

SHILOH MESSENGER

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From the desk of Pastor Ken

Dear Shiloh Family and Friends,

In the New Testament, in the letter of James, the author condemns faith which produces no fruits. “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?” Faith which does not move us to reach out is hollow. Faith which allows us to walk hurriedly past the needy is empty. Faith which bears no fruit is dead faith. Jesus says, “Faith without works is dead.”

We cannot be saved by our good works, of course. But if we are truly saved by grace through faith, our lives will bear fruit which witnesses to our salvation. If we do not have the faith which sends us out in service to one another, then we do not have the faith that scriptures holds up to us.

There are many things, which will pass for faith. There is a non-personnel faith which is unguided by the teachings of Christ and unchallenged by growth. There is a dry faith which never warms the heart or lifts the soul. There is a useless faith which bears no fruits and does no great deeds for the Kingdom of God. There are many lifeless attitudes which pass for faith.

And there is a living faith in Christ. Living faith uncovers both our faults and our possibilities. Living faith embraces the whole person – mind, body and soul. There are many signs of a living faith in one's life such as regular worship and Sunday School attendance; a willingness to share ones faith with others; involvement in a Bible study and/or prayer group; working with persons who are in need...The challenge Scripture offers us is not to be deceived about what kind of faith we truly need, and what kind of faith we truly have. Is your faith one that is living or dead?

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Ken

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 Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Contemporary and Praise Worship

Please check our website calendar for meetings and special events.

Shiloh Prayer Concerns

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

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4: 6-7

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday Oct. 2nd

After Worship Service

Do you love your church? Shiloh is not just a building to come to every Sunday. Re-read our Vision Statement - [Shiloh is a place to share the love with others and to make disciples of Christ to reach out into the community.](#)

Our figures clearly show Shiloh will not be able to sustain our expenses for a long period of time unless we have a positive cash flow.

We can't bury our heads in the sand. We must take action so that we can continue to carry on God's work in our community for years to come. No, we are not closing our doors. We are working together to find solutions.

We must remain positive in our situation. Having negative thoughts shows a lack of faith. Through prayer and unity our congregation can determine Shiloh's future.

If you attend worship, are not members, but would like to participate – No worries. You are a part of Shiloh's church family.

This is a “critical” meeting for ALL. We must join together and be passionate about our goals. If you have questions that need answers – this is the meeting. **You have a Voice!**

Please plan to attend.

Reminder:

Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 11th 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Nov. 8th 7:00 p.m.

Lay readers are needed for the traditional worship. This is a privilege to read the scriptures during Sunday services. Please volunteer and sign the schedule located on the back table in the sanctuary.

Greeters also needed before the service.

Fall Bible Study

Pastor Ken is conducting a Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7:10 – 8:15 pm. Together we will study the writings of St Paul, Philipines; Colossians; 1 and 2 Thessalonians; 1 and 2 Timothy; Titus and Philemon. Please join us this Fall for a journey through Paul's New Testament books.

Coffee Fellowship

Join us each Sunday morning after the 9:00 am Worship service for coffee and conversation. This is a time to catch up with each other's news and the time to invite our visitors over to get to know them better. If you would like to provide a light snack and drink, please sign the calendar on the bulletin board.

Sunday School

Nothing is more rewarding then to further explore the teachings of Jesus. Join a class next Sunday to experience the scriptures and build relationship with others and God.

Fitness Class

Exercise class taught by Bunny Parks has started on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm. This class workout is at your own pace and level. Class will not be held during inclement weather. All ages welcome

Operation Christmas Child

Shiloh has begun our Operation Christmas child project. Imagine a child without receiving a gift. What a heartbreaking image.

Operation Christmas child is one way each one of us can make a difference in that child's life. Samaritan's Purse has shared the Good News with hurting children through the simplest gifts – Shoeboxes!

Boxes are located throughout the church and the Social hall. Items that can be included are: Dolls, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump ropes, and other fun toys. Hygiene items and school supplies.

Give a child hope and introduce a child to Jesus Christ.

Label your box for a "girl" or "boy. Include a \$7 donation to cover shipping cost of your box to a child in need.

Deadline for bringing to church is Sun. Nov. 6th
Blessing of the Boxes is Sun. Nov. 13th.

Hagerstown Mummers Parade

Shiloh will be entering a float for the 4th time in the Hagerstown Mummers Parade on Saturday, October 29th.

We have won 3 trophies and this year will be no exception!

A theme has been decided and the congregation is asked to help build this float together.

A work day will be announced at a later date. Contact Rhonda Uzelac at 301-992-7254 if interested in helping.

Trick or Trunk

Sunday October 30th – 4:30 pm

A light supper will follow trick or trunk.

If you would like to decorate your trunk or just pass out candy, let Nevalene or Tammy know.

