

SHILOH MESSENGER

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From the desk of Pastor Ken

Dear Shiloh Family and Friends,

“No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins.” Mark 2:22

One question I often have asked is “Why can’t we get new members?” This question is most often asked as a solution to Shiloh’s financial problems. But is the question a legitimate one? And if we could receive more members, would it fix our financial woes. I have been able to chart the actual number of new members Shiloh has received over the last 35 years. Here are the figures:

Pastor	Appoint. Period	Years Served	No. New Members Received	No. of Baptisms
Fizer	2010- Present	5	45	22
Frum	2005 - 2010	5	7	5
Lay	1998 – 2005	7	N/A	3
Zinn	1991 – 1998	7	30	12
Roberson	1987 – 1991	4	14	2
Shank	1981 - 1987	6	28	19

If these figures take us by surprise then maybe we have not been as aware of what God has been doing in our midst as we should be. The next question we need to ask ourselves is why don't we see a big increase in attendance based upon the number of new members received? I believe the answer lies in the level of hospitality perceived by new members. While I was working on my Doctor of Ministry Degree at Wesley Theological Seminary, I recall my evangelism professor saying over and over again, "The pastor brings them in and the congregation keeps them." This statement has led me to focus almost exclusively on evangelism because I perceived hospitality to be primary the work of the congregation. But now I see that receiving new members when folks are not ready to receive them is no better than demonstrating hospitality without having visitors to experience it.

In an effort to fix the problem I will be bringing to our next Church Council meeting a few new suggestions. I'm going to recommend that all new members receive one or more sponsors for at least a 3 year period. During this 3 year period sponsors will be given the task of helping new members find and use their spiritual gifts in the life of the congregation. Secondly, sponsors will be given the task of helping new members feel a sense of church ownership. New members need to feel as though their opinions matter and that they have a voice in church meetings or any other church committee meetings.

In addition to the duties of the sponsors in helping new members make Shiloh their new church home, I'm asking that all of us work to increase the level of hospitality. All too often we don't go the extra mile because: we are too busy; we have too many problems of our own; we want to spend our time with family and old friends; we feel that we don't have anything in common with folks that are not from around here or share our interest; and we feel that making new members feel welcome is the pastor's job.

We must remember that evangelism without hospitality is no better than hospitality without evangelism. We must all work together to grow God's Kingdom here at Shiloh.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Ken

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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.

Finance Chair Still 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 to volunteer for this important position.

For more information, please see Pastor Ken.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

A card **can** make a difference

Virginia Klick
Julia Manor
333 Mill Street St
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Flo Leedy
The Village at Robinwood
19800 Tranquility Circle
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

Donald Klick
Country Meadows Room #101
451 Sandy Hill Road
Hershey, PA 17033

Nancy Hebb
Emeritus at Hagerstown Room #108
20009 Rosebank Way
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Recovering at home:

Alex Gourlay
5933 Michael's Court
Keedysville, MD 21756

Confirmation Class

A Confirmation Class for youth in grade 8 and above will begin on Sept 6th from 10:30 am to 11:00 am. The 30 minute class will be taught each Sunday during Sunday School.

Class begins September 6th and runs through December 13th.

Please see Pastor Ken if interested.

Fall Bible Study – Sept 2nd

New Testament Books:

- Hebrews
- James
- 1 and 2 Peter
- 1, 2 and 3 John
- Jude

Join us on Wednesday nights this fall for a journey through the non-Pauline New Testament Books.

September 2nd – December 16th

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Shiloh Church Picnic Sept 20th

On Sunday, September 20th we are having our church worship service at 10:00 am at the Leitersburg Ruritan Park.

A covered dish lunch will follow the service. We are asking everyone to bring their favorite dish to share. Please sign up on the sheets on the back table in the social hall.

After eating lunch, we will enjoy games and fun times with our church family during the afternoon.

