

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2013

Shiloh Church Newsletter!

Dear Shiloh Members & Friends,

This new year brings to us 365 days filled with choices. Each day we choose things endlessly. For example, what we will wear, what we will eat, what we will read... We choose our friends, our entertainment, our lifestyles.

All this is wonderful, of course. But there's one oddity: when it comes to choosing Jesus as Lord and Savior of our life, many of us suddenly find numerous reasons to delay. After all, we say, one shouldn't be too hasty. What would our friends think? What would our family think? What would our spouse think? What would our boss think?

Simon and Andrew didn't have that problem. They left their nets "at once." Similarly, James and John "left their father... and followed...."

Nearing the end of his life, the great military commander, Jushua, summoned the tribes of Israel to Sheehem. Despite all they had experience under his leadership, he reminded them that they too had to make a choice "this day." Then he concluded with the words which I hope you can say in your heart at the beginning of the new year: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15).

Here is some Biblical advice for the New Year:

1. Reset Your Priorities!

Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

1 Corinthians 10:30 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

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Shiloh U.M.C. 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.



Shiloh United Methodist Church
19731 Shiloh Church Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742

St. Valentine
Valentine Social

February 10, 2013

5:00pm

5:00pm in the social hall
Bring a covered dish
and a gift!



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Dear Shiloh Church Members and Friends,

In 2013, Shiloh United Methodist Church will continue in a Bible study called, "Jesus In The Gospels." We will restart our journey on Wednesday, January 9th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

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In Christ's Service
Pastor Ken



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Matthew 28:19-20 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

2. Remember Your Blessings!

Hebrews 10:19-23 “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”

3. Reschedule Your Calendar!

Hebrews 10:24-25 “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Matthew 6:33-34 “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

4. Give Your Tithes!

Corinthians 8:10-12 “And here is my advise about what is best for you in this matter; last year You were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.”

5. Pray Without Ceasing!

2 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

I hope you will make a commitment in the new year to serve the Lord.

Nancy, Sara and I hope you have a wonderful new year!!

Pastor Ken

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Merry Christmas from Samaritan's Purse! Thank you for participating in Operation Christmas Child and for choosing to Follow Your Box. Your gift box(es) went to

Ukraine



For photos, stories, and other information about Operation Christmas Child in this country, click the country name above. Please remember to pray for the children who will be receiving your shoe box gift(s).

A shoe box gift is often the first step on a child's journey to faith in Jesus Christ. Learn how many boys and girls continue on the path toward Jesus through [The Greatest Journey](#), our exciting discipleship program that teaches children to become faithful followers of Christ.

Thank you, and may God richly bless you.

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday
March 30th
at 1:00pm

Rain or Shine
Ages: 13 & under
For donations see
Nevalene

Kids Corner!



Valentine's day Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters LOVEBIRDS. Don't guess - use logic



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Happy Anniversary

January

- 11 Paul & Beverly Kifer
- 17 Nevin & Clara Frey

February

- 3 Richard & Danielle Kuhn
- 12 Richard & Kendra Showe
- 25 Tony & Susan Miller



Micah's Back Pack

School has begun and so we need to start stocking our supplies for Micah's Back Pack

Items Needed:

- ~Spaghetti O's (small cans)
- ~Ravioli (small cans)
- ~Fruit Cups
- ~Packs of Oatmeal
- ~Raisins
- ~Small Cans of Veggies
- ~Soup
- ~Soup (Cup of Soup)
- ~Juice Boxes
- ~Microwave Popcorn
- ~Pudding Cups
- ~Small Boxes of Cereal
- ~Applesauce
- ~Peanut Butter Crackers
- ~Cheese Crackers
- ~Gold Fish Packs
- ~Tuna Kits
- ~Easy Mac's
- ~Fruit Snacks



The Food Bank would like to thank everyone for all your donations over the past year. Shiloh donated twelve bags of food each for November and December.

The Donations were greatly appreciated as approximately 800 people are helped each month and even more during the holidays.

With your donations we will be able to continue helping all those needing food in the coming year.

May Everyone at Shiloh have a blessed new year ahead!

