date, plus other concerns for the health and safety of Shiloh UCC members. If you are interested or have some ideas, please contact a Consistory Member. Thank you!

## FEBRUARY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor Mike is now collecting on his retirement pension in lieu of Shiloh paying his salary. He attended the Monthly Interim Group at PCC Conference Offices.

He met with the Music and Worship Committee. He officiated at the first of monthly holy communions that will be held at Providence Place. He is scheduling with Pastor Michael Fischer, ELCA Chaplain at Country Meadows York, to make the same arrangement there. His five-day retreat is to be rescheduled into March.

**Finance Committee and Budget** – Year-end statements have been distributed. There will be a letter composed and sent to those whose envelopes remain with information about current events at the church, stating they are missed and we've noticed you're not here.

**Communication and Technology** – Dani Bentzel is now uploading taped weekly services to the web page. Jaron Flickinger will use Shiloh's Google domain to update Shiloh UCC's post on Google. We are anticipating changing to a cloud-based backup.

**Property** – The Emergency lights for room 100 have been fixed. The new HVAC is about completed, with just a few loose ends remaining. The Gallery carpets were cleaned by the housekeeper. The sanctuary ceiling will be painted as soon as the painters are back from vacation.

**Church Life** – Bev Arnold has agreed to continue doing the funeral lunches. Daffodil Sunday - 19 pots of daffodils purchased. Health Safety Committee has disbanded. We are asking for someone interested in evaluating other alternatives for the committee, which would still include getting PA clearances for volunteers working with children

**Outreach and Evangelism** – It was suggested we have some speakers from the Missions and Benevolence groups that we contribute to come and speak at Sunday services. It was also suggested as a future project that we ask those groups for a one-page description of the services they provide.

**Youth** – The 24 Hr. Famine will be held February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, here in room 100. They will be doing several service projects, for local charities. Monies raised will be split with 10% going to Mr. Sandy's and 90% going to New Hope for Girls Ministries in Dover.

## FEBRUARY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

**Worship and Music** – Tom Kiepert will not be speaking February 24, as he will now be supply pastor for another church. Worship and Music committee will be involved in some of the hymn selections for the worship services. Recommend going back to one service for Easter this year. The Consistory approved a motion to pilot using UCC color bulletins for the Easter Season. The costs would be covered with the \$20 donation for sponsoring bulletins. If the bulletins are well received, they could be ordered for the fall.

**Unfinished business** – Profile update – We have received corrections and revisions. It will be posted on UCC website in the near future. Search committee – the list of names has been compiled and will be confirmed within the week. Lenten prayer breakfast will be March 10.

**New Business:** 2 delegates needed for York Association meeting for 2019. Consistory approved the following designations for offerings for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Maundy Thursday and Easter offering designations: 1/3 to the Shiloh UCC boiler fund, 1/3 to Mr. Sandy's Shelter, and 1/3 to Friends of Limon Van Fund.

**New Business** – Consistory has agreed to support the Youth's project for Mr. Sandy's household bags for the shelter. The congregation will pull the tags, purchase the requested items and Carol Burns will assemble. There will be no Easter breakfast this year.

*Respectfully Submitted, Tim Bentzel Consistory President*

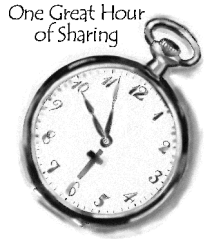


The **Ash Wednesday, Lenten, Maundy Thursday and Easter Offering** will be designated as follows: 1/3 to Shiloh UCC Boiler Fund, 1/3 to Mr. Sandy's Veteran Shelter and 1/3 to Friends of Limón Van Fund for Missionaries Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD** voted to support **Heifer Project International** as the **Lenten Project** for 2019. Monetary donations will be collected beginning Sunday, **March 10** through Easter Sunday, **April 21**. Your support is greatly appreciated!



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MARCH 31



The OGHS offering supports partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. It is administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. Offering envelopes may be found in the pew racks. Thank you for your support of this offering.

