

The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

May 2025

FROM THE



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Ministry and Mission: A Season of Renewal

As we step into the month of May, we find ourselves on the cusp of summer—a time that naturally invites us to reflect on new life, fresh journeys, and the spirit's call to transform our ministry and mission. The blooming trees and warming days remind us of God's ever-renewing creation and His invitation to be co-creators in His kingdom.

In this season, we are called to listen to the quiet stirrings of the Spirit within us. Ministry, after all, is not only about service but also about relationship—our relationship with God, with one another, and with the world around us. When we center our mission in the Spirit, we are empowered to reach further, love deeper, and serve with joy.

May is a chance to ask ourselves: how is God leading me to expand my mission? What fresh paths is He opening before me? Whether it's through embracing a new outreach program, recommitting to prayer, or taking time to nurture the relationships that sustain our faith journey, we can trust that the Spirit equips us with everything we need to carry out our mission.

As summer approaches, let us embark on new journeys—not just physically, but spiritually. Let us invite the Spirit to guide us in embracing each new step and empower us to reflect His love and grace to everyone we meet. This May, let us renew our commitment to be His hands and feet in the world, allowing His kingdom to shine brightly through us.

May this season inspire and renew your heart as we continue to walk together in faith and love.

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.

April Health Concerns

Tarri Bryant, Larry Baumgardner, Jenn Ferguson, Carl Bomboy, Savannah Sage, Tom Wolf, Al Michael, Esther Brown, Victor Jewsiko, Kay Jenkins.

April Sympathy

Dick Kershner, Bruce Ritter, Cassie Buckholtz.

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 May

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, May 21 for the May Connection.

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.

Shiloh Food Pantry

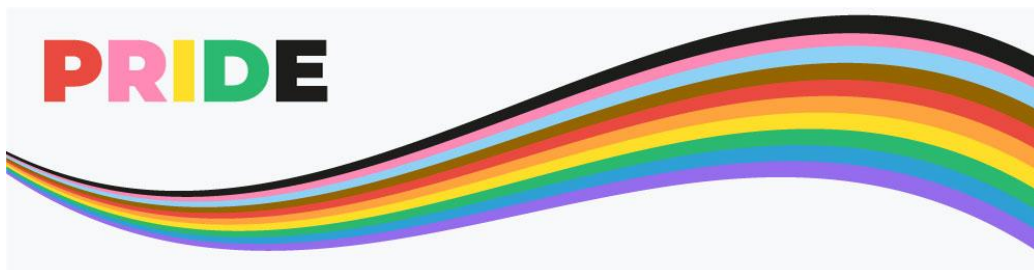
How would we get along without mixes? Cookies, brownies, muffins and cornbread. Oh, and cakes, puddings and jello. Our pantry patrons will enjoy any variety of mixes from the red wagon in May.

May Actioneer



Our actioneers for the month of May are none other than our volunteers who spend their time helping us in our Media Ministry here at Shiloh Church. These volunteers work on lighting, sound in the sanctuary and on our streaming, plus camera work, to share the story of the worship experience. Thomas Beck, our Media Minister, has a core group of individuals who give up their time in worship with family to make this happen. And I for one am extremely proud of them for all they do. On the Sunday evening of Easter, I went back and viewed what they had put out and was amazed. We have come so far in this new world to put something out and to also share with all of you live and in person to worship God. These individuals, which is a team again, give of their time in each of these various roles, and we could always use more. We are looking for more volunteers to use the cameras or to help in the booth for this vital ministry. But I do want to recognize these individuals for what they do, Ken Todd, Mike Noggle, Lin Rhoads, Kimbal Ragan, Jay Howard, Tasha Noggle, Shawn Miller, Doug Farinet, Brian Salata, Todd Fisher and hopefully many more to come. These people, along with the direction of Thomas Beck, further our message into our community and beyond. A truly vital piece of our ministry is going forward. Thank them when you see them, and know they are doing the work that exemplifies our core value of "Living the Word, by Serving the World."

Blessings,
Rev. Jay 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

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, Kitchen Items, Knick Knacks Linens, Shoes,
Toy/Games/Puzzles, Misc. Items & 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 signup sheets on the Green Table.

Garage Sale

Friday, June 13 @ 9:00am-4:00pm
Saturday, June 14 @ 9:00am-2:00pm

boutique
books antiques
household goods
clothing and accessories
café

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**5300 Philadelphia Drive
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 17-19 @ 5:30-8:00PM

Register by May 31 at

www.shiloh.org

call 937.277.8953

or scan here

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



To make our Vacation Bible School this summer another success, we need help from everyone!

Here are some of the ways you can help:

- 1: volunteer your time during Vacation Bible School or during our work days
- 2: donate new and recycled items for crafts, decorations, and activities
- 3: donate money for us to purchase items for crafts, activities, and decorations
- 4: invite children to attend

For information on items to donate or to sign-up to volunteer, please see the board by the Christian Education stairs.

WORSHIP WITH US!

May 4, 2025

Revelation 5: 11-14

John 21: 15-19

Topic: "Believe and Do"

Theme: We are called to action.

May 11, 2025

Revelation 7: 9-12

John 10: 22-30

Topic: "Become One"

Theme: Embrace your call into a faithful witness.

May 18, 2025

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35

Topic: "New World in Love"

Theme: Be Loving to all and for all.

May 25, 2025

Revelation 22: 1-5

John 14: 23-29

Topic: "We are Sent"

Theme: Believe in yourself in being sent.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Kenneth Lundstrom 05/02

Ashley Pack 05/04

Warren Hofferberth 05/10

Alysha Rabius 05/11

Pat Berry 05/14

Betty Karns 05/14

Amy Zebney 05/14

Doris Brookey 05/15

Ginny Elkins 05/15

John Schildt 05/15

Thomas Taylor 05/15

Vera Kirby 05/16

Ashton Petry 05/16

Alex Elkins 05/17

Janet Haynes 05/17

Kyle Ragan 05/18

Ilene Schnabel 05/18

Maria Yantis 05/18

Roger Cox 05/19

Terrelia Ogletree 05/19

Connie Myrick 05/20

Sandra Pohlman 05/21

Kelly Dwyer 05/22

Ann Routson 05/22

Thomas D. Murph 05/23

Robert W. Horton 05/24

Brian Elkins 05/27

Ryan Roberts 05/27

Rebecca Spencer 05/27

Jaykob Anstaett 05/28

Jason Bolin 05/28

Danielle Bergman 05/29

Timothy Holmes 05/29

Elizabeth Salata 05/30