

Welcome to this time of worship at
Shiloh United Church of Christ

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MAY 29, 2022



*Welcome
To our Church*

Our Mission Statement

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
are available in the Narthex.

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

MAY 29, 2022

8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy."

~ Abraham Joshua Heschel

PRELUDE

8:30AM

"God Bless America"

Berlin

11:00AM

"America"

Smith

"American the Beautiful"

Ward

WELCOME & CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, quench your thirst in the love of God.

All: We come, hungering for a place in which we can be gently nourished.

One: Be like trees planted by the streams of living water, ready to receive God's nourishment.

All: Strengthen us, O God, to receive your blessed peace.

One: Worship God with joy in your hearts!

All: Let us worship our loving God with joy and hope!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of Jesus rising to the heavens to be with you, and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"I Like the Sound of America"

Insert

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are "what's next?" people. We want to know what we are supposed to do. We journeyed through the Lenten Season, stood at the foot of the Cross, witnessed Jesus' Resurrection and his appearances. Today we are called to wait; but waiting is difficult for us. We want to jump into some kind of action. Calm our hearts and help us to wait for the Spirit. Forgive our impatience and our lack of faith. We place our trust in your redeeming love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus commanded the faithful ones to wait for the power from on high. Be patient. God's love is given to you and the power of God will enable you to be witnesses for God in this world. Be of great courage. Be still. Amen.

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

Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.
The peace of God be with you.
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**

“O How I Love Jesus” (Vs. 1 & 2)

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NEW MEMBERS JOINING SHILOH UCC

Sharon Klunk, Thomas Klunk, Suzanne Kozuch

INVITATION

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

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

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are equally citizens 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: We do.
- One: Will you be faithful to this community?
Candidates: We promise our faithfulness to this new community.
- One: Will you challenge this community to be the best version of itself and to live up to the things we say we believe?
Candidates: We will lovingly challenge this community to be the best version of itself and to live up to the things you say you believe.
- One: Will you allow yourself to be changed, shaped and transformed by this community, living into your called identity as a beloved child of God?
Candidates: We will allow ourselves to be changed, shaped and transformed by this community as we live into our called identity as a beloved child of God.
- One: By your baptism you were made one with us in the Body of Christ, the church, Today we rejoice in the 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 your presence in this household of faith.

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

- One: Do you profess Jesus Christ as the center of your faith?
All: We Do.
- One: Will you be faithful to these new people as they join our congregation?
All: We Promise our faithful companionship to these new members.
- One: Will you challenge these new members to be the best versions of themselves, and to help them live up to the things they say they believe?
All: We will lovingly challenge these new members to be the best versions of themselves, and to help them live up to the things they say they believe.
- One: Will you allow yourself to be changed, shaped and transformed by these new members, living into our called identity as a beloved community of God.

PRAYER

One: O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, build one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION (All who are able please stand)

One: Beloved, let us greet our new members in Christian love, and welcome them into the company of this local congregation.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN

“What a Covenant”

#471

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Second Reading: Acts 1:1-11

8:30AM

Duet by Rosemary Bentzel & Joyce Mummert

11:00AM

“God of Our Father’s”

Roberts & Warren

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

“Ascension”

*HYMN

“Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!” (Vs. 1 & 3)

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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

Gifted with the grace of God, and clothed with power from on high, let us now offer ourselves to the building of God’s kingdom.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”# 778

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all goodness, we thank you for your blessings: more numerous than the stars; more bountiful than the greatest of harvests; more steady than the beat of our hearts. Here we dedicate our gifts and rededicate ourselves to your vision of hope and wholeness. May all that we do and all that we give be pleasing to you, and a testimony to your loving purposes. We ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Battle Hymn of the Republic” (Vs. 1 & 4) Insert

BENEDICTION

The power and love of Christ is with you. You are sent forth to be his witnesses in the world, bringing good news, healing, and establishing the ministries of justice and peace. Go with God's blessing and the power and love of God will go with you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

8:30AM	“In Fond Remembrance”	D.L. Moore
11:00AM	“Onward Christian Soldier”	Tornquist

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in in memory of Richard and Sally Reiber by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Melvin and Hazel Reiber and Francis and Bessie Jones by their Grandchildren.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Carol Burns, **11:00AM:** Joyce Mummert
- **USHERS: 8:30AM:** Brian & Sally Curren, **11:00AM:** Julene Bechtel & Stephanie Berkheimer
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Kevin & Lisa Stough, **11:00AM:** Tammy Hildebrecht & Shirley Lohmann
- **NURSERY DUTY: 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM** Linda Little
- **MUSIC:** Rosemary Bentzel, Joan Hamme, Joyce Mummert & Donna Seifarth

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (Wendy Blight)

Gracious God, 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 and choose your way, no matter what. Help me walk by your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace everything that comes my way as an opportunity to point others to you. If I fail today and fall short, whisper your unconditional love deep into my soul and remind me that your mercies are new every morning. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

