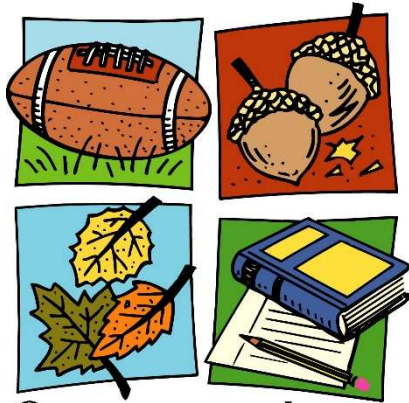


# COMMUNIQUE



# September

# 2022

## SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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A GROWING CHURCH  
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- September 4     *Proper 18 (23) Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1:1-21  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
**“Love God”**
- September 11     *Proper 19 (24) Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Luke 14:25-33  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
**“Jars of Clay”**
- September 18     *Proper 20 (25) Fifteenth Sun. after Pentecost*  
Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
Luke 15:1-10  
**“Counting Sheep”**
- September 25     *Proper 21 (26) Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Guest Preacher  
Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Ph.D  
Associate Conference Minister for  
Congregational Transitions



The church office will be **closed on Monday, September 5** in observance of **Labor Day**.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### Welcome Back to Shiloh UCC

*"...those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles..."*

*Dear friends in Christ,*

Believe it or not, summer is (almost) over. We may have a few sunnier days and hot temperatures coming our way, but the leaves will soon start changing colors, and cinnamon spice will return to our coffee shops. Our summer vacations are turning into beautiful memories that we will carry with us during the cold winter days. Summer is over; churches and schools are getting busier.

This year, autumn brings some great opportunities for worship, fellowship and spiritual growth. Homecoming Sunday and Brunch is coming up soon! On September 18<sup>th</sup> we will worship and praise God; then break bread together between the two worship services. I am so excited to know our choir and bell choir will start making angelic music for us again. If you have a good voice, please, share it with the rest of the congregation. Please, come and sing in the choir this fall!

Again, I would like to have a Confirmation class for kids 12 years and older. Please, send your children and grandchildren to Shiloh UCC to learn about faith and re-affirm their baptism. If you have children in your families who were baptized but not confirmed, please remember, confirmation makes them adult members of a congregation. If you know of someone in your family, who hasn't been baptized, please, encourage them to come and talk to Pastor Melinda, and get baptized.

It is such an amazing blessing to belong to God, to find strength and "*soar on wings like eagles...*" even when times are tough. It's not enough to take care of the physical needs of our children/grandchildren. Their soul needs to be fed, too. Please, encourage them to come to Shiloh UCC to learn more about God, and attend Confirmation or Youth Classes.

I also can't wait to see the little ones return to the Early Learning Center. Allison, the Director and the teachers are all excellent educators and spiritual guides for the children. Let's pray for all people who come into our beautiful building to meet, study, teach or search for God. Please, pray for the children, their families, and the teachers at the ELC, so they may have a safe and healthy school year in 2022/23.

## PASTORS MESSAGE (Cont'd)

As you can tell, I am excited and full of hope for the future of Shiloh. I am so grateful for the new members sitting in our pews, and I am overjoyed when I see long time members return into our pews. Please, come back to Shiloh UCC this fall. Come and grow spiritually together with all of us. We need everyone to come back or start attending again in person, so that our church may flourish, and we may be able to do the many good things we do in our area and the world.

Friends of Shiloh UCC, I hope you have had a great, refreshing summer. I hope you are filled with sunshine, joy and hope for the future. Come and share your experience and excitement with each other! Come and share your pain, grief, and burden with each other! The Sanctuary is ready to calm your spirit, and fill you with strength for the journey. Come and share the joy and yoke of the covenant with each other in the body of Christ!

