

# The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

May 2024

FROM THE



PASTOR

I write to you this month of May and as we are approaching the dog days of summer encircled with the idea that it is still the Easter season at the beginning of this month. The Easter season as I've shared is the ultimate season for us in the church. For without it, we may not be who we are today. It culminates with the journey of Jesus into Jerusalem to offer himself up as a sacrifice to the cross, to be crucified and then buried, and then 3 days later he is Risen. The journey for each of us is symbolic in the Easter story for in that story lays the idea of the New Life given through the journey.

Journeys for many of us become personal or sometimes out of the blue depending on what comes our way. Recently, the journey with Dawn and I went to Englewood Florida where we spent time with her mother on the water but also saw some of the destruction that was left from the previous hurricane the year before. In some instances, I saw the new life forging ahead with a rebuilt nature and a moving forward approach, and in other instances I still saw the aftermath of what was not prepared or fixed from the storm. It's fitting to see both new life and what is life but not as we know it become ever present in our focus and understanding of what our relationship with God endures. It would be so simple for us to sit back and let the world go by and for everything to be perfect within our realm here on earth. But we know better. We know there are times when life gives us a curveball, with health, a situation that becomes troublesome, doubts that may arise, maybe even a confidence along the way that we begin to question. The resurrection story reminds us to stay the course no matter what because it defines for us who we will be the next day. Recently, I completed all 8 steps for my marks of ministry for ordination and will be beginning this month a long paper of ordination to be submitted to my peers for evaluation and defending said paper. This too has been a journey for me and the church. It has seen uphill struggles (Covid, tornado relief, etc..) as well as triumphs see the above along the way. As I stand here before you today, I feel a sense of empowerment in knowing we are all on this journey together in becoming more faithful in the

idea of the Resurrection and Easter story, for we are the Easter people in living our lives in serving others with our love, compassion and understanding that we represent God's own son in the world and embody his journey to the cross in faithful ways of our interactions with others around us in building God's kingdom here on earth. Let us embrace each opportunity to come our way in "Living the Word, by Serving the World" in our speech, in our spirituality and the way we connect with one another especially to those we serve in a more faithful way and to share in the gift of the new life given in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ our Lord. To all of you may we be faithful in this journey with one another.

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.***

#### **April Health Concerns**

Heather Poirier, Gary Woolery, Ashley Puterbaugh, Lisa Robinson, Mark Harper, Charlena Barlow, Bob Crandall, Heather Miller, Edmund Fisher, Diane Marshall, Tom Koenig, Kim Wachter.

#### **Sympathy**

Vince Caudill, Louvina Smith, Barbara Vaughan, Eileen Michael, Linda Davis, Wade Dimmick, Terry Lowe, Rev. Dr. Brian Newcomb, Carol "Kay" Herring.

#### **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, Richard Miller, Mary Alice Newbauer, 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 May**

Bulletin articles are due by noon the Wednesday preceding the Sunday it should appear. Please email these articles to Mark Barnhill.

Connection articles are due by noon on Wednesday, May 22 for the June Connection. Please email June Connection articles to Jay.

Please keep in mind that Ashley will be out of the office for maternity leave starting May 10. Should you need building use, contact the church office.

## **MAY ACTIONEERS**



This month our Actioneer is Anthony Poly. Anthony has been with Shiloh for many years now and has been instrumental in finding his niche' in the inner workings of faith formation and utilizing his skills in ways of enhancing what we do at Shiloh Church. Most recently he has been in active conversations and doing work behind the scenes in our PRIDE celebration coming in June. He also uses his skills in ways of our social media platform and utilizing our connections with Facebook, and other social platforms. Anthony does all of this with a smile and joy with everything he does and still has time to play in 3 or 4 music bands along the way. And if you ever see Anthony laughing it's one of his most endearing qualities of his joy that shines. Anthony, thanks for being our May Actioneer in "Living the Word, by Serving the World."

Blessings Pastor Jay



# COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

9:00AM-2:00PM

## OPENING DAY OF SHILOH FARMERS' MARKET!!

produce, baked goods,  
handcrafted goods,  
local artisans

local organizations, games,  
raffles, local businesses,  
crafts, food

### ENTERTAINMENT

9:45AM GODSPEAK PRAISE TEAM

11:00AM ENGLEWOOD CIVIC BAND

12:45PM HONEYCREEK CLOGGERS

[WWW.SHILOH.ORG](http://WWW.SHILOH.ORG)

5300 PHILADELPHIA DRIVE  
DAYTON, OH 45415

## Hygiene Item Collections 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 14 through May 12**. 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.



**The 2024 Celebration of Black American Contributions to the Family of God** was an overwhelmingly enjoyable and informative series of events. Events that provided continuous opportunities to create Godly community in our world. To each one who assisted in any way to the awesome success of the Gospel Songfest, the meaningful Sunday worship and Fellowship time together, the beautiful displays of artifacts, or the heartwarming Monday program by Dayton Public School students.... Thank you!!!

We were delighted to welcome Dr. Gregory Vincent, President of Talladega College, a United Church of Christ supported institution of higher learning, and also to welcome the Talladega Singers.

Many thanks to everyone who was present to welcome our guests and a heartfelt welcome our guests and a heartfelt welcome to every member of our church family to share in reflecting, learning, celebrating and honoring the tenacity of many whose contributions helped to build our country!

