



From the Heart

A letter from Pastor John

“John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Luke 3:17

Dear Friends,

In the above text, John the Baptist is preparing the people for the coming of the Messiah. Some think John could be the messiah. John clarifies he is not the messiah. His baptism is a cleansing and purifying rite with water. The Messiah will cleanse and purify with the Holy Spirit. The next portrait comes from the wheat harvest. A worker would toss harvested grain into the air allowing the wind to separate the wheat from the chaff. The wheat is preserved and the straw/weeds are then burned up. John is saying that the Messiah through the Holy Spirit will bring judgment. We (along with John the Baptist), tend to think of this only in terms of final judgment—the righteous will be harvested by God into the eternal kingdom and the unrighteous will be separated from God. During his ministry, Jesus declared that there was a misunderstanding regarding his earthly ministry. Jesus would not separate the wheat from the weeds until a final harvest at the end of the age (Matthew 13:24-43).

Certainly, we are to prepare for final judgment by living with Christ in the present. But could we look at the judgment process in another way? Any encounter with Jesus has a quality about it that separates what matters from the unnecessary. In Homer’s *The Odyssey*, Odysseus is trying to row home after the Trojan Wars. An inland wayfarer saw his oar and mistakes it for a winnowing fan! Evidently, Odysseus has come to know the difference between wheat and chaff, essentials and non-essentials, in his spiritual journey. The same process applies to our sanctification by the Holy Spirit. Recently, I entered a four-day retreat of silence and journaling. The workbook I used for the retreat asked me to answer the following two questions. I got very still and answered what came without censoring. Here is the excerpt from my journal:

What is chaff or non-essential in your life? To be free of suffering is a non-essential. To substitute a pleasure for legitimate suffering is a non-essential. To please everyone is a non-essential. Perfectionism is a non-essential. To believe lies to keep from updating thinking is a non-essential. To seek guidance through games of chance is a non-essential. Self-hate is a non-essential. To take God’s position as Judge or Source of Love is non-essential.

What things in your life are wheat—essentials that give you deep meaning? God is Love. Perfect Love casts out fear. For to me, living is Christ, dying is gain. To listen, learn, and lead in LOVE is essential.

Blessings,

Pastor John

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

Communion with Children

Communion is one of two sacraments in the United Methodist Church (the other is baptism). Communion is a reliable means of receiving grace. One of the central distinctives of the United Methodist Church is our view of grace. Grace means the gift of God that comes to us throughout our spiritual journey. We have four descriptive words for grace—prevenient, justifying, sanctifying, and perfecting grace. Prevenient grace is God seeking us. Prevenient grace is grace that comes before we say “yes” to Christ. Justifying grace is God saving us. Justifying grace is grace that enables us to say “yes” to Christ. Justifying grace makes us right with God through the work of Jesus Christ in the cross and resurrection. Sanctifying grace is God growing us. Sanctifying grace is grace that enables us to build on our relationship with Christ. The Holy Spirit makes us holy. Perfecting grace is God completing us. Perfecting grace is grace that enables us to love perfectly. For most of us, this grace awaits us in heaven.

Our understanding of grace informs all that we do as United Methodists. We practice an open table for communion. Everyone is welcome to receive communion. One does not need to be a member of Shiloh or any church for that matter. One does not need to be a certain age to receive any sacrament. We believe that God is the primary actor in the sacraments. God has acted prior to any decision we make in the cross and resurrection of Christ. Thus, prevenient grace could be received by children in both baptism and communion. God gives grace to bring the children to the time when they say “yes” to Christ. Keep in mind that any of the graces could be received in the sacraments.

Staff conversations around the sacraments have led us to desire to be more intentional about children receiving the sacraments. Thus, children will be taught about communion and worship periodically during Sunday School hours. Our intention is to bring children back into worship during times of communion (as communion begins near the end of the worship service). Children could join their families, if desired, and receive communion as a family unit at one of the communion stations. We will begin this program in September.



CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

Staying United Methodist

In this tumultuous time of discernment and disaffiliation, we have allowed the shortcomings of the United Methodist Church to be highlighted by those seeking churches to join their denominations. While there are invitations to shiny new fellowships, they come with little experience and no history, so it is easy to claim that they have no shortcomings.

