

*From the Heart*

A letter from Pastor John

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” Luke 6:37-38

Dear Friends,

We will enter Lent on Valentine’s Day! Lent comprises the forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. The forty days commemorates the forty days Jesus was tempted in the wilderness as he began his ministry. Lent is a time of meditation upon the sacrifices of Jesus. We respond to Jesus with repentance, gratitude, and awe. It is rather ironic that Ash Wednesday, which centers on our mortality, begins on Valentine’s Day. When it comes to the great love of Christ, most of us love poorly. Who among us has not condemned someone while remaining blind to our own failings? Who among us has not withheld forgiveness while thinking it is automatic for ourselves? Who among us has not said “I will not give a dime” while thinking we are righteous for withholding? Do we even ask what God wants or assume that we know best?

Henri Nouwen observed, “The hard truth is that all people love poorly. We need to forgive and be forgiven every day, every hour increasingly. That is the great work of love among the fellowship of the weak that is the human family.” We want to protect ourselves from hurt and being taken for granted. We hold on to being superior. We want to save our lives. Jesus warns that in saving our lives we can lose them.

The miracle of Jesus is not only that Jesus forgives us, but he enables us to forgive. Kate Bowler writes, “Let’s try a gentle prayer of forgiveness. Perhaps someone comes to mind that we would like to forgive. Maybe we could say: ‘Lord, protect me and change me as I seek to forgive.’” Generosity with our lives brings blessings.

Peace,

Pastor John

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

New Members Class

Have you thought about joining the church? This could be the right time! Pastor John will be teaching a New Members Class on Sunday, February 11 and 18, at 2:00pm in Conference Room 1. The class will cover what it means to be a Christian, the movement of grace, beliefs, and the history and organization of the church. The class will give participants the information to decide about membership. Those who are ready to join the church can do so on February 25 during worship. Whether you have never joined a church or have always been in worship, each person will learn something new that will be helpful for the spiritual journey. Call the church office at 513-451-3600 or let Pastor John know you plan to attend.

Lent Begins on Valentine's Day

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 14, 7:00pm, Gym

We will have an Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Gymnasium on Valentine's Day. It will be a blended worship service involving elements of both traditional and modern worship. The sanctuary is unavailable due to our remodeling efforts.

Sanctuary Renovation News

Renovation of the Sanctuary began on Monday, January 15. A tremendous amount of work has already been accomplished. Demolition has been accomplished. Reworking lighting over the nave is in process. M & G Electric got the bid for the lighting saving thousands of dollars for us in the process. Rob Mirus is co-owner of M & G, the son of Joe Mirus. Joe Mirus is also doing some carpentry repairs. The plumbing for the parlor family restroom is now ready along with framing of the room. A new parlor doorway has been cut, giving another entrance into the parlor. This was necessary because we wanted to save the accordion room curtain. Hamilton County code required another door in case the accordion doors are shut. The sanctuary ceiling is being painted. At this moment, the renovation is slightly ahead of schedule.



With access to the Sanctuary not available, traditional worship has moved to John Wesley Hall. This has not been perfect, but we are doing the best we can. We have adjusted seating (the first week we had standing room only). With all the rain, there have been some leaks in the ceiling of John Wesley Hall. This is unfortunate, but they will be fixed when it stops raining. Thanks to all who make worship possible.

Capital Campaign

Michael Vilardo (Transforming Christian Ministries) is helping us with the capital campaign process for the Sanctuary Renovation Project. On January 9, twenty-five people attended a Campaign Cabinet Enlistment meeting. Our Capital Campaign will address the project need through three-year pledges to enable us to continue to grow in worship. We want to seek and share God's gift of oneness by involving as many people as possible. There will be numerous ways to give and serve. We are planning that May 5 will be the Commitment Sunday. We are excited about what God is doing at Shiloh United Methodist Church.

Shiloh's New Pastor – Starting July 2024

Hello Shiloh Family,

The Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee met on January 11 with Rev. Jenn Lucas and our future Lead Pastor, Rev. Kurt Tomlinson. We were excited about the interview and future possibilities. For those of you who missed Pastor Kurt's introductory letter or want to read it again, it is reprinted below for your convenience.

