



From the Heart

A letter from Pastor John

When Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the LORD, he would hear the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the covenant from between the two cherubim; thus it spoke to him.

Numbers 7:89

And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

Exodus 33:19

Dear Friends,

There is ancient wisdom in our Bible concerning God. The lid over the Ark of the Covenant was called the Mercy Seat. The Ark of the Covenant was the box that housed the Ten Commandments, the symbol of God's covenant with the people. Evidently, God often spoke from above the Mercy Seat. This is instructive. God speaks from the position of mercy. Thus, if we want to know the inner life of God, it behooves us to embrace divine mercy.

Mercy is the gift of forgiveness, compassion, and grace to those in need. Mercy was dear to Jesus who taught us to pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Unfortunately, life is often tainted by unforgiveness and exclusion. I recently heard about two sisters who could not forgive each other. They kept their children apart. Family gatherings never included the two of them together. On their death beds they rehearsed the faults of each other. People did not want to be around them because of their bitterness. God says in the passage above, "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy." I wonder if God says it this way because inevitably there are people who do not like it when God grants mercy to an enemy, or anyone presumed to be undeserving.

I was talking with my sister-in-law, a passionate teacher. She speaks of public education as holy work, as an act that reflects God's mercy, for we have decided to educate as many people as possible—not merely those who some decide are worthy or having the most promise. I admired how she spoke of public education with reverence, as having divine purpose. I thought, "I must update my thinking to be more in line with mercy." I am grateful for public education. One of my children is on the autism spectrum. One hundred years ago, she may have been excluded from the classroom. All my children experienced numerous amazing and dedicated teachers. Recently, however, I noticed that public education has been maligned in the national news concerning falling test scores. I was relieved to learn that the tests are simply harder than they were years ago. I also wonder who benefits from keeping test scores low—probably those who love money and do not care about mercy.

Blessings,

Pastor John

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

West Ohio Annual Conference Report

June 1-3, 2023

June 1 through 3, Pastor John and I traveled to Dayton, Ohio to attend the West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. This was the first live, non-zoom meeting of the Conference since 2019. It was also the first conference in some time that was not held at Lakeside, the Chatauqua on the shore of Lake Erie. And, as a cagey cost saving measure, Pastor John's daughter and her family provided lodging at their home for Thursday and Friday evening, just minutes away from the Convention Center.

Bishop Palmer presided the conference under this year's theme "Committed, Connected, Community, based on Hebrews 10:23-25. The conference included modern and traditional worship.

Thursday evening was a memorial service honoring clergy and clergy spouses who had passed away since the last conference. Friday morning's worship celebrated missions with an offering of \$29,000. Saturday's service was dedicated to ordination, commissioning, and retirement of West Ohio clergy.

This is the conference that pastor's appointments are made, and, as Pastor John stated last week, he was re-appointed to Shiloh for another year!

Business began on Friday afternoon with action on an extensive of list conference churches who wished to disaffiliate with the West Ohio Conference. The names of 172 churches were read and approved for disaffiliation.

This action made it necessary for the Rules to be suspended so budget matters would have more time to evaluate the impact of 24% of the conference's churches no longer participating in apportionment giving. This means the gathering of delegates for another conference on October 28 to adopt a budget.

We heard reports from the Episcopacy Committee (Bishop Palmer will be our Bishop for one more year), Transformative Discipleship (evaluating issues relating to our 3 camp sites), Lay Servant Ministry, the Board of Ordained Ministry (approving Deacons and Elders of the church), Equitable Compensation (suggested salary for pastors), United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio, Chief Financial Officer (apportionments will not increase this year), Board of Trustees, Pension and Health Benefits, North Central Jurisdiction, Isaiah 11:6-9 Task Force (evaluating church owned camps), District Re-Alignment Team (reducing the number of districts in the West Ohio Conference from 8 to 6)

Also, the Council on Finance and Administration presented the results of committee research on our three church owned camps, uncertainty of financial impacts of disaffiliating churches, and financial impact of changes from eight to six districts.

All totaled, there were nine items of business, referred to as recommendations. Eight were passed and one was withdrawn by its makers to allow more study to be presented in October.

Our West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church is involved in many ministries not only across Ohio but also the world. Explore the West Ohio Conference website for more information (www.westohioumc.org). Let us continue to seek and share God's gift of oneness.

