

SHILOH MESSENGER

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Jan – Feb – Mar 2016



From the desk of Pastor Ken

Dear Shiloh Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gifts. We feel very blessed to have such a warm and caring congregation and we look forward to ministering with you in 2016.

We hope you had a very blessed Christmas.

In God's Love,

Pastor Ken, Nancy and Sarah

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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.

Cancellation Policy: In case of inclement weather, church cancellations will be put on the local radios stations: WJEJ 1041 am, WCRH 90.5 fm, WHAG 1410 am. If snow emergency plan is in effect church activities are

“cancelled.” - excluding worship service. A mass email will be sent out to let you know the status of worship service.

Reminder:

Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 9th 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 8th 7:00 p.m.

Finance Chair Still Needed

We are still in need of a person to chair meetings on finance committee, help plan budgets etc. You do not need a background in finance. See Pastor Ken for information

Our “Thanks” Go Out:☺

Many thanks to the cantata choir for a beautiful cantata on December 13th and to Clara for all your dedication and hard work.

Special thanks to our church “musicians” who shared their talents on Christmas Eve, Also, many thanks to Monica for arranging the music program and for all the beautiful music you provide us every Sunday.

A Very Special Thank you to Connie Bulley for the amazingly beautiful Christmas Banner that adorns the front of our church.

Connie provided us with the description and meaning:

This banner depicts the celebration of Christmas within the confines of a stained glass window.

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The middle section portrays the cross of Christ and the colours circling toward the Christ as a child in His mother's arms.

The lion, eagle and ox could have been represented on the standards or banners of the 12 Tribes of Israel as they were instructed through Moses by God about the Tabernacle during their trek in the wilderness. These symbols were chosen with a bit of artistic license.

The top section recalls Luke 2:13, "And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly Host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Thanks again Connie for your time and talent.

Thanks to those who contributed scarves, hats and gloves for the needy children in our schools. Our tree was overflowing!! There is nothing more rewarding than to see a child receive something that will keep them warm from the bitter cold.

A Thank You To Shiloh:

The Food Bank at St. Mark's church sends a big thank you to everyone at Shiloh for your many donations this past year. They were greatly appreciated, as dozens of people are still needing help each week. Shiloh donates an average of twelve bags of food each month, and with your continued donations, we will be able to help many people during the coming year. May everyone at Shiloh have a blessed new year.

Sponsorship Donations:

Some of you may not be aware of the envelopes available on the table in the back of the church. These envelopes are used if you wish to give in honor of or memory of a loved one.

The sponsorship accounts are:

Bulletins (1 month)

Newsletter (copies)

Telephone (1 month)

Social Events

Sunday School Literature

Other

A thank you can be listed in the bulletin if you wish. i.e. thank "name" for sponsorship donation to cover telephone expenses (or other) for month in memory of or honor of.....

Thanks to all for their support this past year.

Meet our Leaders for 2016:

The complete list of church officers and committee members for 2016 is available on the back table of the sanctuary. Installation of officers will be January 10th in the 9:00 worship service.

Thank you to everyone willing to share your time and talents.

Needed in 2016

We are looking for men or women to serve as Readers in worship or Greeters before worship on Sunday mornings.

Sign up sheet on table in back of sanctuary.

Volunteers Needed:

There is a need for volunteers to bring goodies for coffee fellowship between church and Sunday School.

Please sign the calendar on the bulletin board.

Scholarship Fund

Through the generosity of Mabel R. Widdows and in memory of her daughter Katherine R. Widdows, the Shiloh U.M. Church offers scholarships for post-secondary education.

Through an endowment left in Trust to Shiloh U.M. Church on June 6, 2007 the church offers scholarships to students enrolled in high school as of that date and beyond.

The Mabel Widdow's Memorial Scholarship is generously helping fund post-secondary education in a variety of schools and curriculums in 2015-2016 for a total of \$10,900.

