

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION/Rev. Elizabeth Dilley/**

One: Let us Pray!

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. One breath from you, and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones, given muscles and sinews, and joy with which to praise you. With holy hope you fill all your faithful children with new life. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit, that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom, and what looks to us to be death may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"* #286

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us Pray!

Forgive us, O God, when we see the world through rose-colored glasses rather than as it really is, much less the way you seek it to be. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith calling us to be agents of change in our world for the bland conviction that all will be well. Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grave. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The God we serve is the God of life, the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams.

All: That rattling of bones in Ezekiel's vision may be heard as the shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt.

One: God defies these deadly entanglements with the power of life.

All: This we trust, and by this we live. Thanks be to God!

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(Please wave to one another)*

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcome. Parent's/caregivers are encouraged to accompany their young child(ren) during the message.)*

***HYMN** *"Father, I Adore You"* Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

CHANCEL CHOIR *"He Leadeth Me"* Gilpin

Third Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON *"A Time for Dreaming"*

***HYMN** *"Breath of Me, Breath of God"* #292

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The God of heaven and earth, of all of creation, holds each one of us in tender love and care. God is gracious and good, and no one is insignificant in God's eyes. So we respond to everything God is doing in the life of the world, by offering a portion of what we have generously received from a loving God. In the ministry of Shiloh UCC, we reach out to all of God's children in tender love and care. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, commitment, and praise.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *"A Lenten Doxology"*

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in
Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

From your hands, O God, come the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of life itself. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors. By your Spirit's leading, may we use these gifts to bless the life of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lead Us from Death to Life"* #581

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30 AM *"Glory to His Name"* Ritter
11:00 AM *"Lamb of God"* Larson

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht & Nathan Limbert.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean and Maxine Guillard by their family.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our children, Jennifer Withey and Jason Myers and their families by Bob & Debbie Myers.
- **LITURGIST:** **8:30AM** Dani Bentzel, **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **USHERS:** **8:30AM** Kevan & Lisa Stough, **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **GREETERS:** **8:30AM** Jack & Diane Jordan, **11:00AM** Joyce Mummert & Shirley Lohmann
- **NURSERY DUTY:** **8:30AM** Nathan Limbert, **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Chancel Choir, Donna Seifarth & Sandy Bamberger

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*Inspired by Wendy Blight*)

Dear God, I don't know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that You are my Rock and my Salvation. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to You today. Teach me how to stand strong in You and choose only Your way today. Help me walk by Your truth and love, and not my own feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see you at work and as an opportunity to point others to you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (*Inspired by Rebecca Barlow Jordan*)

Dear God, Bless our family with your love and presence. Thank you for all the good times together and when we are apart. Bless our friends and those we love, with health and faith in you. Thank you for all your blessings: for our home; a place to sleep and good food to eat. Help us rest well, give us peaceful dreams. Send your angels to protect us and everyone we love, throughout the night. Teach us to trust You and to love You more and more every day. Almighty God, You are good; you are great; and you are faithful. Thank you for loving us. In Jesus's precious name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Ross Hopple, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Jay Mummert, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Roe Family, The Reiber Family, The Kinsley Family, The Garber Family, The Berkheimer/Bechtel Family, The Reiber/Youkers Family



On **April 2** you are invited to a **brunch at 9:45 AM** in room 100. A variety of casseroles and pastries will be served along with beverages. We hope you will plan to attend this occasion to start Holy Week. A **sign-up sheet can be found in the Gallery.**



The Sunday School Group is collecting money for **Heifer International for our Lenten Project**. Concurrently, the special Lenten offering will also go towards Heifer International. Both collections will continue thru **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**. Your support to this great cause is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

This year's **special Easter offering** collected will go to the **Bell Family Shelter**.



The church is collecting donations for the **ELC's Scholarship Fund**. This Scholarship Fund benefits students and families that attend the ELC that may be having trouble making their monthly payments towards tuition. The ELC offers this scholarship to ensure that their students can continue to attend the preschool without families having to worry about how they will make their next payment. If you are interested in donating, please use the **Love Offering envelopes found in your pews**. We will be collecting donations **through the end of April**.

Easter is rapidly approaching! The sale of **tulips and lilies** is part of the preparations. The cost for each pot of flowers is **\$7.00**. Envelopes for ordering will be available in the Gallery and the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to Shiloh United Church of Christ. Orders will be accepted **through Sunday, March 27**. Plants may be claimed on Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping to make the church a lovely place to worship.



The **Youth Fellowship Group** will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children up to age 10 on **April 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM**. We have enough plastic eggs but need the congregation's help with providing the candy or small snack size items to fill the eggs with. A bin will be placed in the gallery to collect the candy. You may also make a monetary donation using the LOVE offering envelopes designating Easter Egg Hunt on them. Thank you for your help with this fun filled yearly event!

The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **April 3, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Encouraging One Another. Chapter Two: The Word Encourages**. Charlotte Mickley will be leading this chapter. Special offering for this month will be for missionary Sally Jane Johnson. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Shiloh UCC, where God is still speaking"

THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Daffodil Sunday
	9:45	Sunday School (100) & Wired Word (202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Outreach Meeting (202)
	8:00	Men's Rehearsals
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	10:00	Staff (office)
	5:00	TOPS (100)
	6:30	Lenten Study (202)
THURS	6:30	NA Group (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SAT	5:00	Parent's Night Out (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Palm Sunday
	9:45	Brunch (100)
	2:00	Easter Egg Hunt

Attendance last week: 93

THE CHURCH STAFF

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Engaging Women will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.**

Contact Sally Curren at dgft25@hotmail.com for additional information.

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, April 11, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant.** Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.



The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for lunch at **Cheddar's Restaurant on April 21st at 12:00pm.** Please contact Judy Feeser at 717-764-9935 by April 17th if you plan to attend.

The Visioning Committee has been meeting for over two years and after many discussions regarding our concern for the future of Shiloh UCC, we feel God's calling us to focus on one issue at a time and to always keep in the forefront that we are to be leading people to Jesus Christ. The one issue we want to focus on at this time, is how to bring more families and youth to participate in our church. We are asking each member of the congregation to consider this mission and suggest any ways to carry it out. You may speak to any committee member-our names are listed in the annual report-with any ideas. We would like all of our church committees to focus on this goal. Imagine the possibilities if all of us are working together to bring this to fruition. Remember Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" We would like to also welcome everyone to join our committee. **We will be meeting again on April 26, at 7pm, in room 202.**



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson.**

GROCERY GIFT CARDS = CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH. Weis and Giant grocery gift cards are available for purchase in the gallery. For every dollar of gift cards purchased, \$.05 is donated to the church by the grocery store.



This contribution is used to support our Missionaries, Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson in Costa Rica.