Dave Thomas

Lay Leader

Lay Member to the West Ohio Conference

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

SHILOH TRUSTEES UPDATE

Open Doors As trustees of Shiloh Church it is our responsibility to keep the church safe and secure. We need your help. There are lots of individuals and organizations who use the church and we encourage the use of the church by members and the community. However, we had a couple instances reported to us where doors have been left open or ajar and they were found this way in the morning. Since having those couple of instances reported to us, we notified the Delhi Police Department to begin a routine check of all of the doors at Shiloh. Since they have been checking, they have found the Kitchen door opened twice, the door along the parking lot leading to the choir area twice and the doors by Katie's office once. This has only been over a two week time frame.

We are asking if you go through any of these doors (especially the doors that are always locked) please make sure you double check that they close behind you whether it is during regular hours or after hours. We are lucky to have a Police Department in Delhi Township who is more than happy to perform this service for us, but we would prefer that we take it upon ourselves to make sure we close the doors behind us.

New Windows – John Wesley Hall New double pane windows have been ordered for John Wesley Hall. They will be installed this summer. We felt that the installation of these windows will help with utility bills and will make the room more comfortable.

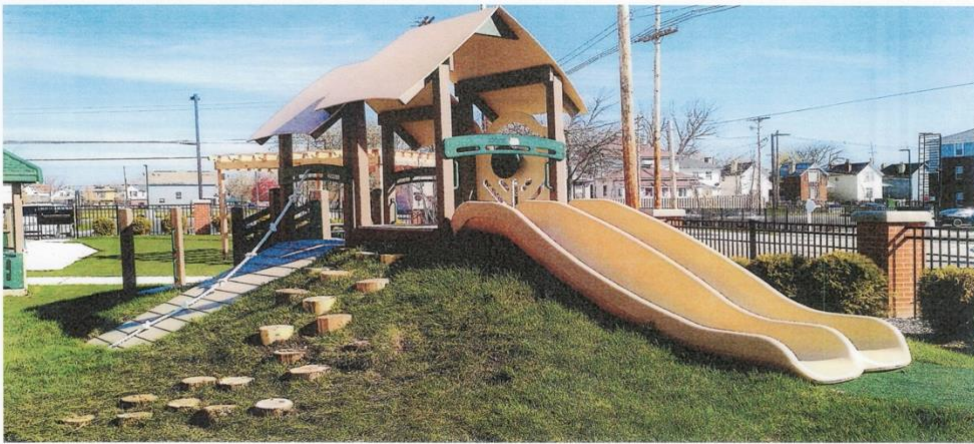
New Paint – Education Wing – The Trustees were asked to consider repainting of the classrooms and hallways in the Education wing. The day after Vacation Bible School was over, the painters started painting the second floor of the education wing and will continue with both hallways and the stairways. John Wesley Hall will not be painted at this time. The educators of our kids wanted a light and airy look to the classrooms and hallways and asked us to consider repainting the walls. So we budgeted for it this year and the budget was approved and we are moving forward.

The painting of the Education Wing and the new playground are both efforts to support our family ministries trying to get more kids and more families into the church so that the church will grow. If you see any other improvements that need to be made, please let us know and we will look at them. We do not have an unlimited budget, but we are willing to do whatever is necessary if there is good reason to do it AND we can get the funding to do it right.

SHILOH TRUSTEES UPDATE CONT.

New Playground You may have noticed that the old playground by the Old Church is now leveled and we are attempting to grow grass there. This is making way for a new fence and new play area for our younger members. The fence should be up by the time of the writing, but new playground apparatus will not be installed until sometime next spring. The initial equipment has been ordered but has a 12 month lead time before installation.. Money from this was made available through endowment funds set up for children. The old playground was made of some wooden parts that were constantly being maintained and did not meet current state standards and was grandfathered in place. We are looking forward to the installation of the new equipment next spring.

Rendering of new playground structure for Shiloh.



New fencing for playground area.



Members of the Trustees are: Paula Hunterman, George Griswold, Maria Coogan, Jennifer Brown, Sissy Galbraith, Earl Howard, Joe Mirus, Rick Ayers and Clyde Kober along with Pastor John.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported our family through the special offering. We appreciate each of you. We were able to pay some debts with your gracious offering. We are so blessed to be a part of Shiloh and have such wonderful people surrounding us in love and prayer. Thank you again for your blessings!

-The Plumlee Family

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

TRUSTEES need your help! We have 50 new red cushions to replace the ugly ones. Join us **Saturday July 8, at 9:00AM**. Bring an electric drill with Phillips screwdriver bit.

Also, trimming bayberry bushes along Foley.

Also, removing dead boxwood around perimeter of church.