The UMC does have shortcomings - what organization doesn't? There will be shortcomings in every other denomination that a congregation may choose to join. But when we examine the rich history, theology, and practice of the United Methodist Church there is much to love, appreciate, and celebrate within our communion.

Please mark your calendar for this Thursday, August 3 at 7pm as we gather at [Otterbein Lebanon UMC](#) (585 N. SR 741, Lebanon 45036) to celebrate what the UMC has stood for more than 55 years. We will be meeting in their Multi-Purpose Room. Use the Campus Center parking entrance.

I will be joined by Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen, Rev. Kurt Tomlinson, Mr. Leslie Hall, and Rev. Wendy Lybarger. Together we will make the case that our disagreements about certain hot button topics are not enough to invalidate the decades of greatness of the United Methodist Church and are certainly not enough to warrant the drastic step of disaffiliation.

Come with your questions. Come with your worries. Come with your hearts. And together, we will find a way to be the church of Jesus Christ called the United Methodist Church.

In Christ,





Euchre

LET'S PLAY!

Come play Euchre and enjoy some fun and fellowship!

WHEN AND WHERE:

Saturday, August 19

6:00-9:00PM

in the Big Gym

Please park in the BACK LOT & come in through the back porch doors.

BRING: \$1.00 Donation for the Christmas Jars (to bless families at Christmas), something to drink & a SNACK to share!

Sign Ups not required.

QUESTIONS?

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prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Amelia
Ann
Marlene Arkle
Jen & Rick Baltzersen
Big Creek Mission
Sharon Cates
Dave
Allan Evans
Scott & Kerry Jones
Justyn
Tom & Karen Kock
Jack Lefler
Lydia
John Materingly
Nancy
Dave Pictor
Emily Schweigart
Hailey Wagers
Zureick Family

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.

SHILOH PRESCHOOL



Community Playgroup!



Our playgroup has been really successful! Our largest group was 20 kids! We will continue through the end of August! We have enrolled 5 students from playgroup!

Check out our new paint!!



We are so excited for a fresh new year complete with new paint colors and newly waxed floors! We hope you do a walk through and follow along with all the changes happening!



We will kick off the new school year on August 23rd with a "popsicles on the playground" event! If you'd like to donate popsicles let Candace know!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Happy August Everyone. August is a special time for me, not only because it is my birth month, but also because we see it as the beginning of a new year in Student Ministry. As we look forward in the next year, we have so much that we would like to do. Between a relaunch of an after school program, new ideas (with some collaboration), and continuing everything else that we do here, we need your support now more than ever. In both prayer and in service, we ask that we can make a real impact in students' lives, to show them Love from the Father and Spirit.

Over the past month I have continued to get to know our students and all I can really say is that they are all so awesome. Our volunteers know how to reach out and get them to come to events. I am looking forward to all of the incoming sixth graders joining us for everything that we do.

I am writing this before we leave on Mission Trip, so next month you should get a full reflection on spending a full week with the youth, but for now all I can really say is that I am so looking forward to it. I ask for your prayers that our students will be touched in their hearts by God and to know Him more through service to others.

Medical Forms

Has your youth submitted a Medical release/transportation/photo release form? ALL YOUTH (grades 6-12) are REQUIRED to complete this form to participate in Sunday Night Youth Group activities. Extra forms are on the rack outside the youth rooms.

EVENTS FROM THE PAST MONTH



Summer is a time where we want to beat the heat and spend time in community together, so on July 9th, we went and spent time at Delshire Swim Club. Students conquered their fears and went off of the high diving board, and they somehow convinced me to, as well.

FLORENCE Y'ALLS GAME

Do you know what else makes for a great summer night? A baseball game. On July 16th we took 18 of our students to Florence to watch the Y'alls play. Some of students even said that it was the first time they had ever been to a baseball game. Something cool about the Y'alls is that after the game all of the players stick around to sign items for the fans, so a lot of the kids went home with a special souvenir.



FAITH JOURNEY AND SERVICE

If we were ever curious as to what I looked like as a baby, you missed your chance. On July 23rd, I shared my own story of Faith and how I got to where I am today, showing pictures from almost every step of the way. Following that we played a game that reminds of serving others. We had to go and collect items that were "ordered up" and bring them back, whoever got all of the items correct first won. We learned that the girls are so much better at serving others than the guys.



