

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNIVERSARY/MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY
NEW MEMBER RECEPTION
MAY 14, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

A mother's love liberates.

~ Maya Angelou

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

8:30AM

"Thy Perfect Love"

Shea

11:00AM

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"

Arr. Tornquist

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

All: Thank you God for giving us mothers.

One: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

All: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

One: We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

All: Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers. We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world. We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same. With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid; we thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly; we thank you for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears; we thank you for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths. Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain. We honor our mothers with lives of service to you in the name of Jesus Christ, for it is in his name we pray. Amen.



*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



*HYMN "Love Divine" #43

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.)

HYMN "My Beautiful Mommy" Lyric Video

RECOGNITION OF MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES See insert

11:00AM NEW MEMBERS JOINING SHILOH UCC

Chad and Laura Bryant

INVITATION

One: We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting with us in this household of faith.

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

OPENING SENTENCES

One: You are no longer a stranger and sojourner, but you are equally a citizen with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus along being the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy Temple in Christ. In him you also are built into that structure to be a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

One: Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?
Candidates: I do.

One: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidates: I do.

One: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

One: Do you promise, according to the grace given you to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

ADDRESS

Pastor: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate you here at Shiloh UCC.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION

Pastor: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of Shiloh UCC as it serves this community and the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

*“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”*

- **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 BULLETINS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Nevin and Margaret Mummert and Lester and Romaine Miller by Jay and Joyce Mummert.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGISTS: 8:30AM:** Judy Clark, **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Katie Bentzel & Jackie Taft, **11:00AM:** Volunteer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Bart & Gerry Funkhouser, **11:00AM:** Steve & Sue Besecker
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Nathan Limbert, **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **MUSIC: Sandy Bamberger, Jessie Sechriest & Chancel Choir**

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



The special **Mother's Day offering** envelope will go to the **Lehman Center of York** this year. The Lehman Center offers emergency respite care for children newborn through six years of age in a 24-hour crisis nursery, art and child-centered therapy, family advocate services, and parent support groups.

THIS WEEK

SUN	8:30 & 11	Anniversary Sunday/New Member Reception/Mother's Day
	9:45	Sunday School (100) & (202)
TUES	8:30	Men's Breakfast (Dover Valley Rest.)
WED	7:30	Soup Prep
	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	4:30	Private Event (100)
	5:00	TOPS (202)
THUR	9:30 & 12:30	ELC Spring Programs (Sanctuary)
	5:30 & 7:00	ELC Spring Programs (100)
	6:30	NA Group (Sanctuary)
	6:30	Choirs
FRI	8:30	ELC Fun Day (100 & outdoors)
	9:00	WSSG (West Manchester Diner)
	6:00	ELC Spring Programs (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 128

THE CHURCH STAFF

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (abide.com)

Dear God, this morning as I contemplate a new day, I ask you to help me. I want to be aware of your Spirit—leading me in the decisions I take, the conversations I have, and the work I do. I want to be more like you, Jesus, as I relate to the people I meet today—friends or strangers. Jesus, you were always about your Father's business and I thank you that He is now my Father too because of what you did on this earth. Although I know that I am weak, I also know that by the power of your Spirit, I can be strong. Thank you that you promise to be with me always, and for your unconditional love. In Jesus' name. Amen

Evening Prayer (<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources>) (Carmina Gadelica, Hymns, and Incantations)

I am placing my soul and my body in your sanctuary this night, O God,
in your sanctuary, O Jesus Christ,
in your sanctuary, O Spirit of perfect truth,
the Three who would defend my cause, nor turn their backs on me.

Father, who is kind and just,
Son, who overcame death,
Holy Spirit of power, keep me this night from harm,
the Three who would justify me, keep me this night and always. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Helen Byers, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine 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 Kinsley Family, The Garber Family, The Berkheimer/Bechtel Family,
The Reiber/Youkers Family, The Lochman/Schwartz Family, The Besecker Family

It's that time of year! **Geraniums for Pentecost** sale begins **today** and ends **May 17**. Please consider sponsoring a plant for decoration in the sanctuary on **Pentecost, May 28**. **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!



Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, May 16, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant** located at **3720 Carlisle Rd, Dover, PA**. Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.

The Women's Social and Support Group will meet for breakfast at **9:00am on Friday, May 19** at the **West Manchester Diner**. Please contact Ginny Heath at 717-764-6768 by **May 15** if you plan to attend.




On **Saturday June 3**, Shiloh UCC will be hosting a **community yard sale from 8am-2pm**. This event is rain or shine, so feel free to bring a tarp. The cost is \$10 per space and \$5 per table (while supplies last). Registration forms can be found in the gallery. For

additional information, contact Patti Goodyear at pagoodyear213@gmail.com.

The **Recognition of Graduates** will be held on **Sunday, June 4**. If you are graduating, please contact the church office by **May 21** with your graduation information. We would like to include this information in the bulletin on Recognition Sunday and also in the *June Communique*.



 Just a reminder that everyone is invited to attend the **church picnic on Sunday, June 25 at Sunset Lane Park, 2458 Sunset Lane York PA 17408**. Worship begins at **10:00 AM** followed by lunch. **Please bring your lawn chairs, a covered dish, place settings and beverages (broasted chicken will be provided)**. We look forward to this special yearly event that allows us to socialize with friends from church in nature.

Please contact the office if you're interested in **sponsoring bulletins**. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** your desired date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.



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.