Questions? Contact Clyde Kober – 513-225-6937

Sue Squeri named Director of Family Ministries

Sue Squeri has a new title for her position. She is the Director of Children *and Family Ministries*. Sue has been a part of the Family Ministries Team for years and is the natural person to lead this group. Family Ministries was organized by Kathy Shea and Beth Carter to bring about programs to benefit families. Sue Squeri continues the legacy. Family Ministries includes Nathan Cheney (Director of Student Ministries), Sarah Pease (Children's Ministries Coordinator), and Theresa Works (Modern Worship Coordinator). Candace Rhoill has also contributed to Family Ministries. If you have an idea for Family Ministries to consider, please contact Sue Squeri (ssqueri@shilohumc.com). Presently, Family Ministries is working on a back-to-school bash. Thanks to Sue for all she does!!!



prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Joan Garret Family
Family of Emmanuel Hayes
Jim Howard
Johnny Johnston
Veronica Laws
Wendy Lou
Don Murphy
Terry Powell
Diane Schaefer
Hailey Wagers
Billie Ann Wagers
Ron Wagner
Luella Weddle

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

SUMMER AT SHILOH

Check out our
new fence!



We are so excited to see our playground start to take shape! Watch with us over the next few months for developments! Thanks Clyde for heading this project!

New Playgroup
starting In July!



We will be offering a free community playgroup on Tuesdays from 9:30-11. More info to come!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



»» July ««

NOTES FROM NATHAN

Thank you all for being so welcoming over my first month here at Shiloh. I am very grateful for all of the volunteers that are so active and helpful. I am going to offer some reflections from Student Ministry here every month, along with a preview of the coming topics of lessons.

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



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On June 4th we celebrated all of the birthdays of the youth that took place between January and June. We played birthday party themed games and had cake.

FAITH JOURNEYS

As some of you may be familiar we have been hosting Faith Journey Nights as part of Youth Group. On June 11th, one of our Alumni Sarah Lykins shared her story of Faith with us. We also talked about Life Verses and how we find meaning to us from Scripture.





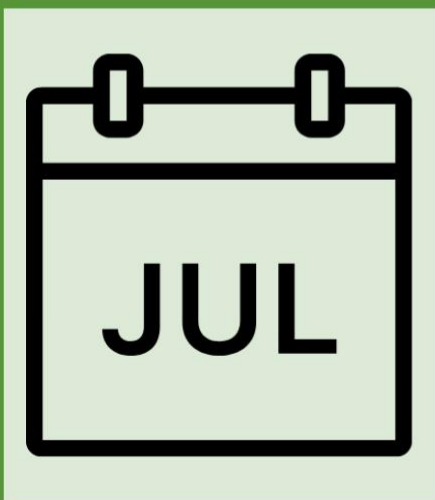
CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Thanks for coming out to our Car Wash Fundraiser where we raised over \$1200 dollars in support of our mission trip to >>> Big Creek Missions Wheelwright. We are always so grateful for the way our community shows us love and support. We were so impressed by how well our Youth worked together in teams washing cars and promoting at the church entrances.

SUPPORT A NEED

If you would like to support the mission field that we are traveling to consider giving a Lowe's/Wal-Mart Gift Cards in July for Big Creek Missions Wheelwright <<< to help with constructions projects & community meals.

No amount is too big or too small. Please place cards in the display in the Gathering Space. Thank you!



Calendar of Events

- July 2 - No YG-July 4th weekend
- July 9-Pool Party--Delshire Swim Club
- July 16- Florence Freedom BB game @ 1:07
(Be to church at 11:45)
- July 23-Lesson Night and HSBS @7:30
- July 30-NO YG - Leave for mission trip
- Back to School Bash: August 9th

FAMILY MINISTRIES

VBS Sunday/Touch a Truck

We had an amazing turn out for VBS Sunday and Touch a Truck. Yes-it rained! But God is so good! The rain stopped just as VBS Sunday was over. This enabled everyone to be both inside and outside. We were blessed with positive feedback from our community. So many new families visited us and enjoyed Shiloh!





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Classroom News

FAITH is our theme this month. When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand. We will be learning how to put faith into action and follow Jesus to show His love to the world. We teach a simple bottom line each week, so kids walk away remembering what matters most.

Here are our weekly Bottom Lines for July:

- Jesus is a gift for everyone.
- God can help you find joy.
- When bad things happen, God is with you.
- Our faith is stronger together.

God will make everything right in the end.



VBS Wrap

What a fun faith filled week Shiloh. We had 125 children and 80 volunteers come together everyday to learn about following Jesus through song, dance, games, missions crafts, and bible story/small group. The kids had a special day with a visit from Delhi Police Department who gave a drone demonstration and Lindseys Ice served delicious snow cones.