*Rejoicing in Christ,  
Pastor Melinda*



## AUGUST CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

### **Pastor's Report –** **Special Worship Services:**

- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Baptism for Cedrick Simpson; Father's Day.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Sunday.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Communion; Fourth of July.
- July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> – Jonah sermon series.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – Anne "Nan" Frost Memorial service.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Uble "Frosty" Frost Memorial service.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – Heritage Sunday celebration at Salem UCC in Dover. 7 local UCC and Lutheran churches gathered together for worship, picnic and games. Thank you to everyone who participated! The children's activities were amazing.

### **Administration:**

- I attended all scheduled meetings, when possible.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Worship and Music.
- August 4<sup>th</sup> – ELC Board Meeting.

## AUGUST CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

- Attended PPR meetings and one meeting with Church and Ministry.
- Upcoming vacation August 9<sup>th</sup> – August 23<sup>rd</sup> (On Call Pastor Eva from Dover UCC; Worship services will be done by Joslin Kearse on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the Brass Triumphant on the 21<sup>st</sup>).

### **Pastoral Care:**

- Home, Hospital and nursing home visits (8) + a special funeral home viewing.
- Office/lunch meeting (10).
- Phone calls/Facebook private messages (12) + countless text messages to our members.

### **Christian Education:**

- Grief Group meets once a month (June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, upcoming August 26<sup>th</sup>)
- New Sunday School program in room 100.
- VBS – July 17<sup>th</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all your hard work, preparing and running this program! I enjoyed being a part of it!
- The Men's Breakfast Group meets once a month.
- Invited people to send their kids to Confirmation class and Youth Group.

### **Contact with the larger UCC:**

- I attended several meetings with the Association for the Consistory's request.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> – Attended a Meeting at Dover UCC. We were planning Heritage Sunday.
- Heritage Sunday – July 31<sup>st</sup> at Salem UCC. The Penn Central Conference - Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call preached. 7 local UCC and Lutheran churches were present.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Attended the monthly York Association luncheon.

### **Church and Ministry –**

- ELC teacher and director evaluation document approval date of June 13, 2022 was added, New Approval needed–this was approved following a Reen Bentzel/Carolyn Poff motion.
- ELC teacher and director Job Description was completed and emailed to Consistory for review, Approval needed–this was approved following a Jane Harrison/Sallie Hagerman motion.
- Shiloh UCC church staff Job Descriptions (Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Music Director, and Organist) were updated, completed, and emailed to Consistory for review, Approval needed by Pastor and Consistory
- Staff meeting was held June 29, 2022.

## AUGUST CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

- Maira shared that Friday is not a good day for her to work from home.
- Next staff meeting will be held August 24, 2022.
- Pastor Melinda posted position for hiring a “Family and Children Ministry Coordinator” on July 27, 2022.

### **Finance Committee and Budget –** Treasurers Report

### **Communication and Technology –**

- It was suggested that this committee begin holding meetings/training so that any interested church member would be able to attend and learn how to run the equipment to increase the help.

### **Property –** Katrina Grdich was hired as a church employee on July 1 for the housekeeping position.

- The Work Crew and Katrina completed deep cleaning of ELC classrooms during July.
- Work is underway to repair and repaint windows in the education building and certain windows in the original sanctuary building.
- The Work Crew removed the deteriorating carpet and adhesive from the front porch of the church. New carpet to be installed this month.
- Lewis Burns Tree Service has been contracted to remove the dying pin oak tree in front of the church. Please contact Jeff Hershey if you are interested in firewood.
- The church security committee met last month to discuss security considerations for the congregation and ELC. The committee is recommending purchasing a card key access control system in the amount of \$7,000 to better control access to the church. A member of the committee has agreed to purchase a door phone video system for the office as well.

### **Worship and Music –**

- Organ tuned in July. Tuner found the sanctuary very warm, and noted that a consistent temperature no higher than 78 degrees should be maintained. It is preferred to have a constant temperature of 75 degrees.
- August 14 - guest preacher - Joslin Kearse
- August 21 -Brass Triumphant
- Sept. 18 - National Back to Church Sunday–Jane Harrison plans to purchase flyers, bulletins, postcards, and a banner; not to exceed \$150.
- Bulletins ordered for remainder of 2022 and beginning of 2023
- Next meeting - Aug. 24 at 7:00 in room 202
- Don and Jeanie Bentzel would like to replace the American flag in the sanctuary, or at least have it cleaned. Consistory agreed that this would be no problem.

