

Blessed
be the Lord,
who daily loadeth
us with benefits.

PSALM 134:19

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer." ~Maya Angelou

PRELUDE

8:30 AM "Let Us Give Thanks" Sprunger
(Duet with Dani Bentzel & Sandy Bamberger)

11:00 AM "It is Well With My Soul" Bliss & Tornquist

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.
All: Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!

One: Our lives are witnesses to God's goodness and power.
All: Our hearts encompass compassion and service to God's people.

One: Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today's world, O Lord.
All: Enable us to be faithful and strong for you. Let us give thanks for the beauty of the earth! Let us praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!
Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives – with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others – that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, and love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

*HYMN "Come, O Thankful People, Come" #422

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word "holiday" is actually comprised of two words: "holy and day." Forgive us when we treat the "holiday" as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude for all the many wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts, and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of passion about the love you have given to us and about the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Though hosts encamp around you, uttering messages of fear and dread, place your trust and hope in God, who lavishly provides for you and who calls you beloved. Rejoice, for God is with you. In Jesus' name, you are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

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

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (All children and youth who desire to come forward for the Children's Sermon are welcomed. Parent's/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.)

*HYMN "Give Thanks" Insert

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Second Reading: Psalm 65

MEN'S CHORUS "The Jericho Road" Arr. McCrossen

Third Reading: Luke 17:11-19

SERMON "Remember to Say 'Thank You'"

*HYMN "For the Fruit of All Creation" #425

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 OFFERING BEFORE GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Even through difficult times and circumstances, our hope and salvation remain grounded in God. For this we can always be thankful! One way to show our gratitude to God is by giving to the church so God's mission can be carried out in our community and the world. Giving – of your time, service, and money – is also a way to express your hope and trust in what God will do in your life and the lives of others.

*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!

God of our salvation, we are grateful that we can bring our fears, uncertainty, and suffering to you in relationship, leaning on your strength to carry us through. In this season of Thanksgiving, we offer up our gifts to you in a spirit of gratitude and hope. We trust that you will use them and us to bring healing and restoration to our world. For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BENEDICTION (2 Corinthians 9)

One: Give thanks to God in all that you do, for all that you have, for every moment of your lives. God provides you with every blessing, so that you may share it abundantly with all the world. All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30 AM “All Things Bright & Beautiful” Harris
11:00 AM “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Smith

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Ben and Jake Spangler and Jason Durs by Fay and Donald Myers.
VIDEO TEAM: Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
LITURGIST: 8:30AM: Pat Roth 11:00 AM: Joyce Mummert
GREETERS: 8:30AM Pat Myers & Sara Jacoby 11:00AM: Michael & Laura Andras
NURSERY: 8:30AM: Jim & Reen Bentzel 11:00AM Linda Little
MUSIC: Dani Bentzel, Jessie Sechriest, Men’s Chorus, Sandy Bamberger

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

If you do not have plans for Thanksgiving come and join us on Thursday, November 23 at 1:00 PM for dinner and fellowship in Room 100. We will have Turkey and all the trimmings. A free will offering will be collected. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gallery, if you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Limbert.



Morning Prayer (Prayer for Guidance (https://abide.co/blog/5-powerful-morning-prayers-to-start-your-day))

Dear God, everywhere I walk, let it be on your path. Everything I see, let it be through your eyes. Everything I do, let it be your will. For every hardship I face, let me place it in your hands. Every emotion I feel, let it be your Spirit moving in me. Everything I seek, let me find it in your love. My dear God, I thank you for this day. I will not ask where I am going. But only to know and feel in the depths of my heart and soul that you are with me. You are guiding me, and I am safe. In Jesus’ name, I offer myself to you. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Shepherd, Watch While We Sleep (www.christianity.com)
Beloved Shepherd of our souls and bodies, you never slumber nor sleep. Spread your holy protection over us and cover us with your mighty wings, that no terrors of the night may disturb us, and let your divine majesty watch over our minds while we sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, Gerry Funkhouser, Joe Jordan, Bev Kirk, Donna Krone, Elaine Krout, Dottie Limbert, Catherine Lochman, Arlene Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Randy Reisinger, Donna Robertson, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Cedric Simpson, Stewart Wagner, Romaine Walton, Elva Winter

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Bechtel Family, The Guillard Family, The Stambaugh Family, The King/Limbert Family



This year’s special Thanksgiving offering will be split equally between the Dover Food Bank and the Salvation Army.

Christmas is rapidly approaching! We are taking orders for poinsettias. The cost is \$6.00 each. Ordering envelopes will be in the gallery. The deadline to order is December 3. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC, thank you.



