

*From the Heart* - A letter from Pastor Kurt

It's been a busy couple of months for me, culminating with a trip to Nashville, Tennessee with the Youth Group on a week-long mission trip. You'll see pictures and descriptions of the trip elsewhere in this newsletter, so you can see all the great work that was done by our young people in Nashville. People say all the time that the youth are the future of our church. I want to disagree just a little bit. While we hope and pray that people who are young will eventually become adult leaders in our church, the reality is that THESE youth will probably be leaders in churches somewhere else – like me, many adults don't live where they grew up. These young people are leaders and examples for our church RIGHT NOW. Taking a week from their summer to go and work in 90-degree temperatures for people they have never met and will never see again is truly an example for all of us to follow.

Being my second week of mission this year, and after going to Team Hope a few times this year and seeing all the good work the kids have done from Wednesday Night Kids' Club and VBS, I wanted to share with you why this is all very important.

Our founder, Jesus, was very clear that how we treat the poor matters. I could quote many scriptures, but many will remember the famous like from Matthew 25:40, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

In Acts 1, just before Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave the disciples one last instruction, and in that instruction, he gave us the plan for mission work. Acts 1:8 says, "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In this, Jesus tells us that we need to be in ministry here at home (Jerusalem), in our neighborhood (Judea), in our neighboring communities with those who we disagree with (Samaria), and indeed in places that are far away (the ends of the earth).

Truly our young people are leading the way and showing us what it's like to follow this Acts 1 vision of mission. We are so thankful for their example and leadership and we can commit to follow. As we grow in missions, through Team Hope, through Women Are God, through LIT, and through new mission partnerships, we will truly live into Jesus' vision of being His witnesses in the world.

Keep your eye out for new and exciting ways that all of us, children, youth, and adults, can truly be in ministry to the world.

See you in church,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Kurt".

Pastor Kurt

# CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

## **DAILY PRAYER MINISTRY**

Here is an example of a prayer, written by one of our team members from our congregation, that is sent daily by email. If you would like to receive these, contact Katie at 513-451-3600 or use the sign up sheet in the gathering space.

Proverbs 23:29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?

Most Holy and Understanding God, You are everything to us and rightly to be praised! Our cited verse describes our human condition, so many times for so many of us. In continuing this chapter of Proverbs, we find that these conditions are attributed to too much alcohol. But we contend that it is not only alcohol that causes these conditions. For any multitude of reasons, we find ourselves in these states, a 'woe is me' kind of mentality. How do we combat this way of thinking?

First and foremost, we must focus on You, dear Lord. We must leave our conditions at the foot of the cross, and be assured that You will meet us where we are. By living one day at a time, even one minute at a time, with our focus on You, our Redeemer, we can face another day. We pray for healing, and for all of our conditions, in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

The Daily Prayer Team is seeking more prayer writers, people who can express an inspirational prayer in words well written. If you are intrigued by this opportunity, contact Bev Hansen (513-535-4094 or [belebedeb@gmail.com](mailto:belebedeb@gmail.com)) for more details.

# prayer

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anne & Frank  
Rick Ayers  
Dr. Mary B.  
Maureen Begley  
Lynn & Bob Besl  
Karin Brienza  
Dainery Perez Cabrera  
Carlene  
Milt Carley  
Carole  
Mike Cates  
Abe Coogan  
Lydia Coyle  
Dee Dee  
Donna  
Beth Dudjak  
Emily  
Danielle English  
Daniela Farinas  
Jim Froehle  
The Fox Family  
Ed Gilb  
Gloria  
Kim Goedde  
Steve Grimm  
Steven Hoeffler  
Jim Kelly Jr.

Mark Kessler  
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Holly Lammers  
Jennifer Langley  
Laura Larson  
Marsha  
Stacey Moorehead  
Mr. Nagel  
Paula Noble  
Dan Reckmon  
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Angie Rizzo  
Phyllis Ross  
Ron Scheidenberger  
Jim Smith  
Susan Stanley  
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Mary Anita Schaefer  
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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](mailto: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.



