

# SHILOH MESSENGER

April – May 2015



*From the desk of Pastor Ken*

Dear Shiloh Members and Friends,

The story's told about a couple who lived on a beautiful piece of ground in an isolated area. In the process of time, the husband died. Before he died, he expressed his strong desire to be buried upon their own property. His new widow made the necessary arrangements. She sent a funeral home crew to dig the grave on their property. She shortly received a phone call which went like this: "We cannot dig this grave like you have it laid out," one of the crewman said. "Why not?" she asked. "We always dig graves facing East and West, and you have laid this one out North to South," he explained. "Why do you always dig them East to West?" the widow asked. "I'm not sure," the crewman answered. "It has something to do with the Lord returning from the East and when everybody stands up, they'll be facing him." There was a silence for a time and then came this reply from the practical widow. "Dig it like I laid it out, and when he stands up he can turn around!"

We don't know very much about the after-life. The Scriptures give us just a glimpse of things eternal. It may surprise you, though, to know that, technically as Christians, we don't believe in immortality; we believe in resurrection. Let me take a moment and explain the difference.

The ancient Greeks believed that each human being possesses an immortal soul. At death that immortal soul flits off to be with God. That is immortality. It is a concept borrowed from the Greeks. The Jewish idea of humanity's destiny, on the other hand, is not that we possess a soul but that we **are** a soul. And when we die, we really die. Completely. Dead. But here is the good news—after we are dead God can choose to give us the gift of new life and resurrect us

from the dead. But it is not just a part of us that is raised, we are raised in our entirety. That is why we have in the Apostles' Creed that quaint little statement, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." It is not just a part of us that is raised to new life—this vacuous soul. We are raised completely—body, mind and soul. But how is that possible? We ask. Our bodies decay. What happens to those whose bodies perish in terrible accidents, etc. Paul answers that in I Corinthians 15, by saying that God gives us a new body—but it is a spiritual body.

Now we need not to make too much of this distinction between resurrection and immortality—because there is actually an intertwining of these views in Scripture. The important thing we need to recognize is that according to the doctrine of resurrection, this new life that we receive beyond the grave is a gift from God. And it is a gift offered without condition to those who are friends of Jesus. It is offered without condition to those who have been joined to him through his death on the cross—those who call him Master and Lord.

*In Christ's Service,*

*Pastor Ken*

## **Shiloh U M Church**

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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 Contemporary and Praise Worship

Please check our website calendar for meetings and special events.

### **Shiloh Prayer Chain**

Are you aware that Shiloh has a prayer chain? Please call Helen Rice – 301-797-2370 to get the prayers started on the chain if you need immediate prayers for someone.

### **Finance Chair Still Needed:**

We are still in need of a person to chair meetings on finance committee, help plan the yearly budget, stewardship, etc. Please be in prayer to volunteer for this important position.

For more information, please see Pastor Ken.

## **“You Took My Place”**

One day a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, “I always park there!”

“You took my place.”

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, “That’s my seat.

“You took my place.”

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. After another member walked up to him and said, “That’s where I always sit.”

You took my place.”

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed and called out “What happened to you?” The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye.”

**“I took your place.”**

Friends, as we celebrate the Risen Christ, let us never forget that He took our place, paid our debt, and died our death so that we might live.

Let us be purposeful about welcoming others into our church, into our lives and into our hearts, and let us do so that we might share the good news of the One who “took their place” too.

Thanks Be To God!

*Pastor Ken*

## **Readiness 360 – April 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00**

### ***Uh Oh sounds like Geometry!?***

Remember the surveys a lot of us participated in last year. It's now time to look at the results and see "What's in it for Shiloh!"

### ***Get Unstuck***

The best plans in the world are of no use when your wagon is stuck in the mud. Likewise cutting edge ministry strategies or great ideas result in frustration if a church is stuck. **Readiness 360** helps churches identify sticking points, get out of the mud, and strengthen their road-worthiness for the great journey God has in store!

**Readiness 360's** report not only helps a church see more clearly both its core competencies as well as those areas that are not yet there, it also points a church toward specific steps forward that build on these areas of relative strength and gets churches unstuck.

### ***What Readiness 360 is Not!***

**Readiness 360** does not lead the congregation to jump into ministry where it is unequipped to go! Rather, this tool helps us understand how a church is uniquely wired, what real strengths it brings to the table, pointing to specific ways that a church's foundations can be developed, where it can find encouraging quick wins and where a church needs to wait for now.

While most American churches have been caught in a paradigm of adding and subtracting for longer than most of us have been alive, some have done the opposite.

**Thriving churches practice multiplication and division.**

***Please attend Readiness 360 on April 12 at 1:00 p.m. and see Shiloh's opportunities.***

## **Shiloh Fun Fest**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> 8am – 2 pm**

Our Fun Fest is only a few weeks away and plans are being made thanks to Rhonda, Tammy B. and Bambi and all who volunteered to take charge of different assignments.