### Pretzel Sandwich and Fudge Sale/Fundraiser

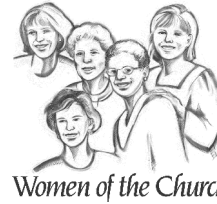
The Family Ministry Team (FMT) will be hosting a pretzel sandwich and fudge sale on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be taken from Sunday 3/24 to Sunday 4/7 (please use order sheets around the church). **Pickup will be on Thursday, 4/11 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** in the kitchen/room 100. Anyone wanting their sandwich on bread (instead of pretzel roll), please note "on bread" when placing your order. Sandwiches will include a bag of chips for \$5.00. 1 lb. of fudge is \$6.50 and 1/2 lb. is \$3.50. Funds raised will help to pay down the Shiloh UCC building mortgage. If anyone would like an order sheet to sell at their place of employment, etc., please let us know. We appreciate the additional help with orders to benefit the fundraiser. Contact Lisa Stough with any questions, 717-767-9534. Please support our church fundraiser! Thank you.



Also, **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** will again be selling **Hershey park tickets** for the 2019 Season. The cost this year is \$32.95 for ages 3+. These tickets will be valid May 3 to September 29, 2019 and are 55% off the regular price. **Deadline to order will be Sunday March 25, 2019.** Look for sign-up sheets located around the church to sign up.



## WOMEN'S GUILD



The **Women's Guild** will meet **March 4** in room 202 at **1:30**. We will be viewing the DVD on the lesson from our book on Twelve More Women of the Bible, **Session 11 – Elizabeth: How to Win the Waiting Game**. All women of the church are invited to attend at any time.

The choirs have reserved **42 tickets** at Dutch Apple Dinner Theater for **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat on Sunday, April 7**. The cost is \$54/person and includes the show, meal, tax, and gratuity. It is recommended for ages 10 and is 2 hours in length. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gallery on a table. Payment is due by March 10. Give cash or checks for **Shiloh UCC Choir Fund** and give to Bobby Limbert. We plan to carpool and **MUST** leave the church parking lot by **10:45**. Doors open at 11:45 but have been known to open early for groups. Thank you for your support of the music program!



Your choirs are hosting a **FUNDRAISER AT HOSS'S FAMILY STEAK HOUSE**, White Street, **April 9 from Noon until 9 pm**. See choir members for the Hoss's cards for you to present at the restaurant for a 15% proceeds to us. We also will send out an e-mail to remind you closer to the date that will include a Hoss's flyer you also can present. You will either need a Hoss's card or the e-mail flyer for us to be recognized as Shiloh UCC. Thanks for your support.

### LADIES TEA FOR MISSIONARY VAN FUND



Ladies, please mark your calendars: A tea will be held on Saturday, **March 23**, at 1 p.m. in support of the Van Fund for Missionaries Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson. The donation cost to attend is \$25 per person. Seating is limited so reservations will be needed. *Watch for more upcoming details.* Any questions, please contact Linda Little @ 717-309-4523 or the church office.

**Shiloh Union Cemetery Association 2019 pricing  
Effective 1 April, 2019**

Lot sale pricing:	Traditional (4 burial plots)	\$1200
	Cremation (4 cremation plots)	\$600
Burial fees:	Traditional (Monday to Friday)	\$1200
	Traditional (Saturday)	\$1300
	Cremation* (Monday to Friday)	\$600
	Cremation* (Saturday)	\$650
	*Add \$50 for placing cremation burial vault	
	*No burials on Sunday	

**2019 YORK ASSOCIATION LENTEN EXCHANGE  
Worship Experiences Around the Table  
Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**



Join the York Association for a light dinner and worship as we explore how to BE THE CHURCH today.

- March 13 – “Immigration/Refuges” @ Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Dr. York
- March 20 – “Racism” @ Faith UCC, 500 Pacific Ave. York
- March 27 – “Disabilities” @ Dover UCC, 100 Canal St. Dover
- April 3 – “LGBTQ” @ St. Paul’s UCC, 205 W. Main St. Dallastown
- April 10 – “Climate” @ Heidelberg UCC, 47 W. Philadelphia St. York

**THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** is gathering items for **Mr. Sandy’s Helping Hands for Veterans**. These items will be taken to the York Association Celebration Banquet on April 28. Watch for a collection area in the Gallery. Thanks for your support!



