

The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

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FROM THE



PASTOR

As I approach the month of September and as we all take a collective breath of our summer doing various things, I share this one word with you **Humble**.

Being humble is defined as having or showing a modest view of one's importance. And for as long as I can remember I have embraced this ideal and ask you to join with me in the humble journey that we embark on each and every day. One thing I have learned on this journey is to simply do what needs to be done and do it with your whole heart, mind, body and spirit. Remembering in the scriptures of Jesus' call of loving God in that way becomes the extension of what

we are to be in our faithful living and embodiment of Christ into the world.

With that I say that I am humbled and feel the grace of all of you for being with me and supporting me in all my many facets and positions in the church of Shiloh. From my earliest of times as serving as a sexton and singer at the onset of my time with you, to the present time as your Senior Pastor. Through the course of this journey, we have seen ups and downs, overcoming obstacles, tragedies as well as celebrating triumphs along the way. As I write this, I am embarking with you on my Ecclesiastical Council, and with that my ordination into the United Church of Christ. And as I ponder this moment it harkens me back to my first sermon at 16, and traveled all the way to present day. I am Humbled.

Each of you both those who are here and those who we remember who paved the way with your relationship, encouragement, well wishes and love have made me who I am today. Which contrary to anyone's thought is not perfect but I feel is a more faithful person that you helped shape this guy into who he is today. With that, I share my gratitude and thankfulness to all of you for being on this journey with me. I remember a long time ago, someone saying that it takes a community to raise and nurture an individual, this is precisely the idea of being humble. You are a part and forever will be a part of me and what we do. We embody that of Jesus, in what we say and in what we do together in the church and into the lives of others in building and shaping God's kingdom here on earth.

Simply, I say this, Thank You, for all you have done for me and each other in professing the love of God and Christ into the world and the work of service that we continue to build upon. I am humbled to say that at Shiloh Church, we "Live the word, by Serving the World."

Blessings to you all in love,
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.

August Health Concerns

Laurie Elish-Brown, Shirley Foreman, Kim Hannahan, Mary Jo Mayhan, Tia Smith, Lois Poly, David White, Jim Corwin, Robin Wolfe.

August Sympathy

Mary Jean Keeler

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 Lesher, 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, Noel & 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, September 18 for the October Connection.

SEPTEMBER ACTIONEERS



In the month of September our Actioneers is none other than a huge group of loving individuals along with businesses who participated, gave, and worked the 19th annual Shiloh Church Charity Golf Outing. I for one know the importance of bringing people together for a cause that is important and worthwhile to the whole scope of what we do at Shiloh Church through this outing. To have 108 golfers (new record), 54 for dinner and auction (new record), 160 total participated (new record), 6 amazing volunteers who got everyone checked in and collected, to a new dessert maker in Peyton a 15-year-old and her family providing desserts, 72-hole sponsors, to a record auction in collection of raised funds. What can I say, but that it took everyone who gave, attended, played, volunteered to make this event truly shine in the eyes of God.

I for one am still amazed at all the work, good times, great moments that occurred come to be. WE RAISED @ \$31,000 for this event that serves the needs of so many people and families over the Christmas season. There will be a few families we select to help and with the partnership of mission partners that we have at Shiloh I know that this season will be that of blessings, love and the truest representation of who we are as Shiloh Church. For what we do is always in the focus and mindset of, "Living the Word, by Serving the World."

Special thanks to my cohort in Mark Harper and to every single one of you who participated, gave, and continued your support of this event, because it symbolizes in all you what an Actioneer is. A servant that serves the needs of those who need it more. My heartfelt love and gratitude to all of you for making a record setting day that will always be in the history of Shiloh Church UCC, but more importantly into lives that we can touch through all this generosity.

Love and Blessings,
Sr. Pastor Jay D. McMillen

SHILOH FOOD PANTRY

A Slice of Spice — September could be like no other month at the Shiloh food pantry. All it needs is a slice of spice! The Dayton Food Bank doesn't provide flavoring to make food taste its best. You can help hungry people improve and enjoy their meals. Just select a few spices you usually choose and bring them to the Red Wagon as you enter the church -- and smile about the joy you'll be sharing with others.



