

# SHILOH MESSENGER

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## April – May - June 2016



*From the desk of Pastor Ken*

Dear Shiloh Members & Family,

*Fear! Panic! Anxiety!* These words capture well the state of mind of many in America today.

Recently, the American Psychological Association released the findings of a survey they conducted of 7,000 American households. The study noted that eighty percent of Americans were stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about their ability to provide for their family's basic needs. Fifty-six percent were concerned about their own job stability. Sixty percent of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and more than half reported laying awake at night worried about these issues. The report concluded that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."

In these uncertain economic times God's word provides us with a source of hope and strength: "Even though the fig trees have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty, I will still be joyful and glad, because the Lord God is my Savior." Habakkuk 3:17,18

The words from the prophet, Habakkuk remind us that even in the darkest of economic times we can still be joyful and glad, because the Lord God is our Savior. St Paul reminds us that God is always with us when he says, "nothing can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord". Let us never forget God loves us and is always with us through the power of the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we must always be a people of "Hope" because of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Ken*

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### **Shiloh Vision Statement:**

Having experienced firsthand the redeeming love of God, Shiloh United Methodist Church feels compelled to share that love with others by making disciples of Jesus Christ through growth, outreach and ministry to our community and world.

### **Sunday Worship:**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary and Praise Worship

Please check our website calendar for meetings and special events.

### **Shiloh Prayer Concerns**

If you have a prayer concern and wish it to appear in the Sunday bulletin, please fill out a slip provided with the information and place it in the offering plate or give to Pastor Ken.

### **Reminder:**

#### **Administrative Council Meeting**

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

## **Thank You's**

Your \$471.00 received from your Christmas donations to Board of Child Care is truly an act of love. Our work to strength families and the larger community they call home is more vital than ever, and your donation makes this work on a larger scale possible!

Wishing you peace, health and prosperity in the year ahead.

Warmly,

Laurie Anne Spagnola  
President & CEO Board of Child Care

*The Children's Dept.* would like to thank everyone who donated to our Shut-n/Homebound Easter baskets. The children filled 10 baskets on Palm Sunday and they were delivered by Easter. Everyone was very appreciative and thanked us for remembering them at this special holiday. Thank you again for your contributions.

*Thank you* to everyone who contributed and helped with our Easter Egg Hunt this year. Everyone had a great time. Again, thank you for your support.

### **Volunteer Opportunity:**

**Lay readers** are needed for the traditional worship. This is a privilege to read the scriptures during Sunday services. Please volunteer and sign the schedule located on the back table in the sanctuary.

**Greeters** also needed before the service.

### **Happy Hearts Luncheons:**

April 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. – Family Diner, Dual Hwy.  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon. – Church Social Hall  
June 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30 a.m. – Family Diner, Dual Hwy

## **We need YOUR help!**

Your Administrative Council has had recent discussions regarding our current and future financial position.

We have determined that we need to closely examine where we are now and explore solutions to maintain Shiloh's ministry into the future.

You've seen for some time, the shortfall in our weekly need being met, as described in the bulletins, but you may not know what that means. You will be receiving a letter very soon asking for your help and participation in a very important initiative.

Any questions you may have, after you receive the letter, can be directed to your Administrative Council.

Rich Keller for the Administrative Council

## **Membership Directory Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

A committee is forming to discuss another church pictorial directory for 2016. There have been new members and family additions since our last 2011 directory.

The committee will delegate people to call various printing companies to get quotes.

If you would like to volunteer some time for this project, please come to the meeting. We would love to hear your ideas.

## **It's Not Too Late to sign up!**

Isn't it nice to have cookies, coffee and a few moments to catch up with each other's day between church and Sunday School.

Won't you consider volunteering just one Sunday to bring goodies for this time.

Please sign the calendar on the bulletin board.

## **Mother's Day Celebration**

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

All mothers will be recognized during the 9:00 a.m. traditional service.