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.

# Childrens Ministry



## Notes

### What We Are Learning

#### July

This June & July we will be following our VBS curriculum on how to LOVE LIKE JESUS! The So & So Show is back for the summer! We will be using our VBS music as well.

### Save the Date

July 16<sup>th</sup> Glow Party

August 2<sup>nd</sup> End of Summer Splash

August 17<sup>th</sup> Promotion Sunday

August 27<sup>th</sup> - Kids Club Resumes

October 19<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat

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**PROMOTION  
SUNDAY**

August 17th

Children's Ministry welcomes  
Kindergarteners to K-5 Sunday School

Student Ministry welcomes  
6th graders to Sunday School

KIDS CLUB

# GLOW PARTY

JULY 16, 2025

6 PM - 8 PM



GRADES K-5TH

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR  
SOME GLOWING FUN!

DRESS TO GLOW! WEAR WHITE, NEON OR ANYTHING  
THAT SHINES UNDER BLACK LIGHTS

MUSIC- GAMES- PIZZA-GLOW ACCESORIES PROVIDED

SHILOH  
5261 FOLEY ROAD



**VBS 2025**

## **Special Thanks!**

A huge shoutout to all our amazing volunteers who made our VBS 2025 a success! It truly takes a village to prep, prepare, execute, and clean up. Thank you to everyone who adapted and found new spaces to work from during the week!

We had 127 children participate throughout the week and had 65+ volunteers. This year, instead of classrooms, we had a giant campground set up in the gym with eight campsites. Thank you to the Scouts for lending us tents! Preschoolers rotated with the big kids, and WOW!! Everyone had a great time and enjoyed worshipping “Jesus on the Lawn” during Rally.











**FAMILY MINISTRIES**

SHILOH UMC

**FAMILY MINISTRIES IS SUPER EXCITED TO HOST A FANTASTIC COMMUNITY EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE END OF SUMMER! THIS IS GOING TO BE A FAMILY-FRIENDLY PARTY WHERE EVERYONE IS INVITED! BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR AN AFTERNOON FULL OF FUN!**



# STUDENT MINISTRY



## July Notes



### HAPPY JULY SHILOH!!!

I AM VERY HAPPY TO REPORT THAT OUR MISSION TRIP TO NASHVILLE TENNESSEE WAS A SUCCESS!!! ALL OF OUR YOUTH AND VOLUNTEERS WERE ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE WHETHER THEY WERE SERVING, MAKING CONNECTIONS, WORSHIPPING, OR HAVING FUN. I COULD NOT BE PROUDER OF EVERYONE AND IT WAS EVIDENT ALL WEEK THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS AT WORK IN OUR YOUTH. I CANNOT WAIT FOR YOU ALL TO HEAR MORE ABOUT IT ON MISSION SUNDAY!!!!

SARAH PEASE



ON SUNDAY MORNINGS IN JUNE WE FINISHED OUR "SET APART" SERIES AND COMPLETED A SERIES TITLED "FOLLOWING JESUS." ON SUNDAY NIGHTS WE FINISHED OUR "YOU" SERIES AND GOT TO CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES AND SOME BIRTHDAYS!!!!



**GROUP  
WEEK OF HOPE  
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**ALL WEEK OUR YOUTH GOT TO LEARN ABOUT SAUL'S ENCOUNTER ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS AND HOW TO HANDLE CHALLENGES USING THE ACRONYM**

**E. VALUATE**

**Q. UESTION**

**U. NDERSTAND**

**I. MPROVE**

**P. ROCLAIM**

**THEY GOT TO WORK WITH A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND PEOPLE, IN DIFFERENT CREWS THAT WERE MADE UP OF MULTIPLE CHURCHES. THIS ALLOWED OUR YOUTH TO NOT ONLY SERVE AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH, BUT TO MAKE LIFE LONG CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER YOUTH (ESPECIALLY THOSE THEY NICKNAMED THE MICHAGANDERS).**









**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**  
for your very generous support of our youth  
and Week of Hope Missions!



