

# Shiloh Messenger



**150 Years**

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**January – March**

**2019**



## ***A Message from the Pastor's Heart from Epiphany to the Transfiguration***

Greetings,

The Season after the Epiphany includes four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. ***Its central theme is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus.*** The First Sunday focuses on the Baptism of Christ and the Last Sunday on the Transfiguration. As we flow through the season, we find images of water for baptism, bright light for the Transfiguration, and purple as we enter the Lenten season. We celebrate our Christian year, celebrating the holidays on our calendars, and hearing the calling of the disciples in a new way. We read the same scriptures each year, but it is by the grace of God that we hear the scriptures, God speaking to us differently each time we read the narrative.

This year we will also walk in the world of the prophets; God spoke to and through Isaiah, Nehemiah, Joshua, and the other prophets. Messages of warnings to return to God, messages of hope that a deliverer would come, messages which prepared and paved the way for Jesus amongst God's people. Nehemiah 8 gives us a history of what happened, "*all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding... He read from it... early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women...and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform...*"

As we gather this year, reading Scripture, singing songs of praise, celebrating our baptism, and the Lord's Supper, let us remember those prophets who were used by God to establish God's will on earth. Let us remember that Jesus came in mission and ministry to the world calling disciples to do likewise.

Let us remember with our thoughts, words, and actions, that we are to do likewise,  
Pastor Dee



Greetings,

Being a student pastor is a unique experience: I am a full-time Master of Divinity student at Wesley Theological Seminary (WTS) in Washington, D.C. and a part-time Licensed Local Pastor at Shiloh. While I have separate roles in each place, what I learn as a graduate student at WTS informs who I am as a preacher in a United Methodist church. Below is some information about the role of the Student Pastor in the UMC.

As a Student Pastor, I am:

- Appointed by the Bishop of the Baltimore Washington Conference to Shiloh; I am also a Licensed Local Pastor.
- Appointed to Shiloh for 3 years as part of the Student Pastor Program at Wesley.
- In a learning partnership with WTS; a clergy learning partner, Rev. William Warehime, Jr. (Pastor Bill), and a lay learning partner, Bonnie Brown
- Taking classes 2-3 days a week on campus and an online class each semester (Student Pastors are usually on campus 2-3 days a week. As a single parent, I commute and try to take 2 classes a day)
- I will have to go on a “cultural immersion” as a graduation requirement.
- Taking a class for student pastors at Wesley. I have 3 learning goals each academic year for this program. This year’s learning goal objectives are:
  - I will define the different (liturgical) seasons and different elements needed for church service during each season.
  - I will use YouTube, Facebook, local newspapers, the church website and set up an email/text distribution page to contact (share the Sunday services) with the congregation.
  - Outline the lectionary series, year C; develop a focus for preaching for each season, find existing Bible studies which will support what I am planning to teach; edit/revise/create materials for Bible studies.
- Meeting regularly with my clergy and lay learning partners

- Writing, reading, and/or responding to...something or someone

As a Local Church, Shiloh agrees to:

- To commit itself to be a setting for ministry with a Student Pastor, and to become a teaching congregation.
- To form a learning partner group with the pastor and to meet regularly with the student pastor.
- To encourage and support the Student Pastor to spend adequate time on the seminary campus and in class preparation.
- To enable the Student Pastor to relate academic work to the life of the parish.
- To pray regularly for the student pastor, Annual Conference or church connection, and the seminary.
- To encourage the student to set aside a regular Sabbath day for rest and recreation.
- To evaluate the student pastor's ministry once yearly for the seminary. (In conjunction with the SPRC Chair.)

I have a binder on the back table in the sanctuary. It contains this letter, my learning goals, and a copy of the student pastor handbook which has the details of the program. I encourage you to take a look and ask any questions you may have about the program, the coursework, or the requirements.

Finally the Student Pastor Program is part of a means to an end. I am in the program as part of my goal to become an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. The process to become an Elder begins years before seminary, but seminary is a crucial part. As part of my studies, I will also spend time focused on writing the answers to the Para. 324.9 2016 Book of Discipline questions for Provisional Membership examination.

Grace and Peace to You,  
Pastor Dionne Osuji

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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.

**Cancellation Policy:** In case of inclement weather, church cancellations will be put on local radio stations: WJEJ 1040 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 also will be sent out to let you know the status of worship.

### **Sunday Worship:**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

\*\* Coffee Fellowship following Worship

10:40 a.m. – 11:10 am Sunday School

### **Holy Communion:**

**First Sunday** each month –

**Bring Food Bank Items**

**Third Sunday** each month

## **2019**

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 2019, let us trust this promise and look forward with great hope.



### **Administrative Council Meeting**

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

### **Happy Hearts Luncheon**

Tues. January 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. Western Sizzlin

Tues. February 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. Western Sizzlin

Tues. March 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon Social Hall

“Friends we are. Friends we’ll be.  
Friends forever you and me.”

Don’t miss out on the fellowship, fun and spiritual conversation.

### **A Thank You to Shiloh**

The Food Bank at St Mark’s Lutheran Church sends a Big thank you to everyone for the many donations they received from Shiloh during the past year.

The Food Bank has been in operation for over 40 years and they serve between 850-900 people each month.



### **A Special Thanks**

Many thanks to our Card Elf for sorting, filing and distributing the Christmas cards that members sent through our Christmas Card Mailbox. Over 1,000 cards were distributed this year.

Thanks again, Nellie Mae, Oops! – did I let the elf out of the bag? 😊

### **Shiloh Says “Thank You”**

“Thanks” to those who went caroling to offer a smile and carols and even a “Jingle Bells” to the Nursing Homes and Shut-ins who are not able to get to church for our worship services.

“Thanks” to Monica for her beautiful inspirational music during the Advent season.