Happy Hearts Lunch

Oct. 18th 11:30 a.m. – Family Diner, Dual Hwy.
November 15th 11:30 a.m. - Family Diner

*“Friends we are. Friends we’ll be.
Friends Forever You and Me.*

Choir Rehearsals

The Adult choir has started back to its fall rehearsals on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us, see Clara. If you aren’t sure you can make a long-time commitment, consider joining us for our Christmas Cantata.

The Rainbow choir began their rehearsals on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am. Each child was given a schedule for rehearsals. Be sure to check the website to see when the children will sing in the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Cancellation Policy: In case of inclement weather worship service cancellations will be put on the local radio stations: WJEJ 1040 am, WCRH 90.5 fm, WHAG 1410 am.

Lil’ Disciples

Lil’ Disciples will begin on Oct. 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
Open to all children 4th grade and younger.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who donated and helped with the school supply give-away.
With your help and support we were able to provide supplies to 86 children from 29 different schools.
We also boxed up supplies for the West Virginia flood victims.
Now is the time to jump start for next year.

Micah’s Backpacks

School has started and this year we are filling 8 backpacks. We need the following items:
Fruit cups, tuna, peanut butter singles, single pack crackers, snack crackers, small cereal boxes, cups of soup, juice boxes, applesauce, fruit snacks, spaghetti O’s, granola bars, cereal bars, oatmeal, mac & cheese singes, etc.
Our needs EACH WEEK for each bag:
2 breakfast items, 4 meal items, 4 drinks, 2-4 fruit or pudding and 2-4 snacks.
This project is so important for the children who do not have meals over the weekend.

Annual Ham & Turkey Supper

Saturday, November 5th

Our annual Ham and Turkey Supper fundraiser will be on Saturday, Nov 5th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a huge event to fund our Building Fund.
Your help in areas of donations, physical help on Thursday and Friday evenings and more importantly your help is needed on Saturday. Beginning at 5:30 a.m. Saturday morning making more than 100 pies, making stuffing in the afternoon, and helping to serve tables, kitchen help or washing dishes during the supper hours – Your help is needed!
Help is also needed after 7:00 to clean up and put things back in order for our Sunday services. After long hours of work already, some folks are just dog tired!! Won’t you consider giving your time to help make this a complete success?

Donation Sheets will be on the back table in the Social Hall or you can talk to Arjean or Nevalene

There is light at the end of the Tunnel 😊

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday Nov. 6th
We will get that extra hour of sleep!

Food Bank Donations

1st Sunday of each month

Communion Sunday is the reminder to bring your items for the Food Bank.

Items are delivered to St. Mark's Lutheran church in Hagerstown, Food is distributed to individuals and families in need. With struggling families every item makes a difference.

If you would rather donate by check – make check payable to Shiloh church "food bank" in memo and it will be mailed from the church.

All Saints Sunday

November 6th

We will remember our members that passed away during the last year and all other saints who passed away in previous years during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Veteran's Day

November 11th

On Veteran's Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call.
Soldiers young and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died,
All of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
Kept thinking of the red, white and blue
They fought through many days and nights
And though we may not know each name,
We thank ALL veterans just the same.

Honoring Our Veterans

Sunday, November 13th

We are proud to have in our congregation men and women who served in different branches of the military. We will honor them during the 9:00 am worship service. The Men's chorus will sing.

Tuesday Nov. 8th – Don't Forget To Vote!!

How To Observe Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24th

Count your blessing instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses,
Count your joys instead of your woes,
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday Nov. 26th 5:00 p.m.

Come help us prepare our church for the Christmas Season!
Covered dish dinner.

Shiloh Christmas Card Box

A box will be put in the back of the sanctuary on November 27th to deposit your Christmas cards. Save money on postage by sending cards to church members through this box.

Holly Place

Beginning November 27th, we will collect items to take to Holly Place. Suggested items:

Box of Tissues	Perfume
Shampoo	Lotions
Combs	Soap
Pens	After Shave Lotion
Stamps	Lap Blankets
Note Cards	Conditioner
Cards	Small Games

Poinsettia Flower Orders

The church will be adorned with poinsettias for the holiday season placed in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. The flowers will be placed in church on Sunday December 11th.

Order forms will be available and purchase prices will be announced during future worship services.

**All orders must to be placed by
November 27th.**

New Pictorial Directory

Work has begun on our new 2017 Pictorial Directory. There have been changes and new members in our congregation.

We need your help to get information updated.

Our next meeting is Tues. September 27th. If you have not signed the sheet that is enclosed in the attendance book passed around during worship, a committee member will contact you by phone for your choice of a new picture of the use of your existing picture in the 2011 directory.

Pictures will be scheduled beginning in October with Angie, Nicole and Lene' as our Shiloh photographers. Dates will be announced.

It takes several months to put this together and the completion date is December 1st.