Thank You!
St. marks Food Bank



Five ways to Grow Sunday School

- 1 Plan for your church's attendance patterns.**
If the children at your church come every other week or sporadically, try a rotation curriculum such as Power Xpress or Spark Rotation so they don't miss parts of the story and feel confused.
- 2 Practice radical hospitality with the little ones.**
Have a hospitality team not only at the front door of the church but also at the entrance to the children's area to greet children each week and give tours to new families. Make sure to have a way to collect visitors' information so you can send cards to the children welcoming them.
- 3 Be flexible with your volunteers.**
Each teacher needs different level of support. Some are creative and need the opportunity to be free from the curriculum. Others need you to highlight what to say and have all the supplies laid out for them.
- 4 Say thank you often.**
Thank your volunteers regularly in person, via email, and by sending cards or some other small gesture.
- 5 Pray with and for the kids.**
Ask children what is on their hearts and pray together for one another.

A Big Thank you to everyone who donated or helped with the Star Breakfast. It was a great time!

Jacob Wad's Address:
Jacob Wade (ID 71407)
Washington County Detention Center
550 Western Maryland Parkway
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Cancellation Policy: in case of inclement weather church cancellations will be put on the local radio stations: WJEJ 1040am, WCRH 90.5fm, WHAG 1410am. If snow emergency plan is in effect all church activities are cancelled.

When you want a prayer concern to be listed with the bulletin, use a pew card to write it and put it in the collection plate!

LENT

Ash Wednesday has developed as a day of penitence to mark the beginning of Lent. Forty days, not counting Sundays' before Easter comprise the Lenten season of preparation. On Ash Wednesday, we recall our mortality and wait upon the Lord for a renewing spirit. Following His baptism in the River Jordan, Jesus spent forty days and nights in "the wilderness." The wilderness experience was a testing time for Jesus. Jesus had the option of choosing God's or Satan's ways. Yet, with His knowledge of God's will Jesus was able to defeat every temptation.

Centuries ago the season of Lent developed as a time when Christians observed the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, study and worship as a commemoration of the forty day experience the Lord had in the wilderness. Lent is a season for us to reflect and to remember the passion of Christ. No one can conceive the suffering and pain our Lord endured for the salvation of our lives. He was called to be God's Son, "to be wounded for our transgressions, to be bruised for our iniquities." What a price Jesus paid for our sins! Through Christ, God made a covenant with us that everyone who believes in His

son, Jesus, and confesses Him as Lord and Savior of their lives will be given the gift of eternal life.

During the season of Lent,, let us ponder on what Christ's death on the cross means to us. Was Jesus simply another martyr for a lost cause? Or was he the Son of God who came into the world to save it? Knowing the answer should bring us into God's sanctuary to give praise for what Christ did for our world—and for us. I invite you to join the In-Town United Methodist Churches for our mid-week Lenten worship services. Through worship, prayer, study, and fasting we can grow spiritually and become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Shiloh's Ask Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00pm. Following Ash Wednesday to the week before Holy Thursday (February 13th to March 20th) we will gather together with our fellow United Methodist Churches to observe Lent through worship and fellowship. Each Wednesday the Lenten service will be hosted by a different church. The meal begins at 6:00pm and the worship service begins at 7:00pm.

Pastor Ken

Registration Form



Saturday, January 26, 2013* 9:00am - 12:15pm

**Location: Otterbein UMC
108 E Franklin St, Hagerstown, MD 21740**

Fees: Online Registration—\$25.00; go to www.bwcumc.org/academy/leadershipdays
Paper Registration—\$30.00 pay by check —*See below for details

Please Print Clearly

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
 Preferred Phone No.: (Day) _____ (Cell): _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please Check the classes you will attend (Select ONE class in EACH workshop)

WORKSHOP 1

- All the church wants is my money
- Spiritual Nurture & Care for Clergy and Other Leadership Servants
- Building Multicultural Church Communities
- CREATE in Me... Art & Youth Ministry
- Putting Your Church on "The Cloud"
- Meeting Conflict in Constructive Ways
- Worship and the Arts: Visual Proclamation

WORKSHOP 2

- Evangelism
- Stengthening the Small Church
- Congregational Caring Ministries
- Church Board of Trustees Orientation
- SPRC/PPRC Committee New Member Orientation
- Does Money Grow on Trees? Understanding Current Generosity
- The Case for Camp

*Complete this form and mail it with a **\$30.00** check made payable to **Conference Treasurer** to: BWC Western Region Office, Attn: Leadership Days, 12 s Walnut St, Suite 101, Hagerstown, MD 21740. **WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR CHECK BEFORE January 15, 2013.** No refunds after Jan 15, 2013. **Space is limited!**

Contact Penny Gaver (Ridenhour) at pgaver@bwcumc.org or 866-739-6659 if your need assistance.

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LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Charge Conference Action Effective January 1, 2012

Church: Shiloh UMC

Church Council

Church Number: 5355

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