### **Outreach/Evangelism –** National Back to Church Sunday - September 18

## AUGUST CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

### Christian Ed –

- The current plan for adult Sunday School is a curriculum lesson that will be led by Ray Fox and The Wired Word to be led by Sue Besecker.
- Marsha will check with Pastor Melinda about a confirmation class this year.

### Church Life –

- The proceeds of the Strawberry Festival will be towards the audio and visual upgrades.
- Coffee connections is going well. More people are stepping up to help host it so we do not have to go to having it just once per month. It gives church members a chance to socialize and have Christian fellowship.
- Kaitlin Rentzel is proposing changes to the Strawberry festival starting next year, which is already scheduled for the 2nd Sunday in June. She would like to see the festival as more kid-friendly and try to bring in more outside people. Possibly utilize food trucks for the food but still provide the strawberries and ice cream with games and entertainment. She would be willing to organize this.

### Missions –

- The Missions Committee agreed to make the beneficiary of this year's Mission Challenge, previously known as the Stewardship Challenge, to seek contributions towards the audio and video upgrades that have been made to the Sanctuary to replenish half of the funds taken from various church accounts. It will be the Committee's goal to raise about \$13,500.
- The Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, August 16th at 6:00pm.
- The Committee will be making plans to start the Challenge on August 28th. It will run until October 9th. The Committee will discuss making recommendations for the use of upcoming special offerings.
- The remaining special offering envelopes for the year are: Cash Rally on Nov. 6th, Thanksgiving on Nov. 24th, and Christmas on Dec. 25.
- Crew XI will be going to Costa Rica in January 2023. The team will leave Thursday, January 19th and return on Saturday, January 28th.

### Youth Ministry –

- Nathan is working on getting contact information of the confirmation class and any others, so he can attempt to start the Youth Fellowship back up soon.
- August 20, 2022 they are planning to help feed the homeless.

### ELC –

- Meeting held on August 4.
- Four new hires needed: Kaitlin Rhodes and Tisha Spillman are two recent hires for this year
- Registration has been going extremely well, only a few slots left and in some cases there are waiting lists.

## AUGUST CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

- September 12 is first student day, May 19 is the last student day and Fun Day.
- Enrichment classes this year include: Movement Monday, Spanish Tuesday, Wiz Kid Wednesday, Thriving Thursday.
- Covid restrictions have lightened but the Covid Waiver will continue for this year
- Two additional parents are needed for the Advisory Board to make 5, there are 5 church members on the board
- Sub Committees have been formed being: Scholarship, Tuition, Bylaw Review, Fun Day
- Shiloh UCC ELC won the York News "BEST PRESCHOOL"
- Will Shiloh UCC purchase Bibles for the ELC again this year? They are handed out at Christmas time, 56 would be needed this year–It was approved to continue to supply the ELC with bibles following a Reen Bentzel/Dani Bentzel motion.
- Meeting schedule will resume to pre-Covid Bi-Monthly meetings. Next meeting is October 6 at 5 pm in room 100.
- Church Chums Committee has four events scheduled for the upcoming year:
  - October 1st (from 4:00pm-7:00pm)- Food Truck event open to the public; encouraging church members and ELC families to join us!
  - December 3rd - Parents' Night Out.
  - April 1st - Parents' Night Out.
  - June 3 - Community Yard Sale (rent out spaces).

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Reiber, Consistory President*

## MISSIONARY NEWS

Greetings from Limon! God has been so Good over the last couple of months. The students have completed a half of year in classrooms, our harvest has been in abundance, and our church is growing as we Baptized two new members. Something very unique that has been happening here over the past year and a half.

