

May 2023 Newsletter



From the Heart

A letter from Pastor John

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Dear Friends,

As long as the church has existed, there have been disagreements and division. At Corinth, the church divided into factions. Some said they belonged to Paul, others to Apollos or Cephas or to Christ. Paul points out how their loyalties were misplaced. Paul says, "Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you?" Unity is very important in the scriptures. Unity does not mean uniformity. When Paul exhorts the Corinthians to be of the same mind and purpose, he does not mean they cannot have different opinions. Paul means they are to have the mind of Christ and the purpose of Christ.

Paul develops this idea further in his letter to the Philippians. "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." The mind of Christ is about humility and being willing to sacrifice for others. The mind of Christ is about service.

When we experienced the Information Meeting about Division in the UMC, I was very grateful for the mind of Christ among us. People said that Shiloh UMC is their family. I trust that the faith that unites us is greater than what could divide us. Christ is not divided. Nor is Christ ever anxious. The definition of anxiety is a divided mind. I am grateful we have enough purpose here on earth that we will never run out of the good things God wants us to do.

Blessings,

Pastor John

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES

INFORMATION MEETING CONCERNING DIVISION IN THE UMC REPORT

We are grateful for the work of Tim Schoonover, Victoria Bloechl, Bob Sears, Darlene Litteral, Dave Eyrich, Paula Hunterman, Clyde Kober, Katie Plumlee, Linda Roddy, and Pastor John who were on the Design Team that put together the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to share accurate information, share at tables our appreciation for Shiloh UMC, and share our fears about the future. Questions were gathered for Pastor John to answer. Approximately 65 people were in attendance. United Methodists disagree over the interpretation of scripture concerning homosexuality. Related to this are other issues such as marriage and ordination. The current position in the Book of Discipline was outlined. The history of the conflict as related to General Conference was given. Disaffiliation was defined along with implications for churches that disaffiliate. Myths were addressed concerning division. The present position of Shiloh UMC is to wait until the 2024 General Conference to consider how we will respond. The Leadership Council does not want to make any decisions based on fear or speculation.

The lecture by Pastor John with slides was recorded before the meeting and will be available. All pertinent information will be made available to the congregation. If you would like the information right away, please contact the church office.

PHISHING SCAM EMAIL

It has come to our attention that someone is sending out emails to our staff and congregants posing at Pastor John Whitaker. In these emails he is requesting for money to be sent to him. Please know that these emails are NOT coming from Shiloh or Pastor John Whitaker. If you receive an email, please disregard and report as SPAM. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY! If you have any questions, please contact the office @ 513-451-3600 or office@shilohumc.com.

CHURCH-WIDE UPDATES





Looking Ahead: Shiloh will take a special offering on May 14, Mother's Day, for the Plumlee Family (Justyn, Katie, Hailey, Caleb, Liam, Lydia, and Natalie). Katie is our Administrative Assistant and is married to Justyn. The family has endured numerous health problems. Justyn is in stage four liver failure and cannot work presently. If you cannot be present on May 14 or would like to make your contribution early, write a check to Shiloh UMC and write "Plumlee Family" on the memo line.

prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Amelia

Amy

Family of Grace Casper

Susan Cottingham

Courtney

Richie Courtney

Cytheria

Dryer Family

Allan Evans

Randy Fingland

Dawn Helton

Roger Holland

Jake

Jordan

Julienne

Mary

Pam Mutchmore

Paula Noble

Mike Parker & Family

Reilyn

Sam

June Smallwood

Jesse Smith

Sylvia

VBS - NEED VOLUNTEERS

Veronica

David Volz

Wendy

HOMEBOUND

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.



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 May Happenings!

What's happening at Shiloh Preschool!



OUR QUILT IS COMPLETE AND SHOULD BE HANGING UP SOON!



DRESSED THE PART!



PRESCHOOL PROM WAS SPACE THEMEDI



IT IS TEACHER
APPRECIATION
WEEK! WE ARE
SO THANKFUL
FOR OUR SHILOH
TEACHERS!



VIVIAN AND HER DAD CUT A RUG TO THE RETIRED POLICE BAND!



PEOPLE SHOWED
UP TO DANCE THE
NIGHT AWAY!