Classic Car and "Cruise In"

Yard Sale & Bake Sale

Various Vendors

Theme Basket Raffle

Entertainment

Karate Demonstrations

Free Children's Games

Breakfast Menu

Homemade Soups,

Country Ham Sandwiches

Homemade French Fries

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

*And much more!*

**Theme Baskets:** We have volunteers to work on 10 theme baskets this year for **raffle**. Tickets will be sold for a chance to win a basket. If you would like to help fill a themed basket, such as non-perishables or any other items, there will be a paper on the back table of the social hall to see who is in charge of that basket and what you can help donate. All items must be brought to the church no later than **April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**Yard Sale:** Household and White Elephant items only. No clothing or VHS tapes please. Bring items to church **AFTER APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>**. Mark items if you can. We will need your help in making this event successful. Help is needed for setting up outside and making soups prior to Saturday. Most important we will need your help at the Fun Fest Saturday and helping clean up afterwards! **Proceeds will benefit the General Fund.**

## **Happy Hearts**

After a long and cold winter, and months since our last gathering, 31 people cheerfully came out to celebrate the coming of Spring. Lunch, guessing games and a program plus many games of their favorite game of Bingo was enjoyed by all.

Next luncheon will be announced at a later date.

## **Reminders:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Sedar Meal  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 am Sunrise Service  
9:00 am Cantata- "Because He Lives"  
11:15 am Easter Praise Worship

## **Shiloh Sock Hop**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30pm**

Listen and dance to your favorite "golden oldies". Our own Shiloh DJ "Christopher" will be spinning the records for the night.

Prizes will be given to the best attire for the 50-60's era.

Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up in the social hall if you will be attending and would like to donate any snacks. Join us as we "rock around the clock!"

## **Thanks:**

The Children's Department would like to thank everyone who donated items for the "Shut-ins" Easter baskets. The children filled the baskets during the Sunday School hour on Palm Sunday. They were delivered to our members who were very pleased and excited that Shiloh remembered them at Easter.

## **Thanks Cont'd**

Our "Giving Tree" was a success!

The following items were hung on the tree and given to children in need. 21 hats, 5 scarves, 5 pr mittens, 32 pr. gloves and 6 hat/glove sets.

Thanks to everyone who donated.

*To Shiloh:* Your gift of \$519.04 to the **Board of Child Care** was truly an act of love. Your sponsorship of the children in our care will continue transforming their desire for a better and safer life into reality. Your generosity tells our youth that someone believes in their dreams for the future. We are deeply grateful!

## **Church Council Meetings:**

The administrative council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Note: We have received a certificate from the Baltimore-Washington Conference for paying 100% Apportionment in 2014.

## **Trustee's Report**

Nothing lasts forever. A new furnace was installed in March at the cost of \$5,500 which was paid from the Building Fund

## **Exercise Class**

The Wednesday evening exercise class taught by Bunny Parks is still ongoing.

It's not too late to join.

## **Mother - Daughter Banquet**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

All women are invited to a covered dish banquet. If you are a female, you are either a mother or daughter. If you do not have a daughter or not a mother –adopt one to bring. This is an enjoyable evening of fun, fellowship, and of course, good food. Church will supply meat, rolls and beverages. Men needed to serve and help. Any questions, please see Helen Rice  
Looking forward to seeing you.

## **Under My Mother's Spell**

By Helen M. Rice

M – is for the Memories, I have of her today.  
O – is the Others, she helped along her way.  
T – is for Tears she shed, of joy, sorrow and pride  
H – is for the Home she made with lots of love inside.  
E – is for the Easiness, with which she met all strife.  
R – is for the rich Rewards, of a good and fruitful life.

All these things, I saw in her.  
She taught me very well.  
As long as I live, I hope and I stay  
Under “My Mother’s Spell.”

## **Honor or Remember Mother**

Envelopes will be provided on the back table for \$1.00 donations to Honor or Remember mothers. Please put *Name and Name Given By* to Nevalene by Sunday May 3rd. List will be in bulletin Mother’s Day May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Our Youth:**

The YF will be doing different fundraisers this spring to help with ROCK 2016 and for our Adopt Charities Fund. We are trying a new thing and each month we are picking a different charity and helping them out in some way – either with our time or with a money donation. One fundraiser this spring will be “Hire A Teen”. We will come and do anything for you; for example, yard work, housework, etc. Watch for more details.

Other fundraisers will pop up throughout the time. Watch for info!

We will be working on Community Service activities this spring too.

Further information will be forthcoming. Any questions please see Rhonda.

## **Save The Date:**

**Graduation Sunday** – June 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am  
To honor our graduates. See Pastor Ken for details on Shiloh Scholarships.

## **Vacation Bible School:**

June 14<sup>th</sup> -June 18<sup>th</sup>

**Kickoff** – Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> Bring your bikes for a Bike Rally from 4:00 - 5:00 pm.  
Dinner at 5:00 pm

**VBS** – Monday – Thursday  
5:00 pm dinner will be served  
6:00 pm – 8:15 pm

See Nevalene or Tammy for more information

## ***What's Been Happening at College This Year?***

**Breanna Jones:** Hello everyone, hope all is well with my Shiloh family! I am loving life in the mountain but I miss home more and more every day. Right now I'm completing my third year at Frostburg where I made the Dean's list and have just started my first of three Internship placements. This semester I am in a 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at South Penn Elementary in South Cumberland where I will teach my very first whole unit next month! I'm staying very busy with school and work but I hope to see you all soon! I thank you all for your guidance, your prayers, and your support through this journey and I thank God for the incredible opportunities he gives me each day. Amen!

