

The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

April 2025

FROM THE



PASTOR

Well, Well, we are halfway through our season of Lent and will be approaching the season of Easter as we hop along. And with that I want us all to take a collective breath and understand the importance of where we are at in our spiritual journey together. The season of Lent, is a time for us to reflect upon where we are and ways that we can improve upon ourselves and grow into a deeper relationship with God. We recognize our imperfections, our flaws if you will, and find ways to live a more faithful life as a witness to embody that of Jesus.

Lent is that time for us to take a breath and to recognize our limits and what pulls us out of our norm and brings us to a more personal realization of our potential in our spiritual living. For some it may include more prayer time, for others it's what we can give up during this time. Whatever you chose to do embrace that but we still have time over these next several weeks to try one other thing. Let me explain. What is one thing you would like to be better at in your spiritual journey? Is it more involvement in your worship life? Or maybe a more intentional way of reading your bible to gain a different perspective of different texts and have the texts speak to you in a way that gives you a clearer focus. With all that said, we are called to be a better version of our self in a way that truly embodies that of Jesus and the New Life that is to come with the Easter season. It's not about perfection, it's about the faithful response in knowing we are doing that to which we are called. Shiloh, is doing so much great work inside and outside these walls and we are recognizing our potential. I hope and pray that each of you is taking this time to reflect, examine and give thanks for where we are and how we can more fully embody Jesus into our daily living so that when Easter approaches we can fully embrace the new life that he has given through the crucifixion and resurrection of his journey to the cross. We too also are on this journey with him, that is the new life given.

To all of you, blessings on this journey through Lent and the great celebration of Easter. We become a more faithful embodiment of Jesus when we become intentional through it all. Also, I personally invite everyone to our Maundy Thursday service on April 17 at 7pm, to experience a service like none other which is the culmination of this journey to the cross, and brings even more meaning to the celebration of Easter.

Happy Journey through Lent and the all the blessings of Easter to all of you.

Prayers and Blessings,
Rev. Jay D. McMillen

When a family member or friend within the congregation is ill or in need of assistance, please call the church office and notify us of that need.

March Health Concerns

Tarri Bryant, Jenn Ferguson, Kay Jenkins,
Tom Wolf, Larry Baumgardner, Julie
Ragan, Yvonne Curry, Gary Wachter,
Tricia Marks, Janet Ferguson.

March Sympathy

Terry Swanburg, Nellie Hoskins,
Glenna Higgins

Long-term Concerns

Dar & Leanne Anstaett, Michael Belcher, Esther Brown, Betsy Clapp, Dean Crandall,
Janice Eichelberger, Ruby Eichelberger, Shirley Foreman, Janet Haynes, Linda Homan,
Laymon Hoskins, Marlene Hunnell, Martha Kirkland, Bonnie McCarthy, Mary McFarland,
Al Michael, Lisa Neff, Mary Alice Newbauer, Tami Rhoads, Lillian Smith, Lori Stevenson,
Janey Townsley, Tom Wolf

Bulletin & Connection Article Deadlines for April

All bulletin articles and Connection articles can be sent to apack@shiloh.org

Bulletin articles are due by noon the Wednesday preceding the Sunday
it should appear.

Connection articles are due by noon on Wednesday, April 23 for the May
Connection.

April Actioneer



In the month of April, we are honoring a group of ladies who do so much for the life of Shiloh Church and that is the group of our own Shiloh Women's Board. This group of individuals do so much in the life and ministry of Shiloh Church by taking on projects and fundraisers to help financially with the inner workings of Shiloh Church. Recently, this group took on the monumental task of feeding children over 240 school age and then preparing a meal for our Black History Celebration on that Sunday. It was a monumental week for the church and the Women's Board played an integral part in the success of this event. Just before this they took on a quiche sale where they made and sold over seventy quiches, and funds raised went to a couple of much needed funds. And just this past week they came together they came together to support a family with a meal after a member's passing where they served over eighty people. They do this out of the compassion and empowering spirit by which they do most things. Their demeanor and joy they bring in whatever setting show their leadership, teamwork, and amazing spirit of service that benefits the needs of our community and of this church. We sincerely, thank each and every one for their kind heart and tireless work effort in being our Actioneers here at Shiloh Church, where they "Live the Word, by Serving the World."

