

# COMMUNIQUE



## 2022

### SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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A GROWING CHURCH  
MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS



- May 1**      **Music Sunday/Communion**  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19  
*“True Friendship”*
- May 8**      **Mother’s Day**  
Psalm 128  
Isaiah 49:8-15  
1 Corinthians 13:4-7  
*“Gentle Love”*
- May 15**     **Member Anniversary Sunday**  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:11-18  
*“Following the Good Shepherd”*
- May 22**     **Church Picnic**  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35  
*“Love One Another”*
- May 29**     **Ascension of the Lord**  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Acts 1:1-11  
Luke 24:44-53  
**TBA**

### COMING UP IN JUNE

- June 5 – Pentecost/Recognition of Graduates/Strengthen the Church offering  
June 12 – Strawberry Festival  
June 19 – Father’s Day

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

Dear friends in Christ,

I always rejoice when I see your smiling faces in church Sunday mornings. It doesn’t matter if you have been a member for 50 years, or you are new to Shiloh UCC. I want you to know that your Pastor is happy to see you at the worship services. It’s good to see all of you Sunday mornings and during the week, too, because it strengthens my faith and gives me hope for the future.

We are celebrating Easter Season. It may be a surprise for some of you, but just like Lent is a “season” of 40 days, Easter is a Season, too. It takes 50 days to walk the happy journey from the Resurrection of Jesus (Easter Sunday) to Pentecost. Easter Season is truly the time to celebrate. This is the time to dance and sing before God. This is a season to be grateful for all of God’s blessings, but especially for the promise of eternal life.

I will tell you a secret. I can’t wait for May. I can’t wait for warmer weather, to see green leaves on the trees, to smell the roses and feel the warm sunshine on my face. I am ready for light. I am ready for the joy of Spring and the power of fresh, new life to fill my heart with joy. I am ready for my four-year old daughter, Sophie, to play in our backyard without dressing her up in several layers of clothes, making her look like an Eskimo. I am ready for all the exciting things that will happen at Shiloh UCC in May and the rest of the summer.

God wants us to rejoice and relax. Just read 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 again. It is God’s will for us to have light hearts that celebrate life, spiritual minds that focus on prayer all the time, and grateful hearts that remember God’s blessings under all circumstances.

So, as we enter May, one of the prettiest months of the year, let your soul soar and celebrate. Share the joy of Spring with everyone you meet. Be kind especially to your family members who know you and love you the most. Allow God to speak to you through words, music, and the beauty that surrounds us this time of the year. Let the sweet smells of spring bring you hope for the future and joy for the present moment.

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*Rejoicing in Christ,  
Pastor Melinda*

## APRIL CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

### Pastor’s Report-

- **Worship**
- **Special worship services**
  - March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Guest preachers – (I was sick)
  - April 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Services (with Brunch)
- **Upcoming Services**
  - Maundy Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Good Friday at 12 Noon
  - Easter Sunday services April 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Administration**

- I attended the scheduled meetings, when possible.
- I needed 10 sick days last month (including 2 Sundays)
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Worship and Music Committee meeting
- April 7<sup>th</sup> ELC Board Meeting

### **Pastoral Care**

- Home, Hospital and nursing home visits (0)
- Office/lunch meeting (1)
- Phone calls/Facebook private messages (15+) to our members

### **Christian Education**

- A BIG “Thank you!” to everyone who organized the Parents’ Night Out and the Egg Hunt. Both events were a great success!
- Grief Group meets once a month. Next meeting is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Marsha Reiber is leading a Sunday School group on the Book of Psalms.
- The Men’s Group meets once a month.
- Confirmation class meets twice monthly. Next meeting is on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

### New business-

- A. Mother’s Day offering will go to New Life for Girls.

