

# Shiloh Messenger



**January – February – March  
2020**



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

### ***from Epiphany to the Transfiguration***

Greetings,

**Arise, shine, for your light has come!** The Epiphany of the Lord is here. Christ is revealed as the light of the world having come to redeem all of creation. Matthew 2:1-12 reveals this to us in the story of the Magi, Gentiles, who seek the baby of whom the stars foretell. 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 and hear the calling of the disciples in a new way, a way that speaks to us as Christ's disciples. It is by the grace of God that we hear God speaking to us differently each time we read the narratives.

Epiphany reminds me of when I was a little girl in church and we would sing, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine... Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!" As we listen to Holy Scripture, we will relive and reimage how God is speaking to us...and through us. We will engage in evangelism, growing in Christ on the inside as we minister to the people we meet. Our goal is to become refreshed, renewed, and revitalized as we encounter the living God in new ways. **Arise, shine, for your light has come** as God's light grows brighter in us each day. And as is the nature of light, it (and we) cannot be contained.

As we gather this year to read Scripture, sing songs of praise, celebrate our baptism, and the Lord's Supper, let us continue to be the light of Christ in this world. Let us remember that Jesus came in mission and ministry shedding light in very dark places.

**Arise, shine, for your light has come!**

Pastor Dee

## Shiloh U M Church

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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.

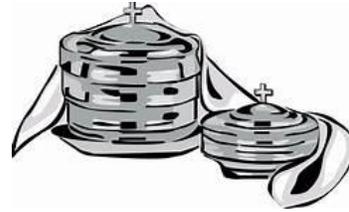
### Sunday Worship:

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



### Schedule:

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Epiphany/White Altar Paraments  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Epiphany/Green  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Epiphany/Green  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Transfiguration/ White  
Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday/Purple  
Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Lent/Purple  
Mar 15<sup>th</sup> Lent/Purple

### 2020

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 2020, let us trust this promise and look forward with great hope.

### Note:

*Please contact Dianne Keller if you have any pastoral concerns during the week of January 6-10.*



### Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

### Finance Committee Budget Meeting:

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

### **Safety Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

### **Happy Hearts Luncheon**

Tues. January 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30 a.m. Western Sizzlin

Tues. February 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. Western Sizzlin

Tues. March 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. Western Sizzlin

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

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



Many thanks to our Card Elves for sorting, filing and distributing the Christmas cards that members sent through our Christmas Card Mailbox.

### **Shiloh Says “Thank You”**

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

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

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



### **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, Holly Place, St Mark’s Food Bank, and gifts 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.



Prayer shawls are needed for those who are homebound or in the hospital or nursing homes. If you can crochet or knit shawls to add to this ministry, please contact Pastor Dee.

### **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.



#### **Lent: - February 26th**

Ash Wednesday is 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". This was a testing time for Jesus. He could either choose God's or Satan's

ways. With His knowledge of God's will for Him, Jesus was able to defeat every temptation. During the season of Lent, Christians observe the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, study and worship as a commemoration of the forty day experience the Lord had in the wilderness. No one can conceive the suffering and pain our Lord endured for the salvation of our lives. 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 be given the gift of eternal life.

Ash Wednesday service will be held at Shiloh on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Each Wednesday the Lenten service will be hosted by a different church. Watch in the weekly bulletin for the schedule of churches.



### **Ladie's Tea Ministry**

**The last Friday of each month**

January 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.

February 28<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 a.m.

March 27<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.

### Tea Ministry con't

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. Also, a date is set to make soup to provide a small meal to those who are prayerfully thought of.

A light lunch and tea is served.  
This ministry is open *all ladies* of the church.

### YF News

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Come help our youth with expenses for their trip to ROCK.

Watch for details on a Ping Pong Tournament coming soon.

Youth have a lot planned this year. "Keep Watching" for events and details.



Join in the fun at our annual Hot Wheels Day coming up soon. Watch for the date and further details via posters and your Shiloh emails.

### Upcoming

#### **Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**

We will have a Pork & Sauerkraut dinner at the church in March.  
More details will follow. Looking forward to all the "helping hands"!!



**Coming April 2020**

Watch for more details. Items are being collected **now**. Questions? see Rhonda, Nevalene or Angela.

***If you have any ideas and would be interested in organizing a Fundraiser to benefit the General Fund, contact a member of the Administrative Board.***

### In The Spirit of Love

The Children's Dept will be making Easter baskets to be distributed to our Shut-ins. These baskets will be assembled by the children on April 5<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) during the Sunday School hour. They will be delivered to our various members during that week. If you would like to donate any items for the baskets, a box will be set up in the church vestibule. Such items would include fruit cups, Applesauce/pudding cups, crackers, cookies, note cards, etc. If you have any questions, please see Dianne or Nevalene.



