

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
PENTECOST/ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNSET LANE PARK  
MAY 19, 2024 at 10:00AM

MEDITATION

*"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful... Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower."*

*"To the attentive eye, each moment of the year has its own beauty..."*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

PRELUDE

*"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"*

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WELCOME AND CONCERNS

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

One: In rushing wind and tongues of fire,

**All: the Church is born!**

One: In courage found and faith renewed,

**All: the Church gains strength!**

One: In visions seen and dreams made real,

**All: the Church blesses the world!**

One: In rushing wind and tongues of fire,

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Let us worship our powerful God!**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

**God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts and fill us with your courage and power. On this day of Pentecost, may the young people be the visionaries, and may our elders dream dreams. Blow open the doors of our shut up hearts, and send us into the world to spread the Good News of your saving love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

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When the

*Spirit of Truth*

comes, he will guide  
you in all truth.

JOHN 16:13a

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!  
**God of all people,  
our hearts are too narrow,  
our perspectives are too small.  
We reject those who are not like us—  
those with different opinions,  
those who struggle with mental illness,  
those who disagree with us.**

**We forget that all are your beloved children,  
and neglect your call to love one another.  
Forgive us, O God,  
for the many ways we have failed  
to be a people known by our love.  
Show us how to be more caring.  
Teach us how to love one another,  
and make us faithful disciples. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God dwells among us, giving to all who believe the repentance that leads to life. Rejoice in the Lord! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Amen.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*All are included in God's welcome. Share this welcome with those around you this morning.*

The peace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** *(All children of God who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcomed. 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 104:24-34, 35b  
Second Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Third Reading: Acts 2:1-21

SERMON    *"We Are the Church Together"*

\*HYMN    *"We Are the Church"*                      Insert

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *(Based on Psalm 104)*

When the Holy Spirit extends a hand, we are filled with good things. When our breath is taken away, we return to the earth. In the time we have, let us share God's bounty to the glory of our Creator and for the blessings of our world.

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE                      *"Doxology"*                      #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!  
**Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN                                      *"The Church's One Foundation"*                      Insert

## BENEDICTION

One: In rushing wind and cleansing fire,  
go forth in the power of the living God!

**All: We go as children of God.**

One: In courage found and strength renewed,  
go forth in the power of the eternal Christ!

**All: We go as hears with Christ.**

One: In visions born and dreams restored,  
go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: We go as new creations in the Spirit. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Pentecostal Power”

Gabriel

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

➤ LITURGIST: Natalie Fuhrman

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

**Morning Prayer** (Martin Luther’s Short Morning Prayer; <http://liturgyletter.com>)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**Evening Prayer** (Martin Luther’s Short Evening Prayer; <http://liturgyletter.com>)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. 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, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

## THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The LaMontagne/Boros Family, The Zinn Family, The Corbin Family, The Zeigler Family, The Schaale/Little Family, The Funkhouser Family, The Knott Family, The Wagner/Smeltzer Family

A special thanks to the Geranium sponsors

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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.



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**. The Video & Commentary will be in room 202. The Wired Word class will not meet during the summer but will be in the Senior High room when they resume in the fall. **Coffee Connections** will be from **9:15am-9:45am in the gallery**.

The offering envelope for **Father’s Day** this year will go to **York Habitat for Humanity**. Their mission is to build safe, decent, affordable housing for low-income, well qualified families in York County.



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*.



**Women's Fellowship** **The Women's Guild** will be meeting **June 3, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our new study book **Experiencing Contagious Joy, Chapter Two: Turning Sorrow to Joy**. Charlotte Mickley will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for Sally Jane Johnson. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



The **Dover Area High School Veterans Memorial** at the high school, 4500 Intermediate Ave., Dover, PA is scheduled to begin construction with a groundbreaking on **Monday, May 20, 2024, at 10:00 am**, rain or shine. **Brad Jacobs, Chair of the Dover Veterans Memorial Committee** stated the capital fundraising campaign has raised over \$185,000 to begin construction in June/July 2024, with dedication on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024.



**Remember Our Missionaries 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.



*“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	10:00	<b>Pentecost/Picnic (Sunset Lane Park)</b> <b>Strengthen the Church Offering</b>
MON-THURS	9:00	ELC Camp (100)
TUES	10:00	Stewart Wagner Memorial Service (Heffner Funeral Home-1551 Kenneth Road)
	7:00	Quilt Group (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	10:00	Staff meeting (office)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
	7:00	Outreach (202)
THUR	6:30	NA Group (100)
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Trinity Sunday

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 95

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

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