



From the Heart

A letter from Pastor John

Dear Friends,

I find myself yearning for spring. We get a day or two where I think spring is almost here only to be followed by colder weather. We are in the Lenten season. We remember the temptation of Jesus in the desert and how everything culminates in the cross. I thank God the resurrection follows the cross. As a spiritual discipline, I wrote a prayer for each season.

May you be blessed during Lent as you await the season of spring.

Pastor John

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Summer

O Bright Heat, Spirit in the heavy air, I yearn to witness your beauty beneath the surface of the waves, the sweat of productive work, the cool shade of Sabbath rest, the clear night sky ablaze with stars. Can this bank and shoal of time be without busyness? I long for a breeze and a book without the press of what is to come. Can I find your summer in my soul, the abundance of presence and play?

Autumn

O Crisp Breath of God, can I surrender and accept what I must? Can I receive the rain that returns me to depths within? There is so much to gather and teach. Can I trust it does not depend on me, but on You? Can I trust your Church? Can I find a pace that reflects the trust in the trees? Can I find your autumn in my soul? I am not alone as the leaves rustle and fall.

Winter

O Dark Night, I want to dream with you, forced out of myself to souls adrift and in pain. Can I connect to dormant life long forgotten, but ready to spring forth? O Mystery, I want a deeper listening. Can I find myself still, so still inside, awareness is all that is necessary? Can I let intuition blossom where cold logic demands to be in charge? Can I find your winter in my soul, the white and gray of life?

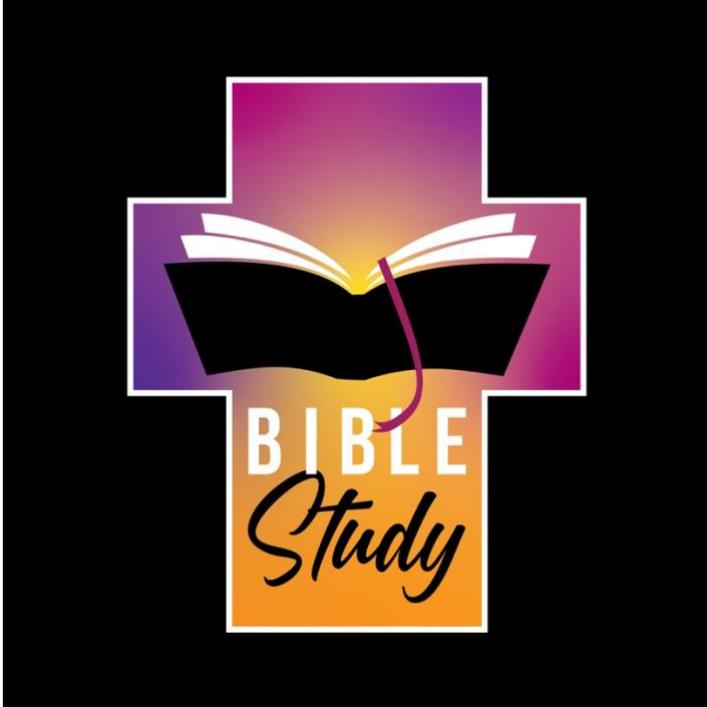
Spring

O Living Flame of Love, O Sunrise that defeats the darkness, O Beautiful Day, I am home, home to you. You appear to me with the host I cannot see, with the host I can see. Now is the time to know that the places in me which I think can never be changed—will. Can I see what is not yet? Can I find your spring in my soul, the wind of resurrection upon the seeds in the soil of my life?

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

Lenten Bible Study

A Tale of Two Cities
Bible Study on the Book of Revelation
Pastor John leading
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7:00pm Church Narthex (Wednesdays)



Special Services Ahead

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
April 6, 7:00pm Sanctuary

Easter Sunrise Service Returns to the Old Church
7:30am, April 9

Easter Sunrise Service will be in the Old Church with
Breakfast following in John Wesley Hall at 8:00am.
Pastor John and Theresa Works will lead the service.



