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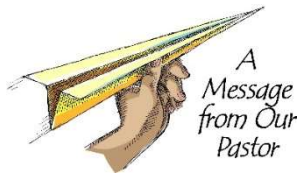
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*A GROWING CHURCH
MEETING YOUR GROWING NEEDS*

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| October 2 | <i>Proper 22 (27) Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
World Communion Sunday
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10
<i>"A Little Goes a Long Way"</i> |  |
| October 9 | <i>Proper 23 (28) Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19
<i>"Remember to Thank God"</i> | |
| October 16 | <i>Proper 24 (29) Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8
Psalm 121
<i>"God Watches Over You"</i> | |
| October 23 | <i>Proper 25 (30) Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14
<i>"Pride and Humility"</i> | |
| October 30 | <i>Proper 26 (31) Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost/Memorial Sunday</i>
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31
<i>"The Golden Rule"</i> | |



"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have never been this excited about October before. In general, Fall is not my favorite season, because it reminds me of the long winter ahead. However, this year is different. This year, Shiloh UCC has some great plans for the families in our congregation and the Early Learning Center to get together and have fun!

We will be starting out with a Fall Family Fun day on October 1st between 4PM and 7PM. We will have Food Trucks from local businesses, we are renting a bounce house for kids to jump, and there will be games and fun for everyone!

We are "officially" Back to Church in October. October 2nd is World Wide Communion Sunday, and we would like to encourage all our bakers to make bread for the service. Come and bake a loaf of bread (any kind)! We will be displaying the different types of bread on the Communion Table. After the worship services are over, we will donate the loaves to the Food Pantry at Life Path Christian Ministries. Your delicious bread will delight and bless a needy person or family. Please, consider baking something delicious for the services on October 2nd and donating it toward this charity.

If that wasn't enough fun, on Sunday, October 16th we will be able to satisfy our sweet tooth. Reserve some space in your tummy for our Fall Fest from 4PM to 6PM. Then at the end of the month we have our big Halloween celebration! Shiloh UCC will close the month out with our Annual Trunk or Treat on October 30th starting at 2PM. All the kids and families had so much fun last year. Sophie and I are really looking forward to dressing up, and seeing all the costumes and smiling faces.

Now you see why I am so excited about the opportunities to grow in October. So much bread, pies, candy, and goodies, and so little time to eat them! :) You can only make these events better by participating in them and helping out where you can. Please, consider giving out candy from the trunk of your car on October 30th, and helping out with the different "stations" on October 1st.

As always, the most important thing you can do is invite your family members and friends, to come and enjoy these fun events at Shiloh. All these events give me hope for the future. When we follow the Holy Spirit's inspiration, and reach out to our community and loved ones, God blesses our hard work.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

Come, and participate in the life blood of our church. Worship God, and have fun with your friends this Fall season. Come smell the cinnamon coffee and apple cider of the Spirit. Come worship with us on Sundays in October. Being in God's presence will surely fill you up with whatever you need this winter: energy, peace, hope, or just the joy of being together in Christian friendship.

Every single person is loved and needed at Shiloh. Being different is not a problem. There is beauty and strength in diversity. Like the leaves of Autumn that seem like "flowers" in their beauty to the poet Camus, you are beautiful and wanted at Shiloh Church. Everyone's invited. Come into God's presence with joy, and come have fun at Shiloh in October!

*Rejoicing in Christ,
Pastor Melinda*



SEPTEMBER CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report –

Worship

- August 14th – I was on vacation and Joslin Kearsse preached
- August 21st – Brass Triumphant served at both services.
- September 4th – Labor Day weekend – No Communion!

Administration

- I attended all scheduled meetings, when possible.
- I was on vacation between August 9th – August 23rd.
- August 24th – Staff meeting.
- August 24th – Worship and Music.
- August 25th – Outreach Meeting.
- August 25th – Technology Meeting.
- September 6th – Pastor-Parish Relations Committee meeting.

Pastoral Care

- Home, Hospital and nursing home visits (8)
- Office/lunch meeting (4)
- Phone calls/Facebook private messages (26) + countless text messages to our members.

SEPTEMBER CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

Christian Education

- Grief Group meets once a month - August 26th, upcoming meeting October 21st at 10AM.
- Sunday School: one group meets in room 100. The “Wired Word” group meets in the Library.
- Men’s Breakfast Social Group meets monthly during the “school year.” Their next meeting is on October 18th @ Dover Valley Restaurant at 8:30AM
- We don’t have a Confirmation class this year.

