

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
ANNIVERSARY/MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY

MAY 12, 2024  
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

*"We are born of love; Love is our mother."*

~ Rumi

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM

*"Thy Perfect Love"*

Shea

11:00AM

*"Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated"*

Havergal

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

RECOGNITION OF MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

See insert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand if you are able)*

One: Today we recognize God's creation of women. We thank God for the many ways that women help us each day. For women who raise children,  
**All: We thank you, God.**

One: For women who heal us when we are sick,  
**All: We thank you, God.**

One: For women who prepare meals,  
**All: We thank you, God.**

One: For women who teach us,  
**All: We thank you, God.**

One: For women who drive us where we need to go,  
**All: We thank you, God.**

One: For women who help in construction,  
**All: We thank you, God.**

One: For women who sell us things that we need,  
**All: We thank you, God.**

One: For women who work in churches and in businesses,  
**All: We thank you, God.**

One: For women who do many other things that make our lives more beautiful and pleasant,  
**All: We thank you, God.**



*A mother*

*who loves her God and lives her faith  
is a blessing to her children.*

*All thy children shall be taught of the LORD;  
and great shall be the peace of thy children.*

ISAIAH 54:13



One: We ask your blessings on these women who are a part of our congregation, and on those who cannot be with us today.

**All: On this Mother's Day, we come to worship the living God, our Mother and Father, and to find peace in God's presence. Let us worship our loving God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

**God of Wise Women, on this day we celebrate and honor our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and women who have been like mothers to us. We remember that you are our Mother and Father, the Creator of us all, and in your image we are beautifully made. We are loved. We are your children. You cry with us, you laugh with us, and you celebrate with us. Laugh, cry, and celebrate with us today, loving God, as we share your love with each other. With the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**                      *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*                      #43

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*on Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-30 by Rick Lindholtz*)

One: Let us pray!

**Lord, many of us read these words from Your Holy Word  
And are inspired, encouraged, and grateful.  
But some of us are tempted to doubt  
That Your grace could ever produce  
these kinds of virtues in our lives.  
Some of us are tempted by resentment and un-forgiveness  
Because of those who have let us down.  
Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings,  
and all of us remember times when we have fallen short.**

**Forgive us for doubt, resentment,  
unforgiving hearts, self-condemning attitudes.  
Remind us of your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ.**

**In Spite of our failures and sin,  
We trust in Your power to transform our lives.  
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus,  
So that our lives may bring Joy to Your world  
And Praise to Your Name.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God remembers His steadfast love to all the people. We are healed, renewed, and called to be God's beloved children and witnesses. Receive that healing love and share the good news with all you meet, that God is love; and in God there is no darkness or fear. Amen.

**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 (including infants) and youth who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parent's/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.*)

**VIDEO**                                      *"Thank You, Mom"*

**\*HYMN**                                      *"Jesus Loves Me"*                                      #327

**WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY**

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4;12-14

**SERMON**                                      *Mother's Day Panel*                                      *"Agape- Love"*

**\*HYMN**                                      *"The Gift of Love"*                                      See Page 11

**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.**



**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Dick & Helen Hodgson, Christian Hoover, Brad Jacobs, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Rick & Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

**THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family, The Knott Family

**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!**

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Lloyd and Grace Bosserman and Clair and Mary Heilman by Jeanette, Bob, Drew, Janelle and Collin Heilman.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of our grandson, Ethan Jacobs' 16th birthday and our 58th Wedding Anniversary on May 26th by Sue and Brad Jacobs.
- **THE BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of my son, Johnathan. With love, Mom.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns **11:00AM:** Tom Klunk
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Ken & Patti Goodyear **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Jackie Taft **11:00AM:** Laura Andras
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Jessie Sechriest, Sandy Bamberger

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!**



The church office will be **open from 9:00am-12:00pm on Friday, May 10, Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14.**

All funds received in the **Mother's Day offering** envelope will go this year to the **Lehman Center** in York. This organization offers emergency respite care for children and mothers in their time of need. It also provides family advocate services, parent educational and support groups.



