

Shiloh Messenger



December



2019

Message from the Pastor

“I Told You So,” Part 1

Greetings,

For a very long time, my favorite 4 words were, “I told you so.” Not very nice words, not words full of faith, grace, peace, or justice...those four words were used to smirk and show superiority. We’ve all had those “I told you so” times in our lives; times when we weren’t our Christian best to our family and friends.

But, “I told you so” has another meaning...you can find it throughout the Christianity. In November we celebrate All Saints Day and Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday, two days in which we should remember that God, through the prophets in scripture, “told us so.” On All Saints Sunday, we remember all those who have died in the faith before us; people who embraced God faithfully, believing in the resurrection and eternity in Christ. All Saints Sunday is a time to give thanks for our faith and to celebrate our history: salvation history. Our salvation is God’s greatest “I told you so.” And then we celebrate Reign of Christ Sunday, a time when we acknowledge that Christ was fully human and fully divine...and Christ is the authority in this world.

God’s “I told you so” begins our Christian year when we celebrate Advent. As we take time to read through the lectionary, we hear what Isaiah is saying with fresh ears...ears attuned to God saying a savior is coming to set the world right – how the reign (kingdom) of God is coming to earth.

This year, I’d like to proclaim “God told you so” with everyone I meet. The “look at what God has done!” the ultimate Christian “I told you so.” As we celebrate Christmas, “I told you so” should be utmost in our thoughts. God promised to send a savior and that promise was fulfilled in Christ.

I extend to you a warm welcome and a glorious “God told you so” as we celebrate Christ’s birth and usher in a new Christian year of worship,

Pastor Dee

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Sunday Worship:

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:40 – 11:15 a.m. Sunday School

Holy Communion:

First Sunday each month –

Bring Food Bank items

We are so fortunate to have enough food to put on our tables, however, please remember those who do not.

Sunday, November 3rd

Sunday, December 1st

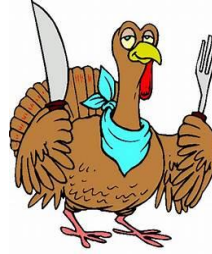
Third Sunday each month



Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 12th 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10th 7:00 p.m.



Ham & Turkey Supper

Saturday, November 9th 3-7pm

The Ham & Turkey Supper was in question this year because help was very scarce last year resulting in additional work on the people that have committed to it every year.

A sign-up sheet was provided to see if enough people would commit their help this year. It was then decided to go ahead with the plans.

This is a huge event to fund our Building Fund. This fund is used to make improvements to our building. The Social Hall floor was refinished and Storage Cabinets were built in the back Sunday School area before our 150th anniversary celebration.

Your help in areas of donations, physical help on Thursday to pick off turkeys, Friday evenings and more importantly your help is needed on Saturday making pies, stuffing, serve tables, kitchen help, or washing dishes during supper hours.

Please remember your commitment and come and help to make this a success!

**Baked Goods needed for the YF Bake Table.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 3rd

We will remember our members who have passed this year and other saints during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.



Sunday, November 10th

We will recognize and honor the members in our congregation who served in different branches of the military.

All men are encouraged to join the Men's Chorus.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 24th

Decorating will begin at 3:00 pm and a meal following.



Operation Christmas Child

Shiloh has launched our Shoebox project. How heartbreaking it is to imagine boys and girls around the world not receiving a gift.

Boxes are located throughout the church and social hall or you can also fill a plastic shoebox.

Items such as dolls, balls, small stuffed animals, cars, jump ropes – all kinds of fun toys, and school supplies.

Do Not include candy or toothpaste.

Label your box for a "girl" or "boy". If possible, include a donation of \$9 to cover shipping cost.

Christmas For Holly Place

Shiloh will be collecting various items for Holly Place again this year. These items would include Kleenex, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoos, lotions, men & women's colognes, notepads, ink pens etc. A box will be available in the church vestibule for you to drop off your items. Items will be delivered during Christmas caroling. Thank you!

Star Breakfast

Saturday, Dec. 7st 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.

