

The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

July 2024

F R O M T H E



PASTOR

As we enter the month of July, I've heard over the years that this time of year is referred to as the "dog days of summer". And even though I will admit to understanding this to be a time of longer days, vacations, cook outs and other various events that take place in our lives that brings on a whole new meaning in our daily living. I also offer this as an alternative. That summer and the month of July brings a celebration of our Independence, and more importantly our freedoms to worship and enhance who we are as people of faith. Often times, we might seek to rest and

relax, unwind and stay by the pool, or we utilize these moments in ways of embodying that of Jesus into our daily living and sacrifice.

Growing up in the church as I did, I would see attendance dwindle during the summer, our giving levels went down, and our overall enthusiasm of being the church took some time off. However, we must find balance in our daily walk with the "Still Speaking God," and recognize that God want us to be called in the summer that ministry doesn't stop, we have to be more intentionally focused into our call, when we can. Now many of you will take some time with families and vacations and I for one encourage that. We all need to seek balance in this life of self and how the work of the spirit, can be utilized each day.

Shiloh, is embarking on some exciting ministries and events over the rest of the summer which include, the following:

July 21- Recognizing our graduates in the class of 2024

July 28- Our Annual Ice Cream Social and Car Show

August 6- Shiloh Hosting of our National Night Out Event

August 17- 19th annual Shiloh Church Charity Golf Outing

We also have other events planned with our thriving Shiloh Food Pantry, our grief support opportunities for those who are dealing with loss, the creation of our Friday luncheons once a month with our friends at Brookhaven, another opportunity to serve at the House of Bread in August and so much more.

So, to all of you I pray that everyone has a great summer of your own plans in celebrating the life and freedoms you enjoy. I pray that it gives to time to rest and re charge your spirit. And I pray that we all know when we can we have work to do in representing the love of Jesus Christ into the world we live and serve each day. For at Shiloh Church, in the dog days of summer, We "Live the Word, by Serving the World." Happy Summer and Blessings to you all,
Sr. Pastor 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.

June Health Concerns

Ken Todd, Shirley Foreman, Sue Reid,
Frank Eichelberger, Tasha Thomas, Kathy
Bradley, Marcella Smith, Clint Weaver,
Jeffrey Myrick, Sable.

Sympathy

Richard Miller

Long-term Concerns

Michael Belcher, Jason Bolin, Robert Bostick, Esther Brown, Betsy & Brad Clapp,
Janice Eichelberger, Shirley Foreman, Janet Haynes, Linda Homan, Nellie &
Laymon Hoskins, Gene Kennedy, Martha Kirkland, Mary Kreill, Shannon Leshner,
Bonnie McCarthy, Don & Mary McFarland, Al Michael, Mary Alice Newbauer, Lisa
Robinson, Sue Reid, Leanne Riley, Tami Rhoads, Melanie & Paul Salata, Teena
Sells, Lillian Smith, Lori Stevenson, Stan & Sheila Swiderek, Janey Townsley, Jill
Wiltshire.

Bulletin & Connection Article Deadlines for July

Ashley has returned to the office as of Monday, July 8. 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, July 24 for the August Connection.

JULY ACTIONEERS



Our July Actioneers is none other than our wonderful contingent of volunteers for our Vacation Bible School, or VBS. Under the leadership of Karyn Sleppy, our youth ministry director, and the countless others who volunteered it was an amazing week, but also an amazing journey. More often than not when you create something like a VBS, we naturally think it's just a week, but when you account for all the planning, pre-decorating, gathering of supplies, asking for donations to help offset said supplies, and make everything come together over a three-day period for a group of children, it deserves our thanks for all that were involved. As your Sr. Pastor, to see how the back hallway for a couple of months become a drop off items that were asked for, and you delivered abundantly those items was a great sight to see. While all this was going on we had volunteers coming in to paint and put together various items for the many stations that would be created for our SCUBA adventure. There were countless hours of preparation to pull all of this together and then we arrived to VBS week. I will not list everyone who was involved, but I will say that everyone a part of that week, and the preparation gave it their all for the children of Shiloh, and its community that we serve. The week was a journey to see kids that didn't know each other and maybe some of the adults who didn't know much about one another come together to take on this SCUBA adventure, and what a joy it was. We saw some tears, but lots of joy through the journey, and I for one am so proud of every person who dedicated their time, talent and treasures to what was and is a foundation for these youth to come in their young lives. This epitomizes what being an actioneer is, in the world. It's service above self. Thanks to all who made a difference in all the lives of all who participated in our VBS experience and showed what it means to "Live the Word, by Serving the World."

