

SHILOH MESSENGER

January – March 2015



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 2015.

We hope you had a very blessed Christmas.

In God's Love,

Pastor Ken, Nancy and Sarah

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.

Sunday Worship:

9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Praise Worship

Please check our website calendar for meetings and special events.

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

Reminder:

If you have a prayer concern and wish it to appear in the Sunday Traditional service bulletin, please fill out a slip with information and put into the offering plate or give it to Pastor Ken.

St. Mark's says "Thank You"

The Food Bank at St. Mark's church would like to thank everyone for your many donations during the past year. Shiloh donates ten to fifteen bags of food each month.

Your donations were greatly appreciated as hundreds of people are helped each month and even more needing help during the holidays. Your continued donations will help many people during the coming year.

May everyone at Shiloh have a blessed new year.

Shiloh says "Thank You"

Shiloh would like to extend *our* thanks to Marvin and Linda Ridenour for delivering the donations to St. Mark's each month.

There are so many with so little:

We are all so blessed to have enough food to put on our dinner tables.

Please remember to bring your donations for the food bank the first Sunday of every month. If you would like to give a cash donation, there are plain envelopes in the back of the church and mark for the Food Bank. Checks to be made payable to Shiloh church.

Pancake Breakfast:

Saturday, January 24th 7:00 am -11:00am

Youth Fellowship will hold a Pancake Breakfast to help with the expenses for the youth to attend ROCK.

Micah's Back Pack

Items Needed:

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

Shiloh Prayer Chain

Are you aware that Shiloh has a prayer chain? If you need immediate prayer for someone, call Helen Rice – 301-797-2370. She will relay your prayer request and begin the chain of nine church members.

Welcome into our church family:

Affiliate member

Jessica Dorsey
31 Harvard Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
301-988-3553
mdolph3891@gmail.com

Installation of New Officers 2015 January 18th

New officers for 2015 will be installed at the 9:00 a.m. worship service on January 18th. Pick up a list of officers in back of sanctuary.

Finance Chair Needed:

We are still in need of a person to chair meetings on finance committee, help plan the yearly budget, stewardship etc. Please be in prayer and take the step of faith to volunteer for this important position.

If you are interested and need more information, please see Pastor Ken.

2015 Vision Retreat: Readiness 360 February 15th

The congregational surveys have been completed, the report has been generated, and now it's time to take the second step of The Readiness 360 Visioning Process!

On Sunday, February 15th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rev. Bill Wareheim will go over the report that was created as a result of the congregational surveys. After we review the report, we will create a new vision for Shiloh church.

All members of Shiloh are encouraged to attend the 2015 Vision Retreat so we can continue God's mission with future generations!

Pastor Ken

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 fifteen
And though we live, here, on this earth
Let’s turn our thoughts toward heaven’s scene.

Helen Rice

Bible Study

Seventeen members completed a fourteen week
study on the Book of Job on December 17th.
Amid “*the most unusual discussions*” during
snack time, we learned or questioned “The
Patience of Job”.
A new study will begin in the spring. Pastor Ken
will announce the book to be studied. Please
plan to attend what could be the most interesting
and knowledgeable study and the most amusing
hour and half of your week.

In The Spirit of Giving Sunday School Classes

The Young Adult class taught by Gerald Frey
purchased gifts to make Christmas a little merrier
for a family in need.

The Nellie Lytton class taught by Nancy Fizer
provided four recipients with monetary donations
to ease the burden of finances.

The Serendipity Class taught by Helen Rice filled
a stocking for the Salvation Army.

Administrative Council Meetings

The administrative council meets the second
Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
These are important meetings to make decisions
of the church. If you have a concern you wish to
have addressed, please plan to attend or talk to a
member of the council or Pastor Ken.

Happy Hearts Fellowship

Happy Hearts Luncheon: Tuesdays

Jan. 20th 11:30 am – Bob Evans, Dual Highway
Feb. 17th 11:30 am – Bob Evans, Dual Highway
Mar. 17th 12:00 Noon – Church Social Hall

**Friends we are. Friends we’ll be.
Friends forever you and me**

Love good food, fun and Bingo? Come join us.

