

June 2025 Newsletter

From the Heart - A letter from Pastor Kurt

I write this month's newsletter article as I'm sitting at the West Ohio Annual Conference, out United Methodist way of saying "a big meeting." This event, which happens every year (thus Annual), does the work of our denomination in Western Ohio. There are reports and budgets, committees and councils, a lot of which you will hear about from our Lay Leader, Bev Hansen, when she reports to the congregation later in June.

But the greatest witness of the Annual is the way we focus, for 4 days, on worshiping God and inviting Jesus Christ into our presence. For 51 weeks of the year, congregational worship happens on 1 day – Sunday. For just a few days, congregational worship happens daily, and it really helps us grow closer to Christ, to elevate our perspective in the midst of life.

It makes me appreciate how important congregational worship is in our lives. Yes, we can pray alone, we can read our Bibles on our own, we can even worship by ourselves. But gathering with other Christians, to pray, read, and worship together is life-giving in a different way. Listening to the voices sing around us, focusing on our God as a gathered body, and coming to the table of communion as a community inspires and strengthens us builds us up in a way that is critical to our well-being.

June welcomes our Vacation Bible School. This incredible ministry welcomes over 110 kids to Shiloh to learn about Jesus and grow in their faith. What may look to the untrained eye like chaos, is in fact a carefully crafted event designed to share the love of Jesus with these young children. For those serving on the VBS team, thank you! We couldn't do this amazing work without you. Please keep Sue and her entire team in prayer as they embark on this great week.

Also in June, our youth continue to lead us in mission. Departing on Sunday, June 22, I will travel with them to Nashville, Tennessee to share Jesus' love with those in need in the music city. Please keep the lead team in prayer as we lead and guide these young people in their *Week of Hope*.

I look forward to sharing all these stories with you, as I am sure God will do mighty things in the lives of young people in Shiloh in the month of June!

See you in Church,

Vastor John

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.

Numbers 20:1,2,5,11 The Israelites came into the wilderness of Zin; there was no water for them, and the people quarreled with Moses. Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to this wretched place? ... (After the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron), Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff; water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their livestock drank.

Awesome God, Lord of us all, You are a miracle worker! There are many instances of your miracles in our Bibles, your holy Word to us. Help us see and appreciate the small miracles that are around us every day. Your works are infinite and for our good, and we thank You, always. 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) for more details.





The Daniel Plan Group Members will be taking a hike on Friday, June 6 at 6:30PM at SWOCC (Daniel Plan Members - please check your email). It is located at 6084 Morgan Road, Cleves Ohio 45002. It is a conservation private club that Mike Walpole, a Daniel Plan Member, belongs to and he has graciously invited us to use it to hike. If you'd like to learn more about the Daniel Plan or just want to get outside and be active, this is a fun opportunity. One of the things we learned while studying the Daniel Plan is that we are "Better Together!" This is an opportunity to be together and check in with each other and enjoy an active, healthy activity! All are welcome!

If you have questions, text Kathy Shea, (513)257-3110 or email at kathylshea@gmail.com or Bev Hansen at belebedeb@gmail.com.



prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Abe & 324th MP Company

Rick Ayers

Michael Baumgardner

Maureen Begley

Lynn & Bob Besl

Karin Brienza

Carlene

Carole

Sam Collins

Linda Conley

Debbi Connelly

Mary Ann Cormican

Donna

Annette Drescher

Bev Drew

Beth Dudjak

Emily

Danielle English

Daniela Farinas

Dan Fenbers

Jim Froehle

Ed Gilb

Kim Goedde

Steve Grimm

Mary Jo & Dean Hammersmith

Sam Hollingsworth

Kelsi & Jon

Holly Lammers

Jennifer Langley

Rhonda Luckett

Anne & Frank Martinjak

Stacey Moorehead

Larry Ramsey

The Family of Jim Renck

Phyllis Ross

Morgan Rosser

Jim Smith

Kathy Thomas

Brenda Turner

Art & Holly Walsh

Donna Westrich

Tony Wong

HOMEBOUND

Ralph Bolino

Pat Cleveland

Ginny Konerman

Barb Lienhart

Ruth Mathias

Esther Reher

Mary Anita Schaefer

Tony & Lisa Wong

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

<u>kplumlee@shilohumc.com</u>
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.

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CRADUATION

SHILOH PRESCHOOL SEONT 30
GRADUATES OFF INTO THE WORLD
THIS YEAR! WE ARE SO PROUD OF
OUR STUDENTS AND KNOW THEY
WILL DO GREAT THINGS IN
KINDERGARTEN! A SPECIAL THANK
YOU TO TERESA WORKS AND LISA
FOR HOSTING AND RUNNING THE
PRODUCTION. THANK YOU TO THE
SEWING CIRCLE REPRESENTATIVES
FOR PRESENTING US WITH THE
COMPLETED QUILT! IT IS BEAUTIFUL!