In Christ's Spirit,  
Terry Ogletree  
Organizer

## 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 dates: Saturday, June 29, and Saturday, August 10. Sign-up sheets will be on the green table 2 weeks before each date, and we ask that you sign for only one date. 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

The following listing of memorial contributions shows those being honored as well as those who have made gifts that were received prior to April 28, 2024:

**Ministries (Undesignated)**

**In Memory of Eileen Michael**

Julie & Kimbal Ragan  
Ann & Jim LaBreck  
Nellie & Laymon Hoskins

**In Memory of Barbara Vaughan**

Ann & Jim LaBreck

**In Memory of Pam Carr**

Zoe Hittner

**In Memory of Jim Holmes**

Marilyn Schmidt

**In Memory of Norman Englert**

Marilyn Schmidt

**Music Department**

**In Memory of Eileen Michael**

Maureen & Keith Aukerman

**Growth and Development**

**In Memory of Glenna Harrison**

Walt Harrison

**Flower Fund**

**In Memory of Eileen Michael**

Carol & Larry Oldham

# Dayton Pride 2024

Events

## **Inter-Faith Celebration**

Thursday May 30 7:00pm

St. Johns UCC

515 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St Dayton OH

## **Pride Parade** Saturday June 1

starts at 11:00am Starts on Second St  
to Main St to passing Shuster Center &  
Victoria Theatre right onto First St ending  
at the Pride Parade Stage on St Clair

**Pride Festival** Saturday June 1 starts at noon  
to 4:00pm on Saint Clair St. During the festival  
Saint Clair will be closed from First St to Third St

## **PFLAG's Running with Pride** Sunday June 2

Race Starts 9:00am Sign up at 7:30am

Eastwood Park 1385 Harshman Rd Dayton

Hope to see you at least one of the events above to support Dayton Pride 2024



**WANTED: Volunteers**

**EVENT: Shiloh Church Women's Board Annual Garage Sale!**

**DROP OFF DATES:** Wednesday & Thursday June 5 & 6 from 9:00AM - 6:00PM

**SALE DATES:** Friday, June 7 from 9:00 - 6:00 & Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 - 2:00

We have plenty of positions open for you to volunteer your time to help us set up and tear down, sort and price all the gently used treasures that are donated to the Garage Sale. Help out in the Flea Market, Clothing, Books, Boutique and Cafe.

One important position needed to fill are volunteers who are able to do stairs and lift boxes. We need help **Sunday June 2, after service**, to bring supplies up from the basement and down from the attic. If you are able, please sign up to help with the heavy lifting.

Spring cleaning? Don't know what to do with your gently used treasures? Donate them to Shiloh's Garage Sale.

**We will accept the following items:**

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

**Items we will NOT accept:**

Overstuffed Furniture  
Large items  
Stuffed toys/Stuffed animals

If you have any questions, please see Patty Farinet or any Women's Board member.



# Garage Sale

**Friday, June 7 @ 9:00am-6:00pm**  
**Saturday, June 8 @ 9:00am-2:00pm**



**boutique**

**books**

**antiques**

**household goods**

**clothing and  
accessories**

**café**

**Shiloh**  
**Church**

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**5300 Philadelphia Drive**  
**Dayton, Ohio 45415**



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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 11-13 @ 5:30-8:00PM

Register by May 31 at

[www.shiloh.org](http://www.shiloh.org)

call 937.277.8953

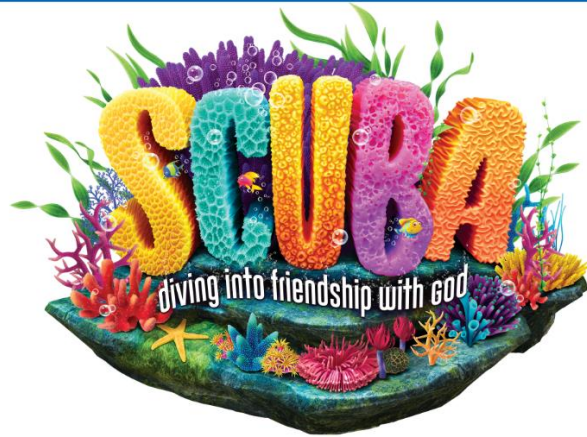
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**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP!!**



**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
- 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 2024 Upcoming Worship

### **May 5, 2024**

I John 5: 1-6

John 5: 9-17

**Topic: "Embody Love"**

Theme: We are called to love one another.

### **May 12, 2024 Ascension Sunday**

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

**Topic: "Ascension"**

Theme: It's now on all to share the Good News.

### **May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2: 1-23

John 16: 4-15

**Topic: Sacrifice of the Spirit"**

Theme: How does the sacrifice of others

### **May 26, 2024**

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

**Topic: Born Anew"**

Theme: How do we recognize the sacrifice of all in our lives.

Overall Theme: Do we recognize the love of all in our daily lives in a way that we can integrate that into our daily living in ways that we recognize the sacrifices of all and project that in ways of grace and a new life given in Jesus Christ.

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Kenneth Lundstrom 05/02

Ashley Pack 05/04

Alicia Brown 05/05

Warren Hofferberth 05/10

Alysha Rabiun 05/11

Pat Berry 05/14

Betty Karns 05/14

Amy Zebney 05/14

Doris Brookey 05/15

Ginny Elkins 05/15

Emily Richardson-Markland 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

Lydia Freeze 05/21

Sandra Pohlman 05/21

Kelly Dwyer 05/22

Ann Routson 05/22

Spencer Hajarian 05/23

Thomas D. Murph 05/23

Jenny Pierson 05/23

Robert W. Horton 05/24

Brian Elkins 05/27

Ryan Roberts 05/27

Jaykob Anstaett 05/28

Jason Bolin 05/28

Danielle Bergman 05/29

Timothy Holmes 05/29

Elizabeth Salata 05/30

Theresa Brown 05/31