The **Women's Guild** will be collecting baby items for **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic** until **Mother's Day May 12**. The following are baby items that are needed: Newborn diapers, unscented wipes, formula (powder), heavy menstrual pads, breast pads, breast cream, baby clothes (newborn to 3 months), blankets (they love the fleece ones) or lighter ones for summer. Please all items should be new except clothes and blankets. Items can be placed in tubs marked **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic**.

Mark your calendar for the next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, May 14, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant**. Contact Brad Jacobs at [bcj402@verizon.net](mailto:bcj402@verizon.net) or 717-764-2773 for additional information.



**Engaging Women** will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm in room 202**. Carolyn Poff will be leading the group with a video and discussion on one of the women of the Bible. Contact Sally Curren at [dgft25@hotmail.com](mailto:dgft25@hotmail.com) for additional information.

The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for breakfast at **Denny's on Rt. 30 on Friday, May 17 at 9:00am**. Please contact Gladys Seigman at 717-764-1840 by **May 13** if you plan to attend.



**Everyone is invited to attend the church picnic!**

When: **Sunday, May 19, 2024**

Where: **Sunset Lane Park**, 2458 Sunset Lane. York PA 17408

Time: **Worship at 10:00 AM** followed by lunch

Why: worship and socialize with friends from church in nature



What to bring: **lawn chairs, covered dish, place settings, beverages (broasted chicken will be provided)**

On Sunday, **May 19** 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 April 28. Pentecost Sunday will also be celebrated so **please wear red**. Geraniums will be used to decorate the tables. This will be a wonderful way to socialize with friends and worship surrounded by nature. Please consider joining us!



It's that time of year... **Geraniums for Pentecost** will begin today and continue through next week, May 6. Please consider sponsoring a plant for decoration at the picnic on **May 19, Pentecost**. **The cost is only \$6.00!** Simply mark your offering envelope on the 'other' line and include it with your offering or use one of the envelopes found in the narthex. After the services for Pentecost, the geraniums will be planted around the outside of the church. Please accept an apology for the short notice and limited time. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**Pentecost** will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 19**, the day of the church picnic. We are again seeking sponsors for **geraniums**. Please watch for details in the upcoming bulletins. The flowers will again be planted around the outside of the church. Thank you for your continued support.



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



The **Church Chums** are sponsoring our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am-2pm**, here in the church parking lot. If you are interested in participating, please fill out a flyer and return it to the church office with your payment (made out to Shiloh UCC) by **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. We hope that you will join us, either to sell your "treasures", or to look for some new ones.

**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.



As a reminder, we are going to only have **one service at 10:00am beginning June 2**. **Sunday School** will be held from **8:30am-9:15am**. **Coffee Connections** will be from **9:15am-9:45am**.



The **Recognition of Graduates** will be held on **Sunday, June 2**. If you are graduating, please contact the church office by **May 24** with your graduation information. We would like to include this information in the bulletin on Recognition Sunday and also in the *June Communique*.

*“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 9:45	<b>Anniversary Sunday/Mother’s Day</b> Sunday School (100) & (202)
MON	5:00 7:00	ELC Spring Programs (100) Consistory (202)
TUES	8:30 5:00 6:30	Men’s Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.) ELC Spring Programs (100) Engaging Women (202)
WED	7:30 9:30 5:00 5:00	Soup Prep Bible Study (202) ELC Spring Programs (100) TOPS (117)
THUR	9:00 10:30 6:30	ELC Staff meeting (100) Our Daily Bread Choirs
FRI	9:00 9:00	ELC Fun Day (100 & outdoors) Woman’s Social Group B-fast (Denny’s)
SUN	10:00	Worship/Annual Picnic (Sunset Lane Park) Strengthen the Church Offering

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 99**

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