Items needed for Mr. Sandy’s household bags

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| • Paper towels      | Paper plates/bowls |
| • Hot/cold cups     | Hand sanitizer     |
| • Clorox wipes      | Toilet paper       |
| • Plastic bags      | Trash bags         |
| • Laundry detergent | Dish detergent     |
| • Liquid hand soap  |                    |

**VOLUNTEERS for MARCH**

**ALTAR ATTENDANTS**

March 3	Donovan Reiber
March 10	Isaac Pituch
March 17	Kendra Tredway
March 24	Cecilia Pituch
March 31	Kyla Myers

**GREETERS**

March 3	Natalie Fuhrman and Sallie Hagerman
March 10	Deb Althoff and Donna Robertson
March 17	Marty and Mary Ann Lehman
March 24	Cindy and Rick Repman
March 31	Helen Hodgson and Carolyn Poff



**USHERS**

March 3	Wilbert and Charlotte Mickley and Elaine Krout
March 10	Randy and Deb Reisinger and Jan Hopple
March 17	Marty and Mary Ann Lehman and Carolyn Poff
March 24	Jack and Diane Jordan and Julene Bechtel
March 31	Jim and Rosemary Bentzel and Jackie Taft

**OFFERING DUTY**

March 3	Consistory
March 10	Lew Wallace and Jeanie Bentzel
March 17	Marvel and Gary Burg
March 24	Marsha Reiber and Stephanie Berkheimer
March 31	Kevan and Lisa Stough

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

March 3	Bob and Sue Long
March 10	Norina and Jim Bentzel
March 17	John and Mary Reiber
March 24	Joyce Mummert and Sallie Hagerman
March 31	Patti Goodyear and Kaitlin Rentzel



## EARLY LEARNING CENTER



It is hard to believe that we are turning our calendars to the month of March. February flew by with crazy weather, delays, school closures and in between all of that learning and fun. Valentine's Day was a huge celebration complete with parties, Valentines and way

too much candy. The ELC was fortunate to have visits from The Children's Dental Centre of York to share their expertise and wisdom about dental health. We also had a visit from Master Bob from Dover Dragon's Tae Kwon Do. Master Bob was the perfect presenter during our unit on healthy bodies.

March is always a very interesting month at the ELC. The weather is often unpredictable and the month is usually very long. We begin this month by celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss. This celebration includes many "specials" such as crazy hair day, red/white/black day, mismatched day, crazy hat day, and crazy sock day. There will also be a performance of Green Eggs and Ham by two ELC staff members. In addition we will be busy with St. Patrick's Day, weather, and hopefully signs of spring.

Our most important Bible lesson takes place this month. Our lesson on Easter, the crucifixion and resurrection are both beautiful and hard to teach. We as early childhood educators are often met with many questions as well as the challenge of sharing the truth about this holiday, not just the story of the Easter Bunny. We feel blessed that we can read, sing and talk about the love and the hope of Jesus Christ!!!!

The ELC Advisory Board continues to meet on a bimonthly basis. We are currently looking at our school building and safety procedures to make certain we are ready for any possible situation. We are so blessed to have the members of our Board share their knowledge and wisdom as we make these tough decisions and talk about these hard topics.

*Allison Hartnett, ELC Director*



*Thank You!*  
**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Rev. Michael Beynon for his visits and phone calls. Also thank you for cards, flowers, meals and visits from church members.

*Elaine Krout*

Dear Members, For many of us, The Children's Aid Society holds a special place in our hearts. We provide critical services to the families in York, Adams and Franklin Counties at a time where these services are needed more than ever. I would like to thank you again for your gifts in 2018 totaling \$327.00 to benefit the Children's Aid Society.

*With Gratitude,*

*Eric. M. Chase, Executive Director/CEO*

Dear Friends in Christ: Thank you for your gift of \$799.00 received on 12/25/18 in support of the United Church of Christ's Emergency USA/South Carolina Flooding. We are deeply grateful for your donation.

*Faithfully, Rev. John C. Dorhauer*

Thank you for your congregation's ongoing and generous support of Homewood Foundation. We are grateful for the 25 years Shiloh UCC has supported us. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your gift of \$162.50 to Homewood Foundation. 2019 marks 87 years of Homewood serving retired men and women. Your church's support is extremely important to us! Thank you!

*Raina Womer, Dir. Of Development, Homewood Foundation*

**OUR SYMPATHY** to Charlotte Mickley and family on the passing of her sister, **Louise Heindel**, on February 7. Her Funeral Service was held at Starview United Church of Christ on February 12. Burial was in Mount Rose Cemetery.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS** were received in memory of **Rev. John E. Winter** from Charles and Norma Hull.