Many of you know that Crosby and I have been doing ecumenical work in Limon and the Limon Province for several years, but our church felt called to invite other churches to prayer and fasting once a month. This is unusual here as many churches do not want to mix together here as they each have their own doctrines, agendas and programs. In obedience we sent out invitations inviting other churches to attend every third Saturday for a time of prayer and fasting.

## MISSIONARY NEWS (Cont'd)

We have partners who are praying with us in Costa Rica and throughout Central America and in the United States.

God has been moving so powerfully in each of our meetings; through worship, prayer, and the word. Every meeting has been different as we follow the leading of the Spirit. Attendance has been growing each month as we pray for our city, nation, Central America, and the world. In 1994 at an Aglow Retreat a prophetic word was spoken that I have been holding in my heart, “**I am going to establish a beachhead in the Caribbean and it is going to spread out across Costa Rica and throughout Central America.**” I am believing that God is raising up his army as we come together and through his Spirit fulfills the calling and purpose of each church.



In the past years, other prophetic words about Limon and Costa Rica have been shared speaking of this promise and outpouring of God. We realize that each church has its purpose and part in this movement and are so humbled that God has called our little church Harvest Tabernacle, as a church of prayer, to bring the body of Christ together in unity.

Many pastors have been amazed when they come and join us saying, “We have never seen churches coming together like this before and how God has used our little church to do so.” **Psalms 133:1 reminds us “How good it is, how pleasant, when the people dwell as one.”**

In closing I would like to share Isaiah 60:1-3, “**Arise Shine, for your light has come, and the Glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, the darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**” Join us in prayer and fasting every third Saturday of each month as Jesus is arising in a **New Day of ministry and light.**

*In Christ,  
Crosby and Sally Johnson*

## EARLY LEARNING CENTER



It is hard to believe it is the middle of August and summer is almost over. Without looking at the calendar I can tell we are getting closer to the first day of school by the “buzz” in the Early Learning Center. The teachers have received their class lists and are busy making phone calls, setting up Facebook pages, organizing and cleaning up their classrooms and finally making class orientation videos. Katrina has been cleaning and scrubbing hoping to make things shiny and bright!!! Jeff and his crew are everywhere, scrubbing floors, power washing, replacing lights, fixing things that are broken, and replacing window. The phone has been ringing off the hook with people looking for a preschool or asking last minute questions. Finally, every once in a while a very excited student stops in to drop something off or to take another look at his or her “new” classroom.

As we prepare for our 46<sup>th</sup> year of educating young children, we are grateful to the members of Shiloh UCC for their constant support and help. Not only are you helping to provide children with the skills that they need for kindergarten and beyond, you are enabling them to do so in a caring environment where the Bible and God’s love are a big part of our curriculum. What a gift the church is providing to the children and families that come through the doors of the ELC!

This year we will welcome 178 students “Back to School” with virtual orientation and “meet the teachers”, Drop-In Day, and finally the much anticipated “First Day”. We would also like to welcome four new teachers to our ELC Staff. Tisha Spillman will be teaching in the three class. She has been a part of our enrichment and substitute staff for the past three years. Kaitlyn Rhodes will be teaching in the fours class. She has been a member of our Advisory Board for three years as well as on the enrichment staff. Brittney Shearer will be a three’s teacher. She is fairly new to the ELC. Last year she spent some time volunteering in the Pre-K class. Finally, Becky Kern will also be a three’s teacher. Becky was both an Enrichment and classroom substitute last year. Welcome Brittney, Becky, Tisha and Kaitlyn!!

The month of September brings “*getting to know you*” activities, families, names, fall, apples and friends. In addition, the children will begin establishing classroom routines as well as learning their class schedule.

We love this preschool! Our mission is to provide a foundation for success in Kindergarten and beyond for two, three, four and five-year-old preschoolers in a caring Christian environment. We are excited for this 46<sup>th</sup> year of teaching young children.