Information Meetings to be Scheduled Regarding Division in the United Methodist Church

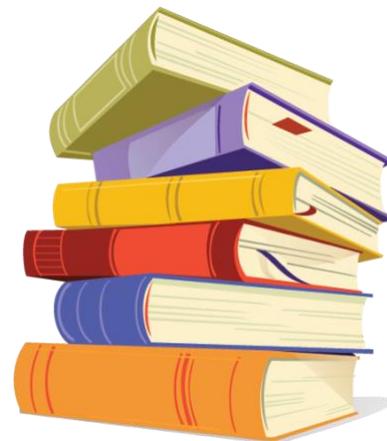
The United Methodist Church has struggled with a difference of opinions concerning human sexuality with its implications for marriage and ordination. Interpretation of scripture regarding homosexuality is often at the center of the struggle. In recent years this has led to actions toward a possible split in the denomination. There was a special General Conference in 2019 to try to settle the issue. The issue was not settled. The Protocol for Separation would have to wait until the next General Conference in 2020. And then, the Covid pandemic hit our world. With the uncertainty of travel and the backlog of U.S. visas, the next General Conference was delayed until 2024. The Shiloh Leadership Council agreed to wait for the results of the 2024 Conference. This past year, there were eighty congregations in our West Ohio Conference that decided to leave the denomination under a provision called *disaffiliation* approved at the 2019 General Conference. This provision was designed for those congregations that wanted to become independent. If this all sounds rather convoluted and complex, you would be correct.

The Shiloh Leadership Council has voted to organize Information Meetings to help us dialogue and understand what is happening. A design team will be gathered and a series of four meetings will be planned and scheduled in 2023. This will serve the purpose of gathering accurate information, erasing myths, and helping us to seek and share God's gift of oneness. Details will be forthcoming, but we wanted you to know about the ongoing process.

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

Did you know we have an author connected to our congregation?

Daniel Thorman, husband of Luanne Thorman, is an author of a series of fantasy novels set in a mythical medieval world. The novels are full of wizards, knights, peasants, beasts, nobles, goblins, and ogres. The novels are well written concerning the struggle between good and evil. They also deal with the challenge of growing up and becoming true to ourselves. They are suitable for young adults. My daughter Rebekah and I like this genre of books. We have completed the first book in the Osten Chronicles, *Mayhem at the Mill*, enjoying it immensely. If you are interested, Daniel has a website at www.thormans.org. We own all four in the series and Dan has autographed them for us. They are available at Amazon. –Pastor John



Pastor John Tours *Living in Testimony* Renovated Recovery Home



Tyler Schmidt, LIT Director;
Steve Berry, Men's Housing Director



Sink, cupboard on first level

Last year, Shiloh United Methodist Church gave a \$30,000 gift to Living in Testimony, one of our challenge ministries, for the purpose of finishing the renovation of a sober living home in East Price Hill. The renovation is nearly 90% complete. The building was given new roof, electric, heating, plumbing, and flooring throughout the four-story structure. The home is nearly ready with a capacity for fifteen residents. Housing and spiritual support are essential for recovery from addiction. LIT is looking for a quality refrigerator and range. If you know of such items, call the church office and let us know. Tyler Schmidt wrote, "Say hello to the Church body and send our appreciation for all they do."

prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anthony's family	Mary
Bennett's family	Mimi Mazzei
Herb Brettel	Carol McGinnis
Richie Courtney	Justyn Plumlee
Mike Cranley	Plumlee family
David	Rande
Jonnee Davis	Russell
Diana	Sam
Donna	Thomas
Brooklyn Drummond	Timothy
Fred Dull family	Tremmel family
Kimberly Freuh	Uganda Orphanage
Etta Gilb	Unity in families
Norman Hare	Brenda Voll
Joyce Irwin	Jeff Waltz
Ann Martinjack	Dian Wieman

HOMEBOUND LIST

Etta Gilb
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

SHILOH STAR TALK

Shiloh Preschool February Happenings!

What's happening at Shiloh Preschool!