YF News

It is that time of year where we start being super busy and active. We are starting some fundraisers for ROCK so keep watching for more information and details on a Paint Nite, Apple Dumpling sale, Pancake Breakfast and more. Anyone interested in going to ROCK see Ms. Rhonda ASAP. 6th grade and up are welcome. Dates are Feb. 3-5, 2017.

We will be having a Glow Gallery at the Trick or Trunk event. If you are able to help get Glow stuff see Ms. Rhonda.

Baked Goods are needed for the church supper. We will have a bake table.

We Welcome 2 New Babies into our Church Family☺

Claire Elizabeth Jaye
Daughter of Kevin & Lauren Jaye
Born August 10th

Brixen Marcell Lynn
Son of Rachael Roberts and Chris Lynn
Born June 24th

Please remember and pray for our College students while studying away or at local colleges.

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

Brooke Parks
West Virginia University

Hollis Zimmerman – FCC
Joshua Miller – HCC
Sarah Snouffer – HCC

“Hello God”

Hello God,
I called tonight
To talk a little while
I need a friend who'll listen
To my anxiety and trial.
You see, I can't quite make it
Through a day on my own...
I need your love to guide me,
So I'll never feel alone.
I want to ask you please to keep
My family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives with confidence
For whatever fate they're bound.
Give me faith, dear God, to face
Each hour throughout the day,
And not to worry over things
I can't change any way.
I thank you God for being home
And listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice

When I stumble and fall.
Your number, God, is the only one
That answers every time.
I never get a busy signal,
Never had to pay a dime.
So, thank you, God, for listening
To my troubles and my sorrow.
Good night, God, I love You too,
And I'll call again tomorrow!

***Did You Know?*.....**

In the past few months there have been statements brought forth by members of the younger generation that they do not use checks or carry cash. This made us look into ways that we could offer and that many other churches offer their members.

Today's technology grants us many options of giving and meeting stewardship commitments. One of the easiest options is to use "Bill Pay" through your local bank. Many banks offer this service free. In fact, we have several members currently using this easy option.

In line with this, the church can provide giver cards in the pews to put in the offering plate that says you gave electronically or you can place your empty envelope in the plate.

Whether It's cash in the plate or electronically, it's all faithfulness in God's eyes.

Our Shut -Ins

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

Charles & Lois Patton
216 Sunbrook Lane
Hagerstown, MD 21742

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

Nancy Hebb
Twin Oaks Assisted Living Room #109
154 North Artizan Street
Williamsport, MD 21795

Betty Pryor
10304 Whitehall Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Recovering at Home:

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Donna as she goes through the healing process. She is still with her sister Deanna. Cards can be mailed to:

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

**A note from Donna tells us that she is taking therapy 3 times a week along with other appointments.*

Keep up the good work Donna. Our prayers will continue for your progress.

Happy Birthday!

October

3 – Haley Ann Doyle
4 – Ryan Keller
6 – Chen Trovinger
6 – Pamela Gourlay
6 – Richard Showe
9 – Timothy Snouffer
11 – Donnie Ritter
12 – Charles Brown
12 – Charles Jones
12 – Wayne Rumbaugh
13 – Bessie Taylor
14 – Allyson Welling
14 – Debbie Frey
15 – Michael Welling
18 – Amy Stenger
18 - Bonnie Boyd
18- Scott Feigley
20- Jane Frey
21- Susan Miller
22 – Linda Fizer
22 – Rev Ken Fizer
23 – Frank Brooks
23 – Lene' Rumbaugh
23 – Nathan Priest
23 – Whytne Brooks
23 – Theodore Bulley
24 – Larry Dorsey
25 – Katie Frey
28 – Robert Frey
29 – Charles Frey
31 – David Belliotti

November

3 – Roy Brown
4 – Danielle Kuhn
4 – Deanna Whitehead
4 – Joe Miller
4 – Alexis Dorsey

November

- 5 – Fran Taylor
- 8 – Anne Goetz
- 8 – Caitlin Koontz
- 10 – Patricia Eyler
- 10 – Ryan Shank
- 12 – Nancy Fizer
- 15 – Beverly Kifer
- 15 – Marilyn Painter
- 16 – Clara Frey
- 17 – Breanna Jones
- 17 – Carol Smith
- 17 – Megan Welling
- 19 – Lauren Jaye
- 20 – Amanda Frey
- 25 – Kendra Showe

Happy Anniversary!

October

- 16 – Jimmy & Angie Koontz
- 18 – David & Tish Frey
- 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

If you don't see your name, please let me know.

Save The Date

Star Breakfast December 3

9:00 -10:30 a.m.

December Newsletter

We will be doing a short newsletter for activities and services in the month of December.

Please have all articles in by November 20th.

A Little Laughter 😊

Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother remarked..."doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"

Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left handed."

This confused his grandmother a bit, and she asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"