Calendar of Events

August 6th- Skyline Night

August 9th-Back to School Bash

August 13th-Promotion Sunday

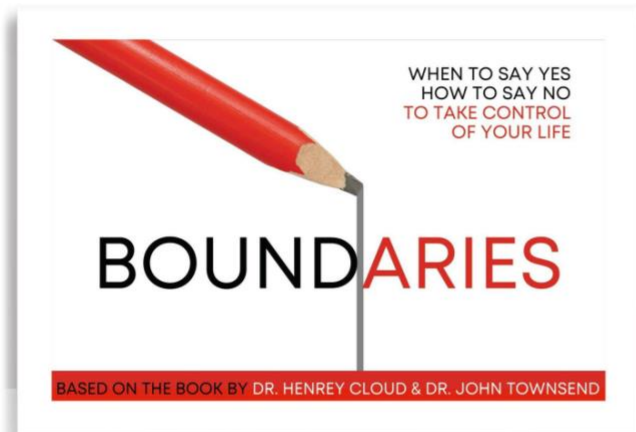
-Sixth Grade Welcome Party

-Trip to Sweets and Eats

August 20th- Youth Group

August 27th- Youth Group

FAMILY MINISTRIES



Shiloh UMC

Begins September 10th

6-7:30pm

Free Childcare

Register online at shilohumc.com

or call Sue Squeri 513-301-9795

- Do you have trouble saying no?
- Can you set limits and still be a loving person?
- Are you in control of your life?
- What are legitimate boundaries?
- Do people take advantage of you?
- How do you answer someone who wants your time, love energy and money?

Boundaries help you understand what is your responsibility and what isn't. Knowing this difference can help with anxiety, anger, depression, and false guilt.

This 9 week interactive course will help you set healthy boundaries with your parents, spouse, children, friends, coworkers and even yourself.

FAMILY MINISTRY
PRESENTS

August 9th
5-8PM

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

FREE
GIFT

ALL KIDS GRADES K-12 ARE INVITED
PIZZA, LINDSEY ICE,
INDOOR/OUTDOOR GAMES,
GIANT INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE,
CRAFTS AND A SPECIAL GIFT FOR ALL WHO ATTEND.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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KIDS CLUB RESUMES

August 23rd
6-7:30pm

5TH GRADE PARTY

We had a great time making memories and celebrating our soon to be Middle Schoolers!



CLASSROOM NOTES

AUGUST

Kids will really enjoy this month as they discover the many ways God created them to be unique.

8/6

Communion Sunday

Beginning in September children will join parents for communion.

Fun twist in Creation Bingo

Bottom Line

God created you so you can be creative
Genesis 1-2

8/13

Promotion Sunday

Welcome Kindergartens! We will be making self portraits that show how God has uniquely gifted each one of us. These will be displayed in the CM hallway. Come check them out!

Bottom Line

God created you for a purpose
Ephesians 2:10

8/20

Messy Sunday

Get ready to get messy! Kids will play Pie in the Face as part of our Bible Story lesson .

Bottom Line

You can use what God gave you to solve problems
Genesis 40-41

8/27

Super Sized Sunday

Kids get to use their imagination to build a life sized tabernacle.

Bottom Line

Use your imagination to honor God
Exodus 25



Wednesday

Night

Kids Club

August Calendar

8/23

Kids Club 6:00-7:30pm

8/30

Kids Club 6:00-7:30pm

Kids Club Notes

Welcome Back!
We hope everyone had a great summer and can't wait to see everyone :)

NEW HOURS
6:00-7:30pm

Join us every
Wednesday night
6:00-7:30pm

Large Group Gym
Games & Small Group
Activities

K-5th

August Theme



AUGUST 13TH

PROMOTION

SUNDAY



Student Ministry
welcomes
all incoming 6th
graders

Children's Ministry
welcomes
all incoming
Kindergartners



Blessing of Backpacks

COME RECEIVE A BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

August 13th | During Both Services
9:30AM and 11:00AM



MISSION MOMENTS

Picture taken before departing on their mission trip – Shiloh's Youth Group heading to Big Creek Mission! They left July 30th and return August 5th.