**Hollis Zimmerman**

**Advanced Certified Lay Servant – Called to Preach**

I had a phenomenal, amazing and interactive Called To Preach Advanced Lay Servant class on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at New Hope United Methodist Church in Brunswick, MD. There were 15 people in the class who were becoming Certified Lay Servants, Speakers or Lay Ministers in churches from Annapolis, Frederick, Baltimore and Martinsburg, WV.

I felt called by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in my heart to learn how to preach and spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to believers, nonbelievers and to the congregation. I hope to get to preach a sermon at Shiloh in the future.

We did many small group activities and I gave other believers in Christ my testimony of my faith and letting God's Word work in my life. I learned that when I am giving a sermon, that is planting the seed to others and we are to let that seed thrive and grow. The Spirit is coming out of us through God's word.

I learned that we are all on a different path and when we write a sermon God will reveal himself to us and God is the audience and we come to give and share His Word to others.

I learned once you choose your topic, just let the scripture lead you to where you want to focus

your message on. Begin reading and determine the context of the scripture and what you want the listeners to learn and get out of the message.

I also learned when we are delivering and presenting the good news of Jesus Christ, we should always seek Spiritual guidance and listening and praying with the Spirit before we give the message, and pray that the message will be uplifting and that the people will feed on God's Word and learn something that they can put into practice into their everyday lives.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I thought of my topic and crafted my sermon during the week, which I gave on the second Saturday of the class. My sermon was about how God shows his love toward us and how we should reflect God's love toward others.

I presented giving my very first sermon to a small group from my Called to Preach class and they gave me plenty of feedback and lots of positive encouragement.

I learned that we are all devoted servants of the Lord no matter what we do or where we go and that we are allowing the Holy Spirit to open us up and planting our seed and watching it grow!

I was the youngest person in the Called to Preach Advanced Certified Servant class. I am compelled to spread, share and preach God's word to other people through this class. I felt like I grew in my relationship and faith with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thanks to everyone for participating in the OCC shoeboxes. Many children will receive gifts that have never experienced before.

In preparation for the 2020 season, we are collecting the following items:

January – Small toys or craft items

February – Combs and small brushes

March - Socks

### **Our Shut-Ins in Nursing Homes**

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

Catherine Uzelac – Ravenwood Nursing

Marion Stretetz – Cadia Nursing Home

### **Our Homebound Shut-Ins**

Margie Dentler

Lois Patton

Sandi Corsi



*Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Charlie and Joyce Jones. Charlie is at John Hopkins going through chemo, stem cell transplant and recovery.*

*Cards and well wishes can be mailed to:*

Charles and Joyce Jones

c/o Hackerman-Patz Patient and Family Pavilion

Room 408

301 N Broadway Street

Baltimore, MD 21312



### **January**

03 – Alan Bulley

03 - Justus Osuji

06 – Bambi Baker

06 - Ralph Shank

10 – Allison Warner

10 - Grace Osuji

11 – Jordyn Feigley

14 – Richard Kuhn

17 – Lauren Noble

17 - Rhonda Kline

17 - Ronald Kline

18 – Artie Barnhart

23 – Ann Brown

23 - Doug Bruchey

27 – Jessica Dorsey

### **February**

01 – Austin Zimmerman

04 – Abigail Welling

12 – Nevalene Uzelac

13 – Jeremy Frey

14 – Curtis Uzelac

14 - Justin Frey

17 - Hunter White

17 - Pastor Dionne Hall

17 - Bonnie Brown

22 – Max Baker

24 - Shelby Koontz

28 – Brooke Parks

28 - Rhonda Uzelac

### **March**

01 – Brian Myers

09 – Charlene Norris

09 - Joyce Welling

## March

11 – Kaitlyn Dorsey  
11 - Kylie Dorsey  
14 – Franklin Doyle  
16 – Sherry Shoemaker  
20 – Angie Koontz  
20 - Harry Frey Jr.  
21 – Dave Roberts  
25 – Alivia Koontz  
26 – Johanna Bulley  
26 - Mckenzie Kuhn  
27 – Lily Doyle  
30 – Gin Stenger



## 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

## A New Year!

As we say “goodbye” to an old year and say “hello” to a new.

Here’s a list of resolutions all of us can do.

Let’s give up all our envy, jealousy and greed

Instead, let’s give a helping hand to all of those in need.

Let’s give up all our selfishness, our anger, hate and pride.

Let’s give up all those negative thoughts and try to look on the brighter side.

Let’s give all we meet, a genuine smile and let’s not criticize.

And when we’re faced with others’ grief, let us truly sympathize.

Give up some time to meditate and reflect upon God’s Word.

Make time each day to say a prayer, and really “Praise the Lord.”

For it is He, who gives to us this year of Two thousand twenty

And though we live, here on this earth

Let’s turn our thoughts toward heaven’s scene.

*Helen Rice*



We all have baked “too many” Christmas cookies. Fellowship time is a perfect way to share.

No cookies? A light snack and drink would also be appreciated.

**PRAYER**  
IS THE BEST  
WIRELESS CONNECTION  
TO GOD

Stay Warm and Be Safe