

# Shiloh Messenger



*Celebrate the Gift*

## December 2018

**Shiloh Vision Statement:** *Having experience 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.*



### *A Message from the Pastor's Heart*

Greetings,

A few years ago, one of my favorite authors released a book called *The Gift*. I didn't know the book had been released but my students had a list of my favorite things so before Christmas one student went out of his way to find a gift he knew I would love - a copy of *The Gift*. He plotted, he planned, he dropped little hints that I would love what was coming...and I did. I'll always remember that gift. Not because of the book but because of the thought that went into choosing just the right gift – the *intentionality* of finding something that would speak of his love and appreciation.

This is God's gift to us. Not what is in the box but *love that will speak to us and through us*. Christmas is about intentionality; God saw that we are no longer in communion with God and each other. God sent God's *Word* to come and speak to us and through us. The message? Love that comes from justice, hope, peace, mercy, and help. It's a tough message that I fail to fulfill every day. But, intentionally, I get up each day and try again.

I'm planning to celebrate a different type of Christmas this year – more acts of love and appreciation and less boxes. This year I'm celebrating, "*For God so loved the world that God sent God's only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life.*"

This Christmas, may you be sent with love...intentionally,  
Pastor Dee

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### **Sunday Worship:**

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:40 – 11:15 a.m. Sunday School

### **Holy Communion:**

**First Sunday** each month –

#### ***Bring Food Bank items***

Christmas should be a time of joy and peace, not a struggle for families to put a meal on their tables. The Food Bank is a simple way to let others who are less fortunate to have a Merry Christmas.

Bring your items to church on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Third Sunday** each month



### **Administrative Council Meeting**

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

## **Happy Hearts Luncheon**

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Western Sizzlin - 11:30 a.m.

### **Star Breakfast**

**Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.**

All children are invited to join us for a free pancake breakfast, crafts and hear the Christmas story.

All children must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over.

Questions? Contact Nevalene or Tammy.



### **Adult Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Keystone Restaurant, Waynesboro, PA**

The annual Shiloh adult Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Keystone Restaurant in Waynesboro, PA.

The buffet will cost \$16.04 which includes drink, tax and gratuity. You may also order from the menu. A sign-up sheet will be in the Sunday School room.

Come join us for an evening of fellowship!

### **Shiloh Christmas Card Box**

A Christmas card box has been provided in the back of the sanctuary. Bring your cards and place in the box put together with a rubber band, please.

### *Christmas Card con't*

Please include **last names** on your cards.

This is how they are filed.

Please put **all cards** in Box. Do not put your cards in tubs with "Letter" files. You can pick up your cards from this file.

Please mail your Shut-In cards in the US Mail.

**Deadline for cards – Sun. December 23rd**

### *Christmas Card Elf*

### **Christmas for Holly Place**

Items for Holly Place which are being collected beginning Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, will be delivered during Christmas caroling on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Poinsettia Orders**

#### **Deadline – December 2nd**

The church will be decorated with poinsettias during worship services and Christmas Eve service. The cost is \$7.00 each. Use order form provided in the church and mark *in memory of* or *honor of* and give to Terri Shank or Nevalene.



### **Our Mitten Tree**

The Christmas Mitten tree will be on the stage in the Social Hall. While you are doing your shopping, pick up mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for children that are in need of these items during the cold winter season.



The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word adventus meaning "coming" or "visit", begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

Although we are accustomed to celebrating Christmas on a single day, in both Christian tradition on the Church calendar, the Christmas season lasts sundown on December 24<sup>th</sup> through Epiphany January 6<sup>th</sup>. This is sometimes popularly referred to as "the twelve days of Christmas." The advent celebration is both a commemoration of Christ's first coming and an anticipation of His second coming.

Worship services at 9:00 a.m. Communion Sunday, Dec 2nd and Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be served in the seats..



### ***Cantata***

#### ***"Celebrate The Gift"***

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.**

There has never been a gift like Jesus. Love that conquers fear; hope beyond despair; and grace that redeems the broken heart! The manger held it all. Such a tiny package, wrapped in swaddling clothes; and yet it was the long-awaited gift of God. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 2:30 p.m.**

Meet at the church *PROMPTLY* at 2:30 to board the bus for hours of fun and fellowship. After caroling, we will gather at the church for a meal.

If you'd like to join us in song, have us stop and sing to you; or contribute your favorite dish for the meal, please sign up on the sheets located on the back table in the Social Hall. For questions or more information, please see Debbie Doyle or Curt Uzelac.

We strive to visit all of our shut-ins and any others who would like us to sing if time and weather permits. We travel on a school bus and need ample space to park, unload and turn around for the safety of our passengers. We will sing both indoors and outdoors so please dress appropriately.

If inclement weather or very cold temperatures we will determine whether or not to cancel on Sunday morning.



**December 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:15 a.m.**

"A time of Recitations and Songs"

The children will present their Christmas program during the Sunday School time.

Please stay after the worship service and show the little ones your appreciation and support.



## The Best Christmas Gift

*By Helen Rice*

A long time ago in Bethlehem  
In a manger so forlorn  
God gave the world a "Christmas gift"  
The night His Son was born.

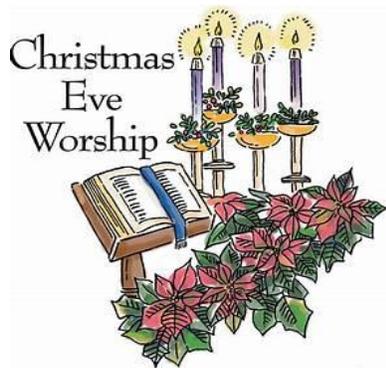
He wasn't wrapped in pretty paper  
But in swaddling clothes He laid  
The animals watched over Him  
As the shepherds knelt and prayed.