NEWS of the 27 Churches of  
the York Association

**MARCH 2019**

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YA Email: YAPCCUCC@aol.com

### Annual Celebration Banquet 2019

**When: Sunday, April 28, 2019**

**Where: Wyndham Garden, York**

2000 Loucks Rd, York PA 17408

**Time: Doors open at 12:30pm**

Program starts at 1:00 and Lunch served at 1:15pm

**Cost: \$20 per person. (Everyone)**

**Menu: Sliced Roast Beef or**

Traditional Stuffed Chicken Breast or  
Garden Pasta

with whipped potatoes and asparagus

**Dessert: Chocolate Cake or**

Apple crisp with vanilla ice cream

**Register: By phone: Annette Masenheimer – 717.578.5862 or  
email [masenheimer.annette80@gmail.com](mailto:masenheimer.annette80@gmail.com) by**

Monday, April 15, 2019.

Information needed when registering: Church name,  
number of people, and menu entree choices.

**Payment: One check, written by the registering church, payable to  
York Association, DUE ON THE DAY of the Banquet.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday April 15, 2019**

### YORK ASSOCIATION (Cont'd)

#### Around the York Association

**New Hope "Fissel's" UCC 3426 Fissel's Church Rd, Glen Rock**

**What: 3rd Annual Holiday "Make-It & Take-It Craft Day"**

**When: Sat, Feb 23 – 9am-2pm**

Light lunch and bake sale items will be available. Check us out on  
Facebook @newhopefissels for information or call Pam, 717-521-4259 or  
the church office, 717-235-2033.

**Zion UCC, 100 Lafayette St., York (south side of Penn Park)**

**What: Public Forum**

**When: Tue, April 9, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

A "Black Collective" community forum will be held, in cooperation with  
Crispus Attucks, featuring County Commissioners and York City Council  
members and candidates, moderated by Ron Martin. It will be held in  
our large Sunday school room & refreshments will be served.

**St. John's UCC, 161 N. Main St. Red Lion**

**What: FREE BOOKS (19) - History & Program Revised & Updated, by  
Margaret Rowland Post (Revised by Thomas E. Dipko) originally  
distributed by the UCC. If interested, please call the church office @  
717.244.5031**

### Climate Church, Climate World

*How People of Faith Must Work for Change*

Jim Antal, Author

*"The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."  
Psalm 24:1*

James Antal, author, theologian and national spokesperson on climate  
change for the United Church of Christ, challenges people of faith to  
engage in the moral challenge of climate change. The book refers to the  
impact of climate change as a call to collective salvation because it  
"amplifies all forms of injustice - hunger, refugees, racism, poverty,  
inequality, deadly viruses, and war."

Community Outreach is encouraging this book as a "one church read" for  
2019 and has purchased 25 copies of this book for you to  
borrow. Additional copies may be purchased at a discount from Hearts and  
Minds Bookstore. To borrow copies from the Association, contact Rev.  
Cathy Sherry @ [CathyLHS19@comcast.net](mailto:CathyLHS19@comcast.net). I hope you and your  
congregation will consider looking at this book.

**COMING UP IN APRIL – HOLY WEEK WORSHIP and beyond**

- April 14 PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
- April 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP @ 7 PM
- April 19 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP @ 7 PM
- April 21 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
- April 28 BUTTERFLY SUNDAY and EARLY LEARNING CENTER SUNDAY



York Association Annual Banquet  
*(Watch for more details in the April Communique)*



**SAVE THE DATE! - MAY 19, 2019**

**Mark your calendars** for the upcoming Women’s Banquet to be held on Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. in room 100.  
*Watch for more information next month.*

**PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN**

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas

- Peace of Mind
- Peace of Heart
- Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

- Squash Gossip
- Squash Indifference
- Squash Grumbling
- Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

- Lettuce Be Faithful
- Lettuce Be Kind
- Lettuce Be Patient
- Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden Is Complete Without Turnips

- Turnip for Meetings
- Turnip for Service
- Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

- Thyme For Each Other
- Thyme For Family
- Thyme For Friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.  
There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

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

**CONSISTORY**

**Elders**

- Tim Bentzel, President
- Stephanie Berkheimer, V. Pres.
- Jaron Flickinger
- Jane Harrison
- Laura Metzger

**Deacons**

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

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

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