There will be envelopes in the back of the church to put \$1.00 in Honor or Memory of. Please put in offering plate so it can be added to the list of names published in bulletin May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Mother's Day Banquet**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.**

Covered Dish Dinner

Open to all females You are either a mother or daughter. Enjoyable evening of fun, fellowship, and, of course, good food.

All men encouraged to come out and help serve and clean up☺

## **Fun Fest**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> 8a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**"Fertile Soil" Band**

Class Cars & Cruise-In

Vendors & Crafters

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Watch for sign up sheets

Yard Sale Items are being collected: No furniture, adult books or VHS tapes.

**Proceeds will benefit the General Fund**

## **Youth Fellowship News**

Are we Ready to Humble? Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in Humility value others above yourself"

It takes a BIG HEART to help shape little minds. Thank you to everyone for your support to help to help get us to ROCK! Watching all of the young people get excited and jump and praise God together is so heartwarming and brings joy to my heart every year. But without everyone's support and help we would not be able to make the trip. With your support this year we were able to buy all tickets, rent 2 hotel rooms, food and rent a 12 passenger van for the weekend. So again THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts and we are excited for ROCK 2017.

We are selling Sheetz Coupon Books. Please see a YF member if interested.

We meet every Sunday 6-7:30 p.m. for ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Call Rhonda for more information 301-992-7254

## **To The Parents of our Young Children, May we Suggest....**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

## ***To The Members of our church:***

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

## **Vacation Bible School**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Barnyard Roundup***

*Jesus Gathers Us Together*

Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bible School 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bible stories, crafts, science experiments, snacks and much more fun filled activities.

Closing Program Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m.

Donations needed will be announced at a later date.

## **Father's Day Celebration**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.**

Fathers will be recognized during the 9:00 worship service.

There will be envelopes on the back table to give \$1.00 in Honor or in Memory of. Put in offering plate and the names will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

## **Youth and Graduation Sunday Class of 2016**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.**

Shiloh will recognize high school and college graduates during the worship service.

Come and congratulate our church youth on their outstanding accomplishments.

### **Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference**

Pastor Ken will be attending our annual conference from Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> until Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wear A Cross**

The following is a TRUE story of something that happened that will really make you think & it could happen to any of us.

A young 17 yr. old boy was shopping in St. Cloud at a sports store, called Shields.

The cashier was a Muslim lady who was wearing her headscarf. The 17 yr. old was wearing a necklace with a cross on it. She told him he would have to put his cross under his shirt because it offended her. He told her that he would not do that. The he told her he thought she should take her headscarf off. She then called the manager. The manager came out & told the 17 yr. old to just put his cross under his shirt and everything would be fine. The boy again refused to do so & at that point he left the items he had intended to purchase & walked out.

Several customers who had been in line behind him and heard the conversation & also left their carts full of items & walked out of the store!! I SAY KUDOS TO THE 17 YR. OLD!!! We all know we are in some very changing times & given the same circumstances, I pray we would all have the courage this young lad had.

We are facing the challenge for our first amendment right of religious freedom. Are they

going to try to ban the jewelry store owners from selling any jewelry with a cross on it???

Please be ready to defend your religious rights!

***Our College Students*** will soon be ending another school year. Let's all wish everyone well on final exams.

### **Our Shut -Ins**

#### **Stay in touch with cards or visits**

Charles & Lois Patton  
216 Sunbrook Lane  
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Iris Stickell  
Ravenwood Lutheran Village  
1183 Lutheran Dr  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Nancy Hebb  
Twin Oaks Assisted Living Room #109  
154 North Artizan Street  
Williamsport, MD 21795

Betty Pryor  
10304 Whitehall Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Donald Klick  
The Middletown Home Room 100  
999 West Harrisburg Pike  
Middletown, PA 17057

Carol Smith  
Julia Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  
333 Mill Street, Room #224A  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

### **Recovering at Home:**

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Donna as she goes through physical therapy and the healing process. She is still with her sister Deanna. Cards can be mailed to:

Donna Gaylor  
c/o Deanna Whitehead  
28 Foxboro Drive  
Rising Sun, MD 21911

*\*\*God's love will lift you and strengthen you while you are recuperating.*

### **Summer Evening Enjoyment**

Excellent way to spend a summer's evening - a variety of music to suit every taste.

