

Shiloh Messenger



Celebrating 150 Years

July – August – September

2019

A Message from the Pastor's Heart



Growing in Faith: A Wesleyan Sermon Series

Greetings,

Summer is a wonderful time: flowers blooming, birds singing, sunny skies. As I look across the fields of growing crops, food that will be reaped later to feed us far into the future, I see God's hand in creation. Seeds planted a few months ago will bear fruit far into the future. One seed has unlimited potential for growth.

Our faith is just like those seeds in the field: one seed now but with the potential to bear fruit far into the future. This summer, we will spend time learning about our foundation in our Wesleyan Sermon Series. We begin with Paul in Ephesians 2:8, ***“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”*** Wesley planted seeds of scripture, prayer, hymn singing, meetings, and constant communion amongst a small group of people. That small group of people are now the Methodists, Wesleyans, African Methodist Episcopal, Evangelical Methodists, Primitive Methodists, and Methodist Protestants churches - to name a few of the dominations.

I invite you to spend time with me as we look at who we are and what we believe in the tradition of John Wesley: the faith and grace that is the foundational seed of our salvation.

See you this summer,



Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Summer can be such a wonderfully refreshing time for us as we go our separate ways for various vacations, cookouts, family reunions, and the list goes on!

If you are planning an extended vacation this summer or will frequently be absent from worship I want you to know that we as a church family will be holding you in prayer and happily await your return!

I am also writing you to bear in mind the stewardship covenant that we made in the fall. We have a shared vision for ministry here at Shiloh UMC, and together, we have renewed our vow to give of our presence, gifts, service, and witness in the 2019-2020 year.

Unfortunately, the church often experiences what is known as the "summer slump" during June, July and August. While lower attendance and decreased financial giving are anticipated, we would like to ask you to help us avoid the fiscal constraint that has in the past, left us financially vulnerable.

I want to ask you to prayerfully consider choosing to continue your regular giving.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 301-797-4083.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

Sincerely,
Pastor Dee
Shiloh Finance Committee

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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. Morning Worship
10:40 a.m. – 11:15 .M. Sunday School

Note: Please contact the pastor to discuss any changes in venue for worship service.

Holy Communion:

First Sunday each month –

Bring Food Bank items

We are so fortunate to have enough food to put on our tables, however, please remember those who do not.

Third Sunday each month

Shiloh Prayer Concerns

If you have a prayer concern and wish it to be in the bulletin, please fill out a slip provided with the information and place it in the offering plate.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

Reminder:

Administrative Council Meeting

No Scheduled Meeting in July
Tuesday, August 13th 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 10th 7:00 p.m.

Happy Hearts Luncheons

Tuesday, July 16th Western Sizzin – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug 20st Western Sizzin – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept 17th Western Sizzin – 11:30 a.m.



School Supplies

“A wonderful way to make a difference in the life of a child”

Give-Away Wed. August 14th 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

3 ring binders
Notebook paper
Crayons/markers/colored pencils
Glue sticks
Composition books
Folders with and without prongs
Highlighters
Dry erase markers
Pencil boxes or pouches
No. 2 pencils

Bring items to church by Sunday August 11th

Vacation Bible School

Another week of Bible School has come to an end. There were 34 children attending.

Thanks to Nevalene and her team for their hard work and dedication to our children.

During the children's message on Sunday morning the children proved what they had learned during the week with answers to the biblical questions asked. Great job kids!!

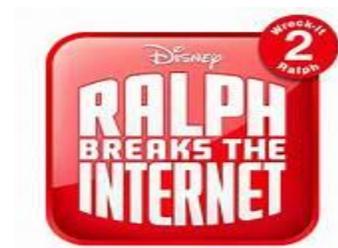
Congratulations to Class of 2019

Graduation Sunday, June 30th

Congratulations to all our graduates. Good Luck in your future endeavors and may all your expectations of life come true.

Special Summer Music

The choir is on Summer break. We need volunteers for special music through July and August. Please sign the sheet on the back table of the sanctuary.



Family Movie Night

Saturday, July 20th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



150 YEARS!!

Our church is celebrating a Milestone in 2019. The Anniversary Committee is working hard to make this a grand occasion.

Services:

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Regular Worship

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Tribute

2:30 p.m. – Homecoming Service –
Guest Speaker - Rev. Toni Love, Assistant to the Baltimore-Washington Conference Bishop
Come say hello to our former pastors and special guests.

4:30 p.m. – Catered Reception

An email invitation and a hand out invitation – (for those who do not have email) will be distributed on June 30th.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the fundraisers, Pew Plaques, Pancake Breakfast and Logo Wear. These fundraisers will help defer expenses incurred.