### Unfinished Business –

- A. Pastor/Parish relations committee - It was agreed to move forward with this committee and let the congregation know about the existence as well as who is on this committee so they know who they can talk to, along with any consistory member, with comments/concerns. This committee will meet up to 4 times per year. The following suggestions were also make:
  - a. Steve Sechrist suggested listing the names of the members on the annual report.
  - b. Jane Harrison suggested informing the congregation of when meetings will be held so that if there are any concerns, the congregation can let a committee member know so it is brought up.
  - c. Pastor Melinda will try to set up a meeting in May to get this committee started.

## APRIL CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

- d. Marsha Reiber will work on getting together and defining just what this committee's purpose is.
- e. Nathan Limbert suggested putting this information on the Timothy Board.

### Church and Ministry-

- o Proposed wedding fees—Janene Beck brought Wedding fees from local UCC churches along with a proposal for new charges for Shiloh UCC. The proposed new Wedding fees were approved following a Steve Sechriest/Janene Beck motion. In addition, the pastor will inform the consistory if he/she is considering not charging the full amount in any extenuating circumstances.
- o Job Descriptions are completed for ELC Teachers and Director; still working on evaluation documents—Reen Bentzel will bring these to consistory when all documents are complete.

### Worship and Music-

- Palm Sunday attendance exceeded 120 between the 2 services and we ran out of bulletins!
- Are we still social distancing with the pews? It was agreed to remove the pew banners and open all pews available starting Holy week.
- April 14 - Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM - communion
- April 15 - Good Friday service at noon - Zion UCC from downtown York has been invited to join us (Susan Emmons is currently their interim pastor)
- April 17 - Easter - communion (*12 Lilies and 40 tulips have been ordered*)
- April 24 - Butterfly Sunday, ELC Sunday
- May 1 - Music Sunday - contribution to Friends of Limon instead of individual awards due to nature of participation during the pandemic **-a luncheon for participants in music programs following the 11:00 service has been planned**
- May 15 - Anniversary Sunday, new members will join
- May 22 Picnic - 10:00 church service. 11:30 - lunch / pot luck and desserts - hotdogs and burgers - individuals provide own place settings and beverage, **looking for volunteers to bring grills**
- Dedicate new candlesticks, vase liners, bible stand (an additional set of aluminum liners for the vases has been ordered to facilitate working with the florist - about \$52)
- Piano in Room 100 was tuned last week, no water damage was found
- June 12 - Carrie Call, conference minister of the Penn Central Conference, will be preaching
- Next meeting - May 4 at 7:00 in room 202

## APRIL CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

**Church Life** - Strawberry festival will be June 12. We will decide closer to that date as to whether this will be held indoors or outdoors.

### Outreach and Evangelism-

- o Post cards mailed to members for Easter
- o Reminder: inform greeters about cups for visitors found in cabinet—we have gone through our first set of 12.
- o Updated pamphlet has been created, need copies for Outreach table at ELC Fun Day
- o Family/youth Coordinator job description
  - Marsha Reiber spoke with Natalie Fuhrman and it was determined that there are funds available for a part-time person for this position
  - Consistory agreed to allow the visioning committee to move forward with a family/youth coordinator job at 10 hrs/week.
- o Next meeting April 28 at 10:00 AM in room 202.

**Missions** – The Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 19th @ 6 PM

### Youth Ministry –

- o Easter egg hunt went well. Thanks for all the donations, volunteers and donated eggs (we had over 800 eggs)!
- o VBS will be July 17-20 from 6-8pm. Sunday afternoon, May 1 we will have our first meeting.

**ELC** – Lollipops table and Goodies almost complete for ELC church table at Fun Day- to promote Shiloh UCC worship services.