Shiloh is so blessed to have such a wonderful & giving congregation!

We collected \$550 in Lowe's & \$160 in Wal-Mart Gifts Cards for

Big Creek Mission Wheelwright!!!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FROM UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

A big thank you goes out to everyone who made our rummage sale possible! Everyone's time, effort, energy, and purchases were much appreciated. As always, all of the money raised goes to missions near and far.

UWF Executive Board Meeting
Monday, August 28
11:30 a.m.
Asbury Hall



Shiloh United Methodist Church's

**CHRISTMAS
BOUTIQUE**

November 11, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Lunch served in JWH 11:00AM - 1:00PM

MISSION MOMENTS

WOMEN ARE GOLD

Women Are Gold celebrated our 2nd birthday this month. Two years ago, we arrived in Cambodia and began building our organization from the ground up. We have had many victories over the past two years and many learning experiences, but we are so grateful for the opportunity to be serving this country and community.

When we first started Women Are Gold, we had a fairly small, but functional community center. We are excited to share that we have outgrown that center. With the addition of staff and continuing to receive new clients, we didn't fit in the original center anymore. So, early in the month, we moved to a bigger, much more functional and beautiful space; more centrally located to the schools that many of our clients attend. Our new center is turning out to be perfect.

And, no better way to celebrate a birthday, and the opening of our new location, than with a party. Just over a week after we had settled into our new community center, we threw the most amazing party for our clients. All our clients attended and everyone had a blast. We started with a short welcome, and a prayer, then the party started. We played games, danced, ate lots of food, laughed, hung out with friends and made new friends. Smiles were the main attire of the evening.

The day after the party, we reflected back on our two year journey. Just like any organization, we have had our ups and downs, but we continued to move forward. However, seeing our clients at the party laughing, dancing and having fun with friends, made every single day of this journey worth it! God is good!



Happy 2nd Birthday



Our New Location



Moving Cambodia Style



New Friends



Smiles All Around

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	4 CARPET INSTALL	5 YOUTH RETURN
6 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> - YOUTH	7 <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	8 ELECTION DAY - GYM <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM	9 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>5:00PM</u> – BACK TO SCHOOL BASH	10 <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	11 <u>10:00AM</u> – METZCOR - GYM	12
13 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> - YOUTH	14 <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	15 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>6:15PM</u> – TRUSTEES <u>7:30PM</u> - LEADERSHIP	16 <u>12:00PM</u> – FORTNIGHTLY <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG	17 <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	18 <u>10:00AM</u> – METZCOR - GYM	19 <u>6:00PM</u> – EUCHRE NIGHT - GYM
20 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> - YOUTH	21 <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	22 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>6:00PM</u> - SCOUTS	23 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG	24 <u>7:00PM</u> – AA	25 <u>5:00PM</u> – COMMUNITY DINNER	26
27 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> - YOUTH	28 <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	29 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>6:00PM</u> - SCOUTS	30 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>7:00PM</u> – CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL	31 <u>7:00PM</u> – AA		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Felyx	Keller	2-Aug
Tom	Kock	2-Aug
Karen	Kock	3-Aug
Laura	Kreuter	4-Aug
Jill	Eichhorn	5-Aug
Christopher	Roell	7-Aug
Brian	Gallat	8-Aug
Tyler	Lee	8-Aug
Jim	Lowry	8-Aug
Valla	Sears	8-Aug
Faye	Combs	10-Aug
Ruby	Dunham	11-Aug
Shari	Loew-Morelock	11-Aug
Steven	Radcliffe	12-Aug
Theresa	Roche	12-Aug
Josie	Yockey	12-Aug
Shian	McNeely	13-Aug
Tym	House	14-Aug
Ashlyn	Bales	16-Aug
Dottie	Stewart	16-Aug
Tim	Nguyen	18-Aug
Morgan	Stoffregen	18-Aug
Bud	Young	18-Aug
Rosie	Baldrick	22-Aug
Lisa	Van Sant	26-Aug
Joey	Cates	30-Aug
Laura	Gutzwiller	30-Aug

—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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