Blessings Ladies,
Rev. Jay D. McMillen

Save the date2025 Pride Schedule

Friday, June 6

Friday Night Affair on St Clair Friday evening's event is the kick off to the LGBTQ+ festivities in Dayton. It's a casual evening of live entertainment. There will be food trucks and beverages available for purchase. This great evening event is the official kick-off to Dayton Pride.

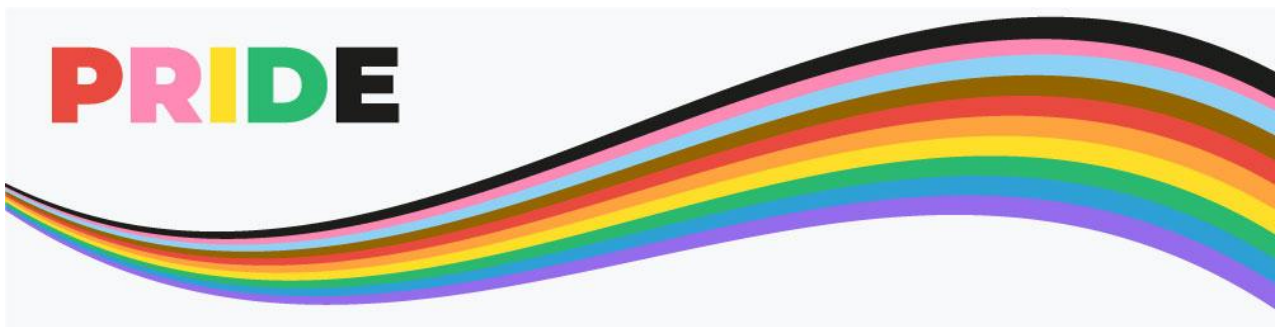
Saturday, June 7

Pride Parade Downtown at 11am This year's parade lines up on Jefferson Street and begins at Second Street to Main Street and around the block on First Street down to Patterson.

The **Pride Festival** continues after the PRIDE parade on St Clair Street. With live entertainment, vendors and of course food.

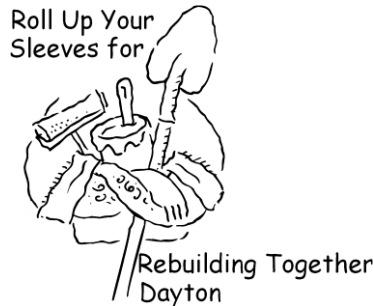
Sunday, June 8

PFLAG's Running with Pride, Race starts at 9am- Eastwood Park



REBUILDING TOGETHER DAYTON

Saturdays, April 12 and 26, 2025



Members and friends of Shiloh Church will once again participate in **Rebuilding Together Dayton**, a program which takes place in nearly 150 cities across the nation each year on National Rebuilding Day. Businesses, churches and community organizations provide workers, supplies and funds to repair, clean, beautify and make accessible the homes of low-income, elderly and disabled people from their own communities. Last year 28 Shiloh volunteers experienced wonderful days of fellowship besides repairing and painting interior walls, remodelling a kitchen, installing a handicapped accessible bathroom, laying new flooring and landscaping. This year, Shiloh will join the effort by sponsoring Rebuilding Together financially and by providing volunteers for Prep Day on April 12 and for National Rebuilding Day on April 26. We are signing up volunteers now since the Rebuilding Together office needs to know our numbers by early April. Please note that many types of jobs are available, so volunteers do not need to be especially skilled or physically fit. Just **contact Sue Cox at rasmcox@gmail.com** or 937-836-4155 to indicate your availability, or sign up on the form on the green table at church. Let's work to be good neighbors to the needy in our own community and come out in force to make **Rebuilding Together Dayton** a success.

Shiloh Gardens

Adopt a garden, there are many. Check out the green table for a list of available gardens. Ask a friend to join you in adopting a garden. Depending on your garden selected it may be trimming bushes, weeding, and cutting back flowers. We appreciate everyone's willingness to work on the upkeep of our church home.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Property committee (Brian Salata, Dave Sleppy, Terry Neff, Darin Cronebach) or Dawn McMillen.