**SEWING QUILT
SQUARES WITH
SHILOH SEWING
LADIES**



**WE NEED ETHNIC
BABY DOLLS
PLEASE**



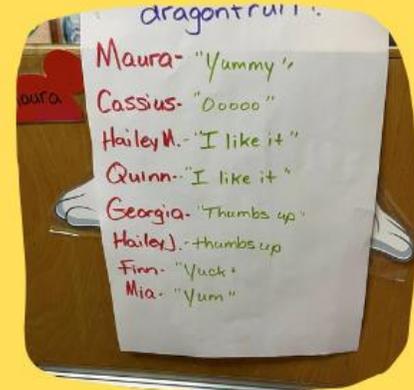
**SPECIAL SNACK
WAS
DRAGONFRUIT**



**SEWING QUILT
SQUARES**



**ENROLLMENT IS
ALREADY AT 33
STUDENTS FOR
NEXT SCHOOL
YEAR! WE ARE
HALFWAY TO OUR
GOAL OF 60
STUDENTS**



**DRAGON FRUIT
RECEIVED MIXED
REVIEWS!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NOTES

The month of March we will be talking about FORGIVENESS. It's great preparation for Easter Sunday. Kids will learn that no matter how much we mess up, God will always forgive us. Because God forgives us, we should work hard to forgive others. Our memory verse for the month is:

"BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER IF ANY OF YOU HAS A GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOMEONE. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU."

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

FORGIVENESS

DECIDING THAT SOMEONE WHO HAS WRONGED YOU DOESN'T HAVE TO PAY

UPWARD

We are up and running. Games have begun and team pictures are behind us. Thank you Cindy and Clyde Kober for providing our Upward families with team pictures for the 2023 season. We have a great season planned for all our participants.

SAVE THE DATE
Upward Special Days

- 2/11 SUPER BOWL DAY
- 2/18 GRANDPARENT DAY
- 2/25 SPIRIT DAY
- 3/4 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY
- 3/11 MISSIONS DAY
- 3/18 End of the season CELEBRATION

VBS 2023 Ready, Set, MOVE!

Follow Jesus Here, There and Everywhere!

We're on a journey of following Jesus and learning to live the way Jesus taught us to live.

DO what Jesus says.
BELIEVE who Jesus is.
LOVE who Jesus loves.
SHARE what Jesus did. and
GO where Jesus leads.

Registration can be found on our Shiloh website.
www.shilohumc.com



VBS 2023

June 5-9

9am-12:15pm

Register online at Shilohumc.com

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Volunteer forms are located in the Gathering Space or contact Sue Squeri.



NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: **STATE:** **ZIP:**

EMAIL:

CELL:

AREAS WILLING TO SERVE:

<input type="checkbox"/> Crowd Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration
<input type="checkbox"/> Tech Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Host Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Game Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Team	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snack Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/> CraftTeam



T-Shirt Table

Happy Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt

April 9th

10:35am

Meet in the Gathering Space

If you would like to donate plastic eggs and candy please see our display in the Gathering Space

Wednesday Night Kids Club

Calendar

3/1

Kids Club 6:30-8pm

3/8

Kids Club 6:30-8pm

3/15

Kids Club 6:30-8pm

Service Project

Pizza

3/22

Kids Club 6:30-8pm

Play and Stay

3/29

Kids Club 6:30-8pm

Join us every
Wednesday night
6:30-8pm

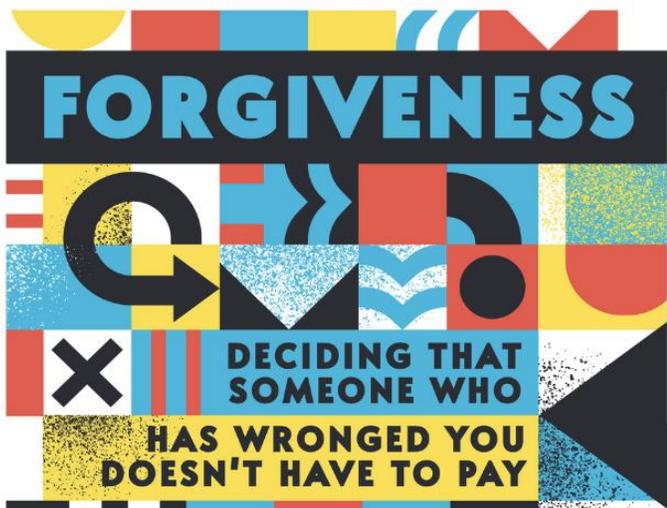
Large Group Gym
Games & Small Group
Activities