2014 Charge Conference Report

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

Began Readiness 360 survey
New church signs for contemporary service
Increased involvement in Micah's Backpack
Updated church brochures
Fun Fest Fundraiser
Bible study on the book of Job
Collected 210 shoeboxes for OCC
Annual Ham & Turkey dinner
Corn Hole tournament to benefit Sarah Fizer
Entered float in Mummies' Parade
"Hot Wheels Sunday" as a community event
Updated church membership rolls
Continued contemporary worship on Sundays
Purchases color copier with scanner and fax
Received 11 new members (8 confessions of faith)

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 2015.

In Christ's Service
Pastor Ken

Stewardship

Time* Talent* Treasure*

It's 2015. No doubt you have set some New Year's Resolutions. How many include your spiritual growth and ministry of our Lord?

The Finance Committee is working on the 2015 budget. One of the thoughts that many have themselves wondered, "Is Shiloh well off since it has a fund with a rather large balance?"

It is true that there is a fund that has a large balance. This is a "restricted fund". A "restricted fund" is one that a donor has given to Shiloh with a stipulation that the funds be used only for specific uses. For example, your church leaders administer a fund called the Mabel Widdows Scholarship Fund. This fund, while having a large balance, is restricted in that it provides scholarship monies only over the initial gift balance. The principal can never be touched or used for day to day ministry expenses. This is a gift bequest to our church and we are very grateful for the funds. This fund has benefitted many of our member college students.

When pondering your giving in 2015, please keep in mind that your faithful giving and tithing supports the ministry of Jesus our Lord! You may have not thought about this, but supporting the ministry includes paying the fuel bill, paying the musicians and custodians, the light bill, our pastor, and the paper this is written on... I could go on and on but I know that you see the point... This past year we have withdrawn from our reserves in the amount of \$4,000 per month to help meet our operating expenses. (Cont')

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We are concluding the year with a huge deficit and are laboring prayerfully with our budget for 2015. So as you consider your resolutions for 2015, please include the *Ministry* of Jesus at Shiloh United Methodist church.

Should anyone have questions regarding the finances, budget or how to make a bequest to Shiloh, please feel free to contact the finance and stewardship committee.

Thank you for your faithful giving and stewardship!

Yours in Christ,
The Finance and Stewardship Committee

Trustees Report

Improvements:

New chairs in the Social Hall. These chairs were purchased in the amount of \$4,180. Memorial Fund donations of \$3,296 were used in memory of Lake and Nellie Lytton, Edna Godlove, Barbara Brown, and Fred and Hilda Trovinger. Richard Beckwith generously donated from sale of Value books and the balance was taken from the Building Fund.

The Social Hall floor was sanded and refinished at the cost of \$2,000 from the Building Fund.

Projects in the coming year:

Replace damaged ceilings, move electric and heating ducts in the Children's area. Approx. cost \$9,000.

Purchase new directional signs to be located in various areas in community.

These expenses will be funded through the Building Fund.

Our annual Ham & Turkey dinner and fundraisers will help supplement these projects. If you would like to contribute to the Building Fund during the year, envelopes are provided in your weekly contribution box. Also, if you would like to Chair a fundraiser or have an idea for a fundraiser that you think would benefit this fund, please contact Pastor Ken or one of the Trustees.

Sunday School Anniversary Sunday February 8th

On Sunday February 8th at 10:15 am we will have the annual Sunday School Anniversary. Light refreshments and a program will precede the collection of Building Fund monies that have been collected from the class members each Sunday throughout the year.

Thanks to each class for this contribution and especially to the children for filling their little lamb bank.

Valentine Social February 22nd

A Valentine social will be held in the social hall on February 8th at 5:00 pm.

Valentine doesn't mean couples. Don't fret if you are single! **This party is open to all.** Bring a Covered Dish and a valentine. Let's have Fun...Games...Laughter and Good Food☺

Hot Wheels

February 28th

The Hot Wheels Social event will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. In the Sunday School Social Hall. Bring your cars and join us for an afternoon of racing fun or bring your vintage cars for display.