Hygiene Item Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

The Missions Committee is asking for donations to stock the shelves of St. Vincent de Paul shelters. We will be collecting items starting on April 13 through May 18. The items needed are: toothbrushes, combs, brushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash, chapstick, razors (for men and women), shaving cream, nail trimmers, foot powder, lotion, diapers sizes 4-7, baby wipes. Please place these items in the box under the Missions table in the Narthex. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Memorial Contributions

The following listing of memorial contributions shows those being honored as well as those who have made gifts that were received prior to March 2025:

Ministries (Undesignated)

In Memory of Brad Clapp

Connie Neef

In Memory of Sue Reid

Mark & Donna Hangen

In Memory of Bob and Mary Jean Keeler

Lisa and Jeremy Raucci

Stewardship and Finance Committee

On **Saturday, May 3** the Stewardship and Finance Committee will be hosting "Avoiding Scams 2: Son of Scam." This free follow-up to last year's informational workshop will include updated information on new types of scams, the latest advice on how to protect yourself, and more. Light refreshments will be served starting at 9:30. The workshop will begin at 10:00 and will last for about one hour. Friends and family members are welcome. Watch for a signup sheet in April.

Shiloh Food Pantry

Tired of bland food? Let's spice it up a bit in April. April is for All Spices (and Herbs). Please place them in the red wagon to help our clients put some flavor in their food.

Brookhaven Retirement Community Luncheons

An open invitation to all!

Please join us at the Luncheons at Brookhaven! The luncheons are held in an attractive dining room with friendly, helpful staff. The menu is varied, with tasty food for a reasonable price. Visiting with those who live there and people who come from the congregation is so enjoyable and the focus of the event.

The luncheon is held the second Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in building #3. Our next luncheon will be on April 11. **If you want to attend**, let Jo Anne Orihood know by the Wednesday of that week, 937-837-7204, **as reservations are required**.

"Living the Word, by Serving the World"

Card Ministry

Several years ago, with the passing of Rev. Jay's mother, Ginnie, we received a grocery cart full of greeting cards. Ginnie loved to send cards to those she cared about. We were blessed and they were shared with the congregation, placed on the table in the Gallery for all to partake of. Since then, others have added to her collection and the tradition continues.

Fast forward and a new ministry blooms with the passing of Pam Carr and the receipt of her many card making supplies, given to us by her family to continue her love of outreach to others.

We have had 4 very successful workshops, using Pam's supplies and equipment. Our March workshops produced beautiful, recycled cards for Mother's Day and Easter. Participants were encouraged to send the cards they produced. Many were also taken for use by our own Deacons.

We would love for you to be a part of this new endeavor. **Our next workshops will be held:**

- Wednesday, April 9 from 1-3 and again from 6-8. At these workshops we will continue our focus on Mother's Day and Easter cards, teaching new techniques. A donation jar will be available to help with ongoing expenses.

Interested or have questions? Contact Jo Anne Orihood, 937-837-7204 or jorihood46@gmail.com.

Please RSVP Jo Anne Orihood by the Sunday before the workshop so we can be prepared for all in attendance. Look for a signup sheet on the green table.

Shiloh Women's Board Garage Sale

Shiloh Women's Board Garage Sale will be held Friday June 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.
and Saturday June 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The following items are what may be accepted:

Clothing - Clean and in good condition
Kitchen Items - Clean
Knick Knacks - Clean
Linens - Clean and in good condition
Shoes - Good condition
Toy/Games/Puzzles - Good condition
Misc. Items - Good clean condition
Books

Things we can't take:

Furniture
Large items
Stuffed toys/stuffed animals

We will be accepting your gently used treasures on Wednesday June 11 and Thursday
June 12,
from 9:00 am. - 5:00 p.m.

If you would like to donate your time and talent during this time, please see any Women's
Board member. Look for signups sheets in May.