Wise men came to worship Him  
And brought Him gifts, so rare.  
Choirs of angels sang His glory  
Their carols filled the air.

A star shone bright up in the sky  
And lit up all the earth  
The night God gave the world a Savior  
Through Jesus' humble birth.

As we open Christmas presents  
All gaily wrapped and trimmed,  
Let us remember that holy night  
And open our hearts to Him.

And as we sing our carols  
And as the bells will ring  
Let's thank God for the best gift of all,  
Jesus Christ our King  
Alleluia.



### **Candlelight Service**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve service beginning with special music at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Rainbow choir will sing.

Come join us for a candle light service and singing of Christmas carols as we celebrate Jesus' birth.

### **Board of Child Care**

The United Methodist outreach ministry is known as the Board of Child Care. About 140 years ago, United Methodist decided to extend God's promise of hope to children in need when they founded three orphanages in MD, WV, and DC. BCC invites churches to join them every Christmas to give to each child the light to their future with God's love.

Save your quarters and fill several red stockings located in the back of the sanctuary. Christmas Eve offering and stockings are sent to Board of Child Care.

*Thank you* 

**A "BIG" Thank you** to my Holly Place committee for all the delicious meals they have prepared this year for the residents. They do enjoy and appreciate the nutritious home cooked meals we prepare for them. If anyone would be interested in joining our committee, please let me know. Again, thank you!!

Dianne

**Thank You** to the Safety Committee for the work they have completed to make our Sanctuary and Sunday School building safer. Funded by the Building Fund, further work will continue in the future.



**A "Huge" Thank you** to Dave Roberts and Boy Scout Troop #88 for the retirement and burning of our US Flag. It was the most amazing and impressive ceremony Shiloh folks have ever experienced.

**Thank you Shiloh** – 211 children, many of whom have never received a gift, will be blessed by the boxes you packed for our Operation Christmas Child project for 2018. Thank you so much for your participation and may you be blessed this Christmas season by the knowledge that a child on the other side of the world is feeling the love of Shiloh because of your willingness to pack a shoebox.

**Thank you, Pastor Dee** for hosting a tea for the “ladies at leisure” on Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Taco soup, sandwiches, fruit and various types of tea was enjoyed by those attending with several hours of fellowship and conversation.

The soup was loved by everyone and we insisted she give us the recipe.

### Pastor Dee's Taco Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 large onion – chopped
- 2-3 tablespoons of oil
- 1 lb. ground beef, turkey, or chicken (I always use ground turkey or chicken)
- 1 packet Sazon – or – seasoned salt
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 packet taco seasoning (gluten free is available)
- 1 can (15 or 16 oz) dark red kidney beans
- 1 can (15 or 16 oz) red kidney beans
- 1 can (12 oz) black beans
- 1 can (28 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1 bag frozen corn

Directions:

Chop onion, add to pot with oil and cook 2-3 minutes

Cut up ground beef, turkey or chicken and add to onions

Add garlic

Season mixture with Sazon – or- seasoned salt

Cook meat until no longer pink

Add remaining ingredients: taco seasoning, beans, diced tomatoes, corn and stir

Bring the mixture to a boil – check for consistency. If necessary add water – use no more than a bean can of water

Turn down the heat and cook 10-15 min.

Can put in crockpot on low 3-4 hours

### Youth News

Congratulations to our youth for working hard with fundraisers in the past several months to earn money to go to ROCK. Another fundraiser is: **Luminaries at the Candlelight Service.**

If you would like to purchase at \$1.00 each in honor of or in memory of someone.

November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fill out form and give to Rhonda.

**Pancake Breakfast: Sat. January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### Memorial Fund

We are very fortunate to have our Memorial Fund donated in memory of our members.

#### ***Purchases in 2018:***

- White Altar Paraments
- Green Altar Paraments
- Purple Altar Paraments – on order
- Communion Table & Linens
- US Flag
- Offering Plates
- Altar Pieces in Sanctuary & Social Hall Polished



### **Happy Birthday**

- 1 – Richard Keller
- 2 – Kristie Miller
- 7 – Elizabeth Jones
- 8 – Christopher Trovinger
- 8 – Cynthia Davis
- 10 – Cole McKeever
- 11 – Alyssa Dorsey
- 11 – Carolyn Brooks
- 11 – Jimmy Koontz
- 11 – Gerald Frey Sr

*Birthdays cont'*

12 – Lester Trovinger  
23 – Jeanne Reeser  
23 – Marion Streletz  
24 – Nellie Mae French  
25 – Dave Frey  
25 – Kevin Jaye  
27 – Laura Bruchey  
28 – Ashlyn Frey  
30 – Pam Noble

**Happy Anniversary**

6 – Charles & Jane Frey  
29 – Frank & Carolyn Brooks

**Our Shut-Ins**

Remember these members with prayers, cards, phone calls and other acts of kindness.

Mary Appel  
Williamsport Retirement Village  
154 North Artizan Street  
Williamsport, MD 21795

Thelma Chalker  
Ravenwood Nursing Center  
1183 Luther Drive  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Betty Pryor  
Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village  
8507 Mapleville Rd  
Boonsboro, MD 21713

**Homebound Shut-Ins**

Charles & Lois Patton  
Margie Dentler  
Pat Saunders  
Catherine Uzelac  
Marion Streletz

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our church family who are not able to attend weekly services. You are missed and certainly not forgotten.*

**Deadline for Jan-Feb-March Newsletter  
December 27th**

