

SHILOH MESSENGER

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Message from the Pastor's Heart: A New Beginning

Dear Shiloh Members and Friends,

July 1, 2017 will begin a time of new ministry for all of us. Each new beginning is a time of wonder as well as trepidation. Questions abound, on both sides. Who is the new pastor? Where is she from? Wait, the new pastor is “*she*”? It’s a good thing to question, to wrestle with newness and all the uncertainty transition brings. **My** biggest fear – how will I learn everyone’s name?

As I reflect on all the questions I, and you, have, I remember the apostle Peter when he tried to walk on water. Peter was successful when he kept his eyes on Jesus. It wasn’t until Peter heard the strong wind and became distracted that he began to sink. Transitions are similar to that strong wind. When transitions blow in, they are unsettling. Transitions make us desire the calm of still waters. Transitions make us yearn to stay with the familiar. Transitions call us to “remember when…” and to be fearful of the new.

Transitions also call us to new beginnings. We open ourselves to new ideas and new perspectives. As we go forward, it is with the assurance that God has called each of us to be at Shiloh during this time of transition. This is a comfort on which we can rely. The same God who called the world into being has called each of us to Shiloh to transform our community and our world as we keep our eyes on Jesus.

I consider this transition a joy! My children and I look forward to joining the Shiloh community as we explore our calls to ministry. I pray for each of you, I pray for our church community, and I pray for our mission in the world.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Dionne (Pastor Dee), Faith, Grace, Peace, and Justus

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Shiloh Vision Statement:

Having experience 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

Join us for coffee and conversation following the worship service in the social hall to catch up on news and also to invite visitors to get to know us better. Sunday School will follow to study the scriptures and build relationships with others and God.

Reminders:

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

We are so blessed to have enough food to put on our dinner tables each day. Please remember to bring your Food Bank items on Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month).

Please check our website calendar for meetings and special events.

Welcome Pastor Dionne Osuji

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Dionne and children, Faith, Grace, Peace and Justus to our church family.

Pastor Dionne will begin her ministry with us on Sunday July 2nd at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Make sure you introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

Shiloh Prayer Chain

The prayer chain will be updated and a list will be provided on the table in the back of the sanctuary. For emergency prayer, call Pastor Dionne: 301-302-7509. If she is not available to answer, call Dianne Keller: 240-818-2514.

Special Summer Music

The choir has taken a summer break. If you would like to volunteer to share your talents during worship, please sign the sheet on the back table of the sanctuary.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this years' VBS. 26 children attended.

Our thanks to Nevalene and those who volunteered to make this year another successful one!

Thank you to all who organized, donated and helped with the Spring Fundraisers: These fundraisers will supplement the General Fund.

Fun Fest – Profit - \$1,866.00
Quarter Auction – Profit - \$3,748.00

Thank you to those who sponsor bulletins. In addition to colored bulletins on Communion Sunday, the monies also help to pay for supplies on other Sundays.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and support given to us during Nevin's recent illness. With everyone's prayers, he is on the road to recovery. Thanks again. Love, Nevin and Clara Frey

Independence Day

Hamburgers and hot dogs
Cooked on a grill,
Fireworks in the night
giving us all a thrill.
The country all decked
In red, white and blue.
Friends all saying
"Happy 4th of July to you.

241 years ago, on July 4th 1776
This great nation, the United States of America,
In a struggle for what was right and free
was proudly born...
May we celebrate that precious freedom for which our
forebears fought so bravely...
The freedom that is inherent
in the Stars and Stripes, our revered flag...
Celebrate Freedom
This 4th of July!

Washington County Ag Expo

July 15 – July 22

Stop by and see the projects that the following youth of our church enter:

Alivia, Catlin and Shelby Koontz
Ashlyn Gardner
Halley and Lily Doyle
Laura, Joe Miller, Addyson Bruchey
Kaitlyn, Kylie, Alexis, Lawrence and Alyssa Dorsey
Makenzie and Emerson Kuhn

Good Luck Kids! We will wait to hear about your experiences and see those well earned ribbons.

School Supply Give-Away

Wed. August 16th 6:30 p.m.

It's time to start shopping for school supplies.

Items needed:

Pencils, Pens, Markers, Crayons
Notebook paper – wide ruled
Pocket Folders with & without pockets
Pencil boxes
3 ring binders
Composition books
Spiral notebooks
Flash drives
Backpacks

Children who start school with the supplies they need are so grateful.

Have items at church by Sunday, August 13th.

Micah's Backpacks

Micah Backpacks will resume on September 2nd.

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 weekends.

Council Meetings

The administrative Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a concern or request to be brought before the Board, you can attend the meeting, see a member of the Board or talk to the Pastor.

Meetings:

Tuesday, July 11th
August – No Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 12th

Happy Hearts Fellowship

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

Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by 12 members at the Family Diner Tues., June 20th. We had a discussion regarding changing the day so that more members will be able to attend.

Ginger will talk with others to see what day is best and then we will decide. We hope you will join us!

Church Worship & Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Morning worship service will be held outside at the church at 10:00 a.m.