- o Lots of food/drink donations coming in for the May 16 ELC Breakfast, Jane and Reen will set up and cleanup.
- o Board meeting held on April 7, 13 people attended, lasted 75 minutes
  - Only a few slots left for next year's classes.
  - Parents' Nite Out was on April 2, Thank you to many volunteers!
  - Summer Camps are May Super Heroes-29, July Theater Camp-8, August Under the Sea-23.
  - ELC Sunday on April 24 at 11 AM service.
  - Different possibilities for getting ELC scholarship donations discussed. Ideas include asking for donations and considering more fundraisers at the beginning of the school year. The information can be placed in the bulletins and Communicate if anyone would like to contribute to scholarships for ELC students whose families find themselves struggling to meet the monthly payment that they could do so using the LOVE offering envelopes found in the pews or designate it under "other" in the regular offering envelopes. This could be in for the months of June - August.
  - ELC Parent helpers starting up again after the Covid absence.
  - NEXT MEETING May 5 at 5 pm in Room 100.

## APRIL CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

### Communication and Technology –

- In the past week (as of 4/8/22) we've had 221 page views on our websites for 106 different people.
- In the past month (as of 4/8/22) we've had 1,164 views on our website with 480 unique visits.
- Most active pages: main page, preschool page and services page.  
Video views:  
April 2 - 26,  
March 27 - 86,  
March 20 - 70,  
March 13 - 43,  
March 8 - 30, Ash Wednesday – 8
- Apr 3: 58 Reached and 7 Engagements
- Mar 27: 108 Reached and 25 Engagements
- Marsha Reiber will get back to Lew Wallace to contact SSP for a new quote for full audio and video wiring only.

**Property Committee-** Working on Security Initiative for a grant, we need to have policies and procedures in place.

- Window quotes—they will be \$600-\$1,000 each to replace. \$4,000 to reglaze right now, considering doing small repairs for now to keep costs down.
- Kitchen upgrade—Replace cabinets, mechanical, sinks and dishwasher. Hoping to do this over the summer if we can get the cabinets ordered now. We are looking at around \$15,000 to do this.
- Looking at possibly upgrading room 100 down the road
- Marsha Reiber will present this to the congregation to let them know where we currently stand in the process, the current funds we have and what is needed moving forward.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Reiber, Consistory President*



It's time to worship outdoors! Everyone is invited to attend our **church picnic!** We can relax and enjoy nature as we worship. A **sign-up sheet** will be in the **Welcome Center and the Gallery on May 1 through May 14.** We hope you will plan to attend!

**When:** *Sunday, May 22*  
**Where:** *Sunset Lane Park/Pavilion  
2458 Sunset Lane  
York PA 17408*  
**Time:** *Worship at 10:00 AM  
Pot-Luck Lunch: 11:30 AM  
(burgers and hotdogs will be provided)*

**\*\*PLEASE BRING: PLACE SETTINGS, BEVERAGE, CHAIRS\*\***

The Women's Guild will be collecting baby items for **Wellspan Mother/Child Clinic** until **Mother's Day May 8.**



The following baby items 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. **There will be a bin marked "Women's Guild" in the gallery for donations.**



The Women's Guild will be meeting **May 2 at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance**. **Chapter Four: Balancing Work and Rest.** Charlotte Mickley will be leading this chapter. **We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.**

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during our Mother's illness and death. She loved and enjoyed her church family. We truly appreciate all the care and support we received over the last year.



*Sincerely  
The Reiber family*

The Friends Relay Team would like to thank Shiloh UCC for allowing us to make our Easter candy at the church. We all feel it's a privilege to help cancer patients and research for better treatments. Also, thanks to all who bought candy to support us!

*Connie Redman*

Dear Friends at Shiloh UCC,

We give thanks to you for all of your kindness to us during this past year. We give thanks for your prayers – which we so need, for the beautiful altar flowers and for your cards and messages which have brought so much joy, especially to Chuck as he read and reread all of the cards. Thank you so much for thinking of us.

*Chuck & Sandy Baboian*

Dear Church Chums Group,

A little note to say thank you for your time, love and care for our children during parent's night out! Our kids always come home excited to tell us about all the fun they had while with you!