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

Council Meetings

The Administrative Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

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, September 8th

Tuesday, October 13th

Tuesday, November 10th

Happy Hearts Fellowship

“Friends we are. Friends we’ll be.

Friends forever you and me.”

Luncheons:

Tues. Sept. 15th 11:30 am Family Diner

Tues. Oct. 20th 12:00 noon Church Social Hall

Tues. Nov. 17th 11:30 am Family Diner

Heart Walk Sept 13th

Sunday, September 13th Alivia’s Red Heart Team will walk through the Battlefield at Gettysburg.

If you are interested in joining the team or sponsoring the team contact Tammy Frey 301-791-1977 or email: tfrey@aol.com

Pancake Breakfast Sept 12th

A Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, Sept 12th 7:00 am – 11:00 am to help

Julie Taylor with cancer treatment expenses.

If you can help or donate items needed, please sign up in Social Hall. Any questions see Ginger.

Welcome to Our Church Family

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I am a Christian

When I say that "I am a Christian," I am not shouting that "I am clean living." I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say "I'm a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

Shiloh Facebook

Our Facebook page is now up to 106 likes which means we are getting the word out about Shiloh. Let's keep it going! Invite everyone you know to go to our website and "like" our page. Any events you would like posted, let Rhonda Uzelac know and she will post it.

Choir News

The Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 21st at 6:30 pm. Christmas Cantata rehearsals will be announced at a later date.

The Rainbow Choir will begin rehearsals on Saturday, September 26th at 10:00 am.

Coffee & Conversation

Join us for coffee fellowship in the Social Hall every Sunday morning following the 9:00 worship service. This is a time to catch up on news and also to invite visitors to get to know us better. If you would like to provide a simple snack and drink, please see Nevalene.

After fellowship won't you stay for Sunday School at 10:15 am to further study the scriptures and build relationships with others and God?

Praise Worship 11:15 am

Just felt like getting a few more winks and missed our traditional service at 9:00 am? No worries! Join us for our second service at 11:15 am.

Power Point computer presentation, a time of contemporary songs, scripture and a message with Pastor Ken. Dress is casual.

Being A Christian.....

.....is like a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you and scoops out all the yucky stuff including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

Youth News

YF will be starting back on Sunday Sept. 27th from 6pm-7:30 pm.

I would like to have a meeting with the parents that night too! Lots of things to discuss! If you have a child or grandchild ages 5th grade & up they are welcome to come and join in our fun! Any questions call Rhonda Uzelac 301-992-7254.

Micah's Backpacks

Micah's backpack is starting up again and this year we will be filling 9 backpacks. We will need the following items such as...

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 singles, 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.

The collection of items begins Now!!

Life Lessons:

Life has a way sometimes of slipping up behind and slapping us in the head. Sometimes it is a gentle slap. Other times it is not.

A man was driving down the road. He passes a traffic camera and saw it flash. Astounded that he had been caught speeding when he was doing the speed limit, the man turned around and, going even slower, passed the camera again. It flashed once more. He couldn't believe it! He turned, going a snail's pace, and passed the camera one more time. Again, he saw the camera flash. He guessed there was a problem with the camera and went home. Four weeks

later he received three traffic fines in the mail – all for not wearing a seatbelt.

4-H Celebration Sunday

Shiloh will be celebrating its involvement in 4-H on Sunday, October 11th at the 9:00 am Traditional service. During the service we will recognize our members that participate in 4-H.

Charge Conference

Shiloh's 2015 Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00 pm at Bethel U.M.Church.

Mission Trip Fundraiser Update

I would like to say thank you to everyone that donated toward my mission trip so far. After two fundraisers and monetary gifts from family and friends, I currently have \$705.75 in my account. That is a good start toward my goal of \$1600. It is enough for my first payment and I am very excited to see things coming together. I will have more information on what we will actually be doing in Costa Rica when we start our meetings in a few months.

I am thinking about doing an apple dumpling fundraiser this fall but I have no idea how to pull that off. If you have any suggestions, ideas or would like to help with this fundraiser, please let me know.