A covered dish lunch will follow the service. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share.

Join us for relaxation, conversation, fun and games.

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

Sunday Night YF Kickoff

Watch for information

Choir News

The Adult Rehearsal will begin Monday, Sept. 11th 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us. The only requirement is to enjoy singing!!

The Rainbow Choir will resume in Sept. Date to be announced.

Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 10th

Grandparents are special people with wisdom and pride.

They are always offering love and kindness and are always there to guide.

They often make you feel so confident and strong. Their arms are always open no matter what you did wrong.

They try to help out in every way that they can.

They love all their grandchildren the same whether you're a child, woman or man.

They are always there to listen and to lend a helping hand.

They show you respect and they try to understand.

They give their love, devotion and so much more, that's easy to see.

Grandparents, what perfect examples of the kind of person that we should be.

Our Shut-Ins

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

Mary Appel
538 Chestnut St.
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Iris Stickell
Ravenwood Lutheran Village
1183 Lutheran Dr.
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Charles & Lois Patton
216 Sunbrook Lane
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Betty Pryor
10304 Whitehall Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Margie Dentler
540 Chestnut St
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Marilyn Painter
Julia Manor Nursing Home
333 Mill St
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Recovering at home:

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

Pat Saunders
45 W. Baltimore St. Apt. #404
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Carol Smith
45 W. Baltimore St. Apt. #102
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240-452-7921 (new)

We continue to pray for Julie Taylor. We admire her courageous fight against cancer. Our God is an awesome God and He is with her through her battle.

Happy Birthday!

July

4 – Jill Bulley
6 – Timothy Frey
7 – Charles Patton
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
26 – Walter Taylor
27 – Mark Frey
29 – Debbie Doyle
30 – Marvin Ridenour
30 – Patty Brown
30 – Rebecca Hebb

August

2 – Herbert Chalker
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 – Jake Wade
10 – Eric Goetz
11 – Amanda Shank
13 – Alyssa Rumbaugh
16 – Jeanne Renner
17 – Bobby Noble
17 – Linda Ridenour
20 – Ashley Doyle
21 – Mary Appel
22 – Donna Gaylor
28 – Rick Taylor
29 – Mara Goetz
30 – Bill Bowen

September

1 – Toni Gosnell
3 – Joshua Miller
3 – Melissa Bruchey
4 – Betty Pryor
6 – Pat Saunders
7 – Wayne Gosnell
13 – Ruth Smith
14 – Ashley Keck
16 – Helen Davis
17 – Barbara Wallech
18 – Krista Feigley
30 – Catherine Uzelac

Happy Anniversary!

July

6 – Brian & Erin Myers

August

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

September

5 – Rick & Julie Taylor
12 – Michael & Allyson Welling
14 – David & Tanya Ekmark

September, cont.

27 – Richard & Dianne Keller

30 – Erik & Ann Goetz

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

Operation Christmas Child

Important Update

For more than 10 years, Samaritan's Purse has asked for a \$7 donation to help pay the processing and shipping costs of each Operation Christmas Child shoebox. This year we are raising this slightly to \$9, due to increasing costs associated with collection, processing, shipping and distribution. To ship a five-pound, gift-filled shoebox from the U.S. to Kenya via the post office would cost almost \$70! To send the same box to the Philippines or Argentina would cost about \$60. Those are just three countries, and we deliver to more than 100 countries worldwide every year!

In addition to logistics, the \$9 donation covers the cost of The Greatest Gift—a Gospel story booklet that accompanies most shoebox gifts. It also provides a resource that trains local churches around the world on how to host an outreach event and share the Good News in a child-friendly way.

Please also note that **CANDY AND TOOTHPASTE ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED IN SHOEBOX GIFTS** due to customs regulations.

We are grateful for your partnership in the Gospel and praise God that more than 11 million shoebox gifts were collected last year. Every shoebox gift is a tangible demonstration of God's love to a boy or girl in need.

This is one of the most important projects for Shiloh to come together and help children around the world to have hope.

More information for suggested items will be at a later date.

I Pray in the Morning

I seek my God in the morning
When the day is new and still;
Inspiration comes with the sunrise,
And I pray to do His Will.

I seek my God in the evening,
Wearied of labor and strife—
And hope that I have been a blessing,
To someone's else's life.

A Little Laughter☺

"Mr. Goldblatt," announced little Joey,
"there's somethin' I can't figure out."
"What's that Joey?" asked Goldblatt.

"Well accordin' to the Bible, the Children of Israel
crossed the Red Sea, right?"

"Right."

"An' the Children of Israel beat up the Philistines,
right?"

"Er—right."

"

An' the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?"
"Again you're right."

"An' the Children of Israel fought the 'gyptians, and
the Children of Israel fought the Romans, an' the
Children of Israel wuz always doin' somethin'
important, right?"

"All that is right, too," agreed Mr. Goldblatt.
"So what's your question?"

"What I wanna know is this," demanded Joey. "What
wuz all the grown-ups doin' all these times?"

**Deadline for Oct.-Nov. Newsletter
September 17th**

Have A Great Summer