Logo Wear orders are being distributed at this time. Be sure to pick yours up.

Another sale in late August for delivery prior to the anniversary celebration.

The Pew plaques are now on the church pews. Thanks to all who purchased.

To All Former Rainbow Choir Members:

I would like to invite former members of the Rainbow choir to sing at the 2:30 Homecoming Service. If you were a member or know someone who was that may not receive this, please pass the information or contact me. We will have one rehearsal. Please let me know by Sept. 1st if you can join us.

You can contact me: 301-791-1977 or email: Nevara45@aol.com

Thanks, Clara

150th Anniversary Edition Directory

The Directory is completed and will be distributed on a Sunday morning at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. One per family.

If you have not notified us with a new address or phone number, please give to Ginger.

Shiloh Worship & Picnic in the "Park"

Sunday, Sept 22nd.

Worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

This year's worship and picnic will be in the Park behind Black Rock Golf Course, Mt. Aetna Road Hagerstown, Md.

A covered dish lunch will follow the service. We are asking everyone to bring their favorite dish to share.

Please sign up on the sheets that will be provided on the back table in the social hall.

More detailed directions to the park will be announced at a later date.

After lunch, we will enjoy socializing, playing guessing games, horseshoes, and activities for the children.

This is an event for ALL!! Come and Enjoy!



Sunday, Sept 8th

Grandparents will be recognized during worship service.

Fall Bible Study

Pastor Dee will begin a fall Bible study on the Book of Luke.

Wednesdays 6 – 7:30 p.m.

September 18, 25.

October 2, 9, 16, 30

Tentative. Subject to change on Charge Conference dates.

Coffee and Conversation

Have you thought about what our coffee fellowship means? If we think about it, it should mean more than gathering around tables and talking about our week or just small talk.

Coffee and Conversation cont'

After worship service, have you invited a visitor to stay for a cup of coffee?

More important than coffee and cookies, is the opportunity to connect with visitors, to get to know each other, to tell them about our church, and to ask them "What brought you to worship with us today?"

Let's make an effort to make our coffee fellowship into an effort to recruit visitors into joining us every Sunday.

Volunteers are needed each Sunday to provide a light snack. If you do not like to bake, store bought cookies will work as well. If you are celebrating a birthday, bring a cake to share. Sign-up on the calendar on the bulletin board in the social hall.



Ladie's Tea Ministry

The last Friday of each month

Friday, July 26th 11:30 a.m.

Friday, August 23rd 11:30 a.m.

Friday, September 27th 11:30 a.m.

Soup Making 8:00 a.m.

Youth and Lil' Disciples

Sunday, September 15th

Lil' Disciples open to all children 4th grade and younger.

Youth Sunday

Sunday, September 29th

Micah's Backpacks

Micah's Backpacks will resume on **Sept. 1st**.

The following items are needed weekly:

Small cereal boxes

Juice boxes

Single meals

Easy Macs

Individual Tuna Packs

Fruit cups

Fruit snacks

This project is so important for the children who do not have meals over the weekend.



Sunday, September 1st

9:00 Worship Service

Pastor Dee will bless the backpacks and pray God's blessing for the students in the coming school year.



Basic Certified Lay Servant Class

By Hollis Zimmerman

I had an amazing, and awe-inspiring weekend of June 8th and 9th 2019, at the Washington District Lay Servant Academy at the Baltimore Washington Conference Mission Center in Fulton Maryland. I was called by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the members of the congregation and Pastor Dionne to take the Basic Certified Lay Servant Class. Before we began our classes, We all gathered together. The Greater Washington director of Lay Servant Ministries, Carol Travis, introduced all of the Central Maryland and Greater Washington District Superintendents and Administrators and the different pastors who were teaching the Lay Servant courses. We all gathered together to discuss the requirements of different Laity positions: Lay Servant, Speaker and Minister and what was required to become certified. We had worship, singing, devotion and prayer before we were released to the different classes.

In the class, I gained more knowledge of Spiritual leadership which could equip me to accept more responsibilities at Shiloh, including how to communicate with the congregation, servant leadership and ministry, and Holy Living putting God's word into practice in our everyday lives. I also learned more on the history of Methodism, including that John Wesley rode over 250,000 miles on horseback and preached over 40,000 sermons.

During the Basic Certified Lay Servant class, I truly felt transformed. I grew so much in my Christian life along with strengthening my faith in Jesus Christ. I gained so much more knowledge that I can put in practice in my everyday walk with Jesus Christ and learned that We are all God's people and called by God to love and serve! We are representatives of Christ and that is our responsibility. We are to represent Christ in the community and we may be the only Bible that someone reads today. Our Spiritual gifts are for service, God assigns them and uses them to help grow the body of the Church. I also learned that it is our responsibility to go outside of the Church walls and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and be his example. When we are serving and leading together we should be demonstrating Jesus' love and commitment to all mankind and we are to live out our Wesleyan beliefs in our everyday lives.