Luanne Thorman



(from left) Elizabeth, Elaine, Kurt, Anthony, and Jim Tomlinson

Hello, Shiloh United Methodist Church,

My name is Kurt Tomlinson, and I am pleased to let you know that Bishop Palmer has chosen me to be the next Pastoral Leader of your church. This past week, Rev. Jenn Lucas brought Elaine (my wife) and I to meet with your SPRC and we are thrilled to announce that the Tomlinsons will be coming to Shiloh on July 1. I truly appreciate Bishop Palmer and Rev. Lucas' thoughtful leadership and believe that they have made a very good decision.

Neither Elaine nor I grew up in Ohio. Elaine grew up in Connecticut and I grew up in Syracuse, NY. While I grew up in church, my first love was cars, and so I decided early on to make a career in the automotive industry and went to what used to be General Motors Institute and graduated with a Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering.

While working for General Motors in Syracuse, they moved me to Dayton, Ohio as they were closing the plant where I worked. The next year Elaine and I met, fell in love, and will celebrate 30 years of marriage this July.

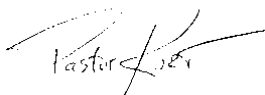
Then, in 1997, I couldn't run from God any longer and I left General Motors to go to Seminary and begin a career as a student Pastor at Gordon United Methodist Church. Through our 6 appointments, we have been in very small churches and very large churches. We have had excellent times and we have had struggles, but always, we have had great ministry with amazing people.

After I graduated from Seminary, God gifted us with children. Our oldest, Elizabeth, is a Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Cincinnati. You won't see much of her. Jim, our middle child, lives at home and works part time as a custodian. Our youngest, Anthony, is in 3rd grade. Both boys share a diagnosis of Autism and ADHD, although it manifests itself very differently in each of them.

It is unusually early in the appointment season, so while I have been appointed as your new Pastor, I won't actually be joining you for close to 6 months. In that time, Pastor John will continue his excellent leadership and prepare for his retirement. I look forward to meeting with John, members of the staff, and others to discover all the amazing things about Shiloh.

In the meantime, I will be working hard to finish well at Sharonville, my current appointment, and prepare them for their next Pastor. Elaine and I will be looking for a place to live and we will work on Anthony's transfer to Oak Hills Schools. Our first Sunday with you will be July 7 when we begin our journey together. While we have gotten just a small taste of the ministry of Shiloh so far, we are excited to jump on board an amazing church to make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ and share in God's gift of oneness.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Kurt". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Maureen Begley
James Burdette
Hailey Helms Caruso
Esther
Joan Evans
Randy Fingland
Gigi
Donny Grutzik
James
Lorraine
Mason
Deb Mitchell
Stacey Morehead
Nadine
Natalia
Nanette Penaro
Family of Terry Powell
Morgon Rosser
Sarah
Tom Schmidt
Tanner
Patty Taylor
Traci
Family of Betty Walpole

HOMEBOUND

Ginny Konerman
Barb Lienhart
Ruth Mathias
Esther Reher
Mary Anita Schaefer
Roland Zimmerman

If you'd like to send a card to any of our shut-ins, please contact the office and we can give you the needed information.

Do you have a prayer request?
Please send it to
kplumlee@shilohumc.com
or call the office @ 513-451-3600

Please specify if you'd like the request published in the newsletter, or if you'd like to keep it private. Urgent requests can be sent-out via email as well.



pray

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.



PRESCHOOL NEWS



ENROLLING NOW FOR FALL 24-25

Open House for Shiloh Preschool is 1/27/24 from 10-12p. We are lowering our class ratios next year to 9:1 in an attempt to provide a more individualized experience for families, we will have a 3 day and 2 day option for toddlers (2.5 yrs old) and are looking forward to add the hillside to our playground in the spring!

If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool to call home that is child-led, play-inspired, has an emphasis on nature and is faith based we would love to give them a tour!

Register now at
Shilohpreschool.com
513-451-6443

preschool@shilohumc.com

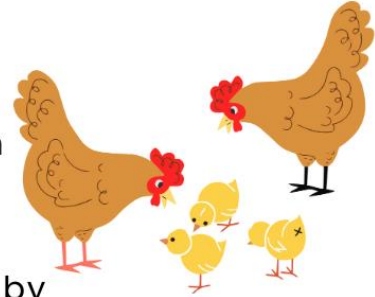
Preschool Prom is GLOWING back to the 90's! On February 9th from 6-8, we are grabbing our fanny packs and glowsticks to dance the night away!