The following Shiloh Church Members and students received awards during the 2015-2016 scholastic year. The funds were sent to their respective schools on their behalf:

Josh Miller - HCC \$875/year

Sarah Snouffer – HCC \$900/Fall and Spring semesters

Brook Parks-Pethal transferring to West Virginia University \$4000/year

Hollis Zimmerman - Frederick Community College \$1125/Fall and Spring Semesters

Sarah Fizer – West Virginian Wesleyan \$4000/year

We wish them well in their pursuit of higher education!

2015 Chg. Conference

During the past year we have worked together to implement many new adventures in ministry together. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Completed Readiness 360 survey.
- Put up new church signs
- Increased involvement in Micah's Backpack
- Distributed flyers at Christmas and Easter
- Updated church brochures
- Held Fun Fest
- Bible study on non-Pauline NT books
- Collected over 300 OCC shoeboxes
- Annual Ham & Turkey supper
- Held "Hot Wheels Sunday" as a community event
- Updated church membership rolls.
- Continued Contemporary worship service
- Purchased color copier with scanner & fax
- Continued prayer shawl ministry
- Continued support of Holly Place
- Continued support of Food Bank ministry
- Started exercise class
- Sent Youth group to ROCK
- Had over 50 children in VBS
- Gave to 90+ children in school supply giveaway
- Received 5 new members (4 confessions of faith)

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God has richly blessed Shiloh and we have many people who give freely of their time, talent, gifts, and resources to ensure that Shiloh is able to continue its calling to make disciples for Jesus Christ. God has given all of us gifts to be used for the building of Christ's church. If you have not discovered your spiritual gifts, I look forward to helping you discover them so Shiloh can continue its mission in 2016.

Pastor Ken

2016

We cannot know what this New Year will bring, however, we do have the promise that whatever comes, God will go before us clearing the way. As we begin 2016, let's trust this promise and look forward with great hope.

Fitness Class

Was your New Year's resolution to get fit in 2016? Well, Bunny Parks can help you!! Join her and the group on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m..

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts Luncheon: Tuesdays

Jan 19th 11:30 a.m. – Family Diner, Dual Hwy.

Feb 16th 11:30 a.m. – Family Diner, Dual Hwy.

Mar 15th 12:00 noon – Church Social Hall

"Friends we are. Friends we'll be.
Friends forever you and me."

Don't miss out on the fellowship, good food, fun, and conversation.

Micah's Backpack

Micah's Backpack is an ongoing project for Shiloh. These packs are given to school children over the weekends that do not have enough to eat. Items needed each week are:

2 breakfast items, 4 meal items, 4 drinks, 2-4 fruit or pudding and 2-4 snacks.

Please bring your items to help these children.

Hot Wheels

Saturday, March 5th

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Church Social Hall

Bring your cars to race or to display.

An afternoon of fun for all ages.

Contact Jay Doyle for more information.

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.

Shiloh's Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 7:00 p.m. Following Ash Wednesday to the week before Holy Thursday, we will gather together with our fellow United Methodists churches to observe Lent through worship. Each Wednesday the Lenten service will be hosted by a different church. The host church will provide the meat, bread and beverage with the participants providing a covered dish. Meal begins at 6:00 p.m. and the worship service begins at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Feb. 17th – Washington Sq. UMC – Rev. Patrick Ricker

Feb. 24th – Grace UMC – Rev. Kenneth Fizer

Mar 02nd – Asbury UMC – Rev. Jerry Lowans

Mar 09th – John Wesley UMC – Rev. Sharon Gibson

Mar 16th – Shiloh UMC – Rev. Curtis Ehrgott

HOLY WEEK

The season of Easter is a time to rejoice in Christ's resurrection. Through the resurrection, we truly come to know that Jesus is God. Paul said, "If Christ had not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and our faith is in vain." The Christians hope in everlasting life is based upon the belief that Christ, being the first to be resurrected from the dead, will resurrect humanity, too. Christ victory is our victory over sin and death.