K-5th

Service Project

We will be organizing and preparing donations for #Team Hope. Kids will also write or draw encouraging messages to place in the bags

March Theme



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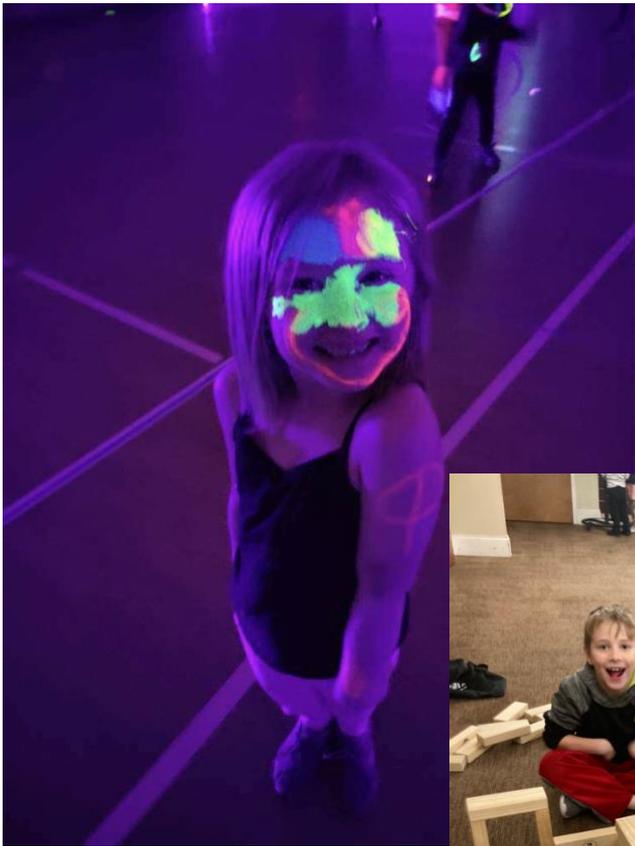


Follow us at Shiloh Kids Club

Kids Club

Join us every Wednesday night for Kids Club from 6:30-8pm. All students K-5 are welcome to join us. The kids have a ton of fun in the gym and there's always a new friend to meet. This is a great night to invite your friends. Our small group activities will include our Sunday Bottom Lines on FORGIVENESS.

We had a great turnout at our Glow party!



Stay and Play

Stay and Play during Kids Club continues to grow each month! Thank you, Erica Moehring, for creating such a fun filled preschool evening for the little ones. The preschoolers are making new friends while their older siblings are enjoying time in the gym with parents. Our next Stay and Play is scheduled for March 22nd.



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Follow us at Shiloh Kids Club

SHILOH'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Shiloh United Women in Faith News

Executive Board March 16 4:30 p.m. Asbury Hall

Combined Joy Circle and Unit Meeting

Thursday, March 16, at 5:30 p.m. Asbury Hall

Join other women at Shiloh for a fun evening of stuffing Easter Eggs for the Easter bunny! All women are invited. You do not need to be a member to attend. Refreshments will be provided. (there will not be another Joy Circle meeting this month.)

*Registration
Required!*

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

March 25 - 6PM

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS JAR MINISTRY!

For experienced players (not a teaching night).

Sign up Board will be in the Gathering Space.