HATCHING CHICKENS

On February 8th our chicken eggs arrive and we will be incubating, candling and hopefully hatching some baby chicks at the end of February! They will live here for a few weeks before they head back to their farm!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CLASSROOM NOTES

FEBRUARY

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, March 17th, children will have the opportunity to sing during both services. This will take place of the children sermon. We will continue to practice our song/dance each week during class.

2/4

Communion Sunday

Children will join parents for communion.

We will be discussing Creation by using new funi, interactive material

Memory Verse

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2/11

Valentine Sunday

Genesis 3 will be our lesson along with discussion on Lent. Children will have a mini Valentines party

Memory Verse

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2/18

Celebrate Sunday

Following our lesson on Genesis 4 we will sing to all those who have February birthdays. Children will get to pick from the Happy Birthday box.

Memory Verse

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2/25

Memory Verse Sunday

Children will learn how Noah didn't worry what others thought but followed what pleased God.

Children will get to pick from the prize basket for memorizing their memory verse.

Memory Verse

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
WE HAVE THE BEST PRESCHOOL HELPERS!!

PRESCHOOL PUPPET SHOW AT 11AM WITH ALLIE



PRESCHOOL PAINTING AT 9:30 WITH MORGAN



WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB

February Calendar

2/7 Kids Club 6-7:30pm
Valentine Day Party
Service project

2/14 No Kids Club

2/21 Kids Club 6-7:30pm

2/28 Kids Club 6-7:30pm

February Theme


God's Love

God never
leaves us or
gives up on
us

About Kids Club

K-5th grade meet every
Wednesday from 6-
7:30pm

- Large group gym games
- Small group activities that help kids grow in their faith.
- Monthly service project



We will be making Valentines
to send to those who are sick
and those who are not able to
get out (shut-in's)

KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

A BIG THANK YOU TO CHRIS'S AUTO SALES FOR SERVING US PIZZA ON WYATT'S BIRTHDAY



THE KIDS HAVE MADE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS HERE AT KIDS CLUB AND HAVE SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER



VBS
June 10-14th

START
the
PARTY

Celebrate the Good News





SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 23RD



**This will be an advertised
community outreach. Plastic eggs
and candy donations would be
AMAZING!**



»»» February «««

NOTES FROM NATHAN

Welcome to February, a month that has some highs and lows within our Christian lives. From Valentine's Day to the beginning of Lent, and those are the same day this year, In youth group we have started really diving in and teaching how to use a Bible, rather than just going to our Bible Apps. We are really excited to hold the Word of God in our hands and explore and learn even more. As we dive deeper we hope that our students become more confident and willing to use their Bibles at home and/or school.

EVENTS FROM THE PAST MONTH



T.A.C.O.S.S.

- T**- THANKSGIVING
- A**- APPLAUSE
- C**- CONFESSION
- O**- OTHERS
- S**- SELF
- S**- SILENCE

T.A.C.O.S.S PART 2

On Jan 15th we followed up our prayer lesson with a night where we cooked tacos and had a meal together. We then played a cooperative game about growing closer to God.

T.A.C.O.S.S PART 1.

On January 7th the student leaders and I wanted to really teach our students how to pray. The T.A.C.O.S.S. method seen here on the left can be a guide as you are talking to God, Our youth have already taken to praying in group times even more.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation began on Jan 18th. Our class has 10 students in attendance and we are so >>> excited for them to go on their journey and learn more about their faith and the Church as a whole. It has already been so wonderful.



ANATOMY OF THE BIBLE

The Last two weeks of January on both the 21st and 28th we started digging in to the Bible. Our students have told me that they have already earned more than they had in just these two weeks about the Bible than over the last couple of years all together. This brings joy in my heart. <<<



Calendar of Events

Feb 4th-Youth Group 6PM

Feb 11th- Youth Group Cancelled

Feb 18th-Youth Group 6PM

-High School Bible Study 7:30PM

Feb 25th- Youth Group 6PM

MISSION MOMENTS

WOMEN ARE GOLD

Happy New Year! We are super excited to announce that in 2023, we trained 598 individuals in the community. This is very exciting for us, because at the beginning of 2023, the Cambodian government gave us a goal of training 200 individuals. At that time, we didn't think this was remotely possible. However, once we began training, and organizations, schools and government officials began hearing about our training programs, our training calendars filled up quite quickly.