**FOR JULY WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN THINGS PLANNED! YOUTH GROUP WILL BE BRAINSTORMING IDEAS FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS, GRILLING OUT, GOING TO A FLORENCE YALLS BASEBALL GAME, PULLING AN ALL NIGHTER FILLED WITH SERVICE, WORSHIP, AND FUN, AND THEN WE'LL END THE MONTH WITH A COLOR WAR!**

**IN SUNDAY SCHOOL WE WILL BE BEGINNING A NEW SERIES TITLED "THE THREAD"!**

## ***JULY CALENDAR***

**7/6: 9:30AM SERVE SUNDAY**

**11AM SERVE SUNDAY**

**6PM YOUTH GROUP**

**7/13: 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (MISSION SUNDAY)**

**11AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (MISSION SUNDAY)**

**6PM YOUTH GROUP**

**7/20: 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**11AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**6PM YOUTH GROUP**

**7/22: 5PM FLORENCE YALLS GAME**

**7/25: 4:30PM LOCK-IN**

**7/27: 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**11AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**6PM YOUTH GROUP**





# Serve Sunday

All youth are welcome to join us the first Sunday of each month at the 9:30 or 11:00 service! We will provide the donuts, you just show up and be ready to either go to service or help run it!

Maybe you'll

- pass out bulletins
- help serve communion
- carry around the offering plate
- just greet others with a full stomach and a smile 😊
- the possibilities are endless

We will meet in the Youth Room 10 minutes before the start of each service!

A poster with a brown, textured background and a white dashed border. At the top left, it says "SHILOH'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT" in black. In the center, "Middle School Crew" is written in large, red, stylized letters. Below this is a silhouette of a group of people dancing or celebrating. To the right, it says "STARTING AUGUST 21TH" in black. At the bottom left, it says "6-7:30 PM" in black. At the bottom center, it says "JOIN US FOR GAMES, ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, & FUN" in black. At the very bottom, it says "For more information or if interested in volunteering please email [spease@shilohumc.com](mailto:spease@shilohumc.com)" in black.

# MISSION MOMENTS

Happy summer! It's wonderful to be back in Cincinnati and to enjoy all the joys of summer, even the hot weather.

Since we left Cambodia, our staff have been blessed with the incredible opportunity to host four visitors: Sandy and John from Australia, and Jason and Halle from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Each of these visitors came to Women Are Gold to spend time with our staff and beneficiaries, learn about our organization, and witness firsthand how we are "changing the story" for individuals in Cambodia. We are truly grateful to have had these amazing people visit our community center and share their love, encouragement, and blessings with our extended family.



*Sandy and John*



In between these visits, our staff have been very busy training individuals in the community and registering new beneficiaries. In June alone, we trained 188 individuals in various programs and registered six new beneficiaries into our organization. We are forever thankful and honored to have a team committed to our mission and vision, dedicated to preventing human trafficking in Cambodia.



## Community Training

Later in the month, an individual arrived at our community center desperately seeking help. This woman had heard about our organization from a friend and was hopeful that we could assist her after becoming involved in an online scam. Our staff listened to her situation and realized that they had never encountered anything of this magnitude, although they had been warned about such issues in their professional training. Wanting to help her, our staff reached out to contacts at the local police and anti-corruption department for assistance. Local authorities came to our community center to discuss the situation and develop an action plan moving forward. The woman felt relieved by the new plan and was extremely grateful for our assistance, while our staff gained valuable insight into the process of dealing with online scams.



Rick and I plan to enjoy the summer in the USA and head back to Cambodia in early fall. Before we return, we will hold two Q&A sessions about the progress of our work and our future vision. The dates and locations for these sessions will be announced soon. We hope you will be able to attend one session.