Dear God, we praise you for this day and all the blessings you have showered on us. Thank you for the fun times outside and the quiet times inside. Thank you for protecting us throughout the day and keeping us in your steadfast care. Forgive us for the wrong things we have done. Help us to always choose your will, because it's always best. Bless our family and friends with good health and love for each other. As the night is getting closer, help us rest well, give us peaceful dreams, and send your angels to protect us. In Jesus's precious name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Bev Arnold, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Uble & Nan Frost, Mark Garber, Linda Glass, Beverly Hoak, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Cindy Repman, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Sue Trimble, Stewart Wagner, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Myers Family, The Keith Family, The Anstein Family, The Wagner Family, The Heath Family, The Hoak/McGinnis Family, The Reiber Family, The Goodling Family, The Bupp Family, The Landis/Burns Family

The timeline that many of you worked on has been reduced in size and is on the bulletin board in the narthex. We hope that this format will be easy to understand and give you an overview of the history of our church. All of the items on the timeline have been added by our congregation - if something is missing, or is in error, please let us know. Just write down the event, the event's date, and your name and contact information in case we have any questions. Give the information to the church office or place it in the offering plate. We would like to make this timeline as complete as possible.



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

*“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/New Member Reception
	9:45	Sunday School
MON		Memorial Day – Office Closed
TUES	7:00	Worship & Music
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	5:30	TOPS (100)
	7:00	Visioning Meeting (100)
THUR	5:00	ELC Board (100)
	6:30	NA Group
SUN	8:30 & 11	Pentecost, Communion, Recognition of Grads



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 53



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.

THE CHURCH STAFF

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As part of the **Pentecost celebration**, the Sanctuary will be decorated with red geraniums. They will be planted in the gardens of the church afterward. If you are interested, you can sponsor a geranium for \$3.50. This contribution can be given through the regular envelope using the “other” category. The deadline to order is May 29. **Since it is Pentecost, you are reminded to wear red for the June 5 service.**

The adult summer Sunday School is a series of faith lessons by Ray Vander Laan. Everyone is invited to attend these lessons in room **100 on Sunday's from 9:45am-10:45am**. The lessons will start on **June 5 through September 4 in place of the Wired Word in June, July and August only**. Ray Fox will be presenting the sessions.



The **ELC** is raising additional funds for the completion of the renovation project that **Eagle Scout, Jackson Reiber** began in April. He built and installed wooden shelves for the storage/supply room, which he also painted! This project has provided a great way to organize all of the preschool's materials, as well as opened up the room to make it easier for the teachers to go in & find materials. His hard work & talents has definitely been appreciated! If you are interested in supporting this cause, please use the “other” line on your offering envelope and write **Eagle Scout Project**.

The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **June 6 at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance. Chapter Five: Balancing Faith and Sight**. Marvel Burg will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



CREW XI will be going to **Costa Rica in January 2023**. The team will leave **Thursday January 19th and return on Saturday January 28th**. The trip is a wonderful ministry and a great experience for everyone. Our work projects will depend on the makeup of the group, but we will be painting the church and teaching Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in joining CREW XI or have any questions please contact Marsha Reiber at 717-512-3044 or mreiber20@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School is **BACK!** We will have VBS from **Sunday July 17th through Wednesday July 20th, from 6PM to 8PM**. This year we can only have 30 participants since that is the number of supplies we bought 2 years ago for this 2020 VBS. The theme is "Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through". Registration forms will be in the church office, so sign up early to reserve your child or grandchild's spot!





Our **Shiloh UCC Early Learning Center Preschool** is in the fundraising process to raise money for their scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year.

Instead of selling items, this year they have decided to simply accept any donations for this cause. Each year Allison Hartnett finds that there are families that become financially distressed, for a variety of reasons, and it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to afford to send their child to this wonderful preschool. Scholarship money, which helps to pay the tuition to attend, is then awarded to such families on a case by case basis. Almost \$4,000 in scholarship monies was awarded to students during this 2021-2022 school year.

Any church member who would like to donate to this worthy scholarship fundraiser cause can either use the LOVE Offering Envelopes that are found in the pews or members can use the "Other" line on their weekly giving envelopes, simply writing in the word " ELC Scholarship". This fundraiser will run through the months of May through August.

Thank you for considering this and for helping the children who need to be at preschool the most. Their learning foundations that the ELC can provide are stepping stones to our own future!

This year's **Strawberry Festival** will be held on **June 12, 2022 from 4-6 p.m.** We could use donations of bottled water and cans of Soda. Please place any donations in the gallery. We will also take bakery donations the day of the festival in room 100. If anyone would like to help with the festival, please call Tammy at 717-683-0440.



We are in the process of organizing a Safety & Security Committee to assess any safety risks or security threats that could affect our church, staff, and members. The Committee will also be responsible for safety and security planning, and disaster preparedness and response. The Pennsylvania State Police is offering a free risk and vulnerability assessment that we have signed up for. They will provide us with a detailed report that will identify any vulnerabilities and will offer recommendations to improve security. Our goal will then be to strategize and implement procedures in the event of an emergency or safety issue. The Pennsylvania State Police will conduct a follow-up interview via telephone within one year following the assessment to ascertain if any of the suggested recommendations were acted upon. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please contact Marsha Reiber or Jeff Hershey.

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.