Shiloh Church - UCC
Summary of Income and Expenses for Ministries

For the period of January 1 through February 28, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Variance
MINISTRIES INCOME			
Covenants & Offerings	40,964.26	59,000.00	(18,035.74)
Seasonal Offerings	40.00	-	40.00
Use of Building (Including Weddings)	400.00	1,100.00	(700.00)
Misc (Lamp of Faith, Tapes, etc.)	-	-	-
Fair Income	11,747.18	12,000.00	(252.82)
Rebates	85.91	250.00	(164.09)
Interest Income	2.10	-	2.10
Coffee	101.36	125.00	(23.64)
Total Income	53,340.81	72,475.00	(19,134.19)
MINISTRIES EXPENSES			
Pastoral Expenses	17,876.33	18,399.13	(522.80)
Christian Education	3,176.07	3,159.87	16.20
Church Boards & Design			
Deacons	73.00	100.00	(27.00)
Stewardship	109.35	100.00	9.35
Growth & Marketing	(144.54)	250.00	(394.54)
Worship Board - Music Ministry	17,653.42	17,117.85	535.57
Worship Board - Media Ministry	716.44	2,576.41	(1,859.97)
Property Committee - Building	29,659.11	35,598.55	(5,939.44)
Administrative	16,214.07	17,645.84	(1,431.77)
Total Expenses	85,333.25	94,947.65	(9,614.40)
Income minus Expenses	\$ (31,992.44)	(22,472.65)	(9,519.79)

<u>Where were we a year ago?</u>	<u>As of 2/28/24</u>	<u>As of 2/28/25</u>
Covenants and Seasonal Offerings	38,355.83	41,004.26
Other Income	2,358.59	12,336.55
Total income	40,714.42	53,340.81
 Total expenses	 70,311.88	 85,333.25
 Income minus Expenses	 (29,597.46)	 (31,992.44)
 <u>Other Transfers in</u>		
Endowment - Div., Int., Growth only	-	-
Memorials	-	15.00
	40.00	15.00
 Endowment - Baseline	1,438,591.02	1,438,591.02
Endowment - Actual Balance	1,452,333.72	1,424,496.76



JOIN US FOR

BREAKFAST

WITH THE

BUNNY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

9:45-10:30AM

Games, activities, and
pictures with the Easter
Bunny...fun for everyone!!



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COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

@ SINCLAIR PARK
(685 SHOUP MILL ROAD)

**SATURDAY
APRIL 19**

@ 10:30AM

Children age 13 and under will be divided into
3 groups. Bring a basket/bag to collect eggs.

The Easter Bunny will be available for
pictures.

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WORSHIP WITH US!

April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Philippians 3: 7-14

John 12: 1-8

Topic: "Raised in Faith"

Theme: Our journey to the cross is important.

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

Psalms 118: 19-29

Luke 19: 28-40

Topic: "The Journey"

Theme: This begins the week from Palm to Passion

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Gospel of John

Topic: "Death brings New Life"

April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

I Corinthians 15: 19-26

Luke 24: 1-12

Topic: "Newness of the Resurrection"

Theme: Happy Easter to one and all.

April 27, 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter

Revelation 1: 4-8

John 20: 19-31

Topic: "Alpha and Omega"

Theme: Don't doubt but believe.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Alivia Puterbaugh 04/01

Paul Yantis 04/01

Michael Noggle Jr. 04/03

Juday Fender 04/04

Donald Kerschner 04/04

Nicole McMillen 04/04

Dan Murph 04/04

Stephanie Lundstrom 04/05

Janet Ferguson 04/09

Esther Brown 04/10

Emma Kreill 04/10

Lisa Neff 04/12

Jonathan Ellingson 04/13

Shelby Parnell 04/14

Edward Taylor, Jr. 04/19

Stephanie Lyons 04/21

Ethel Vogel 04/21

James Shepler 04/22

Brian Zuercher 04/22

Caitlin Jones-Fischbach 04/24

Nancy Kerschner 04/25

Arin Kreill 04/26

Tammy Lange 04/26

Christopher Ferguson 04/27

Robert Zebney 4/27

Marlene Hunnell 04/29

John Maxwell 04/29

Ken Rhoads 04/29

Carol Rieger 04/30