I will keep you updated as I get closer to my goal. If you wish to give a monetary donation, you may send a check to Hagerstown Bible Church, 203 Summit Ave, Hagerstown MD 21740. Please put my name and "mission trip 2016" in the memo line to assure that it will go into my account.

Thanks again for you support!

God Bless,
Krista Feigley

The 23^d Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd – *That's Relationship!*

I shall not want – *That's Supply!*

He maketh me to lie beside the still waters –
That's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul – *That's Healing!*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness –
That's Guidance!

For His name sake – *That's Purpose!*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death – *That's Testing!*

I will fear no evil – *That's Protection!*

For Thou art with me – *That's Faithfulness!*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me –
That's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies – *That's Hope!*

Thou annointest my head with oil –
That's Consecration!

My cup runneth over – *That's Abundance!*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life – *That's Blessing!*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord –
That's Security!

Forever – *That's Eternity!*

Operation Christmas Child

Shiloh has begun its 2015 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project!

This project is such a meaningful way in which we can do our part in making a difference in a young child's life and showing the love which every child desires - a way of showing God's love and a way of introducing them to Jesus Christ. You can use a plastic shoebox container or use the provided shoeboxes found in several areas of the church.

Suggested items can be included:

Pens, pencils, crayons, markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring books and picture books, stamps and ink pad sets, small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, slinky, toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag) brush & comb, washcloth, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

Hard candy and lollipops (double bag all candy) mints and gums.

Do Not Include:

Used or damaged items, war-related items, such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snowglobes, glass containers or aerosol cans.

It is not necessary, but donations of \$7 or more for each box will help cover shipping costs. Also, keep bringing your aluminum cans to help cover costs.

There will be several fundraisers. Little Lambs Cookie Dough – Order deadline is Sept. 13th. with delivery by the end of September. Just think of all the cookies you have to bake at Christmas- this makes the task much easier!! We earn 50% of the profit. Forms can be picked up on the table in the Social Hall or see Arjean. There also will be snacks that can be purchased.

Deadline for all shoeboxes is Sunday, Nov. 8th Dedication – Sunday Nov. 15th

Our goal for this year is 300! Our elves tell us that 200 are already filled! This leaves 100 for the congregation. We can do it!

All Saints Sunday November 1st

We will remember our members who have passed away and all other saints during the 9:00 am worship service.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 1st.

Trick or Trunk

Trick or Trunk will be Sunday Nov. 1st at 4:00 pm. Trick or Trunking will start at 4:00 pm and a light meal at 5:00 pm.

Start thinking of decorating ideas for those trunks. The Kids love it!!!!

Annual Ham & Turkey Supper- Saturday, November 7th

Our annual Ham & Turkey Supper Fundraiser will be on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

This is a huge event to help fund our Building Fund. The Trustees have received quotes from outside contractors for the extensive ceiling project in the back Sunday school rooms. This project will be paid from 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. Work such as pie making begins at 5:30 am. Help is needed in the social hall serving tables and in the kitchen during the supper hours. The crucial need for help is after 7:00 pm when the supper is over. Cleaning up takes a great toll on those who have dedicated long hours preparing – so a special plea goes out for help during this time.

Please sign donation sheets provided for supplies needed or talk to Arjean or Nevalene.

Honoring Our Veterans

On Sunday, November 8th, Shiloh will honor our members who have served their country proudly.

All men are invited to come and join in the Men's Chorus at the 9:00 am worship service.

Grandparents Day Sept 13th

A grandparent is the grandest mom or dad
Not just because of all the kids they've had.
They've seen and done and known so many things

We honor them like queens and kings.

They tell us of a life that's past
When the family sat together every day,
To eat, to laugh, to sing, to talk, to pray.