We trained-

-54 young women in our "Diving Deep, Going Far", book study-an 8 week women's empowerment journey.

-164 school aged children in the "May & Bay" online safety game developed by A21.

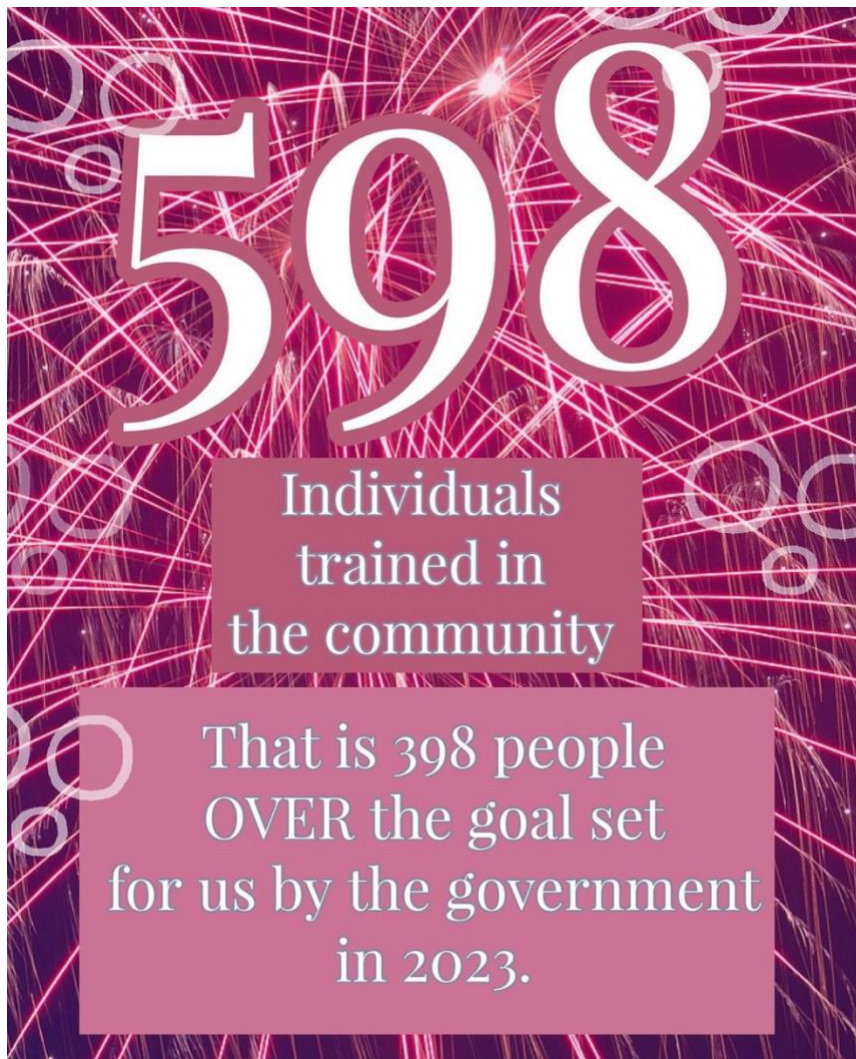
-49 students in our SHINE ✨ self-esteem program.

-177 individuals in Financial Management program- our most requested training program.

-66 individuals in our Safe Migration course.

-69 children in our "Good Touch, Bad Touch" program, that teaches school aged children about appropriate touch.

-19 young women in our Healthy Glow course that is focused on health, hygiene and wellness.



We also enrolled 15 young women into our Women Are Gold program. Our clients come from two different provinces in Cambodia, Kampong Cham Province (where we live) and the province next to us, Thbong Khmum Province. Our clients are some of the poorest of the poorest in these two provinces and range in age from 12 to 20 years old. Now that these young women have become our clients, each of them are enrolled in school, something that most of them were not prior to coming to our organization.

This year our goals, set by the government, are to train 400 new individuals in the community and obtain 20 new clients. Through prayer, partnership, and community engagement, we are confident that we can achieve these goals.

Rick is currently in Cambodia and as busy as ever. He has been visiting with clients and their families, joining the girls in some of their programs, meeting with staff to discuss cases, and preparing for the launch of a new project that will start in mid-February. We are so blessed that he is able to spend time at the project and do what we feel God has called us to do. Praise God for this opportunity.