It's that time of year to warm up with a nice cup of **coffee** from **Costa Rica**! A new shipment has come in and it includes decaffeinated coffee as well as whole coffee beans for a fresh grind! Please contact Linda Little if interested at 717-309-4523



The **Sunshine Class** is selling cashews again this year. They are \$7 for a half pound bag and can be ordered salted or unsalted. Cashews will be available for pickup on **Friday, December 8th in room 100 from 7-8 pm**, or on Sunday morning, **December 10th in the Welcome center**. There are forms around the church or you can see a member of the class to place your order. All orders are due by **Sunday, November 19**.

Shiloh UCC is sponsoring **two** families for **Adopt-a Family**.

We are asking for your support by **donating money** for our volunteers to purchase from the requested items on their lists. These families also need daily household items such as: laundry detergent, fabric softener, cleaning supplies, paper towels, paper plates, garbage bags, baggies, Tylenol, storage containers, dish detergent and air fresheners. You can designate Adopt-A-Family on your offering envelope or use a separate envelope which can be placed in the collection plate or mail it in to the office by **December 3**. Please make checks payable to Shiloh UCC. Thank you for your support as we prepare for the Christmas season!



Adopt-a-Family



Beginning **Wednesday, November 29** through **Wednesday, December 20**, Pastor Melinda will be leading an **Advent Soup and Study** called **"An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story"** A Light soup and bread supper will be served at **6:00PM**, followed by the Advent Study at **6:30PM**. You can attend both the "soup" and "study" part, or you can just come for the "study" part. There will be **two sign-up sheets in the gallery**. One for the study and one for volunteers to bring soup. The group will meet in **room 202**. Everyone is welcome to join. We would love to have you!

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	8:30 & 11	Worship/Thanksgiving Sunday
	9:45	Sunday School (100 & 202)
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Quilt Club (202)
WED	9:30	Bible Study
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR		Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
	1:00	Thanksgiving Meal (100)
	6:30	NA Group (100)
FRI		Office Closed
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Slate of Consistory Nominees



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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 100

THE CHURCH STAFF

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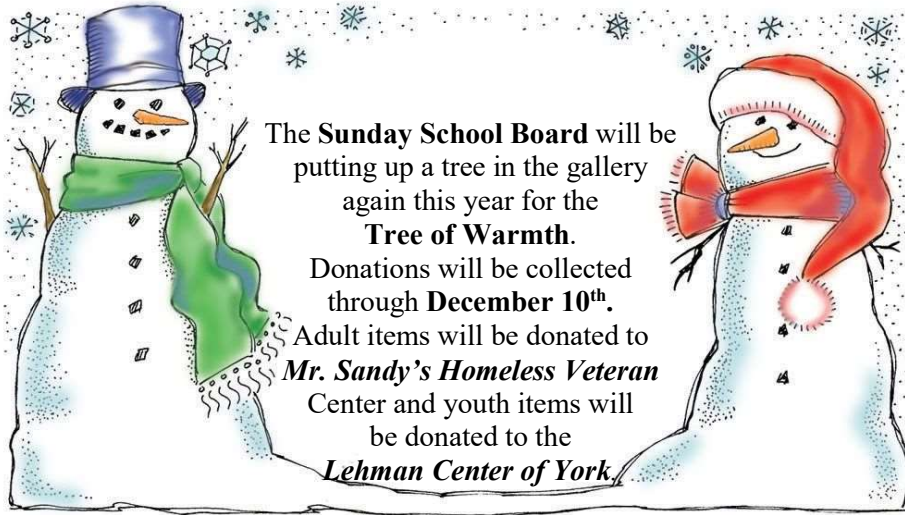
**Pastor Melinda office hours: Wednesdays 9AM-12PM & 5-8PM
Thursdays and Fridays 9AM-12PM**

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Veteran's Helping Hand was created by Sandy Walker, a Vietnam Veteran who did not want any of his fellow Veterans to feel isolated or unwelcomed after coming home from war. The mission of *Veteran's Helping Hand* is to provide immediate aid to homeless Veterans and any Veteran that needs assistance. *Veteran's Helping Hand* offers a variety of services including: emergency shelter, mental health counseling referrals, emergency food baskets, clothing, hot meals on weekends and many more!

The *Lehman Center* was started in 1913, by a group of compassionate and dedicated individuals who made a contentious decision to do something to help orphaned, neglected, and indigent children to change their life situation. Today, their team of compassionate and dedicated professionals, volunteers, churches, businesses and community organizations collaborate to create the Children's aid Society. Their vision, is that all children are safe and feel loved by helping them and their families build stronger healthier lives through their compassionate and professional services of; children centered creative art & play therapy, crisis nursery respite care, family advocacy, *Incredible Years* Parent Support & Education groups, children's clothing bank, and their 24-hour Parenting Hotline and York Cares Coffee Spot. The Children's Aid Society is unique in our commitment to help all children and their families regardless of their economic or social circumstances.

The Sunday School Board thanks you for your consideration in donating to these two organizations!