NICE CREAM WITH MS. KATHY!

MS. KATHY SPENT 2 DAYS
MAKING NICE CREAM WITH
ALL OF OUR STUDENTS! IT
WAS SO YUMMY! WE
LEARNED THAT A TREAT
DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN IT IS
UNHEALTHY AND HEALTHY
DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY
MEAN IT TASTES BAD! WE
APPRECIATE YOU SHARING
NICE CREAM WITH US!





PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL!

WE SPENT OUR LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL WALKING OUR STUDENTS DOWN TO THE LIBRARY AND HAVING BIKE PARADES! THANKS FOR CLOSING THE FRONT LOT AND FOR THOSE THAT CAME OUT TO WAVE GOODBYE TO US!!

GARDEN TOOLS NEEDED

WE ARE PREPARING OUR
GARDEN TO PLANT AND ARE
IN NEED OF HAND SHOVELS
AND RAKES. WE ALSO NEED
WATERING CANS.
USED ARE FINE!

THANK YOU TO UNITED
WOMEN IN FAITH FOR OUR
NEW GARDEN TROUGH! WE
ARE EXCITED TO EXPAND OUR
GARDEN THIS YEAR!











Thank you for your support!

Shiloh Preschool loves filling bags of animal food for those in need but we can't do it without YOU!



If you are able to provide any kind of dog or cat food and ziploc baggies, our students will keep filling the bags!

We are able to teach our students what it it is like to be the hands and feet of Jesus by feeding animals that need fed and helping their owners who are in a tough spot!

Childrens Ministry Wotes

What We Are Learning

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

June 9-13 VBS Week

June 15th VBS Sunday

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

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

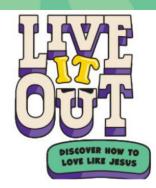
October 19th Trunk or Treat

Month

June

Contact Information

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VBS Sunday Celebration June 15th 11am

Join us as we celebrate our favorite VBS music, dance, games, activities, and share our mission project. Lindsey's Ice will be provided immediately following the VBS Celebration

CINCINNATI ANIMAL CARE SHELTER & RESOURCE CENTER

This year's VBS missions will be about blessing the Cincinnati Animal Care Shelter & Resource Center. On Thursday, the week of VBS this year, kids can put love into action by making edible treats for the dogs. Also, they will be encouraged to bring in an item from the wishlist to donate to Cincinnati Animal CARE. We are excited to see what the children create and how we can bless the Cincinnati Animal Care. Go VBS Missions!







Wish List

Canned Pumpkin
Creamy Peanut Butter
KONG size large
Nylabones
Silicone ice cube molds
Toilet Paper Rolls
Pork Chops-Long Lasting Chews
Small Paper Cups 5oz





What is Kids Club?

- Kids Club is a fun gathering where children in grades K-5 can grow in their faith and make new friends.
- We offer opportunities for kids to work together on service projects that benefit our community for those in need.
- We play a variety of large group gym games. For kids who prefer a quieter experience, we offer board games, crafts, and legos during that time.
- Each month, we introduce and discuss a new affirmation with the kids. These affirmations are designed to help your child grow in faith, love, and confidence.
- We now have Kids Club Teen Leadership, which_offers an opportunity for older kids to volunteer during Kids Club hours. Please contact Sue Squeri for more information.

When & Where

Shiloh UMC Every Wed 6-7:30 pm

Dates to Know 🛗



5/21-Summer Break Begins

7/16 Glow Party Details to come

8/27 Kids Club resumes 6-7:30 pm

Summer Blessing

May the LORD bless you and keep you; May the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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We had a great end-of-year celebration. Thank you to all our volunteers who faithfully love our kids every week. We also want to thank our parents for allowing us to spend time with your children throughout the year.



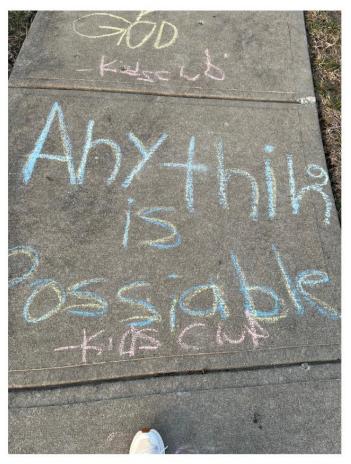








We were cleaning up at the end of Kids Club when we saw this. Planting seeds of love.