The road we walk now they have seen before
The tears we shed, they shed a whole lot more.
They understand our feelings, joy or pain
They know the path; they've walked the dusty lane

What can we do to honor these dear Grands?
We have no gift to place in weathered hands,
To adequately show how much we care
Or prove to them how great the love we share.

Yet there is something awesome we can do
To show beyond a doubt our love is true.
If what they've taught is seen in how we live
This is the best gift we could ever give.

Happy Grandparents Day!

Greetings Brother Ken,

I feel compelled to write this letter to you about what I felt when I ate lunch with you folks. I ask that you share this with the congregation and other churches if possible.

I felt something that our church's leaders have searched for many years in all kinds of ways and in all kinds of numbers.

In annual conferences, denominations, books, workbooks, and all kinds of trials. We had systems and processes but not quite the definite answer one could count on especially to work for our Lord.

No person anywhere can live when this is not felt. I felt it so strong that I couldn't help to believe that it was so. I almost wanted to stand and praise the Lord and to ask Pastor Ken to invite me, yes me, to be a member of this congregation.

This special thing that I am talking about was something which each of us would not want to stay in any relationship without it; not even a friendship. Sorry to make this sentence so long. I would not want to remain doing the smallest effort.

I felt accepted and what's more I felt wanted.

This was made clear by several people.

I restate what it was – I felt accepted as I was without any changes.

To make it even better, I felt wanted. Did you hear that?

Those who have ears, let them hear and those who feel able to be committed, let them stand up, recommit themselves as children of Jesus Christ. Please help other members and friends to do these things and I guarantee this church will grow to the glory of Jesus Christ. Otherwise, either mediocrity or dying will set in the church. What will you do? I would be glad to volunteer to teach classes how we could do each step.

Let your Pastor know and we can get started right away.

May God and the Holy Spirit guide you in your decision!

Love & Prayers
Pastor Carl Zinn

Anniversaries

September

- 5 – Rick & Julie Taylor
- 12 – Michael & Allyson Welling
- 27 – Richard & Dianne Keller
- 30 – Erik & Ann Goetz

October

- 9 – Calin & Allison Warner
- 16 – Jimmy & Angie Koontz
- 18 – Dave & Tish Frey
- 26 – Donnie & Arjean Ritter
- 28 – Harold & Phyme Higman

November

- 1 – Mark & Chen Trovinger

Birthdays

September

- 1 – Toni Gosnell
- 3 – Joshua Miller
- 3 - Melissa Frey
- 4 - Betty Pryor
- 6 – Patricia Saunders
- 7 – Wayne Gosnell
- 14 – Amber Keck
- 16 – Helen Davis

Birthdays

September

17 – Barbara Wallech
18 – Krista Feigley
30 – Catherine Uzelac

October

1 – Virginia Klick
3 – Haley Doyle
4 – Ryan Keller
6 – Chen Trovinger
6 – Pam Gourlay
6 – Richard Showe
9 – Timmothy Snouffer
11 – Donald Ritter
12 – Charles Brown
12 – Charles Jones
12 – Wayne Rumbaugh
13 – Bessie Taylor
14 – Debbie Frey
14 – Allyson Welling
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
29 – Charles Frey

November

3 – Roy Brown
4 – Danielle Kuhn
4 – Deanna Whitehead
4 – Joe Miller
4 – Alexis Dorsey
5 – Fran Taylor
8- Anne Goetz
8 – Caitlin Koontz
10 – Patricia Eyer
10 – Ryan Shank
12 – Nancy Fizer
16 – Clara Frey
17 – Breanna Jones
17 – Carole Smith
20 – Amanda Frey
25 – Kendra Showe

Comic Corner:☺

“The Stone Valley Church Enquirer”
(Attempts to make the church newsletter more entertaining were getting out of hand)

---Alien spotted in church kitchen
---Lose 20 lbs by playing in the Bell Choir!
---Is church Elder really Elvis? Church records say Yes!!

Thanks to everyone who contributed articles.
Keep them coming!

Deadline for December newsletter:
November 22nd.