Blessings to you all,
Sr. Pastor Jay D. McMillen

SHILOH FOOD PANTRY

July is for Junk Food! Come on, live a little. Let your cravings take over. Our clients would enjoy jelly beans and juices. And snack crackers, chips, popcorn and candy. Anything you shouldn't eat on a regular basis. The red wagon is waiting to see what junk foods you can find!

HOUSE OF BREAD VOLUNTEERS

The Pandemic affected volunteering in many ways and the House of Bread had to make new rules, ending the opportunity for groups of volunteers. We want you to know that, during that time, Shiloh has continued to financially support HOB, which serves one healthy, wholesome meal every noon, 365 days a year. Now, we are allowed to provide groups of 4 on the following date: Saturday, August 10. Sign-up sheets will be on the green table 2 weeks before. Each person will assist in preparation, serving, and clean-up from 10 am to 2 pm. Questions? Call Marilyn Schmidt, 937-836-3262 for the Missions Committee

2024 Graduate Recognition

July 21 is Graduate Recognition Sunday at Shiloh Church. All high school and college graduates will be recognized during the 10:40 a.m. worship service. If you have a graduate in your family, please submit the form below to the church office Attn: Graduates (or you may drop it in the offering plate on Sunday). Information will appear in the August *Connection* and be available on the *Green Table*. Also, we would like to keep in touch with students when they move away to college. Once an address is determined for this fall, please send it in and we'll be sure the word gets out! Current college students... please be sure the church office has your address as well. We plan to keep in touch with you!

Graduate's Name: _____
Name of School: _____ Degree earned: _____
Special Activities/Recognition: _____

Plans for future (indicate job, school, career): _____

Affiliation with Shiloh Church (family member's name & relationship):

Please return form to church office by Wednesday, July 10.

Use additional sheet if necessary.

Photos can be emailed and we will have a slideshow during the announcements portion of the service.

You may also e-mail information to apack@shiloh.org

Thank you, Shiloh, for coming together to make this year's Garage Sale a success!
Next Garage Sale - June 2025

Donate Now Online

As we enter the summer season and plan our vacations, let's not allow our giving to take a break, too. Remember that there are many ways to continue giving even while you're away, such as setting up automatic payments directly through your bank or through Vanco via the website at Shiloh.org. And for special collections such as the Church World Services Blankets program or our own food pantry, you can click on the "Donate Now" button on the website to contribute wherever you are and whenever is convenient for you. Thank you for your continued dedication to the shared vision that we imagine together.



The Shiloh Church Deacons are again offering The Grief Recovery Method® Grief Support Group, a program designed to provide a supportive environment for individuals moving beyond death, divorce, and other losses. Lisa Salata will lead this evidence-based action program that combines education and structured emotional support, equipping participants with the tools to live and thrive again. Whether the loss is from death, divorce, loss of career, trust, faith, safety, or health, the program offers a method to let go and move on in life with less pain and more joy. The 8-week program will begin on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at noon in the Chapel with a suggested donation of \$80 to cover the cost of the book, supplies, wellness programming, and scholarships for those in need. If you are interested in participating, you may get more information and sign up on the Green Table at church, connect through the link on the Deacons section of the Committees page on shiloh.org, or contact Lisa Salata at 937-657-7354.



Most parents want to do whatever they can to protect their children from painful moments and events that may touch their lives. However, in trying to “protect” them, we often do not realize that we are inadvertently passing on to them the same bits of “misinformation” on how to deal with grief that we learned as children.

Stop and think for a moment about what you learned on how to cope with emotionally painful events when you were a child. Your parents likely gave you a list of logical-sounding reasons why you should not feel sad. Did any of those reasons honestly make you feel any better? Probably not! The problem is that grief is emotional, not logical.