Contact Maria Coogan or Jenny Lachtrupp with any questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
5 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL & ONLINE <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN	6 <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	7 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>6:00PM</u> – SCOUTS <u>6:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – TURSTEES	8 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>6:30PM</u> – KIDS CLUB <u>7:00PM</u> – CHOIR REHEARSAL <u>7:00PM</u> – LENTEN BIBLE STUDY	9 <u>6:00PM</u> – FINANCE <u>6:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>7:00PM</u> – DESIGN TEAM INFO MTG <u>7:00PM</u> – AA	10 <u>8:00AM</u> – LIFELINE <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL	11 <u>8:00AM</u> – UPWARD GAMES
12 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL & ONLINE <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> - SNYF	13 <u>5:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – CONFIRMATION <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	14 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>5:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>6:00PM</u> – SCOUTS <u>6:00PM</u> – SPPRC	15 <u>8:00AM</u> - DELHI BUSINESS ASSOC. <u>12:00PM</u> – FORTNIGHTLY <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>2:30PM</u> – SURGE <u>6:30PM</u> – KIDS CLUB <u>7:00PM</u> – LENTEN BIBLE STUDY <u>7:00PM</u> – CHOIR REHEARSAL	16 <u>6:00PM</u> – UPWARD <u>7:00PM</u> - AA	17 <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL	18 <u>8:00AM</u> – UPWARD GAMES <u>1:00PM</u> – PRIVATE PARTY -JWH
19 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL & ONLINE <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> - SNYF	20 <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL <u>6:00PM</u> – CONFIRMATION <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	21 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>4:30PM</u> – TAAA – ASBURY HALL <u>6:00PM</u> – SCOUTS <u>6:00PM</u> – TRUSTEES <u>7:30PM</u> – LEADERSHIP BOARD	22 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF MTG <u>6:30PM</u> – KIDS CLUB <u>7:00PM</u> – LENTEN BIBLE STUDY <u>7:00PM</u> – CHOIR REHEARSAL	23 <u>9:30AM</u> - PICKLEBALL <u>7:00PM</u> – AA	24	25 <u>12:00PM</u> – PRIVATE PARTY – GATHERING SPACE <u>6:00PM</u> – EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
26 <u>9:30AM</u> – TRADITIONAL & ONLINE <u>11:00AM</u> – MODERN <u>6:00PM</u> - SNYF	27 <u>6:00PM</u> – PICKLEBALL <u>6:00PM</u> – CONFIRMATION <u>6:30PM</u> – NA	28 <u>11:00AM</u> – UPPER ROOM <u>6:00PM</u> – SCOUTS	29 <u>12:30PM</u> – STAFF <u>2:30PM</u> – SURGE <u>6:30PM</u> – KIDS CLUB <u>7:00PM</u> – BIBLE STUDY <u>7:00PM</u> – CHOIR	30 <u>9:30AM</u> - PICKLEBALL <u>7:00PM</u> – AA	31 <u>5:00PM</u> COMMUNITY DINNER	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Paige	Lint	1-Mar
Luke	Phillips	1-Mar
Hailey	Plumlee	1-Mar
Maria	Raab	1-Mar
Kathy	Shea	3-Mar
Sydney	Allen	4-Mar
Katherine	Olson	4-Mar
Caylie	Ramsey	7-Mar
Luanne	Thorman	7-Mar
Kaylie	Noel	9-Mar
August	Egan	14-Mar
Winston	Allen	15-Mar
Jade	Case	15-Mar
Connie	Bishea	16-Mar
Gabriel	Hoffman	16-Mar
Beverly	Howard	16-Mar
Joy	Peracchio	16-Mar
Katie	Plumlee	17-Mar
Robert	Sears	17-Mar
Michah	Jessup	19-Mar
Jodi	Steele	20-Mar
Lydia	Plumlee	21-Mar
Judith	Moore	22-Mar
June	Smallwood	23-Mar
Caleb	Stadtmiller	24-Mar
Mark	Taylor	24-Mar
Annabelle	Marcus	25-Mar
Denise	Regester	30-Mar
John	Whitaker	30-Mar
Shannon	Wedig	31-Mar

— 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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