\$50 deposit to save spot

Camp

\$50 due first day of camp



Dinosaur Camp

June 12-16 9-12pm



Art/science around the world

June 19-23 9-12pm

Register at

Storybook steam/Fabric art

June 26-30 9-12pm

preschool@shilohumc.com

STUDENT MINISTRIES

NOTES FROM STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:30

Sunday Nights has started a new lesson series we call "What's Your Foundation?" We seek to help youth build/rebuild their foundations in Christ. This month we revisited the Easter Story. The youth participated in a game called "Long Live the King/Queen" in which they played the part of a "bodyguard" to protect others from being attacked. "Love others like I have loved you—Jesus"





SERVICE

On May 7th the youth are making 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and Social Center in Over the Rhine. We are OVERWHELMED by the love and support of our congregation in helping us make this service project come to life.

Matthew 7:7 - Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.





HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

(7:30-8:30 after youth group on designated dates)

We kicked off our High School Bible Study on April 23rd. The group is doing a deep dive into the Gospel of John with study lessons being created and led by our own Robin John and facilitated by Abby Coogan. Six youths participated and we hope it will grow. All high school students are invited as the series continues through the summer. Designated dates TBD.

May News

May 7th-Service project
May 14th-NO YOUTH GROUP
(Mother's Day)
May 21st-Senior Night
Celebration (tentative)

May 28th-NO YOUTH GROUP (Memorial Day Celebration)

FAMILY MINISTRIES



<u>Family Ties</u> is a new small group targeting couples and parents with kids. Join us for dinner and conversation as we dive into our first series is called <u>Are You in Survival Mode?</u> Child care is provided in nursery and the gym is open with supervision for older kids.

5/6 5:30-7pm 5/20 5:30-7pm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CLASSROOM NEWS

We will spend the month talking about what it means to live with CONFIDENCE. We want kids to know that this isn't something they need to figure out on their own. God has given us the Holy Spirit to help us. We'll help kids start to understand how they can rely on the Holy Spirit to give them the strength, courage, and confidence they need for whatever they face in life.

VBS NEWS

Decorating Opportunities

Do you love to craft, design and use your artistic gifts? Join us! We are creating Rock Walls, Skateboard Ramps and much more! If you would like to join us we would love to have you! We have all the supplies and there are take home opportunities or work here with us! Questions? Contact Sue 513-301-9795 ssqueri@shilohumc.com

VBS Volunteer Meeting May 22nd 6:30pm

VBS Celebration

Join us on June 11th at 11am for our VBS Celebration Sunday and stay for our Touch a Truck event.

No Sunday School

Please note that there will be no 9:30/11am Sunday Sunday school on VBS Sunday June 11th.

Touch a Truck Volunteers

Would you like to help direct our incoming trucks for our Touch a Truck event? Sign up at our Tuck a Truck table in the Gathering Space.

Donations

Many have been asking how they can contribute so we have put together a wish list on Amazon. <u>VBS</u> AMAZON WISH LIST

We are also in need of these items to BORROW ONLY.

ANY SIZE: BIKES, SCOOTERS AND ROLLER SKATES OR ROLLER BLADES

WEDNESDAY KID'S CLUB

Wow! What a great month we had in Kids Club. So many new faces and volunteers. Flag Football and Gaga Ball were a giant hit! If you haven't checked out **Kids Club** lately join us every Wednesday 6:30-8pm. All kids K-5th are invited and preschoolers are able to join once a month on **Play & Stay Night**. Don't miss our service project night on May 10th! We will be working on a special gift for Mothers Day.

5/3 6:30-8pm

5/10 6:30-8pm Service project-Mothers Day

5/17 6:30-8pm

5/24 6:30-8pm Play & Stay Night for preschoolers to join the fun!

5/31 NO KIDS CLUB

Wednesday Night Kids Club

Calendar

5/3 Kids Club 6:30-8pm

5/10 Kids Club 6:30-8pm Service Project

5/17 Kids Club 6:30-8pm

5/24 Kids Club 6:30-8pm Play and Stay

5/31 NO KIDS CLUB

May Theme



Join us every Wednesday night 6:30-8pm

Large Group Gym Games & Small Group Activies

K-5th

Service Project

We be making a handmade gift for Mother Day

The kids will be encouraged to give to their mom, teachers, grandmother, neighbor, or special person.