Thank you for your continued love, support, and prayer. We could not be making this impact in Cambodia without you!



United Women in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Executive Board Thursday, February 8 11 a.m. Gathering Space

Unit Meeting Thursday, February 8 12:30 p.m. Asbury Hall

Program: Prayer & Self-Denial

Short business meeting. Refreshments served.

All women are invited to participate in any meetings and events of the United Women in Faith. The joy is being together!

THANK YOU

Our thanks go out to all of the ladies who helped create 11 blankets and 43 scarves which were then donated to those in need. Let's all remember to wrap those we care for in warmth!



United
Women
in Faith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <u>5:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – LITTLE YOGI – ASBURY <u>6:00PM</u> – CONFIRMATION CLASS <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	2 <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL	3 <u>8:00AM</u> - UPWARD
4 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> – YOUTH	5 <u>5:00PM</u> - UPWARD <u>6:30PM</u> – NA <u>7:00PM</u> – MISSIONS - ABSURY	6 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>5:00PM</u> - UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – SCOUTS	7 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>6:00PM</u> – KIDS CLUB <u>7:00PM</u> –CHOIR REHEARSAL	8 <u>12:30PM</u> – MEMORIAL GATHERING <u>5:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – LITTLE YOGI – ASBURY <u>6:00PM</u> – CONFIRMATION CLASS <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	9 <u>11:00AM</u> – UWF <u>12:30PM</u> – UWF <u>6:00PM</u> – PRESCHOOL PROM	10 <u>8:00AM</u> - UPWARD
11 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN	12 <u>5:00PM</u> - UPWARD <u>6:30PM</u> – NA <u>7:00PM</u> – CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETING	13 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>5:00PM</u> - UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – SCOUTS <u>6:15PM</u> - SPPRC	14 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>6:00PM</u> – KIDS CLUB <u>7:00PM</u> –ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - GYM	15 <u>5:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – LITTLE YOGI – ASBURY <u>6:00PM</u> – CONFIRMATION CLASS <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	16 <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL	17 <u>8:00AM</u> - UPWARD
18 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> – YOUTH	19 <u>5:00PM</u> - UPWARD <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	20 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>5:00PM</u> - UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – SCOUTS <u>6:00PM</u> – TRUSTEES <u>7:30PM</u> - LEADERSHIP	21 <u>12:30PM</u> - FORTNIGHTLY <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>6:00PM</u> – KIDS CLUB <u>7:00PM</u> –CHOIR REHEARSAL	22 <u>5:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – LITTLE YOGI – ASBURY <u>6:00PM</u> – CONFIRMATION CLASS <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	23 <u>5:00PM</u> – COMMUNITY DINNER <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL	24 <u>8:00AM</u> - UPWARD
25 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> – YOUTH	26 <u>5:00PM</u> - UPWARD <u>6:30PM</u> – NA <u>6:30PM</u> – CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETING	27 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>5:00PM</u> - UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – SCOUTS <u>6:30PM</u> – CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETING	28 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>6:00PM</u> – KIDS CLUB <u>7:00PM</u> –CHOIR REHEARSAL	29 <u>10:00AM</u> - MEMORIALS <u>5:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – LITTLE YOGI – ASBURY <u>6:00PM</u> – CONFIRMATION CLASS <u>7:00PM</u> - AA		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Daniel	Brannon	1-Feb
Kathleen	Kleinholz	1-Feb
Mark	Noble	4-Feb
Melinda	Obert	5-Feb
Joy	Suit	5-Feb
Kathy	Watkins	7-Feb
Alayna	Rich	8-Feb
Morgan	Lykins	9-Feb
Donna	Sheridan	11-Feb
Sean	Wedig	11-Feb
Jennifer	Brown	13-Feb
Rebecca	Barney	18-Feb
Ella	Karpe	19-Feb
Linda	Toms	20-Feb
Joseph	Shea	27-Feb
Jonah	Works	29-Feb

— SHILOH CHURCH —

Mission Statement:

The mission of Shiloh United Methodist Church through the Spirit is to glorify God, develop disciples of Jesus Christ, and change the world.

Vision Statement:

Our vision is to seek and share God's gift of oneness.

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