More likely than not, you simply learned to hide those painful feelings deep inside rather than express them because no matter what anyone said, you never felt any better! This is not because your parents or elders were trying to pass on misinformation to you. They were simply telling you the same things they were told as children! Until now, there was no useful information that parents could learn on how to effectively help their children successfully deal with the pain of a broken heart!

The Helping Children With Loss Program, a unique initiative by the Grief Recovery Institute, offers you a rare chance to acquire tools that can benefit children today and the entirety of their lives. This program provides effective strategies to assist children in managing grief, a skill they can later share with their own children. Your involvement in this program has the potential to create a lasting impact for future generations!

The Deacons of Shiloh Church are proud to present the Helping Children With Loss Program, commencing weekly from July 30, 2024, at 7 PM in the Chapel. Led by Lisa Salata, this program is open to all: parents, educators, school counselors, and anyone who interacts with children can benefit. The cost of participation in this inaugural series is \$15. To join, please sign up on the Green Table or register through the link provided in the Deacons section of the Committees page on shiloh.org.


ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CAR SHOW

SUNDAY **JULY 28** 11:30AM-1:00PM



COOK-OUT LUNCH AND ICE CREAM
\$8 ADULT \$5 CHLD

FREE CAR
SHOW

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Make a difference by helping students at Valerie Elementary School! It's hard to believe but the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year is only weeks away! Where did the summer go? Once again Shiloh Church will be helping to support students at our adopted school Valerie Elementary. Our church has been supporting Valerie for over 20 years now in various ways such as volunteering to assist students with learning, donating school supplies and volunteering for school events like Science Fairs and special programs. Once again, we are only collecting cash donations to buy school supplies for students at Valerie. **NO SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE COLLECTED.** Hank Vaughn, our buyer, is able to save anywhere from 25% - 60% or more off each item because of sale prices, no sales tax, and a teacher discount. Mark donations 'Valerie School' when you place it in the offering plate. The last Sunday to donate is August 18.

Last school year, 2023-2024, 2,474 school supply items were donated to the school. Some of these items were: 540 composition notebooks, 400 small glue sticks, 300 boxes of crayons, 109 earbuds and 727 two-pocket folders. The regular price would have been as much as \$2,850. However, all the items were bought for \$1,4449. About \$98 was saved on state sales tax alone because of the church's and school's tax exempt status.

On behalf of the kids and teachers at Valerie, THANK YOU for your generosity in helping them getting started with essential school supplies needed at the beginning of another great school year!!!

Missions and Social Concerns Committee

2024 July Upcoming Worship

July 7, 2024

II Corinthians 12: 2-10

Mark 6" 6-13

Topic: "Sent with Power"

Theme: Feel and Embrace the power of the Spirit.

July 14, 2024

Ephesians 1: 3-10

Mark 6: 14-29

Topic: "John and Jesus"

Theme: John laid the groundwork for Jesus to be revealed.

July 21, 2024

Ephesians 2: 14-22

Mark 6: 30-34; 53-56

Topic: "Wherever YOU Are"

Theme: The work of the spirit goes wherever you are.

July 28, 2024

Ephesians 3: 14-21

John 6: 1-14

Topic: "Abundant Spirit"

Theme: To live abundantly with what we can share and give.

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

Meredith Fisher 07/04

Dawn McMillen 07/04

David White 07/04

Charles Banks 07/05

Anthony Ragan 07/07

Mary Lou Stevenson 07/07

Lillian Smith 07/08

Robin Wolfe 07/08

Doug Farinet 07/10

Lindsay Hofferberth 07/10

Patty Farinet 07/11

Pat Reid 07/17

Ted Patton 07/20

Martha Kirkland 07/21

Larry Schnabel 07/21

Russell A. Worley Jr. 07/21

Connie Neef 07/22

George Safley 07/23

Jerry Engel 07/25

David Kentner 07/25

Kathy Wall 07/25

Elizabeth Van Tine 07/27

Darin Cronebach 07/29

Robert Kell 07/29

Melinda Hofstetter 07/30