We had a new rotation this year-MISSIONS. The focus was on learning to see others needs and what you can do to help. Our recipient for missions this year was Kids, Cops n' Firefighters and we raised \$664.00. The kids loved meeting the guest speakers from Kids Cops n' Firefighters who explained the many ways that they give back to the community. The kids made T-Shirt bags to take home and fill with items that could help others. Then their mission was to "Go" and give their bag to someone in need.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make VBS happen. Shiloh has the absolute best of the best! Everyone showed up with a smile, ready to share God's love and the kids felt it! Love in action. We are so blessed to have such a multitude of volunteers with a heart to serve. Thank you Joy Circle for prepping all those T-Shirts!



Hudson 2023



Ready, Set, Morin' in the Shiloh VBS Nursery!



Outgoing 5th Grade Party

July 26th

6-8:30pm

Calling all outgoing 5th graders! Children's Ministry wants to celebrate YOU and your next step in your faith journey- transitioning into Student Ministry.



We have a fun night planned with Pizza, your favorite games and the opportunity to be a part of a new tradition. You will get to design a personal mark in our Children's Ministry hallway as a memory for the many years to come. Your design will be painted on a designated portion of the wall.

Please note the change of date

July 26th outdoor water day was exchanged for 5th grade party. We will be inviting all Kids Club, VBS families and friends to our August 9th Back to School Party.

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.

AUGUST 13TH

PROMOTION

SUNDAY



Student Ministry
welcomes
all incoming 6th
graders

Children's Ministry
welcomes
all incoming
Kindergartners

Questions? Contact Sue Squeri – ssqueri@shilohumc.com

MISSION MOMENTS



From Terry Camele with Anderson Ferry Food Pantry:

I will tell you the number of families we are serving is increasing weekly. We average 190 per month. We are open Monday and Thursday from 10-12, so that's a lot of families in a two-hour window.

We are grateful for all donations! We are in need of personal care items such as bar soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant etc. We could also use chicken ramen noodles as I like to pair it up with canned chicken so the families can have a heartier meal. We are also in need of spaghetti sauce.

I want to thank Shiloh for the support you give our food pantry every month. We could not help those in need without people like you.

God Bless,
Terry



From Dorrion Hunter

Praise the Lord! This is Brother Dorrion Hunter sending a big THANK YOU to Shiloh for the BLESSING to my FUTURE AMBASSADORS INC PROGRAM!!

It was truly on time with our College Tour to Morehead State University coming soon.

God bless you.

(The Mission Committee recently sent \$1000 to Future Ambassadors for their mentoring work with urban high school youth. A college trip in June offered possibilities for further education to youth who may have thought this was beyond them.)

MISSION MOMENTS

Rummage Sale July 28 and 29

Sponsored by United Women in Faith

All proceeds benefit missions near and around the world.

Monday, July 3 -- Trailer will arrive in the afternoon on the east side of the gym.

Please do not bring items before July 3.

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING LARGE FURNITURE, TUBE TVs or MONITORS

Small furniture can be brought any time after July 25 directly to the gym.

NEW - We will **NOT** be having a jewelry table, however, we are collecting jewelry (even broken) for another project. Please put jewelry in the Parlor Closet.

NEW - We are also collecting Name Brand Designer Purses for a special table. Priced as Marked! If you are willing to part with your designer purses, please put in Parlor Closet.

Tuesday, July 25 - 12:00– 7:00 Start setting up tables and put up signs

Tuesday, July 25 - 5:00 Boy Scouts start unloading trailer

For Wednesday and Thursday we will be sorting and organizing from 10:00-7:00. You do not need to sign up so come anytime and stay as long as you like.

Fri. July 28 - Sale is open to public - 4:00 – 7:00 \$10 for tall kitchen bag

We will need 4 people for entrance and exit and 8 people for cashier

Extra people for floating throughout the gym.

Sat. July 29 - 9:00 - 12:00 BOGO Bag for \$5

We will need 2 people for entrance and exit and 4 people for cashier

If you can help on Friday or Saturday please let Paula know at 513.205.2609

Cleanup at 12:00

Then, the traditional Hot Fudge Cake at Frischs

Thank you for your support!

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
IN THE GATHERING SPACE



SUNDAY, JULY 16, BETWEEN SERVICES
DECORATE A COOKIE/GET YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS JAR
LEARN THE STORY.....

CHRISTMAS JAR KICKOFF

MISSION MOMENTS

WOMEN ARE GOLD

Women Are Gold will have been working in Cambodia for two years, next month, and every day we are amazed at how God has directed our paths in ways we never could have imagined.