*Breanna*

**Sarah Fizer:** As a freshman at WWWC, Sarah was selected as a Wesleyan Service Scholar. In addition to a variety of campus service projects, she volunteers weekly at the community library. She is a member of the marching, concert and jazz bands as well as smaller musical groups. She also played intercollegiate Frisbee and still made the Dean's list.

She has taken the initiative to find a new UM church home in her college town and got involved with a new Sunday School class and other activities.

Sarah wants to work at Camp Manidokan this summer where she can give back to others for the years of great experiences at church camp.

**Christopher Taylor:** Christopher attended Shepherd University and ended his classes in December. He received his Bachelor of Arts with a major in History with an Appalachian Studies minor.

He will graduate Summa Cum Laude on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to *all* our college students. We are so proud. We will try to catch up with what's happening with our school age children and graduates in our next issue.

### **Our Shut-Ins:**

Virginia Klick, Flo Leedy, Iris Stickell, Franklin Doyle, Charles & Lois Patton, Betty Pryor, Donald Klick and Nancy Hebb.

Keep them in your prayers and remember to send cards to show they are in our thoughts.

**Happy Birthday** to Flo Leedy on March 24<sup>th</sup>. 102 years old! May God always keep you in His care.

### **A Little Laughter** 😊

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay". It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip. The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

## **To my Shiloh Church family,**

I have been given the wonderful opportunity to travel with a mission team from Hagerstown Bible Church to Costa Rica on a short-term mission trip. The trip is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

When my friend, Tara, came back from her mission trip and told me the stories about how she had seen God work in the lives of not only the people of Costa Rica, but also in her small traveling group, I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of but, at the same time, I was scared to do something that is so far out of my comfort zone. We prayed for God to send me but only if it was part of His plan for my life. When the next trip didn't work out, I prayed that if it was God's plan for me, that He would give me the wisdom to know which one was right, the one He wanted for me. I thought about it frequently for the next three years. Finally, one night when I was praying about it, I heard God say "Don't be afraid, just ask. "So I did and when things started to come together for me, I knew this was the one. I can't wait to see why He picked this particular trip for me! Since it is still in the early stages, we are not sure what we will actually be doing in Costa Rica. I will keep you posted as the plans become available. Everything has fallen into place so far and now I am in need of your prayer and financial support.

The total cost of the trip is \$1600 which includes all travel expenses. If God puts it in your heart to donate financially, please send a check to **Hagerstown Bible Church, 203 Summit Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21740**. Please write **Krista Feigley – Mission trip 2016**" on the memo line. Your donation is tax deductible. I will keep you updated with my fundraising total in future newsletter.

While the financial support is important, it comes in as a distant second to your prayer support. If you are unable to make a monetary donation, I ask that you pray for us to raise the money we need and for safe travels. Please also pray that the people of Costa Rica will see the love of Jesus through us as we serve Him.

Thank you in advance for your love and support,  
God Bless,  
Krista Feigley

***I heard the voice of the Lord saying "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said "Here I am. Send me." Isaiah 6:8***

## **Memorial Day**

A holiday for remembering the men and women who died while serving in the armed forces for our country.

*Lord, we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day. We think of how they followed in the footsteps of your son, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong and loving arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand to protect us. Please supply them with courage to face each day and may they trust in Your Mighty Power.  
Amen*

## **Birthdays:**

### **April:**

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

### **May:**

- 1 - Cody Jones
- 6 - Kimberly Martin
- 7 - Beverly Ellinwood
- 11- Sondie Barnhart
- 12 - Jeanne Renner  
Jim Barnhart
- 13 - Sarah Fizer
- 17 - Margie Dentler
- 20 - Evan Frey
- 23 - Gerald Frey Jr
- 25 - Amber Keck
- 30 - Alex Gourlay

## **Anniversaries:**

### **April:**

- 14 - Walt & Fran Taylor

### **May:**

- 4 - Charlie & Joyce Jones
- 12 - Scott & Krista Fiegley  
Bobby & Pam Noble
- 19 - Jacob & Ashley Doyle
- 23 - Wayne & Lene' Rumbaugh
- 25 - Timothy & Doris Snouffer
- 28 - Charles & Ann Brown

## **Emergency Telephone Numbers**

*These are more effective than 911*

You are sad, phone John 14

You are facing danger, phone Psalm 91

It feels God is far from you, phone Psalm 139

Your faith needs stimulation, phone Hebrews 11

You are alone and scared, phone Psalm 23

You are worried, phone Matthew 8:19-34

You are hurt and critical, phone I Corinthians 13

You are seeking peace, phone Matthew 11:25-30

You are leaving for a trip, phone Psalm 121

To get along with others, phone Romans 12

Paul's secret for happiness, phone Colossians 3

**All these numbers may be phoned directly**

**No Operator Assistance Necessary**

**All lines to Heaven are Available 24/7/365**