Contact with the larger UCC + local community

- September 7th – Attended the monthly York Association meeting and luncheon. It was a reorganizational meeting, where we talked about what we wanted to do in the upcoming year.
- September 11th – Harvest Festival at Homewood (Plum Creek).
- Special projects - Habitat for Humanity; local clergy group asked about the possibility for a “Live Nativity Scene” at Shiloh UCC.

New business – Neighbors in Need special offering

Unfinished Business –

- A. Lifting remaining Covid restrictions - wiping pens, communion
 - a. It was decided to return to served communion beginning Oct. 2, 2022
 - i. Dani Bentzel, Jane Harrison, Marsha Reiber and Nathan Limbert will serve the 8:30 service
 - ii. Dani Bentzel, Jane Harrison, Steve Sechriest and Nathan Limbert will serve the 11:00 service
 - b. For greeters: it was decided to discontinue wiping the pens after each use and continue having the greeters be in the Welcome Center as this seemed to be the optimal post for this duty.

Church and Ministry –

- Shiloh UCC church staff Job Descriptions were updated, completed, and approved by Consistory.
- Shiloh UCC staff annual evaluations were reviewed and approved at the conclusion of tonight’s meeting.

Church Life – Matt was approached about going to 1 service since numbers are low at the 11:00 service. After a short discussion, it was agreed that we will stay with 2 services at this time.

Christian Ed – It was requested to move the Wired Word Sunday school class to Rm 202 due to the number of people in the group—the library is just too small of a space.

Worship and Music –

- Organ tuned in July. Tuner found sanctuary very warm, and noted that a consistent temperature no higher than 78 should be maintained.
 - Jeff Hershey will talk with the organ tuner about the temperature when he returns in November.

SEPTEMBER CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

- Dec. 11 - Evening Concert - brass ensemble and bell choir 6:30 PM (light dinner at 5:00).
 - The light dinner will be soup and sandwiches.
 - The concert will be streamed.
- Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - 10:00 service only—NO Sunday School.
- Chancel and Chamber choirs have merged into one adult choir
 - This combined choir will sing at both services.

Outreach/Evangelism –

- National Back to Church Sunday - Sept. 18 - invitations were sent to members who haven’t returned since pandemic, distributed to ELC parents, encouraged members to share with friends, family and neighbors.
- New banners were hung.
- Brunch will be served in room 100 on Sept. 18 at 9:45 coordinated by Tammy Hildebrecht and group.
 - A direct mailing service for Advent Season – was approved with a budget of \$600.
 - Advent events include the church concert on Dec. 11 and possibly hosting a 1-day live nativity along with the Larger UCC and local community churches, to be held Dec. 18 from 4pm to 6pm.
- Planning to work with Church Chums in the future

Youth and Ministry –

- A message was sent last week to the parents and youth to get something started again.
- Nathan Limbert registered the church for the upcoming Crop Walk.
- It was agreed to have Trunk-or-Treat indoors to the gallery should there be bad weather.

Communication and Technology –

- The technology team had a meeting on Thursday, August 29th to discuss the worship service schedules and changes that need to be made to the Power point presentations and how things have gone so far.
- We are always looking for volunteers to work on either the Power point or the streaming team, specifically for the 11:00 service.
- We appreciate any feedback that we get from members about the Power point and try to update/make any changes as needed.
- It was also suggested to get more people involved with the sound system to help give Lew Wallace a break from doing both services and other special services.

ELC – Next meeting - October 6 at 5 pm in Room 100.

- The Bibles needed for the ELC students may require some funding. Some funds were left over from the previous year but not enough to supply 56 for this year. The funds will be covered with the money collected through Cash Rally as recommended by the Missions group.

SEPTEMBER CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

Finance Committee and Budget –

- The parsonage tenant had their payment due date moved from the 8th to the 15th of the month.
- There is a deficit in the Current Funds collection to date.
- We are to receive a payment of \$402,732.51 from the Mary Emma Elicker estate. This is stipulated to be put into a perpetual trust of which we would be able to take up to 4% out per year (estimated to be about \$16,000/year).
- Natalie Fuhrman suggested we use the York County Community Foundation to invest the money. She will check into this and other options further.

Missions –

- This year's Mission Challenge is underway to help with the cost of the Audio/Visual equipment. The Challenge will run until Oct. 9th.
- The Committee recommends that the funds collected from the Cash Rally on Nov. 6th be used to fund the bibles needed for the ELC students with any extra funds going towards the Audio/Visual equipment purchase and the funds collected for the Special Thanksgiving Offering go to the Dover Food Bank.
 - The committee recommendations were agreed upon.
- The Committee has mailed out Thank You Notes for the Vacation Bible School.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 25th at 6 PM.
- Marsha mentioned that Crew is full for the Costa Rica trip. There are 12 or 13 people going. The trip runs from Jan 19, 2023 to Jan 28, 2023.