STUDENT MINISTRY



HELLO SHILOH!!!

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE WHOLE CONGREGATION, EVERYONE ON STAFF, AND ALL THE YOUTH GROUP STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR WELCOMING ME INTO THIS ROLE WITH SUCH OPEN ARMS AND OPEN HEARTS! I'M TRULY GRATEFUL TO BE HERE AND AM SO EXCITED FOR WHAT'S TO COME!





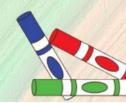
IT'S MISSION TRIP MONTH!!

JUNE 22ND - 28TH OUR YOUTH GROUP WILL BE GOING TO NASHVILLE TENNESSEE FOR A WEEK OF SERVICE! USING THE THEME OF E.Q.U.I.P., OUR YOUTH WILL EXPLORE THE TRANSFORMATION OF SAUL, LEARN HOW THEY CAN ENCOUNTER CHALLENGES, AND WILL GET TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY WITH A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS.

WEEK OF HOPE DONATIONS

YOUTH GROUP IS COLLECTING WASHABLE MARKERS,
COLORED PENCILS, AND PENCIL BAGS/BOXES FOR KIDS
CAMPS IN NASHVILLE. DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN
THE GATHERING SPACE DISPLAY. THE LAST DAY FOR
DONATIONS WILL BE ON JUNE 15TH.







WE HAVE A BUSY MONTH COMING UP! YOUTH GROUP WILL BE CELEBRATING GRADUATIONS, BIRTHDAYS, AND EATING AT SKYLINE. WE WILL ALSO BE FINISHING UP OUR "YOU" SERIES AND THE HIGH SCHOOLERS WILL CONTINUE THEIR "GRACE" BIBLE STUDY SERIES.

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL WE WILL BE STARTING A SERIES TITLED "FOLLOWING JESUS" IN WHICH OUR STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DID. WE WILL DISCUSS TOPICS SUCH AS ATTITUDE, VALUES, HUMILITY, SERVING, SELFLESS LOVE, AND PRAYER.

AND OF COURSE... WE HAVE MISSION TRIP



6/1: 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

5PM MISSION TRIP VOLUNTEER MEETING

6PM YOUTH GROUP

7:30PM HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

6/8: 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

6PM YOUTH GROUP

6/15: 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

NO YOUTH GROUP FOR FATHER'S DAY

6/22-6/28: MISSION TRIP (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR YOUTH

GROUP 6/22)

6/29: 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

6PM YOUTH GROUP AT SKYLINE



BEGINNING IN JULY,
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR
YOUTH (6-12TH GRADE)
WILL BE OFFERED AT BOTH
9:30AM & 11AM

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH WILL

BE SERVE SUNDAY!

INSTEAD OF TRADITIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

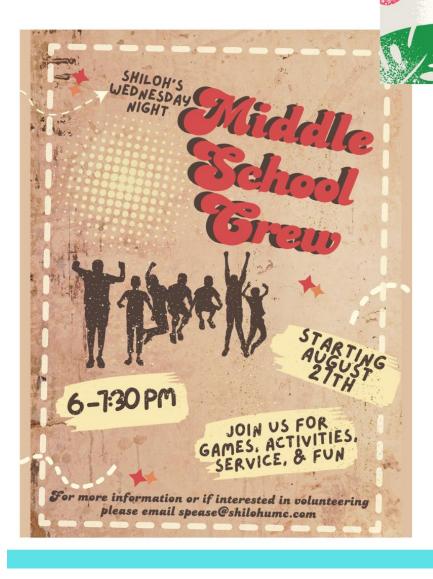
WE WILL HAVE DONUTS, GO TOGETHER TO

CHURCH AND COMMUNION, AND SOME

MONTHS WE WILL SERVE IN THE

TRADITIONAL AND/OR MODERN SERVICE!

See you there





MISSION MOMENTS

WOMEN ARE GOLD

Hello, Wow, it's already June! Time has flown by in the past six months.

In Cambodia, May is mango season, which means our lives have become a bit sweeter because of this fruit, which we just can't seem to get enough of.



This month marked a significant milestone as we completed the next step in renewing our three-year agreement with the Cambodian government. This process had all of us in the office on edge, but it resulted in a positive inspection of our community center by representatives from the Anti-Trafficking Department, the Children Protection Unit, and the Department of International Cooperation from Phnom Penh, along with the local authorities from these departments.

