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***Welcome
To our Church***

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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
GUEST PREACHER, SALLY JANE JOHNSON
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
8:30AM AND 11:00AM

MEDITATION

"There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."
- Mahatma Gandhi, 20th century

PRELUDE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise". Wagner

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Based on Psalm 105*)

(Please stand if you are able)

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's holy name.

All: Sing praises to our God. Tell of God's wonderful works.

One: God brings quail to eat in the evening and the bread of heaven in the morning.

All: God causes water to flow from solid rock, turning dry desert into a river.

One: Shout to the Lord! Proclaim the miracles that bless the people with life!

All: Give thanks to our God. Let everything that draws breath praise God.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious God, we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that you have lavished upon each of us. We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. Open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love. We ask all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know how fickle we are, O Lord. We proclaim your presence with us and then we behave in ways which run counter from your word. We get caught up in our own needs, and complain about the injustices we feel in our lives. Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from chaos and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction throughout our lives, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Feel the comforting power of God's love and mercy. God is with us through all our experiences. Though we try, we cannot stray from God's love. Rejoice! This is the good news for all of us! Amen.

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

One: Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.

The peace of God 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 (See page 9)

DEDICATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS & OFFICERS

(Teachers, officers, pianists and song leaders are invited forward)

Pastor: On this Sunday we affirm that we are all both learners and teachers of the faith. As the stories of Israel and the parables of Jesus remind us, our God is eager for relationship, seeking, finding and rejoicing in us. We are called, as disciples, to respond in kind and so we pray.

People: **As faithful learners, O God, may we seek you as you have sought us. May we carefully search our world, light the dark corners, sweeping away all that hides you from us. Help us to seek you, O God.**

Volunteers: As faithful teachers, officers, pianists, and song leaders, O God, may we find what we may have overlooked. May we put aside the mass of details, so that we can notice the one thing that really matters. Help us to find you, O God.

Pastor: As faithful Christian Education volunteers and learners, O God, may we rejoice as we grow in your love and love for each other. May we celebrate the value of each of us and the worth of all of us, seeking your wisdom, mercy, and love all around us.

People: We rejoice in you, O God. Amen.

WITNESS TO OUR SACRED STORY

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

Second Reading: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

SPECIAL MUSIC

Third Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

Rev. Sally Jane Johnson

***HYMN**

"Here I Am Lord"

See Page 10 & 11

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

We are called to share the good news of God's love. We are called to share our resources of time, energy, prayer, and money in ways that enable us and others to continue the ministry that Jesus began. Let us present our offering.

*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.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we have been blessed to be a blessing to the world. May the gifts we dedicate and offer you this day, bless a world in need, not only with our material resources, but with our very selves. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“*Blessed Assurance*”

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BENEDICTION (*Numbers 6:24-26, NKJV*)

One: “The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

All: AMEN.

POSTLUDE

“*Praise Him! Praise Him!*”

McDonald

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren with much love, Jeanie and Don Bentzel.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Judy Clark **11:00AM:** Carol Burns
- **GREETERS: 8:30AM:** Lisa & Kevan Stough **11:00AM:** Tammy Hildebrecht
- **NURSERY: 8:30AM:** John Reiber **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Sandy Bamberger

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer *(By Traci Miles)*

Dear Lord, help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance and wisdom over my heart as I prepare to go into my day. In Jesus' name. Amen

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. - James 1:5

Evening Prayer (By Rebecca Weston - 1890)

Father, we thank thee for the night, and for the pleasant morning light; For rest and food and loving care, and all that makes the day so fair. Help us to do the things we should, to be to others kind and good; In all we do, in work or play, to grow more loving every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Sandy Baboian, Julene Bechtel, Julie Beall, Jim Sr. and Rosemary Bentzel, Rosabel Bentzel, 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 Baboian Family, The Brenneman/Hershey Family, The Guillard Family



Sunday, October 1, is World Wide Communion. As part of the celebration, loaves of bread will be displayed. The 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).



Dear Shiloh UCC Members,

Words that we live by and hear every Sunday at Shiloh United Church of Christ are:

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Shiloh UCC, where God is still speaking."

These words are very important and not to be taken lightly. It is with heavy hearts that we heard a speaker at the August 20, 2023 Sunday service share words which were contradictory to what we believe.

We, the 2023 Shiloh UCC Consistory wish to express our sincere apologies to anyone who heard the inappropriate message from this guest speaker. We do not condone what the speaker shared and did address our concerns regarding his message. We also reached out to several congregation members regarding their feelings over this matter.

Do not hesitate to contact any member of the Consistory should you need further assistance. Thank you for your understanding.

2023 Shiloh UCC Consistory

On **October 1**, the **Neighbors in Need** offering will be collected. This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet! 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, and direct service projects. Special envelopes can be found in the pews.



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:

The Women's Guild will be meeting Oct 2, at 1:00 pm in room 202. The program will be from our study book **Encouraging One Another. Chapter Seven: Love One Another** Jessica Sechriest will be leading this chapter. Special offering this month is for New Life for Girls and Cash Rally. *We invite all women of the church to join us at any time.*



This year's Mission challenge began on **August 27** and ends on **October 8**. Our goal is to raise **\$3000** to be divided between **White Rose Hospice and the VNA Hospice and Home Care**. These non-profits provide a wonderful service to persons who want to stay in their home and receive health care as well as those who choose to wish to spend their end of life time with dignity. As we know all too well, many of our Shiloh members have had the need of these services. Please mark your offering envelope "Mission Challenge" on the other line or just use a regular envelope and mark it accordingly. Thanks for considering this mission challenge.

Donations of **NON-PERISHABLE** food will be collected and displayed on Sunday, **October 8** for Harvest Home. Please place your food donations in the designated boxes in the gallery by Friday, **October 6**. This is our time to share with those who have a great need to place a healthy meal on the table for their family. The food will then be donated to the Salvation Army.



The **Church Chums** will be holding the **Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 22**. There will be games and activities for the kids in the parking lot. There will also be food trucks, fall desserts and goodies in Room 100. We are asking for donations for our Bakery table. Seasonal desserts would be greatly appreciated, but anything at all is welcome! Please see Patti Goodyear or Katie Bentzel with any questions.

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.



ABOVE ALL

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified laid behind a stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

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Above all

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THIS WEEK

SUN 8:30 & 11 **Guest Preacher, Sally Jane Johnson/Dedication & Installation
of Church School Teachers and Officers**

TUES 6:30 Cub Scouts (100)
7:00 Visioning (202)

WED 9:30 Bible Study (202)
5:00 TOPS (117)
7:00 Worship & Music (202)

THUR 6:30 NA Group (100)
6:30 Choirs

SUN 8:30 & 11 **Communion/Neighbors in Need Offering**

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



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 99

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