Property Committee –

- Outdoor carpet for the front porch has been installed.
- Glazing repairs and painting of 41 window sash in the rear of the Sanctuary and Phase 2 (Ed. Bldg.) has been completed. Glass and storm windows are being cleaned and refitted.
- Removal of the pin oak tree in the front lawn is planned.
- Bids from four security contractors are being secured for access control equipment.
 - Jeff Hershey guesstimates this could run around \$10,000.
 - Jeff Hershey is also looking into getting a video phone for the front door to run around \$700-\$800.
- With the hiring of Katrina Grdich as the new cleaning person, a job description will need to be written up for her.
- The kitchen project is on hold at this time due to the amount of time invested in the previous projects mentioned above.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Reiber, Consistory President*

EARLY LEARNING CENTER



What an awesome September we had at the Early Learning Center. Our children, teachers and families returned to school with smiles, excitement and the anticipation of a new school year. The children have enjoyed exploring their new environment, playing on the playground, listening to stories, singing, dancing, drawing and painting. Friendships are beginning to form not only between the children but with their parents too. The Early Learning Center is an awesome place to be!

During the first few weeks of school we learned all about our new classrooms, daily routines and introduced new concepts and themes with our children. We discussed how God made each of us special and unique. Our four's bible lesson was "You Are Special" while the twos and threes learned the story of creation. The fours also had their first chapel time with Pastor Melinda. During September the threes and fours had the opportunity to start our Enrichment Program. On Mondays we offer the opportunity to get moving and grooving with our Movement Monday class. On Tuesday students have the opportunity to learn Spanish through interactive hands on experiences. On Whizz Kid Wednesday students have the opportunity to explore something different each week through crafts, music, food, dancing and books. Finally, on Thriving Thursdays our friends will be challenged to cultivate character traits that will last a lifetime. During this class students will learn things like being brave, loving, and ready to help. These themes will be introduced through songs, crafts, games, Bible character studies and more.

During September the four also enjoyed a visit from Master Bob from Dover Dragons. Master Bob spoke to the children about listening and respect and also taught them a little tai kwon do. The fours also visited Smysers Farm while our Pre K friends visited the Dover Library and Brown's Orchard.

The month of October brings many exciting themes and events. Fire Safety is one of our first units. We will discuss fire safety rules, take a field trip to the Shiloh Fire Station and conduct school wide fire drills. We will explore pumpkins, the colorful season of autumn and night animals. In addition, our Pre-K friends will be visiting the Pumpkin Hill pumpkin patch. In October the two's and three's bible story will focus on Noah's Ark while the fours will explore the story entitled The Scarecrow and the Spider. Our four-year-old friends will learn that God is ALWAYS with us therefore we are never alone!!! Finally, our month will end with our Fall Festivals, complete with special treats costumes and exciting games.

*Happy Fall!!!
Allison Hartnett*

October 2 is World Communion Sunday. As part of the celebration, loaves of bread will be displayed in the sanctuary. Members are asked to bring a loaf of bread (possibly homemade) to contribute to this display. After the services on Sunday, the bread will be donated to the food pantry at Life Path Christian Ministries (formerly the Rescue Mission).



There will be a return to the distribution of elements during the service by the Consistory. Cups and bread will be placed to allow for easy access and minimal contact. Gluten free bread will be available in the narthex.



In 2022, the Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” offering focuses on an economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, UCC wants to provide a way to discuss this through a faith lens. Shiloh UCC is supporting this year’s NIN “Behold!” campaign offering on **October 2,**

2022. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

The **Women’s Guild** will be meeting **October 3, at 1:00 pm in room 202.** The program will be from our study book **Leading a Life of Balance. Chapter Eight: Balancing Wants and Needs.** Norene Edgar will be leading this chapter. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 8:30 am at Dover Valley Restaurant.** Contact Brad Jacobs with additional information at bcj402@verizon.net.



Sunday, **October 9** is Harvest Home. We are asking for donations of **NON-PERISHABLE** food. Please place your food donations in the designated boxes in the gallery by Friday, **October 7.** This is our time to share with those who have a great need to place a healthy meal on the table for their family.

10Once again Shiloh UCC is participating in the **Greater York Crop Hunger Walk on October 9th at John Rudy Park - Eastern Hemlock Pavilion starting at 1:00 p.m.** If you would like to join the Shiloh UCC team, donate money to the Shiloh UCC team or have any questions about this event please see Nathan Limbert.



