

September 2023 Newsletter



From the Heart

A letter from Pastor John

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

1 John 4:18

Dear friends,

I return to this verse again and again in my life. On August 10, I had a dream in which I was surrounded by monsters who were ready to harm me. I woke up terrified and was puzzled as to its meaning. I learned gradually that the dream was warning me I was entering into a time of fear. One would think I would not need reminding about fear.

Fear is so often with us that we do not realize its impact. Fear has become a natural way of responding to problems. After the dream, my granddaughter, son, and wife became ill. Questions surfaced in my mind. What if I get this illness? What if this illness leaves a permanent side-effect? What if they do not recover? Those questions were heavy with fear.

Thanks to the dream, I decided as a spiritual discipline to name my fears as soon as they arrived and share them with God. On August 14, our son's car was stolen out of our driveway. I feared the economic impact and inconvenience. What if the thieves come back to our house? What if this leads to identity theft? How can our family operate without a necessary car?

William Sloane Coffin wrote, "Fear destroys intimacy. It distances us from each other; or makes us cling to each other, which is the death of freedom. Fear has so many ways to destroy life. Love alone can hold onto and recreate life. Only love can create intimacy, and freedom too, for when are hearts are one, nothing else has to be one..." We try to create a false oneness to protect us from fear. We dress alike. We spend time with people who share our mind-set. We build oneness around fear. Our family could buy a security system with elaborate cameras. We could get alarms on our cars. We could spread our fear to our neighbors. We could move to a gated community. We can also share our fears with God and experience God's perfect love. When hearts are one with God, they are no longer ruled by fear. Perfect love casts out fear.

Fear is rampant in religion, politics, and family life. How many decisions are made in fear? How often do we push people away out of fear? Our vision as Shiloh United Methodist Church is to seek and share God's gift of oneness. At Shiloh we want to think, speak, and act in God's way, not in the way of a fear-filled world. A church is a home for Love.

Blessings,

Pastor John

p.s. Part of this article was shared in the August 20 sermon. Our son's car was recovered a week later and most of the contents (a lot of camping equipment, three iPads, and numerous other items) were unharmed. The car was not damaged mechanically.

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

Bishop Palmer Is Coming to the District! Save the Date: Thurs Oct 19 at Faith Community

As we turn into Fall, I look forward to what will likely be my last series of district visitations. I have named this series: "Grace Upon Grace" – Fall Tour. These district gatherings will have two key components: Teaching on the Means of Grace and Organizing the work of the new districts. Our time together will include Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Vows and Celebration of Holy Communion. The gatherings will begin at 6:30 PM and all are welcome. The dates and locations are listed below. I cannot wait to join you and your District Superintendent for an exciting evening of worshipful work. You will be hearing more as we enter September.

Thursday, 10/19/2023- Great Miami District - West Chester, Faith Community

New Members Class September 10 and 17, 2pm

Pastor John will be teaching a New Members Class at two in the afternoon on the second and third Sundays of September. The class will cover what it means to be a Christian, the movement of grace, beliefs, and the history and organization of the church. The class will give participants the information to decide about membership. Those who are ready to join the church will do so on September 24 during worship. Whether you have never joined a church before or have always been in worship, each person will learn something new that will be helpful for the spiritual journey. The two classes will be enjoyable and questions are welcomed. Please contact the church office to sign up. Sign-up helps us to prepare packets of materials and make sure there is enough for a class, but last-minute additions can usually be accommodated. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Pastor John. We will likely meet in Conference Room One near the back entrance to Shiloh by the gym. This is the first room in the youth section.

Emergency Assistance Funds are Low

One of the things that happens outside of our budget is the Emergency Assistance Fund. These funds are used to help families with rent, utilities, food, gasoline, and medications. This is a comfort ministry designed to encourage people who are in difficult situations. The fund is nearly depleted, and we have had to turn down numerous requests. If this is a ministry you would like to support, please write a check to Shiloh UMC and mark Emergency Assistance Fund on the memo.

Sanctuary Renovation Information Meeting

September 10, 12:15pm, Sanctuary

The Sanctuary Renovation project is coming together. The project has been approved by the Sanctuary Renovation Committee, Trustees, and the Great Miami Valley District of the United Methodist Church. Before Finance and Charge Conference approval, an information meeting will take place on Sunday, September 10, at 12:15pm in the sanctuary. The project will be presented with time for questions. Flooring, seating, lighting, stained-glass, a family bathroom, and costs will be discussed. Of particular interest will be a brand-new approach to the stained-glass that answers numerous concerns to preserve the windows as they are while addressing concerns of protection, comfort, and utility loss.