God continues to bless us, our mission, and our families-here and abroad-and He continues to do abundantly astonishing things beyond what we could have imagined. God is good.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<u>1</u> 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS– GYM	<u>2</u> 9:30AM – SOCCER/DANCE– JWH <u>10:00AM</u> – BLESSED & BUSY – ASBURY <u>12:30PM</u> - STAFF	<u>3</u> 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS - GYM <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	<u>4</u> HAPPY 4 <sup>TH</sup> !!!!	<u>5</u> 5:00PM – IOWA CITY GROUP OVERNIGHT
<u>6</u> 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>2:00PM</u> – PRIVATE PARTY – GYM - FLORIMONTE <u>6:00PM</u> – YOUTH	<u>7</u> 6:00PM - PICKLEBALL <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	<u>8</u> 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS– GYM <u>6:15PM</u> - SPPRC	<u>9</u> 9:30AM – SOCCER/DANCE– JWH <u>10:00AM</u> –MOM’S PLAYDATE– JWH <u>12:30PM</u> - STAFF	<u>10</u> <u>10:00AM</u> – METZCOR <u>11:00AM</u> – UWF BOARD MTG <u>3:00PM</u> – OHIO CHAMPIONS - GYM <u>6:00PM</u> – FINANCE - ASBURY <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> <u>10:30AM</u> – TEAM HOPE – PIATT PARK <u>12:00PM</u> – PRIVATE PARTY - PEASE
<u>13</u> 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> – YOUTH	<u>14</u> 6:00PM - PICKLEBALL <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	<u>15</u> 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS– GYM <u>6:00PM</u> - TRUSTEES	<u>16</u> 9:30AM – SOCCER SHOTS – GYM <u>10:00AM</u> – BLESSED & BUSY - ASBURY <u>12:00PM</u> – FORTNIGHTLY <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF <u>6:00PM</u> – KIDS CLUB GLOW NIGHT	<u>17</u> <u>10:00AM</u> – METZCOR <u>3:00PM</u> – OHIO CHAMPIONS - GYM <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 9:00AM – STRATEGIC PLANNING – GATHERING SPACE <u>6:00PM</u> – GROWN UP GAME NIGHT
<u>20</u> 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> – YOUTH	<u>21</u> 6:00PM - PICKLEBALL <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	<u>22</u> 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS– GYM	<u>23</u> 9:30AM – SOCCER/DANCE– JWH <u>10:00AM</u> –MOM’S PLAYDATE– JWH <u>12:30PM</u> - STAFF	<u>24</u> <u>10:00AM</u> – METZCOR <u>3:00PM</u> – OHIO CHAMPIONS - GYM <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	<u>25</u> <u>4:30PM</u> – YOUTH LOCK IN <u>5:00PM</u> – COMMUNITY DINNER	<u>26</u> <u>10:30AM</u> – TEAM HOPE – PIATT PARK <u>6:00PM</u> – EUCHRE – GYM
<u>27</u> 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> – YOUTH	<u>28</u> 6:00PM - PICKLEBALL <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	<u>29</u> 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS– GYM	<u>30</u> 9:30AM – SOCCER SHOTS – GYM <u>10:00AM</u> – BLESSED & BUSY - ASBURY	<u>31</u> <u>10:00AM</u> – METZCOR <u>3:00PM</u> – OHIO CHAMPIONS - GYM <u>7:00PM</u> - AA		

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Dave	Young	4-Jul
Nancy	Gallat	6-Jul
Rob	Jackson	7-Jul
Brooke	Watkins	7-Jul
Darlene	Litteral	8-Jul
Michael	Mahan	10-Jul
Kenny	Steele	10-Jul
Annemarie	Dwyer-Baldrick	13-Jul
Jim	Giese	13-Jul
Evie	Jessup	15-Jul
Tyler	Obert	16-Jul
Colin	Wedig	16-Jul
Rachel	Lincoln	18-Jul
John	Gerhard	20-Jul
Jandon	Keller	20-Jul
Megan	John	21-Jul
Steve	Richardson	22-Jul
Steve	Grimm	23-Jul
Patricia	Staley	23-Jul
Caleb	Plumlee	24-Jul
Ira	Sizemore	27-Jul
Faith	Allen	28-Jul

# —SHILOHCHURCH—

### **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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