

The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

October 2024

FROM THE



PASTOR

Recently, I received a great honor through my Ecclesiastical Council and approval to be ordained by the United Church of Christ. It was a special day not just for me but for all who have been on this journey with me in my lifetime. Which leads me to the notion of gratitude. What do you all hold dear in your gratitude? How do you exhibit your gratitude for what you have been given and blessed with?

Below is an excerpt from my ordination paper to share with all of you and that I will continue to exhibit with each passing day

Gratitude

I am deeply grateful to God for this incredible journey towards ordination. To my loving wife, Dawn, of fourteen years, and our daughters, Ashton and Makenzie, thank you for your unwavering support. We cherish the joy of our children's spouses, Jon and Casey, and the playful antics of our grand dogs, Cole, Carl, and Luna. We look forward to welcoming future grandchildren into our family.

To our cherished loved ones who have passed, your memory inspires me to be the best version of myself. To the Shiloh Church family, you are my brothers and sisters in Christ. Your constant encouragement has fueled my growth. I am thankful for the opportunities to serve the United Church of Christ at the conference and association levels.

I sincerely thank my mentors, colleagues, and friends for their guidance and friendship. To the Licensing Ministry Team, thank you for your trust in granting me a license. And to the MID team, I am honored by your dedication to my discernment process and humbly submit this paper for your consideration of Ordination.

Blessings to each and all for journeying with me in spirit,

Sr. Pastor Jay 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.

September Health Concerns

Ruby Eichelberger, Tom Hern, Shannon Leshner, Kay Webb, David White, Jennie Eisnaugle, Robyn Wolfe, Jim Sollenberger, Irmgard Christian, Ann LaBreck, Ken Bowman, Shirley Foreman

September Sympathy

Marvin Christian, Noel White, Lowell Hill

Long-term Concerns

Michael Belcher, Robert Bostick, Esther Brown, Laura Burchfield, Betsy & Brad Clapp, Janice Eichelberger, Shirley Foreman, Janet Haynes, Linda Homan, Nellie & Laymon Hoskins, Marlene Hunnell, Martha Kirkland, Shannon Leshner, Bonnie McCarthy, Mary McFarland, Al Michael, David Miller, Mary Alice Newbauer, Sue Reid, Leanne Riley, Tami Rhoads, Lisa Robinson, Melanie & Paul Salata, Lillian Smith, Lori Stevenson, Stan & Sheila Swiderek, Janey Townsley, Betty Jane White, Jill Wiltshire.

Bulletin & Connection Article Deadlines for September

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, October 23 for the November Connection.

OCTOBER ACTIONEER



This month our Actioneer is none other than Jay Howard. Jay serves in many roles in the church. He has served as our Finance and Stewardship chair for some time and has spent numerous hours putting together with the help of his team our upcoming Health and Wellness event coming up in October. He also can be seen as a volunteer at most of our Shiloh Food Pantry days checking people in and welcoming them to the pantry. He sometimes also works behind the scenes working our Media ministry either behind the camera or in the booth making sure what we see on the screen is what also is going out in our recorded worship time. He does all of this with his simple and easygoing nature and fun-loving way about him. He lends his time and talents in ways that further what we do here at Shiloh Church whether through our ministry or mission work that he volunteers for. Thanks, Jay, for all you continue to do in being a faithful witness and continuing to "Live the Word, by Serving the World.

Blessings

Pastor Jay

CROP Walk 2024 at Shiloh Church

This year's Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk will once again be held here at Shiloh Church on Sunday, October 13. Walkers will assemble in our parking lot and walk a path through the Shiloh Cemetery four times to complete a 5K walk. Walkers are needed, but even more, donors are needed to sponsor our walkers as they raise money to support local, national, and international hunger causes, including the Dayton Foodbank. Please sign up to walk at the green table in the narthex beginning Sunday, September 15. You can place your donations in the offering, marked CROP Walk, or donate online. Even if you can't walk, come cheer on our walkers, who will gather at 1:00 PM. Thanks for your support.

VALERIE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Members of the Shiloh Church congregation who donated money to purchase school supplies for the kids at Valerie Elementary School should be beaming with pride because of their great generosity again this year! This was a great year in terms of both the amount of money donated and the number of items purchased. 2,905 items with an estimated value of at least \$2,771 were delivered to the school in August. Not only were items purchased at "back to school" sale prices of 50% or more off per item, but no state sales tax was paid because of the church and school's tax-exempt status. Additionally, there was a 15% teacher discount for items bought at Meijer. Some of the items purchased included: 540 composition books, 300 boxes of crayons, 737 two pocket folders and 86 earbuds.