Beginning Holy Week you are invited to the Palm Sunday service on March 20th and Maunday Thursday service on March 24th at 7:00 p.m. We will have communion to remember the first Lord's Supper. On Easter morning March 27th, we will celebrate the resurrection with an Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. and Traditional service at 9:00 a.m. Contemporary worship is at 11:15 a.m.

[Let us remember God sent His Son to die on the cross for each one of us.](#)

"If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior."

Max Lucado

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26th

Ages 13 and Under

Plastic eggs are provided to fill with Candy or Money. Please have all eggs at the church on Sunday March 20th. Donations of candy or cash needed to fill 80+ treat bags for children.

Let's back up to the month of February when hearts turn to thoughts of love☺

Shiloh has a remarkable list of couples that have celebrated many years of marriage.

As of December 31, 2015, the following have celebrated together -

- 63 yrs – Charles & Lois Patton
- 60 yrs – Nevin & Clara Frey
- 58 yrs – Roy & Patty Brown
- 55 yrs – Dean & Gin Stenger
- 53 yrs – Gerald & Ginger Frey
- 52 yrs – Walt & Joyce Welling
- 51 yrs – Alex & Pam Gourlay
- 50 yrs - Artie & Sondie Barnhart
- 46 yrs – Ron & Bonnie Boyd
- 45 yrs – Larry & Margie Dentler
- 44 yrs – Wayne & Toni Gosnell
- 44 yrs – Charles & Ann Brown
- 44 yrs – Bill & Monica Bowen
- 43 yrs – Jeff & Rhonda Parks
- 43 yrs – Marvin & Linda Ridenour
- 42 yrs – Ken & Linda Fizer
- 42 yrs – Walter & Fran Taylor
- 40 yrs – Ronald & Linda Kline
- 40 yrs – Richard & Dianne Keller
- 40 yrs – Donnie & Arjean Ritter
- 40 yrs – Curt & Nevalene Uzelac
- 38 yrs – Richard & Kendra Showe
- 38 yrs – Jay & Debbie Doyle
- 36 yrs – Ralph & Terrie Shank
- 36 yrs – Frank & Carolyn Brooks
- 31 yrs – Mark & Chen Trovinger
- 30 yrs – Charles & Joyce Jones
- 29 yrs – Charles & Jane Frey
- 28 yrs – Alan & Connie Bulley
- 25 yrs – Scott & Krista Feigley
- 24 yrs – Tim & Doris Snouffer
- 22 yrs – Pastor Ken & Nancy Fizer

- 21 yrs – Tony & Susan Miller
- 18 yrs – Rick & Julie Taylor
- 16 yrs – Jimmy & Angie Koontz
- 15 yrs – Erik & Anne Goetz
- 14 yrs – Richard & Danielle Kuhn
- 12 yrs – David & Tanya Ekmark
- 12 yrs – Dave & Tish Frey
- 10 yrs – Bobby & Pam Noble
- 9 yrs – Larry & Jessica Dorsey
- 8 yrs - Jacob & Ashley Doyle
- 8 yrs – Joe & Debbie Frey
- 7 yrs – Wayne & Lene' Rumbaugh
- 6 yrs – Michael & Allyson Welling
- 4 yrs – Cal & Allison Warner
- 3 yrs – Ryan & Amanda Shank
- 2 yrs – Brian & Erin Myers

My apologies if I have omitted anyone or have incorrect information. We are now updating our church directory. Please give me any information that may have changed- address, phone number, email, etc.

Secret of a Long Life

Grandpa Jones was celebrating his 100th birthday and everyone complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared. "Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he crackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now." The celebrants were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime. "Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk." ☺

Mission Trip Update

The first step in our journey has begun – our plane tickets to Costa Rica have been purchased. I received word that most of our work will be in Cariari on the pineapple plantations. The field workers get paid by the amount of pineapples they pick so with our help, they will be increasing their income. We will also be sharing the word of God in the local community and helping with the needs of their church.