*Mrs. Drobenak*

Shiloh UCC will be donating this year's special **Mothers' Day Offering to New Life for Girls**. New Life for Girls is a non-profit rehab located in Dover, PA. New Life for Girls provides a comprehensive residential program for those women who are struggling with life-controlling problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, eating disorders, and sexual abuse issues. Their mission is not only to liberate women from the bondage of addiction and other life-controlling issues, but to restore self-worth and train them to successfully re-enter society, ready to give back as the strong and capable women that they truly are by providing a safe and loving environment. Contributions for New Life for Girls may be made by using the special Mothers' Day Offering envelope, using the "Other" line on the offering envelopes by writing in Mothers' Day Offering, or using a regular envelope with Mothers' Day Offering written on the front.



**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **Sally Reiber** who passed away on March 19, 2022. Rev. Austin Chinault officiated at her service on March 27, 2022.



**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **Oscar Bupp** who passed away on April 17, 2022. Pastor Melinda officiated at his service on April 22, 2022.



Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Dennis Heath** from Gloria Melhorn and Roberta Lighty.

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of **Sally Reiber** from Frank & Rosalie Youkers, Brenda & John Paxson, Rosabel Bentzel, Jay & Joyce Mummert, Ray & Sandy Fox, Ruth Ann Kohler, Sandy Bamberger, Lee Vansickle, Oscar & Karen Bupp, Steve & Sue Besecker, Robert & Stephanie Limbert, Romaine Walton, Connie Redman, Beverly Gerberick, Thomas & Carol Guertin, Thomas & Lisa Leckrone, Michael & Barbara Jones, Stanley & Janet Reiber, Gloria Melhorn, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Raymond & Faith Mincer, Bart & Gerry Funkhouser, Milton & Beverly Hoak, Don & Jeanie Bentzel, Judy Feeser, Sara Jacoby and Jim & Amie Baker.

## HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND OTHER GRADUATES



The Recognition of Graduates will be held on Sunday, **June 5**. If you are graduating, please contact the church office by **May 22** with your graduation information. We would like to include this information in the bulletin on Recognition Sunday and also in the *June Communique*.

## MAY BIRTHDAY'S

- May 1 Krista Harbold
- May 2 Crystal Dell'Orfano  
Ross Hopple  
Elva Winter
- May 3 Donna Krone  
Romaine Walton
- May 4 Katie Bentzel  
Jerry Claytor  
Ty Reiber
- May 6 Nelson Roth
- May 7 Elijah Bentzel  
Joseph Wilt
- May 8 Roberta Kepner  
Mary Ann Wotherspoon
- May 9 Emily Bilodeau  
John Johnson
- May 12 Chase Kessler
- May 13 Donald Myers
- May 16 Scott Bowers



**MAY BIRTHDAY'S (Cont'd)**

- May 17 Michael Benedick  
Meredith Bupp  
Jason Myers
- May 18 Michael Kauffman Jr.
- May 19 David Guillard Jr.
- May 20 Sandra Baboian  
Alicia Baker  
John Eugene Ness
- May 21 Julia Hahn  
Tyler Whitecomb
- May 22 Ethan Jacobs  
Marty Lehman
- May 23 Jack Jordan  
Alec Kier  
Tyler Riccardi  
Jacquelin Taft
- May 25 Michael Andras III  
Beverly Arnold
- May 27 Thomas Bentzel  
Brandon Fuhrman  
Lisa Stough
- May 28 Beckett Rentzel
- May 29 Anne Myers
- May 31 Jonathan Bupp



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

**CONSISTORY**

**Elders**

- Marsha Reiber, President
- Norina Bentzel, V. Pres.
- Sallie Hagerman, Secretary
- Jane Harrison
- Jeff Hershey
- Matt Hildebrecht
- Nathan Limbert

**Deacons**

- Janene Beck
- Dani Bentzel
- Carolyn Poff
- Stephen Sechriest

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

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**Pastor Melinda office hours:**  
**Please call for an appointment**

**Wednesday 9 AM-2 PM & 5-8 PM**  
**Thursday 9 AM-11:30AM & 6-8:30 PM**  
**Friday 9AM-2 PM**

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