

Shiloh United Church of Christ

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Our Mission Statement

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

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 22, 2023

8:30AM and 11:00AM

MEDITATION

“It is not the end of the physical body that should worry us. Rather, our concern must be to live while we're alive - to release our inner selves from the spiritual death that comes with living behind a facade designed to conform to external definitions of who and what we are.”

- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

PRELUDE

8:30AM

“He is Lord”

Paxton

11:00AM

“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”

Rambo/Arr. Tornquist

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please stand if you are able)

One: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings and queens, God is the Lord of all life.

All: In God we live and move and have our being.

One: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

All: We reach out to others with the same love with which God has touched our lives.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

All: Let us praise the God who walks daily by our side. Let us worship God!

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!

Sovereign God, we come before you this day wanting to grow spiritually. We need all the mercy, grace, and wisdom you can give us, to make good use of this gift of life. We find hope in the reality that Jesus faced these choices, lived his life fully, celebrated his humanity with others, and loved us unconditionally to the very end. Give us hope and assurance that we too can live faithful lives, which aspire to follow the example of our Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Softly and Tenderly"* #449

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

Almighty God, in our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on other people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are unreliable. Lord, help us. Turn us around. Help us know that you are our God, and you have provided for us. You have given to us abilities and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who bring peace and justice into this world. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us truly place our trust in You, and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has given us gifts and abilities to work for peace and justice. You are loved, forgiven, and blessed by God. Go into this world, in confidence of God's presence and love. **Amen.**

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 (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** *"Above All"* CD

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Psalm 99

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

HANDBELL CHOIR *"Abide with Me"* Monk & Geschke

Third Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON *"Tax Time"*

***HYMN** *"Lord of the Dance"* Insert

PASTORAL 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

Jesus Christ calls to us: "Give to God what belongs to God." All that we have and all that we are - are gifts from God, entrusted to us. Come, let us share these gifts with generosity and joy.

***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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray!

Bless and increase the bounty of your love through the gifts we give, Gracious God. Through these gifts and our faithful labor, may others come to know your abundant grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"God Be With You till We Meet Again"

#81

BENEDICTION

One: May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits, as you go forth into God's world. Be bearers of peace, light, and hope to all you meet, and may God's peace be with you always.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

8:30AM

"Alleluia! Song of Gladness"

Powell

11:00AM

"People of God"

Watson

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maryllyn M. Reisinger and Peggy S. Firestone by Randy, Deb and Tyler Reisinger.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Jim Bentzel **11:00 AM:** Bobby Limbert
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Milton & Beverly Hoak **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM** Volunteer
- **MUSIC:** Handbell Choir, Jessie Sechriest, Sandy Bamberger

Morning Prayer (Dr. Charles Stanley)

Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I adore You, loving and mysterious God, and I love You with all my heart. I thank you for having created me, and for having preserved me this day. Pardon me for all the bad things I have thought, said, and done today. Pardon me for Jesus Christ, Your Son. If I have done anything good, be pleased to accept it. Protect me and my loved ones while I sleep and deliver us from all dangers. May your grace and love be always with us. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, Marvel Burg, Helen Byers, 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



A **Service of Remembrance** will be held on **October 29**. We will remember by name members of our church who have **died since last years' service, on October 30, 2022**. 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 20** so their names may be included in the bulletin. Memorial gifts made during the past year will be dedicated and pictures of deceased loved ones will be displayed. Please bring any pictures to the **Gallery on Sunday October 22 or 30**. A short scripture passage should be prepared to include with the recognition.

Memberships are still being accepted 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.



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 following dates are still available:

As many of you have been aware, we have been praying for Jack and Diane Jordan's 44-year-old son/stepson, Joe, for many months following a strep infection which necessitated the amputation of all of his limbs. Joe is now in the healing stage, awaiting the next step, getting prosthetics and learning to use them to replace his limbs. We now have another opportunity to help Joe – there will be a **Love Offering** collected at Shiloh UCC until **November 5**, using either the special envelopes with a heart on them in your pew, or simply adding a line item on your regular offering envelope, labeling it 'love offering for Joe.' The other option would be to put a check in the offering plate made out to Shiloh UCC with the line item 'love offering for Joe.' We thank you and I know Jack and Diane and Joe thank you for all of the ways that you care and support Shiloh UCC's family.



This year the **Cash Rally offering on November 5th** will be going towards the Church's current fund.

"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
	9:45	Sunday School (100 & 202)
	3:00	Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat
TUES	6:30	Cub Scouts (100)
	7:00	Visioning Meeting (202)
	8:00	Men's Chorus
WED	9:30	Bible Study (202)
	10:00	Staff Meeting (Office)
	5:00	TOPS (117)
THUR	4:30	Private Event (100)
	6:30	Choirs
SUN	8:30 & 11	Worship/Memorial Sunday

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 96

THE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D. pastormelinda@shilohucc.com 717-764-3609
Pastor Melinda office hours:	Wednesdays 9AM-12PM & 5-8PM Thursdays 5-8PM Fridays 9AM-12PM
Director of Music	Stephanie Limbert
Organist	Sandra Bamberger
Missionaries in Costa Rica	Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson
Early Learning Center Director	Allison Hartnett
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The **Women's Guild** will be meeting **Nov. 6, at 1:00 pm in room 202**. The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another, Chapter Eight: "One Another" Attitudes**. Joyce Mummert 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 next **Shiloh UCC Men's Breakfast** will be held on **Tuesday, November 14 at 8:30 am** at Dover Valley Restaurant. Contact Brad Jacobs for more information.

The **Soup Kitchen Crew** are looking for volunteers to prepare spaghetti and serve lunch one day a month at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in downtown York. Shiloh UCC is one of many local churches that support Our Daily Bread by supplying and serving food to those in need. Volunteers are needed to serve lunch on the third Thursday of the month, and we prepare spaghetti the day before. If you would like to help or want more information, please contact **Cheryl Hershey at 717-891-6440**.



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.



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 29**. If you wish to donate, you may choose from the following specific request list.

- 1 **Most needed item**: Cash donations to purchase an emergency generator and /or to improve the safety of the agency's driveway. Church members may use the "other" line on their offering envelope and designate New Life for Girls. Sunday School classes and other church related groups may give their cash donations directly to the church treasurer, Natalie Fuhrman.
- 2 **Female** personal care items (body wash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, Q-tips and toothpaste, etc.).
- 3 **School supplies** (spiral notebooks with paper, 2 pocket folders, index cards, pens, pencils and 3-ring binders).
- 4 **Kitchen and/or bath cleaning supplies** (dish detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner).
- 5 **Paper products of all types** (napkins, plates, paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, etc.)
- 6 **Laundry supplies** (powered detergent, liquid bleach and dryer sheets).
- 7 **Non-perishable food items** (coffee, tea, cereal, sugar, juice, canned fruits and vegetables).
- 8 **Clothing accessories for cold weather** (scarfs, gloves, hats).
- 9 **Baby needs** (wipes, baby wash, diapers size 3, 4 & 5).