All children are invited to join us for a free pancake breakfast, crafts and hear the Christmas story.

All children must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over.

Questions? Contact Nevalene or Tammy.

Adult Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14th 5:00 p.m.

Shiloh Social Hall

Catered by Keystone Restaurant
\$12.00 – gratuity and drink included

Money due by December 8th.



The Mitten Tree will be on the stage in the Social Hall. While shopping, remember the children that are in need of gloves, scarves and hats during the cold winter season.



Sunday, December 8th

“Call Him Jesus” The Cantata Choral Group will share the message of Christ’s birth through scripture and songs during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Shiloh Christmas Card Box

A Christmas card box has been provided in the back of the sanctuary. Bring your cards and place in the box put together with a rubber band, please.

Please include **last names** on your cards.

This is how they are filed.

Please put **all cards** in Box. Do not put your cards in tubs with “Letter” files. You can pick up your cards from this file.

Note: Please mail your Shut-In cards using the US Mail.

Deadline for cards – Sun. December 22nd

Children’s Program

December 22nd 10:30 am.

“Recitations and Songs”

The children will present their Christmas Program during the Sunday School time. The congregation is welcome to stay following the worship.

Let our children fill your hearts with the Christmas spirit and let’s show them how much we love and appreciate them.

Let’s also remember children who do not have meals over the weekends with

Micah’s Backpacks:

Small cereal boxes	Gold Fish Packs
Juice Boxes	Raisins
Single Meals	Pudding Cups
Easy Macs	Applesauce
Individual Tuna Packs	
Fruit Cups	
Fruit Snacks	

*****A note from the Counting Committee***

Please put your envelope # on the memo section of your check in your offering envelope.

This will make the job of counting the money during Sunday School go much faster for the committee.

Thank you.



Lots of exciting things in the planning for the Youth. Keep watching for more details on Events, Socials and Fundraisers.

Luminaires in Honor of or in Memory of loved ones will begin on Sunday, Nov 24th and will be sold through Dec. 22nd.

Anyone who wants to go to ROCK, please see Rhonda ASAP.

Congratulations to the Youth for raising \$3,000 at the Ivy Hill festival to help cover ROCK expenses. Great Job!!

Poinsettia Orders

The church will be decorated with poinsettias during worship service and Christmas Eve service.

Announcement for order forms and cost will be at a later date.



Candlelight Service
December 24th 7:00 p.m.

Come for a candle light service and singing of Christmas carols as we celebrate Jesus' birth.

Board of Child Care

Save your quarters and fill several of the red stockings that will be provided.

Christmas Eve offering and stockings are sent to the Board of Child Care.



The day began with a 9:00 a.m. World Communion worship service. The sanctuary was adorned with yellow and white mums and beautiful window decorations.

At 2:30 p.m. Pastor Dee welcomed everyone to celebrate the church's 150th anniversary. A period of reminiscences was lead by Rev. Wilson Shearer. Several members told their stories of appreciation of Shiloh through the years. Franklin Doyle 93, was recognized as the oldest member present and Virginia Rodgers at 91 years old.

Rev. Tony Love, from the Baltimore-Washington Conference provided the Anniversary message. He also conveyed congratulations from Bishop Easterling.

Anniversary con't

Rev. John Wunderlich, District Superintendent, was not able to attend but sent congratulations.

Mr. Jeff Cline, Board of County Commissioners, presented a proclamation to acknowledge the remarkable benchmark in the history of Shiloh in Washington County.

Recognition of 150 years was also received by:

Governor Larry Hogan
Hagerstown Mayor Robert Bruchey
The White House

A catered reception followed the service. Friends reunited and a slideshow of past memorable events was shown during the meal.



After reception Balloon Launch

Many thanks to the Anniversary Committee for their hard work and dedication to make this a tremendous celebration.

Welcome into our Shiloh family:

Kathy Jo Hefner
Greg Evans
Alivia Koontz
Caitlin Koontz

Happy Hearts Luncheon

Tuesday, November 19th

Tuesday, December 17th

Western Sizzlin – 11:30 a.m.