Wildfires in Maui Special Offering

Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area, please join UMCOR in prayer for those affected.

If you would like to give to this emergency, please write a check to Shiloh UMC or place cash in an envelope and write "Hawaii" or "Maui" on the note line. We will receive this special offering on September 17.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

Online at https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670. (You can designate your gift specifically for Hawaii.)

By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174

By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068

By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and given to any United Methodist church.

If you have any questions about donating, please email donationhelp@umcmission.org



TREE PLANTED IN HONOR OF SUE ROSE

This beautiful tree was planted by Mike Rose and Family in memory of Sue Rose. Sue is greatly missed here at Shiloh. She was the head of the care team and also involved with special worship events such as Stations of The Cross. The tree is located in the front lawn area and is such a great way to keep her memory alive here at Shiloh.

OFFICE UPDATE

You may have noticed some changes in the office. We have done a renovation! There are still some final touches to be completed, but here you can see the difference in before and after!

Thank you to the trustees for funding this project and to Katie's family for all their help with packing, moving, painting, and decorating.

We also have new carpet throughout all the offices! It looks great!



prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Amelia

Betty English

Theresa Blesser

Tim Cain

Sharon Cates

Colleges

Diane

Bev Hansen

Wife & Family of Stuart Heesh

Heidi

Elayne Hunt

Regina & Kevin Hunt

Jaime

Dick Jessel

Justyn

Kim

Jack Lefker

Linda

Lisa

Lorraine

Richard Loew

Steve Radcliffe

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.



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 Preschool



Popsicles on the Playground



Our popsicles on the playground back to school social was a successful! We had 150 adults and kids in attendance and everyone signed up for classroom visits to meet their teacher! Students return the week of 9/11



A huge thank you to all the church members that have come along side preschool to get items hung, built and painted hooks for book bags and worked tirelessly to make safety improvements! We are seeing our vision come to life and couldn't have done it without your help!



Air Purifiers

We received a grant in the spring and just had air purifiers put in all the classrooms and in John Wesley hall! We are looking forward to a healthy school year!

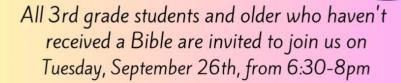
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BIBLE BLAST OFF

September 26th 6:30-8pm





Kids will receive fun accessories that will help encourage them to explore their new favorite book- THE BIBLE. We will have an Ice Cream Sundae Bar for a special treat.

RSVP before 9/17
to make sure we have your Bible ready!
Parents are encouraged to join

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Children will receive their bible on Sunday, October 1st at 9:30 & 11am services

SIGN UP YOUR CHILD

in the Gathering Space OR contact Sue Squeri ssqueri@shilohumc.com



CLASSROOM NOTES

SEPTEMBER

Septembers theme on Friendship has great timing as kids head back to school.

Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care.

"A friend loves at all times, they are there to help when trouble comes"

Proverbs 17:17

9/3

Communion Sunday

Beginning in September children will join parents for communion.

Kids will make Trail Mix

Bottom Line

Choose your friends carefully Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9/10

Worship Sunday

Lots of excitement as we sing & dance and learn more about the meaning of worship

Kids will use Play-Doh and learn ASL sign for promise

Bottom Line

Friends keep their promises 1 Samuel 19-20

9/17

Messy Sunday

Kids will play Messy Hot Potato as part of our Bible Story lesson.

Bottom Line

Friends stand up for one another
Acts 9:26-30

9/24

Super Sized Sunday

We will play a game that will give kids a super sized visual of what forgiveness looks like

We will make friendship bracelets

Bottom Line

Friends forgive one another Colossians 3:13

KIDS CLUB

Our first night back and boy did we have FUN!









Wednesday Night Kids Club

September Calendar

9/6

Kids Club 6-7:30pm



Kids Club 6-7:30pm



Kids Club 6-7:30pm Stay and Play



Kids Club 6-7:30pm Service project

September Theme



Kids Club Notes

Welcome Back!

This month we are learning about Friendship.

Our service project for September will be making Friendship Bracelets to give to a friend.

About Kids Club

K-5th grade meet every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm

- Large Group Gym games
- Small Group Activities
- Monthly Service Project

Children's & Family Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Pease contact Sue Squeri ssqueri@shilohumc.com



Children's Sunday School

Do you love to work with children and share God's love? We are looking to expand our team in both preschool and K-5

- Teachers
- Adult/teen helpers
- · Check-in and greeters
- Worship leader and musicians

Kids Club

Volunteers are on a flexible rotation schedule.
We meet on Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

- Crafts
- Legos station
- Check in station
- Floaters
- Teen helpers
- K-1 Leader or helper
- 2-3 Leader or helper
- 3-5 Leader or helper
- Preschool child care









Child care for our 9 week book study beginning on 9/10 from 6-7:30pm. This is a paid position.