Our first year running Women Are Gold, we had one staff member, and we thought that would be enough to carry out our mission and vision. But after connecting with community leaders, churches, schools and partner organizations, we soon realized we needed more staff to help us accomplish what God was calling us to do. Just this month we hired our fourth staff member, Dany. Dany has a passion to serve, has a heart to help young women and girls and has a story that many young women we work with can relate to. We are so blessed to have Dany join our growing team.



Our newest staff member, Dany.

Just as our Women Are Gold team is growing, so is our client and community reach. This month we registered two new girls into our program. One of these girls is a twenty year old who has a desire to learn computer and IT. Our organization has agreed to assist her in her studies at a two-month computer training class, while she also attends a free vocational training school for her IT interests.

New
clients



Community
Partnerships



During the registration of both of these new girls, we met with local community officials, and they too expressed interest in the programs that our organization provides and asked if we could begin holding our training programs for their community members as well. We are more than happy to add them onto our training schedule. The more people we can train in Cambodia, the more we can help prevent human trafficking.

We are truly amazed by how the community has come seeking out Women Are Gold to provide training to their students, staff and village people. Since officially beginning our first program on July 23, 2022, we have trained 334 individuals, with a fair amount of those individuals attending multiple different programs we offer.

**334+ individuals
attended our
training programs
in one year.**

We are blessed to have a staff who is committed and passionate about prevention, a community that is seeking to know more about how to keep themselves and their loved ones safe, and a God who has lead us to the place where we can not only share our knowledge of human trafficking prevention, but also share our love for Jesus.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JULY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>2 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL</p> <p>11:00AM – MODERN</p>	<p>3 RUMMAGE TRUCK</p> <p>6:00PM – PICKLEBALL</p> <p>6:30PM – NA</p>	<p>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>	<p>5 12:30PM – STAFF MTG</p>	<p>6 7:00PM - AA</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL</p> <p>11:00AM – MODERN</p> <p>6:00PM - YOUTH</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 11:00AM – UPPER ROOM</p> <p>6:15PM - SPPRC</p>	<p>12 12:30PM – STAFF MTG</p>	<p>13 6:00PM - FINANCE</p> <p>7:00PM - AA</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 IOWA GROUP OVERNIGHT</p>
<p>16 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL</p> <p>11:00AM – MODERN</p> <p>6:00PM - YOUTH</p>	<p>17 6:00PM – PICKLEBALL</p> <p>6:30PM – NA</p>	<p>18 11:00AM – UPPER ROOM</p>	<p>19 12:00PM – FORTNIGHTLY</p> <p>12:30PM – STAFF MTG</p>	<p>20 7:00PM - AA</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 12:00PM – PRIVATE PARTY – MOEHRING - GYM</p>
<p>23 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL</p> <p>11:00AM – MODERN</p> <p>12:00PM – PRIVATE PARTY – PEASE – GYM</p> <p>6:00PM - YOUTH</p>	<p>24 6:00PM – PICKLEBALL</p> <p>6:30PM – NA</p>	<p>25 11:00AM – UPPER ROOM</p>	<p>26 12:30PM – STAFF MTG</p>	<p>27 7:00PM – AA</p>	<p>28 RUMMAGE SALE 4PM-7PM</p> <p>5:00PM – COMMUNITY DINNER</p>	<p>29 RUMMAGE SALE 9AM – 12PM</p>
<p>30 9:30AM – TRADITIONAL</p> <p>11:00AM – MODERN</p>	<p>31 6:00PM – PICKLEBALL</p> <p>6:30PM – NA</p>					
STUDENT MINISTRY BIG CREEK MISSION TRIP						

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Everley	Johansing	1-Jul
David	Young	4-Jul
Nancy	Gallat	6-Jul
Robert	Jackson	7-Jul
Brooke	Watkins	7-Jul
Darlene	Litteral	8-Jul
Michael	Mahan	10-Jul
Kenny	Steele	10-Jul
Gabrielle	Hensley	11-Jul
Annemarie	Dwyer-Baldrick	13-Jul
Jim	Giese	13-Jul
Joseph	Gutzwiller	14-Jul
Evie	Jessup	15-Jul
Colin	Wedig	16-Jul
Rachel	Lincoln	18-Jul
John	Gerhard	20-Jul
Jandon	Keller	20-Jul
Megan	John	21-Jul
Stephen	Richardson	22-Jul
Stephen	Grimm	23-Jul
Patricia	Staley	23-Jul
Caleb	Plumlee	24-Jul
Ira	Sizemore	27-Jul
Faith	Allen	28-Jul
Julianna	Gutzwiller	31-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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