“Thanks” to Clara and the adult choral group for the beautiful Christmas cantata.

“Thanks” to all those who participated in music prior to Christmas Eve service. Also, to Christopher and Gerald Jr. for accompanying Monica with the Christmas Eve carols.



### **Sunday School Classes**

The Adult class taught by Gerald Frey purchased gifts for a family in need through the school system and gave monetary gifts to several families.

The Nellie Lytton Class provided monetary gifts to several families in need, Salvation Army, local Tabitha's Table food bank and several gift baskets to the class member shut-ins.

### **Congregation Giving**

Operation Christmas Child  
Board of Child Care  
Mitten Tree  
Holly Place  
Cookies to our Shut-ins

### **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. Check the back table in the sanctuary for the list of items needed.

### **Sponsorship Donations:**

Some may not be aware of the envelopes available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. These envelopes are used if you wish to sponsor a bulletin for a month in honor of or in memory of someone.

A thank you can be listed in the bulletin if you wish.



There is a need for volunteers to bring a light snack & drink for coffee fellowship between church and Sunday School.

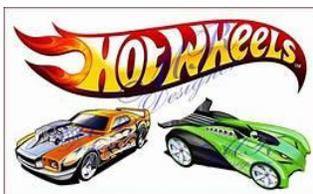
### Sunday School Anniversary Sunday

#### **Date to be announced**

All Sunday School classes turn in their Building Fund collections that were given through the year. These funds are used for the upkeep of our building and property.

#### **Improvements in 2018 –**

- 1 New flooring and ceiling in the Pastor's office.
- 2 Resealed and relined parking lot.
- 3 Purchased and installed items suggested by the Safety Committee.



**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Church Social Hall

Bring you favorite cars to race or to display.

An afternoon of fun for all ages.

Contact Jay Doyle for more information.



### Ladie's Tea Ministry

**The last Friday of each month**

January 25<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 a.m.

March 29<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.

This is a group of ladies who gather and fellowship together in ministry of prayer to the needs of the pastor and of the congregation. A ministry to listen and provide compassion and care to these needs.

A light lunch and tea is served.

This ministry is open *all ladies* of the church.

### Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

We will have a Pork & Sauerkraut dinner at the church on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. The meal will consist of pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, dessert and drink.

Mark your calendar for the date and invite all your friends and relatives.

More information on donations and help will be announced in February.

**Daylight Savings – March 10th**



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Sunday, October 6, 2019

Traditional Worship Service 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Tribute 10:30 a.m.  
Homecoming Service 2:30 p.m.  
Catered Reception 4:00 p.m.

The Anniversary committee is busing making preparations.

The first fundraiser to help cover expenses incurred:

**Pew Plaques – \$25 each**

This fundraiser is to give you an opportunity to purchase a Pew Plaque to be placed on the ends of the congregational pews or choir pews.

You may purchase a plaque in memory of, in honor of, or if you just want to sponsor a plaque for yourself or someone else.

Order Forms are now available.

**Purchasing dates Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

Payment must accompany order.

If you would like to have a form or have any questions please contact Ginger Frey 301-824-6241

**Shiloh Shut-Ins**

Thelma Chauker – Ravenwood Nursing Center  
Betty Pryor – Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village  
Catherine Uzelac – Ravenwood Nursing (Rehab)

**Our Homebound Shut-Ins**

Margie Dentler  
Lois & Charles Patton  
Marion Streletz



***Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all our shut-ins and church family who are not able to attend weekly services. You are missed and certainly not forgotten.***

**Happy Birthday!!**

**January**

- 03 – Alan Bulley  
Justus Osuji
- 06 – Bambi Baker  
Ralph Shank
- 10 – Allison Warner  
Grace Osuji
- 11 – Jordyn Feigley
- 12 – Phyrne Higman
- 14 – Richard Kuhn
- 17 – Lauren Noble  
Rhonda Kline  
Ronald Kline
- 18 – Artie Barnhart
- 21 – Tony Miller
- 23 – Ann Brown  
Doug Bruchey
- 27 – Jessica Dorsey

**February**

- 01 – Austin Zimmerman
- 04 – Abigail Welling
- 12 – Nevalene Uzelac
- 13 – Jeremy Frey
- 14 – Curtis Uzelac  
Justin Frey

## **Birthdays cont'**

### **February**

- 17 - Hunter White  
Pastor Dionne Osuji  
Bonnie Brown
- 20 – Harold Higman
- 22 – Max Baker
- 24 – Robin Ellinwood
- 24 - Shelby Koontz
- 28 – Brooke Parks  
Rhonda Uzelac

### **March**

- 01 – Brian Myers
- 09 – Charlene Norris  
Joyce Welling
- 11 – Kaitlyn Dorsey  
Kylie Dorsey
- 14 – Franklin Doyle
- 16 – Sherry Shoemaker
- 20 – Angie Koontz  
Harry Frey Jr.
- 25 – Alivia Koontz
- 26 – Johanna Bulley  
Mckenzie Kuhn
- 27 – Lily Doyle
- 30 – Gin Stenger

## **Anniversaries**

### **January**

- 23 – Bill & Monica Bowen

### **February**

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

### **March**

- 13 – Walt & Joyce Welling
- 15 – David & Jenny Belliotti
- 16 – Robert & Ruth Smith
- 19 – Jay & Debbie Doyle
- 22 – Ralph & Terrie Shank
- 24 – Gerald & Ginger Frey
- 29 – Joe & Debbie Frey
- 31 – Dean & Gin Stenger



March 6, 2019

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and spiritual discipline. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him.

Shiloh observes Ash Wednesday with a service of ashes. The pastor will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins. It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday service to burn to produce ashes for this service.



**Stay warm and be safe**

**Deadline for Apr-May-June is: March 24th**