Child care

STUDENT MINISTRIES



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NOTES FROM NATHAN

September is here already. What that looks like in Student Ministry can vary, but for us it is a time that everything really hits its stride. The kids get in their routines and often times become more regular attendees of everything. This year we have already added a second Sunday School hour and we have seen quite a few new students join us. We are looking forward to having even more things going on so stay tuned.

Last month I told you that I would have reflections on our mission trip in this newsletter so here we go. Our 17 youth all went and had a great time interacting with the people in Wheelwright, KY. I'll share more about what each different team did below.

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.

MISSION TRIP TEAMS



COMMUNITY TEAM

Our community team was responsible for a few different projects over the week we were with Big Creek. Initially most of our students went and helped at the local elementary school, getting them ready for the school year. Decorating and organizing. The rest of the week they served by providing food to those in need through the Summer Feeding program.



CONSTRUCTION TEAM

Our construction crew were tasked with quite

a few different projects. Some students were put to work cleaning up a home, others were put to work helping up new gutters at the mission site, but all were evntually put to work on building a ramp for Linda(seen on the left). She even gave the team a real treat before she left town for a few days. She came to visit the team and expressed gratitude for all the work the kids did for her.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Last but certainly not least, was our Children's ministry team. I personally served on this team, so I can share quite a lot here, but reall I just want to highlight what our youth did. The first three days of the week our Youth finished up Big Creek's Summer Day Camp. This kind of just meant playing in water with the children of the community. We got in the creek at the park and played and played. We also fed the children as well. We spent one day helping to reorganize the Children's Ministry Space at the mission. Then our final day was spent hanging out at the Pikeville YMCA and their daycare. From Ninja Baby fights to playing cops and crooks at the gym, they really wore us out. The youth really felt like they made an impact again, especially when some of the children remembered them from before.



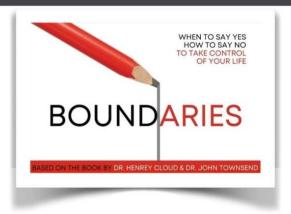


Calendar of Events

Sept 3th- No Youth Group Sept 10th- Youth Group Sept 16th- Serving w/Team Hope 8:30- 2PM Sept 17th- Youth Group & HS Bible Study Sept 24th- 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.



WE HAD AN AMAZING TURN OUT AT OUR **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH.**A **BIG THANK** YOU TO ALL OUR **VOLUNTEERS** AND TO **NYPD PIZZA** FOR DONATING PIZZA TO OUR EVENT.



















TRUNK ORTRAT

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT* PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR BEST DECORATED TRUNK * FOOD & DRINK * FACE PAINTING * FIREPIT & SMORES * PUMPKIN PAINTING * DONATIONS ACCEPTED

TO REGISTER A CAR/TRUNKS
PLEASE CONTACT SUE SQUERI:
SSQUERI@SHILOHUMC.COM
513-301-9795
SIGN UP IN GATHERING SPACE

OCT 29 5PM-7PM 5261 FOLEY RD



MISSION MOMENTS

Women Are Gold

Women Are Gold continues to have a positive influence on the young women and girls we work with as well as the communities we serve.

This month we hosted a group from a key national partner at our community center. Our staff introduced our organization, our mission and vision, as well as talked to them about the programs we offer. This partner requested to review some of our programs to see if they would be a good fit to share nationally with other organizations like ours. We were honored that they saw our programs and our organization in this capacity.

Of course we had another party!! This time we celebrated 21 young women who completed our SHINE program. Our SHINE program is a confidence and empowerment program for young girls. After the completion of this program, many girls told us that this program really helped their see their worth; as it is customary in Cambodia not to encourage a child.

Currently, our strongest, most successful, and most asked for program, from our clients' families, the community, and our partner organizations, is our Financial Management program. This month, our staff traveled 50 miles east to the city of Memot, a border city to Vietnam, to train 30 church leaders on our Financial Management Program. The intent of this training was not only to train the church leaders on how to use the Financial Management Program, but also to take the information they learned from this training and share it with their church members and their villages in hopes to make a stronger and more financially secure Cambodia.

Prevention programs, taught at a young age, are a step closer to ending human trafficking in our lifetime. Our staff continues to diligently work on teaching the A21, May & Bay, online anti-trafficking training program to schools in the community. This month they shared this program with 39 students, in Grade 6, at Kouch Mengly Tull Beng Primary School, in Kampong Cham. The students are extremely engaged in the training and participated enthusiastically in the question-and-answer session that follows.