All of these supplies are invaluable and vital in helping the over 500 students who attend Valerie to have a successful school year. On behalf of the students and staff at the school, Thank You!!!

Missions and Social Concerns Committee

SHARE THANKSGIVING...

FILL A GROCERY BAG WITH MEALS FOR A DAY

Where will you be on Thanksgiving Day? Many of us will enjoy a feast of traditional Thanksgiving foods with family or friends and will not question whether we can afford to buy the food to prepare this meal.

Not all of those in the Dayton area are so fortunate. Many families are struggling daily to put food on the table and are unable to provide the Thanksgiving meal so many of us take for granted -- let alone food for the entire day. But you can help! Shiloh is again collecting food to supply a family of four with enough food for the entire day: breakfast, holiday dinner, and a light evening meal.

Beginning October 27 and again on November 3, 10 and 17 we will be distributing grocery bags with an attached shopping list of non-perishable foods in the Narthex before and after all of the worship services. Simply take a bag, fill the bag with the food on the list, and return the full bag to the Chancel the following Sunday, or no later than November 24. Items to purchase include boxed cereal, canned fruit, canned soups, boxed crackers, peanut butter, jam or jelly, boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, boxed instant potatoes or macaroni & cheese, canned sweet potatoes, canned green beans, canned fruit juice, and gravy mix. Remember, all food items should be unopened, non-perishable, and capable of feeding a family of four.

If you wish to contribute toward Thanksgiving turkeys, place a check to Shiloh Church in the offering plate and note "Turkeys" on the memo line.

Last year we collected 70 bags filled with our Thanksgiving Day donations. This year we hope to fill even more bags to address the great need in our community. Help make Thanksgiving a joyous occasion for those in need by sharing your bounty with others. What better way to express our thanks to God for all we have been given!

THANK YOU, EILEEN MICHAEL!

During Eileen's Memorial Service her family honored the Shiloh Quilters by giving them a beautiful quilt that she handmade. It is a "Christmas Tree" quilt. We will have it on display and start selling raffle tickets on October 27. Our price will be the same \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. It will be given away at the Bazaar November 23, 2024. Thank You Everyone - Carol Oldham

2024 SHILOH SERVICE AWARD

We are requesting nominations for the 2024 Shiloh Service Award. Since 1976, this honor has been bestowed upon members of the Shiloh Church congregation who have served God and God's mission through Shiloh Church. Past recipients have given freely to our community and are our role models of **LIVING THE WORD BY SERVING THE WORLD.**

If you believe a person, couple, or family is deserving of this recognition, please make a nomination by completing the form on the back of this page. **Remember, this is only for those who have not received the award in the past.** Completed forms may be placed in the Vice President's mailbox or mailed to the church office, or you may email nominations to me. If you have questions about the form or concerns about submitting your nomination, please contact either myself or Ashley in the church office. We will announce the recipient of the award at the Shiloh Celebration Luncheon on December 15, 2024.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS OCTOBER 27, 2024

Thank you for your participation!

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2024 - SHILOH SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF NOMINEE(S) _____

IN WHAT WAY DOES THE NOMINEE SERVE THE WORLD? _____

WHAT MAKES THE NOMINEE STAND OUT? _____

OTHER COMMENTS: _____

YOUR NAME (Optional): _____

The following listing of memorial contributions shows those being honored as well as those who have made gifts that were received prior to September 25, 2024:

Ministries (Undesignated)

In Memory of Mary Jean Keeler

Mark and Donna Hangen

Mark and Nancy Harper

Connie Neef

Mary Lou Stevenson

Kimball and Julie Ragan

Melinda Hofstetter

Roger and Sue Cox

Larry and Janet Ferguson

Marilyn Schmidt

Bell Fund

In Memory of Mary Jean Keeler

Marilyn Schmidt

Laymon and Nellie Hoskins

Ministries (Undesignated)

In Memory of Mary Jean and Bob Keeler

Amy and Michael Zebney, Jr.

Zoe W. Hittner

Media Ministries

In Memory of Lowell Hill

Jeanette Patton

WELLNESS RESOURCE FAIR

October 19, 10 am – 1:30 pm in Omega Hall

Join us to find out about all kinds of wellness – physical, mental, emotional, financial, and spiritual! Representatives will be here to answer your questions and connect you with local resources. Local organizations and businesses scheduled to attend include Public Health-Dayton Montgomery County, Gudorf Law Group, Have a Gay Day, our very own Dr. Lisa Salata, and more. Open to the public – please help us spread the word!