2016 "Red, White and Blue"  
Concert Series

The HCC Alumni Amphitheater on the College Campus  
Concerts begin at 6:15 p.m.

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Maryland Defense Force Band  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> – ANG Band of the Mid-Atlantic  
June 26 – U.S. Army 229<sup>th</sup> Army Band  
July 8<sup>th</sup> – U.S. Navy Commodores  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – U.S. Navy Sea Chanters  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> - U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note  
Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – U.S. Navy Country Current

Concerts are outdoors. Be sure to bring sunglasses and a hat or visor as you are facing west.

All concerts are free and open to the public  
Go to: <http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/alumni-friends>  
Additional information, call 240-500-2346

### **Happy Birthday!**

#### **April**

2 – Dean Stenger  
2 – Lois Patton  
6 – Tammy Frey  
8 – Erin Myers  
9 – Alayna Rumbaugh  
9 – Chase Miller  
11 – Joe Frey  
17 – Rhonda Parks  
22 – Heath Goetz  
22 – Monty McManus  
23 – Donald Klick  
25 – Julie Taylor  
26 – Jeremiah Baker  
26 – Tish Frey  
26 – Lawrence Dorsey  
27 – Mark Frey  
27 – Walt Welling  
28 – Joyce Jones  
29 – Emerson Kuhn

#### **May**

1 – Cody Jones  
11 – Sondie Barnhart  
12 – Jeanne Renner  
12 – Jim Barnhart  
13 – Sarah Fizer  
17 – Margie Dentler  
20 – Evan Frey  
23 – Gerald Frey Jr  
25 – Amber Keck

#### **June**

2 – Jeff Parks  
3 – Zachary Frey  
5 – Terrie Shank  
7 – Christopher Taylor  
8 – Monica Bowen  
11 – Dianne Keller  
12 – Kayleigh Shank  
12 – Kenneth Fizer

## Birthdays con't.

### **June**

- 14 – Margo Trovinger
- 14 – Mark Trovinger
- 15 – Jay Doyle
- 16 – Ronald Boyd
- 16 – David Ekmark
- 20 – Tanya Ekmark
- 22 – Alexis Mills Feigley
- 24 – Connie Bulley
- 26 – Jessica Feigley
- 27 – Arjean Ritter
- 28 – Shannon Uzelac
- 30 – Ross Roberts

## Happy Anniversary!

### **May**

- 4 – Charles & Joyce Jones
- 4 – Scott & Krista Feigley
- 4 – Bobby & Pamela Noble
- 19 – Jacob & Ashley Doyle
- 23 – Wayne & Lene' Rumbaugh
- 25 – Timothy & Doris Snouffer
- 28 – Charles & Ann Brown

### **June**

- 5 – Rev Ken & Nancy Fizer
- 7 – Ronald & Bonnie Boyd
- 8 – Roy & Patty Brown
- 8 – Charles & Lois Patton
- 9 – Kenneth & Linda Fizer
- 9 – Ryan & Amanda Shank
- 12 – Wayne & Toni Gosnell
- 17 – Jeff & Rhonda Parks
- 20 – Artie & Sondie Barnhart
- 22 – Jeff & Cecelia Renner
- 23 – Marvin & Linda Ridenour

## **OCC**

Operation Christmas Child is an ongoing project for Shiloh. It is a way we can make a difference in a child's life. Now that the warmer is weather you can get an early start by shopping for your shoebox items. Don't forget to continue to bring your empty soda cans to help cover shipping costs.

## **Email or mailing address change?**

Be sure to let Ginger or Tanya know any changes so our records can be updated.

## **A Little Laughter☺**

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day and the pastor was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The pastor said to him "You need to join the Army of the Lord."

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, pastor."

The pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

## **Deadline for July, August, September**

newsletter is Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

To be sure your article is included, please give to Ginger or Pastor Ken by deadline date.