I have two more deposits that need to be made in March and June. These deposits are \$500 each. If you feel in your heart to be a part of this opportunity, you can send a check to:

Hagerstown Bible Church

203 Summit Ave.

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Please add my name and “2016 mission trip” in the memo line so it is sure to be deposited into my account. This donation is tax deductible. If you are not able to donate financially, I ask that you please pray for our team to have safe travels and that we are successful in our goal of spreading the word and love of God to the residents of Cariari.

Thank you in advance for your love and support.

In Christ's Love,
Krista Feigley

And He said unto: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”. Mark 16:15

Happy Birthday!

January

3 – Nancy Hebb
3 – Alan Bulley
6 – Bambi Baker
6 – Ralph Shank
10 – Allison (Keller) Warner
10 – Nevin Frey
11 – Jordyn Feigley
14 – Richard Kuhn
17 – Lauren Noble
17 – Ronald Kline
17 – Rhonda Kline
18 – Artie Barnhart
21 – Tony Miller
23 – Ann Brown
27 – Jessica Dorsey

February

1 – Austin Zimmerman
4 – Abigail Welling
5 – Helen Rice
8 – Gabrielle Ekmark
12 – Nevalene Uzelac
13 – Jeremy Frey
14 – Curtis Uzelac
14 – Justin Frey
17 – Hunter White
17 – Bonnie Brown
22 – Max Baker
24 – Robin Ellinwood
24 – Shelby Koontz
25 – Aiden Ekmark
28 – Brooke Parks
28 – Rhonda Uzelac

Birthdays con't

March

- 1 – Brian Myers
- 3 – Iris Stickell
- 9 – Joyce Welling
- 11 – Kylie Dorsey
- 11 – Kaitlin Dorsey
- 14 – Franklin Doyle
- 16 – Sherry Shoemaker
- 20 – Angie Koontz
- 20 – Harry Frey Jr
- 20 – Gavin Ekmark
- 25 – Alivia Koontz
- 26 – Makenzie Kuhn
- 26 – Johanna Bulley
- 27 – Lily Doyle
- 30 – Gin Stenger

Happy Anniversary!

January

- 17 – Nevin & Clara Frey
- 23 – Bill & Monica Bowen

February

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- 12 – Richard & Kendra Showe
- 25 – Tony & Susan Miller

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- 29 – Jay & Debbie Doyle
- 31 – Dean & Gin Stenger

Sunday School

Anniversary Sunday

Sunday, March 13th

All Sunday school classes will turn in their Building Fund collections that were given through the year. These funds are used for the upkeep of our building. Any miscellaneous cash donations will be also be given at that time.

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
Brookdale Room #108
20009 Rosebank Way
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Betty Pryor
10304 Whitehall Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Donald Klick
Country Meadows, Room #101
451 Sandy Hill Rd
Hershey, PA 17033

Doris Buccigrossi
Williamsport Nursing Home
Room #1106A
154 North Artizan Street
Williamsport, MD 21795

Recovering at Home:

Alex Gourlay
5933 Michael's Court
Keedysville, MD 21756

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

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

Hurry back Donna. You sure are missed!!

Our College Students Living at School

Breanna Jones
125 Bowery Street
Frostburg, MD 21532

Sarah Fizer
Box #734
WVWC
59 College Ave
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Brooke Parks
West Virginia University

Take Time To Pray

When days seem long and things go wrong
And my life is full of dismay.
I close my eyes and realize
I only need to pray.
God will be there, He'll answer my prayer
And guide me on my way.
I know that He cares, my burden He shares,
If I only take time to pray.
As I talk to Him, and I walk with Him
My doubts and fears all cease,
My days seem brighter, my load feels lighter
I find a perfect peace.
He's Lord of my life, through all of my strife,
His Word shows me the way
Whatever I do, He sees me through
If I only take time to pray.
He stays by my side, whatever betides
On this earthly path I trod
As I travel along, my heart is filled with song,
Of praise and thanks to my God.

Helen M Rice

A Little Laughter 😊

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"
A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten Boy.
"Really?" How do you know?" the teacher asked.
"You know – Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."