TRUNK OF TREATS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
@4:00PM-5:00PM**

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Living the Word by Serving the World

5300 Philadelphia Dr. (corner of N. Main St. and Philadelphia Dr.)



Join us **October 27, 2024, 4:00 pm -5:00 pm** *Trunk of Treats* at the parking lot by gazebo. There are so many fun ways to decorate your trunks. A great way to engage our community in something fun. Partner up with another family from church or your committee etc. Please sign up on the green table in the Narthex so we know how many to expect.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Holiday BAZAAR

Friday, November 22 @ 10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, November 23 @ 10:00am-3:00pm

Handmade crafts, Pies, Cookies,
Cafe, Candy, Country Store,
Mincemeat, Raffles,
Local Artisans, and MORE!



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Save the Date

83rd Holiday Bazaar Friday November 22 & Saturday November 23
Watch for the sign ups to help with set up and work at the Holiday Bazaar. Please try to participate in some way. Tell your neighbors, friends, family, clubs you are part of about it. There is something for everyone to do.

News from the Bake Shoppe...

Thank you to those that have brought in much needed ingredients so we may begin preparing pie. Keep bringing in the requested item(s) and place on the table provided. The Bulletin board is updated weekly. Stop by to see what items are still needed. Monetary donations are welcome, too.

Any pie bakers? Put together boxes or place labels on bags? Donate your time and talent by joining us in the kitchen! Our first date is Saturday October 5 from 9:00 – 3:00. We will be preparing three different pies that day.

More pie dates are: Thursdays October 17 and October 31 from 9:00 – 1:00. Please see Patty if you are interested in helping with the pies.

Not a pie person? How about cookies? Help will be needed to scoop and roll cookies the week of November 11 – 16 from 9:00 – 4:00.

Look for signups later in the month or ask Patty Farinet if you have any questions about how you can be a part of and support Shiloh's Bake Shoppe.

Just a reminder to everyone, we will **NOT** be taking pre-orders this year. Come by and see us at Shiloh's Holiday Bazaar, November 22 & 23, 2024, to purchase your holiday baked goods and more!

MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, October 19 from 10am-1pm, in conjunction with our Wellness Resource Fair, Solvita will be holding a Mobile Blood Drive at Shiloh. **There is a great need for blood donations locally.** All those who pre-register will receive a special t-shirt for Cancer Awareness Month donations, and those who donate will also be entered into a drawing to win 2 tickets to the OSU/Michigan football game Nov. 30 in the Shoe! Please help by signing up in advance to donate blood. For questions or to register, please see Melanie or Jay Howard or email jhhoward3@gmail.com.

WORSHIP WITH US!

October 2024 Upcoming Worship

October 6, 2024

Hebrews 2: 10-12

Mark 10: 13-16

Topic: "Kingdom is for All"

Theme: No matter your age you are loved and welcomed.

October 13, 2024

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Mark 10: 23-31

Topic: "God Brings the Possible"

Theme: We live a life in spirit not in the flesh.

October 20, 2024

Hebrews 5: 7-10

Mark 10: 35-45

Topic: "To Serve Faithfully"

Theme: Our journey is to be faithful.

October 27, 2024

Hebrews 7: 23-28

Mark 10: 46-52

Topic: "Have the Vision"

Theme: don't be blind to what we come across.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Bruce Clapp 10/01
Randy Glasgow 10/01
Bettie J. McCullum 10/01
Dianne Madill 10/02
Dar Anstaett 10/03
Martin Caskey 10/03
Thomas Koenig 10/03
David Wolfe 10/03
Bill Landefeld 10/04
Heather Handwerker 10/05

David Newcomb 10/06
Marilyn Strickler 10/07
Kay Jenkins 10/09
Judith Rhoads 10/09
Donna Hangen 10/10
Allison Zebney 10/10
Jeanne Straus 10/11
Mark Barnhill 10/12
Lorie DeFries 10/12

Carolyn Dubbert 10/13
Charles Thomas Hale 10/14
Wanda (Sue) Reid 10/14
Nichalas Harlow 10/15
Beverly Skaggs 10/16
Michael Richardson 10/17

Sheri Brown 10/21
BeTin Hogg 10/23
Cassie Pepper 10/24
Jackson Skinner 10/25

Maranda Russell 10/27
Randy Zuercher 10/27
Isabella Barnhart 10/28
Irene Gilleland 10/30
Becky Cyphers 10/31
Lena Fields 10/31