Due to anniversary preparations, the October newsletter was not printed.

October

- 3- Haley Doyle
- 4 – Ryan Keller
- 6 – Chen Trovinger
- 6 – Pamela Gourlay
- 6 – Richard Showe
- 9 – Timothy Snouffer
- 11 – Donnie Ritter
- 12 – Charles Jones
- 12 – Wayne Rumbaugh
- 13 – Bessie Taylor
- 14 – Allyson Welling
- 14 – Debbie Frey

October con't

15 – Michael Welling
18 – Amy Stenger
18 – Bonnie Boyd
20 – Jane Frey
21 – Susan Miller
23 – Frank Brooks
23 – Lene' Rumbaugh
23 – Nathan Priest
23 – Theodore Bulley
23 – Whytne Brooks
25 – Katie Frey
29 – Charles Frey
31 – David Belliotti

November

3 – Roy Brown
4 – Alexis Dorsey
4 – Danielle Kuhn
4 – Deanna Whitehead
4 – Joe Miller Bruchey
5 – Fran Taylor
8- Caitlin Koontz
10 –Patrica Eyler
10 – Ryan Shank
15 – Marilyn Painter
16 – Clara Frey
17 – Breanna Jones
17 – Megan Welling
17 – Peace Osuji
19 – Lauren Jaye
20 – Amanda Frey
25 – Kendra Showe

December

1 – Richard Keller
2 – Kristie Miller
7 – Elizabeth Jones
8 – Christopher Trovinger

8 – Cynthia Davis
10 – Cole McKeever
11 – Alyssa Dorsey
11 – Carolyn Brooks
11 – Jimmy Koontz
11 – Gerald Frey Sr
12 – Lester Trovinger
23 – Jeanne Reeser
23 – Marion Streletz
24 – Nellie Mae French
25 – Dave Frey
25 – Kevin Jaye
27 – Laura Bruchey
28 – Ashlyn Frey
30 – Pam Noble



October

11 – Cody & Elizabeth Jones
16 – Jimmy & Angie Koontz
18 – Dave & Tish Frey
19 – Lester & Kayla Trovinger
26 – Donnie & Arjean Ritter
28 – Harold & Phyrne Higman

November

1 – Mark & Chen Trovinger
8 – Ronald & Linda Kline
15 – Larry & Margie Dentler
29 – Curt & Nevalene Uzelac

December

6 – Charles & Jane Frey
29 – Frank & Carolyn Brooks

Shiloh Shut-Ins

Ravenwood Nursing Center:

Catherine Uzelac

Thelma Chalker

Cadia Nursing Home

Marion Stretetz

Sandi Corsi



*The following poem was written by Helen Rice.
It includes titles of songs sung by the Shiloh
Rainbow Choir over 20 years*

Our Homebound Shut-Ins

Margie Dentler

Lois Patton

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

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28rd

Let Us Be Thankful

The days are getting shorter,
A chill is in the air.
Many birds are flying South.
We see them here and there.

Strokes from God's paint brush
Paint the autumn leaves
In orange, red, and yellow hues,
Into pretty patterns, He weaves.

The harvest has been reaped
And has been safely gathered in.
We're ready for Thanksgiving Day
When we visit relatives and kin.

We are thankful for our blessings,
Which from our God overflowed.
There are so many, we can't count,
To us, our God hath bestowed.

Our God is an awesome God
He is Christ the Lord
Unto the King Eternal, I exalt Thee
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

It is written in the Word
God is on His Throne
Come into His Presence with Praise
He is Lord, Halle Halle Lujah

I can do all things
One step at a time, and all through the night
For the Lord is my Shepherd
The Lord is my Rock.

Take my Life and Let it be
Jesus, my life is in you
I will trust in you, I will stand with you,
Jesus, I appreciate You.

Take all of me, not Just a Little bit
Make me a Servant and a child of the King
Come into My Heart
And Make me just like you.

The music of God's Family
Are wonderful words of Life
So best friends, Stand up, Clap your hands
Shake a Friend's hand
Welcome to the Family
Amen, Praise the Lord