During this course, I truly loved being in the midst of God's presence with the diverse people with a variety of backgrounds and learning about their Spiritual walk with Jesus Christ. I also learned that United Methodist Churches in areas like Montgomery County, Washington D.C. and Baltimore do ministries

In their areas, like help with people who are homeless, poor, and people who need God's grace and fulfillment in their lives.

I hope that Shiloh U.M.C. can strive to grow in our ministries and help more people in the community. Some ideas are collecting medicine bottles and clothes every month, have a quilting and crocheting group, bringing food with education of Jesus Christ to nonbelievers and people in the community and bringing them together a few times a week/month, having blood drives, bringing the Law Enforcement to church and bringing the community together.

I shared my Faith journey and described my walk with Jesus Christ and finding my spiritual gift, my work, service and ministry in Christ at Shiloh.

Overall, during this weekend, I truly loved the Basic Lay Servant Class, and I felt a fire and a burning desire in my heart for Jesus Christ, and to spiritually grow as a leader at Shiloh U.M.C. This class and weekend truly amazed and fascinating and truly transformed my walk and spiritual journey with Jesus Christ!

Since I was the youngest person in the Basic Certified Lay Servant class, I am compelled to spread the gospel to nonbelievers and young people! I felt like I grew in my relationship and faith with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I feel like a fire for Christ and His presence is truly active in my life and I could go on and on with this article, but the Basic Lay Servant class, transformed my walk with the Holy Spirit, and was a great weekend!

Our Shut-Ins

Thelma Chalker – Ravenwood Nursing Center
Catherine Uzelac – Ravenwood Nursing Center
Jeanne Reeser – Ravenwood Assisted Living
1183 Luther Dr
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Marion Streltz – Cadia Nursing Center
14014 Marsh Pike
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Marilyn Painter

Our Homebound Shut-Ins

Margie Dentler
Lois Patton

*Let's remember these members with prayers,
cards, phone calls and other acts of
kindness.*



Happy Birthday

July

4 – Jill Bulley
6 – Timothy Frey
8 – Jacob Doyle
8 – Joe Miller
9 – Hollis Zimmerman

12 – Linda Kline
17 – Robert Smith
19 – Ginger Frey
21 – Mary Barnhart
24 – Larry Dentler
24 – Grace Bulley
25 – Everly Frey
26 – Walter Taylor
29 – Debbie Doyle
30 – Marvin Ridenour

August

2 – Thelma Chalker
3 – Nathan Frey
3 – Sarah Snouffer
4 – Jane Stoner
6 – Grace Priest
6 – Tara Parks
8 – William Trovinger
9 – Doris Snouffer
9 – Jacob Wade
11 – Amanda Shank
13 – Alyssa Rumbaugh
14 – Valerie McBride
16 – Jeanne Renner
17 – Bobby Noble
17 – Linda Ridenour
20 – Ashley Doyle
21 – Mary Appel
22 – Donna Gaylor
30 – Bill Bowen

September

1 – Toni Gosnell
3 – Joshua Miller
3 – Melissa Bruchey
6 – Pat Saunders
7 – Wayne Gosnell
13 – Ruth Smith
14 – Ashley Keck
16 – Helen Davis

Happy Birthday

September

17 – Barbara Wallech
18 – Krista Feigley
30 – Catherine Uzelac

Happy Anniversary!

July

6 – Brian & Erin Myers

August

1 – Kevin & Lauren Jaye
8 – Alan & Connie Bulley
21- Jeremiah & Bambi Baker

September

12 – Michael & Allyson Welling
27 – Richard & Dianne Keller

If you do not see your name on the list, please let me know so I can update our records.



September 2, 2019

Labor Day is a signal that summer is over.
The months just flew by!

During the month of September, everyone is returning to jobs after vacations, family reunions, camping, fishing and golf outings.

September is the month for people to also come back to church for the spiritual experiences and for the fellowship with others they have missed.

If you haven't attended for a while, it is the perfect time to re-affirm your faith and commitment to God.

I will be looking forward to seeing you again.



When We Give, He'll Give Too

Today I froze some vegetables,
It was a first for me;
I picked them from the garden
We planted recently.

I purchased some containers
But they were far too few,
For since I shared the firstfruits,
My garden grew and grew.

I thought of God's great promise;
When we give, He'll give too,
I've realized this promise
In the garden that He grew.

*"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."
2 Cor. 9:6*

***Deadline for Oct and Nov newsletter
September 22nd***