Contact Jay Doyle for information

Our College Students Living at School:

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125 Bowery St
Frostburg, MD 21532

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

Katie Frey
1532 College Ave Apt F9
Manhattan, KS 66502

Brooke Parks
P.O. Box 2360
Alderson Broaddus University
101 College Hill Dr
Philippi, WV 26416

Our Shut-ins:

Virginia Klick
Julia Manor
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

Flo Leedy
The Village at Robinwood
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

Iris Stickell
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

Charles Patton
216 Sunbrook Lane
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Betty Pryor
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Franklin Doyle
40 E. Village Lane
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Williamsport, MD 21795

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 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 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 **February 18th at 7:00 pm**. Following Ash Wednesday to the week before Holy Thursday we will gather together with our fellow United Methodist 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 pm and the worship service begins at 7:00 pm.

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.

Pastor Ken

The Schedule is as follows: Speakers TBD

February 25 th	Washington Square
March 4 th	Grace UM
March 11 th	Asbury
March 18 th	St. Matthews
March 25 th	Shiloh

A Very Special Holy Thursday service:

April 2nd 7:00 pm Holy Thursday

- On Holy Thursday, Shiloh will welcome Rabbi Neal Surasky from "Chosen People Ministries" to do a Sedar Meal. This is a wonderful presentation that opens up the Old Testament and gives Christians new insights into communion.

Shiloh's Holy Week Services:

March 29th 9:00 am Palm Sunday Service
April 2nd 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Communion
April 5th 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service
April 5th 9:00 am Easter Cantata
April 5th 11:15 am Praise Service

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th 1:00 pm

Birthdays:

January:

3 - Nancy Hebb

6 – Bambi Baker
Ralph Shank

10 – Allison Warner
Nevin Frey

11 – Jordyn Feigley

13 – Jeffery Renner

14 – Richard Kuhn

17 – Lauren Noble
Rhonda Kline
Ronald Kline

18 – Artie Barnhart

21 – Fisher Barnhart
Tony Miller

January:

23 – Ann Brown

27 – Jessica Dorsey

February:

1 – Austin Zimmerman

2 – Jerry Barnhart Jr

4 – Abigail Welling

5 – Helen Rice

12 – Nevalene Uzelac

13 – Jeremy Frey

14 – Curtis Uzelac
Justin Frey

17 – Hunter White

22 – Max Baker

24 – Robin Ellinwood
Shelby Koontz

28 – Brooke Parks
Rhonda Uzelac

March:

1 – Brian Myers

3 – Iris Stickell

9 – Joyce Welling

11 – Kylie Dorsey
Kaitlin Dorsey

Birthdays:

March:

- 14 – Franklin Doyle

- 16 – Sherry Shoemaker

- 20 – Angie Koontz
Harry Frey Jr.

- 24 – Flo Leedy

- 25 – Alivia Koontz

- 26 – Makenzie Kuhn

- 27 - Lily Doyle

- 30 - Gin Stenger

Anniversaries:

January:

- 11 – Paul & Beverly Kifer

- 17 – Nevin & Clara Frey

- 23 - Bill & Monica Bowen

February:

- 3 - Richard & Danielle Kuhn

- 12 - Richard & Kendra Showe

- 25 - Tony & Susan Miller

Anniversaries:

March:

- 13 - Walter & Joyce Welling

- 19 - Jay & Debbie Doyle
Donald & Pam Mease

- 22 - Ralph & Terrie Shank

- 24 - Gerald & Ginger Frey

- 29 - Joe & Debbie Frey

- 31 - Dean & Gin Stenger

Exercise Class

Have you made the New Year's resolution to exercise in 2015? Don't forget the exercise class on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm taught by Bunny Parks. You'll be glad you did!

A Little Laughter☺

Jamie was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," was Jamie's quick answer. "How do you know that?" his cousin asked. "Easy," Jamie answered. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said: Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer."