



From the Heart

A letter from Pastor John

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!
Revelation 20:6

Dear Friends,

I enjoyed the Lenten Study on the Book of Revelation. The book was written to comfort suffering Christians and give them the perspective of eternity. Numerous Christians had seen their loved ones persecuted and martyred by the Roman Empire. John has an amazing vision where he enters heaven with experiences that are difficult to put into words.

In heaven John enters the throne room of God where worship is forever. John encounters Jesus as the Lamb, the Lion of Judah, the Word of God, and as a victorious rider on a white horse. Jesus sees heaven filled with martyrs. A devastating loss on earth is transformed into miraculous victory in heaven. John sees the movement of God throughout history. John sees resurrection and the final judgment upon evil.

The first resurrection includes all those who are part of the New Jerusalem, the realm of God. Jesus is first fruits of the resurrection. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Let's celebrate Easter together on April 9. Let us worship God on earth remembering that there is ongoing worship by the saints and angelic beings in heaven.

Jesus is risen!

Pastor John

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

April 6, 7:00pm Sanctuary

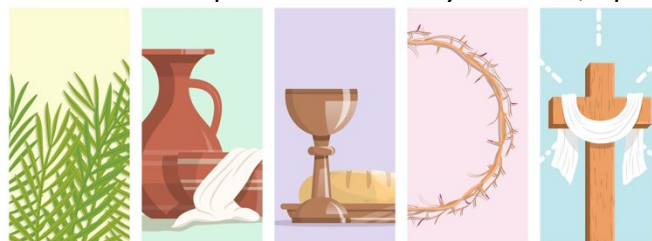
Easter Sunrise Service Returns to the Old Church

7:30am, April 9

Easter Sunrise Service will be in the Old Church with Breakfast following in John Wesley Hall at 8:30am. Pastor John, Katie Plumlee, and Theresa Works will lead the service.

Easter Worship at 9:30am in Sanctuary, April 9

Easter Worship at 11:00am in Gymnasium, April 9



CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

Information Meeting Concerning Division in the UMC and Lunch

April 23, Lunch 12:30pm, 1:00pm Information Sharing, Gymnasium

Many are aware that the United Methodist Church is splintering with churches leaving the denomination through a process called disaffiliation. The Leadership Council has decided to have a meeting for the purpose of giving accurate information. We hope all those interested would come to our lunch and meeting. To plan for the meal and setup, we would appreciate an RSVP to office@shilohumc.com or call 513-451-3600. Shiloh is providing meat and we would like the congregation to bring a side. Some have already asked, "Can I just come to the meal or just come to the information session?" The answer is "yes." And if you cannot RSVP and want to come at the last minute, you are more than welcome. We are confident there is always room for more at the table.

What will happen at the gathering? Pastor John will offer a presentation on the history of how the United Methodist Church has come to such a point of division. Pastor John will outline some of the implications of disaffiliation. There will be discussion at tables. Questions can be asked. The purpose of the meeting will be to give information only. The Leadership Council voted soon after the 2019 General Conference not to make any decision regarding division until after the General Conference has adopted a plan. No one wanted to decide anything based on speculation or fear. Since that time, much has transpired. The Leadership Council wants to give information to help explain what is happening and to give perspective to some of the myths that are being circulated. A Design Team has met to plan the event. A special thanks to Tim Schoonover, Darlene Litteral, Dave Eyrich, Victoria Bloechl, Clyde Kober, Linda Roddy, Pastor John, Paula Hunterman, Bob Sears, and Katie Plumlee who have planned the event. We believe everyone will learn information that can help us in our prayers for unity and discernment.

Informational Meeting & Potluck Lunch

Join us for a good ol' Methodist Potluck
and stay to learn about what is going on
in the United Methodist Church.

Bring a side to share! Meat Provided!

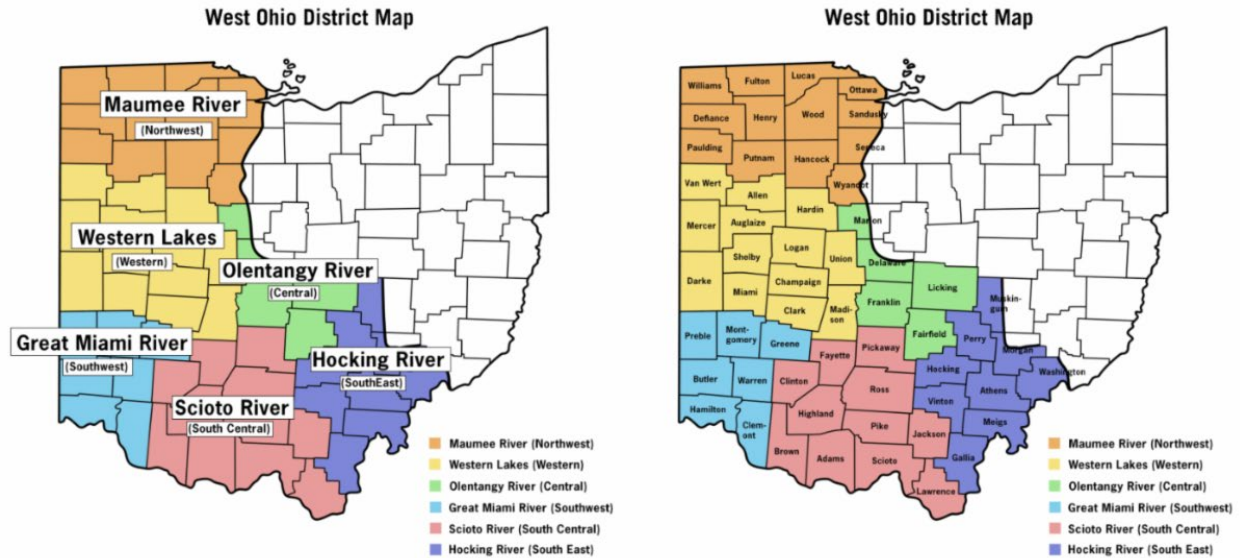
Lunch @ 12:30PM

Informational Meeting @ 1:00PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd - Gym



CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES



New District Names and Boundaries Announced Shiloh UMC will be in the Great Miam River District

When annual conference met in June 2022, members approved the reduction of districts in the West Ohio Conference from seven to six. *The Book of Discipline* authorizes the bishop “to form the districts after consultation with the district superintendents” (§415.4), while giving the annual conference the authority to determine the number of districts.

A task group, assigned by Bishop Palmer, included representation from each of the seven existing districts. Working with the district superintendents, the task group created new district names and boundaries. These districts will focus on new ways to do mission and ministry as The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Effective July 1, the new district names and clergy who will serve as district superintendents are:

- Great Miami River District - Rev. Jenn Lucas
- Hocking River District - Rev. Mark Chow
- Maumee River District - Rev. Amy Haines
- Olentangy River District - Rev. Dr. Tim Bias
- Scioto River District - Rev. Calvin Alston
- Western Lakes District - Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson

District names were chosen because the image of water encourages Christ followers to *remember their baptism and renew their commitment to God and to discipleship — with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

We will miss our churches in Clinton county but know that you will be in good hands in the new Scioto River District. As Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties become the Great Miami River District, we look forward to welcoming over 50 new churches from Greene, Montgomery and Preble counties.

THANK YOU' S

Pastor John & Shiloh Church,
God is good! My CT scan showed that everything looks normal. No evidence of disease. Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and meals...Love, Ronda Kroeger

Friends and fellow laborers at Shiloh UMC,
Thank you for your generous support of the Wesley Foundation...Prayers for you as you reflect Christ in your community. Becky Schofield Motter, Executive Director

Looking Ahead: Shiloh will take a special offering on May 14, Mother's Day, for the Plumlee Family (Justyn, Katie, Hailey, Caleb, Liam, Lydia, and Natalie). Katie is our Administrative Assistant and is married to Justyn. The family has endured numerous health problems. Justyn is in stage four liver failure and cannot work presently. If you cannot be present on May 14 or would like to make your contribution early, write a check to Shiloh UMC and write "Plumlee Family" on the memo line.

Hello! First and foremost, I want to thank all of our Shiloh family for all of the prayers and support over the last several months. My family is so grateful. For those who don't know me or much of what has been going on, I thought I'd give a brief update.

To introduce my family, my name is Katie Plumlee (Noble), and I am the current Office Administrator at Shiloh. I grew up attending Shiloh and have hundreds of fond memories during my time in youth group. I was confirmed at Shiloh and married at Shiloh. My husband, Justyn and I have five children. Hailey (16), Caleb (12), Liam (9), Lydia (5), and Natalie (2). Our boys are both active in youth activities and the girls enjoy events such as VBS. Hailey likes to volunteer and babysit for events as well.

About a year ago, Justyn became very ill and was hospitalized. It was discovered that his liver was not functioning properly, and he was in acute liver failure. He has had several surgeries and multiple hospital stays due to the liver disease. He has been unable to work due to the strain his body is under. He was recently hospitalized, and the doctors predict he will need a liver transplant within a year. We are currently waiting on approval from insurance to get us into the correct hospitals to see a transplant team and start his treatment plan. For now, medications have been adjusted and seem to have made him stable. In the midst of all of this, I have started having health issues as well. I have been having numbness and tingling in my extremities, accompanied with dizziness and brain fatigue. I have undergone several testing sessions and am still awaiting a proper diagnosis. I will be following up with a neurologist later this month and hoping for a good outcome.

On top of Justyn and my health issues, we have FIVE children! It seems someone is always coming down with something. Hailey had pneumonia, Caleb had a concussion with stitches (and a broken foot last year), Liam has multiple appointments for his cochlear implants, and the little girls seem to get a cold every time we turn around. A doctor once described our house as living in a petri dish due to all the kids being in different schools, and I think that about sums it up!

Our family has been truly humbled by all the love we have been shown. I am unsure what the future holds but do know that we have a long road ahead. We have kept our faith and believe in the power of prayer. It has been hard to ask for help, but warms our heart to know that our Shiloh family is here for us. Thank you for all you have done and are willing to do for our family.

-Katie Plumlee

prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Aaron
Bill
Beth Carter family (her father died)
Irene Clawson
Dorothy Coletta family
Maggie Drake
Karen Kortgardner Fogel—grandmother to new baby girl, Marcelline
Anne Elizabeth Frueh
Jerry Hill family
Janice
Jim
Johnny Johnston
Pam Kleeman
Barry Lienhart family
Mississippi tornado disaster
Francie Patton
Jane Stadtlandee
Sally Weiler family (her son-in-law died)
Ron Wong
Pat Zyp family

SHUT IN LIST

Etta Gilb
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.

SHILOH PRESCHOOL

SHILOH STAR TALK

Shiloh Preschool March Happenings!

What's happening at Shiloh Preschool!



**SEWING QUILT
SQUARES WITH
SHILOH SEWING
LADIES**



**WE FOSTERED
BABY CHICKS**



**PLANTING PEA
PODS**



**SEWING QUILT
SQUARES**



**WE HOPE TO BUY
AN INCUBATOR
TO HATCH OUR
OWN NEXT YEAR!**



**TILLING THE SOIL
WITH OUR HANDS**

\$50
depost to
save spot

Summer Camp Ages

\$50 due
first day
of camp

3-7



Dinosaur Camp

June 12-16
9-12pm



*Art/science around
the world*

June 19-23
9-12pm



*Storybook
steam/Fabric art*

June 26-30
9-12pm

Register at

preschool@shilohumc.com

STUDENT MINISTRIES

NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday Nights has started a new lesson series we call "What's Your Foundation?" We seek to help youth build/rebuild their foundations in Christ. We revisited the 10 Commandments and asked the youth to prioritize which commandment they felt was most important. Small groups brainstormed and every group agreed that the first commandment "You shall have no other Gods before me" was the most important. We then challenged the youth to look deeper into building their relationship with God through Prayer, Worship, the Bible, Service and Community and challenged them to pick one area to concentrate on to work on their God relationship.



SERVICE

The youth wanted to do more service (building that foundation 😊). In March we made homemade dog treats and cat blankets for "Cincinnati Animal Care."

It appears they were well received.



Our next service project will be in connection with Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

Sunday Nights WILL NOT MEET on Sunday, April 9, to enjoy Easter with family. We will continue with our lesson series "What's your Foundation," explore Life Verses, hear a Faith Journey and enjoy a community gathering on April 30th. Is it Skyline Time?

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Ministry Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday and will begin promptly at 10:40 on the front lawn. Families can begin to gather for the hunt in the Gathering Space around 10:30am. A big Thank You to JOY CIRCLE who took the time to lovingly fill the eggs.

Family Ties is a new small group targeting couples and parents with kids. Join us for dinner and conversation as we dive into our first series is called Are You in Survival Mode? Child care is provided in nursery and the gym is open with supervision for older kids.

4/22 5:30-7pm

5/6 5:30-7pm

5/20 5:30-7pm

Happy
Easter
Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt
April 9th
10:35am
Meet in the
Gathering Space



FAMILY MINISTRIES
SHILOH UMC

Invites you to our new small group



family
ties

Make new friends and join us for conversation as we dive into our first series called Are You In Survival Mode?

5:30pm Pasta Bar dinner

6:00-7pm Are You In Survival Mode?

Child Care is provided in Nursery and Gym.

April 22nd

Are you in
Survival
Mode?

5:30-7pm
Shiloh

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CLASSROOM NEWS

Our theme for April is HUMILITY. Kids will learn how having HUMILITY IS PUTTING OTHERS FIRST BY GIVING UP WHAT YOU THINK YOU DESERVE. Thankfully, we don't have to figure this out on our own because Jesus showed us how to serve others and put them first.

Palm Sunday. At each service, children of all ages will be encouraged to walk, skip and jump during the first worship song waving Palm branches. Let's Celebrate Jesus together.

Easter Sunday We will celebrate that Jesus is alive. He gave up everything He deserved in order to rescue us! We hope that kids leave with a clearer understanding of how much God loves us and wants to have a relationship with us through Jesus.



The kids are LOVING getting to worship on stage!

UPWARD WRAP

It was a great 2023 season and a privilege to welcome over 4,000 children & families to our Upward games this season. We are so blessed to have such an amazing Upward Team that works faithfully to make it all happen. Thank you Luanne Thorman, John Erpelding, Ron Watkins, Sandy Reher, Kathy Shea, Clyde & Cindy Kober.



WEDNESDAY KID'S CLUB

We are having so much fun! It's an absolute joy to watch the kids make friends, invite friends and be a friend. And most of all share Jesus with them. If you haven't checked out **Kids Club** lately join us every Wednesday 6:30-8pm. All kids K-5th are invited and preschoolers are able to join once a month on **Play & Stay Night**. Due to our growing size we have divided into multiple zones which allows the kids to rotate into several different games/activities. We have volunteer opportunities available for adults who enjoy working with kids.

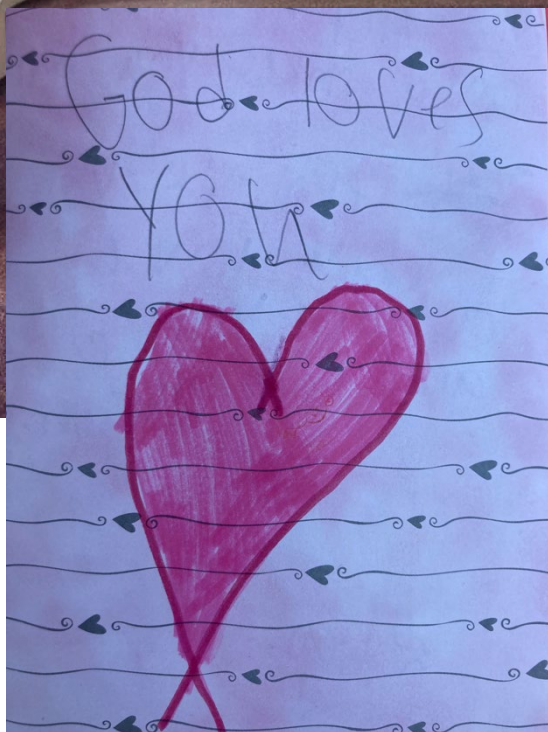
A big thank you to **Chris Auto Sales** for treating all the kids to pizza during our March service project night. The kids packed up Hygiene Bags with a special handwritten note. Everyone was excited to help support TEAM HOPE as they bless so many in need.

4/5 NO Kids Club

4/12 Kids Club 6:30-8pm

4/19 Kids Club 6:30-8pm Service project-Kindness Rocks

4/26 Kids Club 6:30-8pm Play & Stay Night for preschoolers to join the fun!



Dear whoever reads this, me and my friends at Shilo Church have made ~~that~~ some bags of SUPPLYS for you and other people. We hope it helps you, ~~because~~ because I know sometimes life can be ~~hard~~ hard. I hope you are happy and healthy. AND JUST SO YOU KNOW when we packed your ~~bag~~ bag we put love and hope into it. ~~Be~~ Have a ~~good~~ good day.

VBS NEWS

Our registration is filling up quickly. If you would like to invite your friends and family please visit our online registration as space is limited. www.shilohumc.com

Many have been asking how they can contribute so we have put together a wish list on Amazon.

[/VBS AMAZON WISH LIST](#)

We are also in need of these items to BORROW ONLY.

ANY SIZE:

BIKES, SCOOTERS AND ROLLER SKATES OR ROLLER BLADES



VBS 2023

June 5-9

9am-12:15pm

Register online at Shilohumc.com

MISSION MOMENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH is planning to visit our homebound Shiloh members on Maundy Thursday, April 6. We will meet at Frisch's for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and then go back to Shiloh to pick up the flowers to deliver to those special people. All women are invited to join us. (you do not need to be a member of UWF). It's a wonderful chance to share God's love at Easter. Please contact Janet Klem if you plan to attend. (513-251-5015)

Big Creek Missions
Wheelwright Campus



Big Creek's Mission

"And My God will meet all of your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 4:19

"Although we strive to meet the physical needs of our residents, our ultimate goal is to see lives changed by the transforming power of Jesus. That is our greatest need!"

We are excited to share that the 25 spots for our summer mission trip to Big Creek (July 30-August 30) are almost full. Returning youth and new youth will have an opportunity to continue building their relationship with God as we serve the people of Appalachia. *We potentially still need one adult male chaperone. Anyone interested, please touch base with Pastor John or Maria Coogan.*

MISSION MOMENTS

WOMEN ARE GOLD

We continue to have the wonderful opportunity to do a variety of training programs in the community. This month our first training opportunity was at Friendship Christian School, where we taught an online safety game to fourth and sixth graders. This game is an age-appropriate, interactive simulation game that teaches young people how to spot the signs of online grooming and recognize the tactics that traffickers employ. We were thrilled to have 46 students participate in this training session. The students enjoyed the game so much that they asked if they were able to play it at home too.

We also finished another community book study on the book “Diving Deep, Going Far”. We had a lively celebration with the students of our class at the local chicken restaurant. As these young women talked about what they enjoyed about the class, they all said they felt encouraged by the book and supported by our staff, two things they don’t get at school. These girls asked what other programs we could share with them and when they could begin.