A **Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, October 16th from 4:00 -6:00 PM.** Hot dogs, chips, pretzels, cider, soda, water, desserts and ice cream will be available for purchase. Also, we are asking for donations of ‘fall’ themed desserts. Anyone who is interested in helping to organize or serve should contact Tammy Hidlebrecht. We

hope you can join us for some conversation and good food!

The Woman's Social & Support Group will meet for lunch at the **Outback Steakhouse, West Manchester Mall on Friday, October 21st at 12 noon.** Please call Beverly Gerberick at 717-764-2988 if you plan to attend.



A **Service of Remembrance** will be held on **October 30.** With grateful hearts, we will remember by name those members of our church who have **died since last years’ service, on October 31, 2021.** We also invite

members of our congregation to give us the names of family who are non-members who have died. Please call the church office by **October 21** so their names may be included in the bulletin. Memorial gifts made during the past year will be dedicated. Pictures of deceased loved ones will be displayed. Please bring any pictures to the Gallery on Sunday October 23 or 30. A short scripture passage should be prepared to include with the recognition.



The Youth Fellowship Group of Shiloh UCC will be holding a **Trunk or Treat** event on **Sunday October 30th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Shiloh UCC parking lot.** We need adults to come and give out treats to our

Early Learning Center students. Come and decorate your car trunk and hand out treats to our trick or treaters!!

During The month of **October** and **November** we will be accepting memberships for the **Homewood Auxiliary.** A single membership is **\$3.00 or \$5.00 per couple.** You will receive a quarterly newsletter with updates from all the Homewood sites and a pen for your support. Please see **Pat Roth or Shirley Lohmann will receive your membership.**



During the month of **October**, the **Women's Guild**, in cooperation with the Sunday School, will be having a special collection to support the needs of the residents and staff of "**New Life for Girls**" which is a residential ministry for women with drug and alcohol related problems. All members of the

congregation, Sunday School classes, and church related groups are asked to review the wish list of needed items (see below) and respond accordingly. Collection boxes will be in room 100 and the gallery to receive your material donations. The deadline to donate is **October 30.** If you wish to donate, you may choose from the following specific request list.

****Most needed item:** Cash donations to repair or enhance the safety of the agency's residential buildings. Church members may use the "other" line on their offering envelope and designate New Life for Girls. Sunday School classes and other church groups may give their cash donations directly to the church treasurer, Natalie Fuhrman.

***Female** personal care items (sanitary napkins, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors and Q-tips).

***School supplies** (spiral notebooks with paper, 2 pocket folders, index cards, pens, pencils and 3-ring binders).

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,



Thank you for your gift of \$60 given to The Salvation Army of York. With your support, we continue to keep hope alive in those who are going through tough times.

*Sincerely,
Bessie Babbitt, Major*

Dear Shiloh UCC,

We want to say thank you for your continued support of New Life For Girls. Your contribution makes a huge difference in helping to sustain this work. Your gift essentially has the potential to impact generations of women, children and their entire families.

Dear Shiloh UCC Congregation,

On behalf of Heritage Senior Center, we sincerely thank you for your donation of \$40.00 to be used toward our "Building Fundraising Campaign. The church's contribution will assist the center in expanding services offered to the senior in the Dover area community.

*Sincerely,
Emma Crossley, Executive Director*

NOVEMBER

- 6 Communion
Cash Rally
Daylight Saving Time ends
- 13 Annual budget meeting
- 24 Thanksgiving Day – office closed



Save the date! – Join Shiloh UCC for Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24 at 1:00 p.m. in room 100. Please look for more details in the weekly bulletins and November Communique!

- 27 Slate of Consistory Nominees
- 2 First Sunday of Advent

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

October 1 Shirley Glatfelter
Janine Pepo
Ben Reiber
Dawn Spahr

October 4 Dana Gaetjen
James Patterson

October 5 Diane Jordan

October 6 Janene Beck
Wilbert Mickley

October 7 Andrea Mountford

October 8 Connie Benedict
Allan Schmidt

October 9 Vanessa Seifarth
Jane Wilt
James Wotherspoon

October 10 Abby Aldredge

October 13 Cindy Traettino

October 14 Mary Ellen Sayres
Gladys Seigman



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S (Cont'd)

October 15 Scott Arnold Jr.
Nathaniel Hamme
Gloria Melhorn

October 16 Stephanie Berkheimer

October 19 Richard Berkheimer
Brian Curren
Lily Fahnstock

October 22 Mary Berger

October 23 Brittany Childress

October 24 Elysa Myers

October 25 Rebekah Bupp

October 26 Dennis Delp

October 28 Karen Delp

October 29 Melinda Kreiser



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