As you might already know, Rick and I are back in the USA for a short period of time, for a few reasons. Political tensions grew high in Cambodia after a recent election and change in power, Rick's Cambodian Visa expired, and we need to begin fundraising for the future of Women Are Gold. We are looking so forward to seeing you. We have

truly missed our Shiloh family.





Financial Management Program with

Church Leaders



Online Safety Training in schools,

a form of Prevention



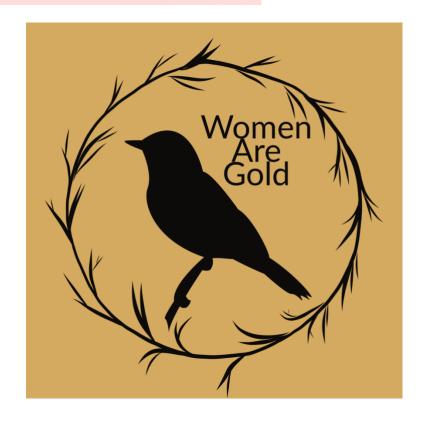
I know my worth. I embrace my power. I say if I'm beautiful. I say if I'm strong. You will not determine my story.

SHINE 🐆



Celebration





United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith FALL KICK

5:30PM - GATHERING SPACE

Please bring a dish to share.
Beverage provided. All women
are invited! You do not need to
be a member to attend.

COLLEGE

Care packages

Do you have a college student or a student in post-high school training? Send us their info by October 1st for them to receive a care package from the United Women in Faith!

Contact:

Janet Jackson 513-451-6015 or Janet Klem 513-251-5015

UPCOMING EVENTS



1 pm until 5 pm

Saturday, September 30
Rain or Shine!

5261 Foley Road • Delhi Township

Parking Lot at Shiloh United Methodist Church

Spectator parking at Delhi Middle School.





Gates open at 11 am for contestants.

Music DJ Ray

Food booth Queen City Sausage

Raffles Prizes

Mark My Word Car Show is a charity event in partnership with Kids, Cops 'n Firefighters.

100% proceeds donated to:





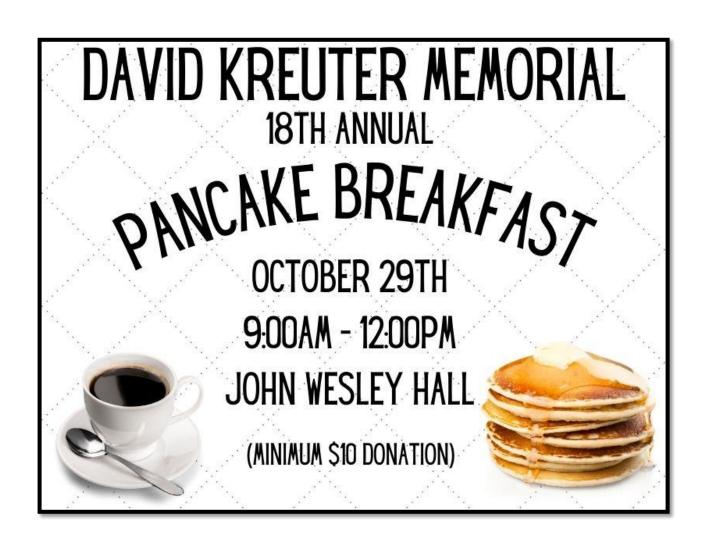
On-site donations also accepted.

Pre-registration \$25.

Registration at event \$30.

For more details and to pre-register, visit markmywordcarshow.com or scan the QR code.







CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS Karoline Greene 1-Sep Carolyn Stephens 2-Sep Janet Klem 4-Sep Kathy Ayers 5-Sep Works Ella 6-Sep Coble Jeanne 7-Sep Sheridan Hunter 7-Sep Izabella Mullins 8-Sep Sam Turner 8-Sep Young 8-Sep Logan Dominico Smith 9-Sep Barry Lienhart 11-Sep Wagner Diane 16-Sep Donna Wuerdeman 19-Sep Linda Roddy 21-Sep Londalee Burger 23-Sep Roger Clark 23-Sep Matthew Miller 23-Sep Michael Walpole 23-Sep Bryan Patton 24-Sep 24-Sep Brenda Turner Taylor Jackson 25-Sep Morris Tonya 27-Sep Dian Brannon 28-Sep Barbara Lienhart 28-Sep Joan Evans 29-Sep Evelyn Kramer 30-Sep

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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