It was a long and intense day of inspections, as we sat with the authorities, listening to our girls and their families talk about our organization. Yet after meeting with three families, we found these meetings to be very humbling. Each family articulated the monumental impact we've had, praising our dedication to encouraging, motivating, and supporting their daughters in school while also standing by them in their moments of crisis. One family shared, "Women Are Gold has helped my twin girls stay in school and supported my family in ways I never imagined possible. I don't know where we would be today if it weren't for Women Are Gold.".

After hearing three families' testimonies, an official from the Child Protection Unit posed a thought-provoking question to our staff: "Why don't you boast about the work you do-not only with the girls but also with their families?". Our staff smiled and replied, "Our organization believes in humility."

Family #1





We recently
helped this family
fix their
motorcycle so
they could go to
work.

Family #2





"I don't know where we would be today if it weren't for Women Are Gold."



The fourth and final home visit was profoundly inspiring—a single mother of four, known for her past struggles with addiction, who had recently turned her life around. Local authorities, who have worked with this mother in the past, were astonished to find her free from addiction, with all her children enrolled in school and herself holding a stable job. When asked about her transformation, she said, "For the first time in many years, I found people who truly believe in me and care about my family. Women Are Gold encouraged me to be a better person for myself and for my children. They helped me finally find hope."



When our clients' families are stable and happy, our girls experience less stress, excel in school, and find greater happiness within themselves.

As the authorities departed for the day, we sent them off with two overflowing bags of sweet mangoes, a gesture of gratitude for their time and collaboration. Our inspection was over, we passed and impressed and now we could relax.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have returned to the United States. After many incredibly productive months in Cambodia, we are ready to move on to the next chapter, to decompress and rejuvenate our minds and bodies, to spend time with family and friends, and to help celebrate the upcoming wedding of Rick's oldest son, Max.

God is good







United Women in Faith





Thank you to our Garden Crew for planting, watering and sprucing up our grounds. If you are interested in helping please sign the sheet in the Gathering Space.

Green thumb not required.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN 6:00PM – YOUTH GROUP	2 <u>6:00PM</u> - PICKLEBALL <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	3 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS– GYM	4	5 11:30AM – UWF PICNIC – GATHERING SPACE 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS - GYM 7:00PM - AA	6	7 10:30AM – TEAM HOPE – PIATT PARK	
8 <u>9:30AM</u> –	9	10	11	12	13	14 12PM –	
TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN 6:00PM – YOUTH	VAC	ATION BIE	LE SCHO	OL 9AM	12PM	PRIVATE PARTY - RHOILL	
15 VBS SUNDAY/ FATHERS DAY 9:30AM — TRADITIONAL 11:00AM — MODERN	16 6:00PM - PICKLEBALL 6:30PM - NA	17 9:45AM - TAAA 3:00PM - OHIO CHAMPIONS- GYM 6:00PM - TRUSTEES	18 9:30AM – SOCCER SHOTS - GYM 12:00PM – FORTNIGHTLY 12:30PM – STAFF	19 <u>3:00PM</u> – OHIO CHAMPIONS - GYM <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	20	21 9:00AM – STRATEGIC PLANNING – GATHERING SPACE 10:30AM – TEAM HOPE – PIATT PARK	
22 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN	23 6:00PM - PICKLEBALL 6:30PM - NA	24 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS– GYM	25 9:30AM – SOCCER SHOTS - GYM 10:30AM – 513 RELIEF BUS	26 3:00PM – OHIO CHAMPIONS - GYM 7:00PM - AA	27 5:00PM – COMMUNITY DINNER	28	
29 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL 11:00AM – MODERN 6:00PM – YOUTH GROUP - SKYLINE	30 6:00PM - PICKLEBALL 6:30PM - NA						

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Timothy	Baldrick	1-Jun
Dominic	Netherly	1-Jun
Jimmy	Brannon	2-Jun
Karen	Young	2-Jun
Jenna	Chavez	3-Jun
Ashley	Howard	3-Jun
Anakin	Davis	6-Jun
David	Goff	7-Jun
Patricia	Murray	7-Jun
Ben	Carter	8-Jun
Karen	Pangburn	9-Jun
Alex	Thorman	11-Jun
Kerry	Raab	13-Jun
Allan	Evans	14-Jun
Holly	Hoeffer	14-Jun
Paula	Hunterman	18-Jun
Diana	Muscarella	18-Jun
Jacob	Peracchio	18-Jun
Nora	Hoffman	19-Jun
Lisa	Lee	20-Jun
Natalie	Plumlee	20-Jun
Joshua	Works	20-Jun
Peter	Shea	22-Jun
Barb	Rebennack	23-Jun
Jessica	Baltzersen	24-Jun
Ralph	Bolino	24-Jun
Christian	Kreuter	24-Jun
Brandon	Keller	26-Jun

-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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