READY, SET, MOVE!

VBS SUNDAY CELEBRATION JUNE 11TH AT 11AM



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THROUGH OUR FAVORITE VBS MUSIC, DANCE, GAMES, BIBLE STORIES AND HEAR ALL ABOUT OUR MISSION PROJECT.



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VBS CELEBRATION THERE WILL BE A TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT LOCATED IN OUR BACK PARKING LOT. WE WILL HAVE LOADS OF TRUCKS FOR KIDS TO GET IN AND EXPLORE. THERE WILL ALSO BE FOOD TRUCKS TO BUY LUNCH OR A SWEET TREAT. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO OUR COMMUNITY!

TOUCH A TRUCK

11 June 2023

12:00-2pm

Shiloh
5261 Foley Road

SHILOH IS HOSTING A TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT. WE WILL HAVE LOADS OF TRUCKS FOR KIDS TO GET IN AND EXPLORE. THERE WILL ALSO BE FOOD TRUCKS TO BUY LUNCH OR A SWEET TREAT. THIS IS A FREE ADMISSION EVENT AND IS OPEN TO OUR COMMUNITY!



VBS Missions 2023



Your support will help give comfort and hope to youth in need. Here are just a few ways partnering with Kids, Cops 'n Firefighters can help provide for youth - school clothes & supplies, sport participation fees and Christmas gifts.

Thank you for your generosity. Together we can make a difference in our community.

Every morning during the Rally we offer everyone the opportunity to give towards our mission.

MISSION MOMENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Hangers needed! The United Women in Faith need donations of coat hangers to use for the July rummage sale. There is a marked plastic bin in the gathering space for the hangers.

Thank you!!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SPRING DINNER

LaRosa's Boudinot Thursday, May 11 6-8 p.m.

(Dinner will be served at 6:10 p.m. We have the room until 8 p.m.)

Cost: \$17(includes tax & amp; tip)

Tossed Salad, Servings of Lasagna & Dessert included. Coffee, Iced Tea, soft drinks

Our room is limited to 35 people. Make your reservation and payment soon(by May 7) with Janet Klem or Lisa Wong. Cash or checks payable to Shiloh UMW.

Questions? Call Janet Klem at 513-251-5015 All women are invited. You do not need to be a member.

Hope you can come!!

MISSION MOMENTS

Big Creek's Mission

"And My God will meet all of your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 4:19

"Although we strive to meet the physical needs of our residents, our ultimate goal is to see lives changed by the transforming power of Jesus. That is our greatest need!"

Youth spots for our summer mission trip to Big Creek (July 30-August 5) are full. They will have an opportunity to continue building their relationship with God as they serve the people of Appalachia.

We still need one adult male chaperone.

Anyone interested, please touch base with Pastor John or Maria Coogan.

Big Creek Missions Wheelwright Campus



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

SHILOH YOUTH MINISTRIES IS BLESSED TO HAVE YOU!!!

We raised over \$1,400 from the bake sale to help with costs of the 2023 Mission Trip!!!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Can you help us make 200 sandwiches?

Please drop off donations

on/before May 7th **Peanut Butter** Jelly

Bread





Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated vegetable seeds for Jackson Area Ministries. United Women in Faith sent 139 seed packets for the Community Gardens Project there!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Carol	Woulms	1-May
Jen	Baltzersen	4-May
Abigail	Coogan	9-May
Jackson	Gutzwiller	10-May
Sandra	Reher	10-May
Elizabeth	Wong	12-May
Ashley	Andriacco	13-May
Jonathan	Cody	14-May
Maria	Coogan	14-May
Emma	Warren	15-May
Robin	John	17-May
Gerry	Mirus	17-May
Brian	Hunterman	19-May
Gerald	Suit	19-May
Layna	Sizemore	20-May
Kenneth	Kreuter	25-May
Tana	Casper	26-May
Timothy	Reher	26-May
Carol	Drescher	28-May
Patricia	Strube	28-May
Daniel	Thorman	30-May

-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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