We continue to receive new clients. This month we received two new clients, for a total of ten clients enrolled in Women Are Gold.

And, after many attempts at submitting our paperwork to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to legally work as an international non-profit organization in Cambodia, the Ministry has finally accepted our documents. Now we will wait to see if they approve what we have submitted and agree to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with our organization. This is our final step toward becoming an official organization in Cambodia.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 – 9:00AM YOUTH BAKE SALE 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN 6:00PM - SNYF	3 6:00PM – PICKLEBALL 6:30PM – NA	4 11:00AM – UPPER ROOM 6:00PM – SCOUTS	5 12:30PM – STAFF MTG 6:30PM – KIDS CLUB 7:00PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL	6 9:30AM - PICKLEBALL 11:00AM – UWF LUNCH/VISIT 7:00PM – AA 7:00PM – MAUNDY THURS. SERVICE	7	8
9 EASTER 7:30AM – SUNRISE SERVICE 8:30 – BREAKFAST 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN	10 6:00PM – PICKLEBALL 6:30PM – NA	11 11:00AM – UPPER ROOM 6:00PM – SCOUTS	12 12:30PM – STAFF MTG 6:30PM – KIDS CLUB 7:00PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL	13 9:30AM - PICKLEBALL 6:00PM – FINANCE 7:00PM – AA	14	15 9:30AM PRESCHOOL EVENT - GYM
16 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN 6:00PM - SNYF	17 6:00PM – PICKLEBALL 6:30PM – NA	18 11:00AM – UPPER ROOM 6:00PM – SCOUTS 6:00PM – TRUSTEES 7:30PM - LEADERSHIP	19 8:00AM – DELHI BUSINESS ASSOC. 12:00PM – FORTNIGHTLY 12:30PM – STAFF MTG 6:30PM – KIDS CLUB 7:00PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL	20 9:30AM - PICKLEBALL 7:00PM - AA	21	22 10:00AM – TAAA – GATHERING SPACE
23 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN 12:30PM – INFO MEETING & LUNCH 6:00PM - SNYF	24 6:00PM – PICKLEBALL 6:30PM – NA	25 11:00AM – UPPER ROOM 6:00PM – SCOUTS	26 12:30PM – STAFF MTG 6:30PM – KIDS CLUB 7:00PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL	27 10:00AM - MEMORIALS 7:00PM – AA	28 5:00PM- COMM. DINNER 6:00PM - PRESCHOOL PROM	29
30 23 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN 6:00PM - SNYF						

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Logan	Hart	2-Apr
Henry	Johansing	2-Apr
Eleanor	Andriacco	4-Apr
Anna	Amlin	5-Apr
Margaret	Bolino	5-Apr
Bailey	Gutzwiller	6-Apr
Brayden	Kreuter	7-Apr
James	Shea	7-Apr
Joseph	Mirus	8-Apr
Mary	Schaefer	8-Apr
Daniel	Brannon	9-Apr
John	Coletta	10-Apr
Lennon	Glassmeyer	11-Apr
Patricia	Klapper	11-Apr
Mason	Kreuter	13-Apr
Donna	Mahan	13-Apr
Frederick	Dull	14-Apr
Gordon	Hone	15-Apr
Christine	John	16-Apr
Braelynn	Baldrick	17-Apr
Charles	Lammers	17-Apr
George	Griswold	18-Apr
Luella	Weddle	18-Apr
Nolan	Andriacco	20-Apr
Benjamin	Hunterman	20-Apr
Timothy	Schoonover	22-Apr
Bill	Mitchell	23-Apr
Taylor	Brannon	24-Apr
Renee	Randall	25-Apr
Janet	Diaz	26-Apr
Toni	Eyrich	26-Apr
Jean	Dibowski	30-Apr
Jasmine	Meisberger	30-Apr

— 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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