

Welcome to this time of worship
Shiloh United Church of Christ
2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania 17408
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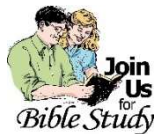
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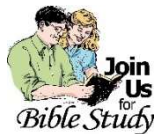
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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray!

Giver of all good things, may our gifts honor you this morning, inspiring us to give more, do more, be more of your presence in this suffering world. May our actions today say more about you than us. Magnify these gifts far beyond their material worth, according to the spirit in which they are given. Bless us to your service in our giving and receiving. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “*On a Hill Far Away*” #195

BENEDICTION (Inspired by Romans 12)

Love with God’s Love. Bless those who hate you. Keep your spiritual fervor and serve the Lord. Support the weak, help the needy, and honor all people. Go forth into the world and bring God’s peace and blessing with you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE “*Bind Us Together*” Gillman

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!



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 ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Mildred and Earl Chronister by Jane Harrison.
- **VIDEO TEAM:** Lew Wallace, Sallie Hagerman, Dani Bentzel, Reen Bentzel, Matt Hildebrecht, & Nathan Limbert.
- **LITURGIST: 8:30AM:** Jeanie Bentzel, **11:00AM:** Katie Bentzel
- **GREETER: 8:30AM:** Pat Myers **11:00AM:** Michael & Laura Andras
- **NURSERY 8:30AM:** Tim & Katie Bentzel **11:00AM** Jessie Sechriest
- **MUSIC:** Joan Hamme

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer

Lord of hope, we come to you this morning. We have followed many paths before, but the one of hope always leads to You. Speak to our hearts as we start our day and inspire us to show our love for You in action and service to others. We lift up before you, situations and people who are in need of your healing mercies and peace. Help us to be those who bring your presence and consolation to them. Help us walk with you all day, no matter what we have to face. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Holy God, I can barely lift my eyes to you. It's all I can do to cry out for help. Please extend your grace to me. Help me to see that you are present here and that you are with me. Help me to remember that you are not surprised or taken off guard by the events of this day. Forgive me for my fears and worries. Forgive me for how I have complained and muttered about how hard this day has been. Forgive me for forgetting that you are with me. Forgive me for forgetting who I am because of what your Son, Jesus Christ, has done. Forgive me for failing to remember the glorious truths and riches I have because of the gospel. Lord, hear my prayer. Grant me gospel hope and help me to cling to your grace, your wisdom, and your strength. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Please be advised that the **kitchen project** is progressing but isn't quite finished yet. Therefore, the kitchen will be **unavailable for use until further notice**. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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

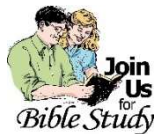
2023 MISSION CHALLENGE

This year's 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.



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.

Bible Study will reconvene on **Wednesday, September 6th at 9:30 am in room 202**. They will continue the study of the major prophets, beginning with the "Book of Zechariah." You may contact Ray Fox with any questions.



The Wired WORD The **Wired Word Sunday School** class will resume on **Sunday September 10 at 9:45 in room 202**. They discuss current topics in the news with a focus on how Christians should be responding and what scriptures tell us. *All are welcome and all opinions are welcome.*



Engaging Women will reconvene for its first fall meeting on **Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.** They will be discussing William Kent Krueger's book *This Tender Land*. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Sally Curren with any questions.

The **Central PA Blood Bank** will be having a mobile blood drive on **Thursday, September 14th from 1:00-6:00 pm.** Walk-ins are welcome but they strongly suggest you schedule an appointment. There are 3 ways to do so. 717GiveBlood.org, call 1-800-771-0059 or scan the QR code on one of the flyers. Registration is required in the church lobby prior to donating. You must bring a form of I.D. Donors will receive a \$5 Bill Mack's Ice Cream gift card!



The **Women's Social and Support Group** will meet for breakfast at **Rt. 74 Family Restaurant** on **Friday, September 15th at 9:00 am.** Please contact Gladys Seigman at 717-764-1840 by **Monday, September 11th** if you plan to attend.

Mark your calendar for the next Shiloh UCC **Men's Breakfast** on **Tuesday, September 19, at 8:30 am** at **Dover Valley Restaurant** located at 3720 Carlisle Rd, Dover, PA. Contact Brad Jacobs at 717-764-2773 or bcj402@verizon.net for additional information.



There will be a **prayer breakfast** held at **Genesis Church** across from twin pines on 616 on **September 23rd 2023.** All are invited to attend with hearts and hands for Jesus. Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson will be in town and will be there.

The breakfast will be pancakes, sausage links and scrambled eggs and drinks. We will serve breakfast from **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** please call Linda Little at 717-309-4523 if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

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**
9:45 Sunday School (100)
MON Labor Day (Office Closed)
WED 9:30 Bible Study (202)
5:00 TOPS (100)
THUR 6:30 NA Group (100)
6:30 Choirs
SUN 8:30 & 11 **Visioning Sunday/Communion**



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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 102

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