*Allison Hartnet, Director*



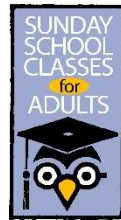
**Mission Challenge for 2022** is to raise \$13,500 to pay back the money used to update the Audio/Visual equipment. The challenge begins **August 28** and ends on **October 9**. Please prayerfully consider donating money to our challenge and mark the “Other” line on your offering envelope.

Please join us for our **Fall Family Fun Night**, sponsored by our Church Chums group (our liaison group to connect our Church and ELC families), on **Saturday, October 1st from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** here at the church. Bring the whole family for a variety of food trucks, a bounce house, games, and more!! We hope to see you there!!



**Engaging Women** will be getting together on **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** for a special field trip to Sight and Sound Theater to watch “David”. For more information, contact Sally Curren at [dgft25@hotmail.com](mailto:dgft25@hotmail.com).

The **Sunday School** Board Members have arranged for two separate and distinct adult Sunday School learning sessions. Each session will **begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45**. One session will return to meeting starting on **September 11**. This session is the “Wired Word”, utilizing information downloaded from the internet and sent to the class members through e-mail. The current topic from the news will be discussed and related to scriptures. If any member of the congregation would like to receive this info, please contact the church office and add your name to the current list. **This class will meet in the Library** since we are a small group. If our group grows (which would be great) we will find other accommodations.



The **DVD Video and commentary type** of learning experience will continue in **room 100 through August and this Fall and Winter**. Please plan to participate in one of these truly informative learning experiences.



As a reminder, the **first Sunday of every month** is food collection for the Salvation Army. The food should be placed in the shopping cart in the Welcoming Center.

## SYMPATHY



**Our sympathy** to the family and friends of **Rev. Uble “Frosty” Frost** who passed away on July 26, 2022. A memorial service was held at Shiloh UCC with Rev. Melinda LaMontagne, Ph.D officiating.

**Memorial Gifts** were received in memory of **Sally Reiber** from Tobi Kampf.

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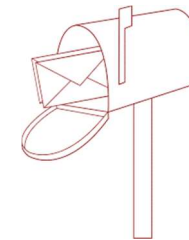


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## ADDRESS/PHONE CHANGES

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Norene Edgar’s phone number was incorrect in the newly released Church Directory. The correct number is: 717-495-3706.



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S**

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

September 1 Patricia Hombach  
Tisha Spillman

September 2 Allison Jacobs  
Deborah Myers

September 3 Karen Bupp  
Connor McDaniel

September 4 Ben Spangler

September 6 Ruthann Sprenkle

September 7 Rebekah Baker  
Michael Davis  
Cathy Schmidt

September 8 Sherrie Leber  
Theresa Thompson

September 9 Jessie Sechriest

September 10 Alexander Hamme  
Kyle Miller

September 12 Sue Jacobs  
David Kreiser

September 14 Marlyn Hahn

September 15 Laura Andras  
Wendy Davis

September 16 Angela Conlon

September 17 Robert Barnes  
Jessica Kier

September 18 Dale Hamme

September 19 Randy Reisinger  
Brantley Stough



September 20 Joyce Bowers

September 21 Chase Wilt

September 22 Gabe Gladfelter

September 23 George Betz Jr.  
Ray Fox  
Crosby Johnson

September 24 Norene Edgar  
Joanne Gruver  
Patricia Hamme  
Michael Jacobs  
Hadley Rentzel

September 25 Sarah Kruza

September 26 John Herrold

September 28 Linda Little

September 29 Jeffrey Korkie

September 30 Charlotte Mickley



October 1 – Fall Family Fun Night

October 2 – World Communion Day  
Neighbors in Need Offering

October 9 – Missions Challenge Ends

October 30 – Memorial Sunday  
Trunk or Treat

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

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## CONSISTORY

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

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Dani Bentzel  
Carolyn Poff  
Stephen Sechriest

Natalie Fuhrman – Treasurer  
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Jeanie Bentzel – Church School Superintendent

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