Join us Sunday, September 8 for Blessing of the Backpacks!! All children and youth are invited to bring their school backpack, daycare bag, or any bag to be blessed by our church family.

2025 Budgeting Process

In order for the Finance Committee to bring the Ministries Budget Request to Shiloh's Council, which will then present it along with the Missions Budget at the Annual Congregational Meeting on December 1, 2024, we first need input from each of the standing committees and Ministry Teams. If your Ministry Team needs budgeted funds next year, planning must begin now.

Committee and Ministry Team budget requests must be turned into the Business Manager by Wednesday, October 2.

The Finance Committee will present a summary of all budget requests to Council at their regular meeting on Sunday, October 20. On Monday, October 21, the Executive and Finance Committees will meet at 6:30 pm in the Large Conference Room with all committee chairs and any other interested parties to discuss budget requests.

Detailed timelines for each step of the budgeting process can be found on the Green Table in the Narthex. If requested, it can be e-mailed to you. If any information or assistance is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kay Webb
Business Manager
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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.

Getting to Know YOU, Shiloh

We're back! Start your Friendly Fall by gaining a new friend when you join us for the next Getting to Know YOU, Shiloh event. We will gather back at Omega Hall, on Saturday, Sept 14, 3-5 p.m.

We provide the snacks and soft drinks; you provide the conversation. Many previous participants found it easy and fun to recall things they've done and places they've seen. Share your experiences and you will find out just how much you have in common with others. We want to see you there, but also want to *mix it up* a bit. We ask that you invite a friend who may not attend Shiloh. How does it work? Your Growth Committee will have two sets of three questions designed to bring out interesting facts about yourself and others. Nothing hard or embarrassing, we promise! Each person in randomly assigned small groups will take turns answering the questions so you can let people know who you are and learn more about them! Previous questions include:

- What's the farthest or most interesting place you've ever been from home?
- What is your favorite game or sport to watch or play?
- If all jobs paid the same, what job/career would you choose?
- What is your proudest accomplishment?

Over two hours, you will be pleasantly surprised how fun and enlightening it was and you may just make a new friend for life! Join us by signing up now on the Green Table. See you there!

-Shiloh Growth Committee (Dawn McMillen, Tasha Noggle, Anthony Poly, Kathy Penfield, Terry Ogletree, Kimbal Ragan, Lin Rhoads, Karyn Sleppy, Roger Smith)

DAY OF CARING 2024 DISTRIBUTIONS

CLARK COUNTY

Springfield Soup Kitchen	\$ 683.00
Second Harvest FoodBank	1,306.50
Interfaith Hospitality Network	<u>1,306.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,296.00

GREENE COUNTY

Fairborn FISH	\$ 389.79
Fairborn Senior Center	\$ 389.79
Mosaic Church	\$. 919.28
Beavercreek Lofino Center	\$ 936.00
Xenia Adult Recreation Center	\$ <u>1,272.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,906.86

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Dayton Foodbank	\$ 7,874.84
Daybreak	\$ 2,500.00
Miami Valley Housing Opportunities	\$ 2,500.00
St Vincent DePaul Shelters	\$ 2,500.00
HomeFull	\$ 1,862.57
CityHeart	\$ <u>1,862.56</u>
TOTAL	\$19,099.97

WARREN COUNTY

Waynesville Food Pantry	\$ 855.00
TOTAL	\$ 855.00

HAMILTON COUNTY

St Clement Food Pantry	\$ 2,805.00
Cincinnati FreeStore	\$ <u>1,854.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,659.00

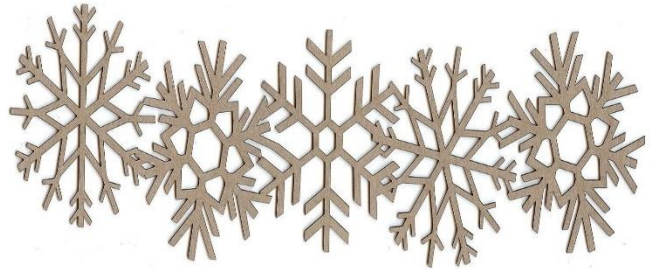
GRAND TOTAL \$ 31,816.83



Save the Date
October 27, 2024, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm *Trunk of Treats* at the parking lot by gazebo. Start to get your decorating ideas ready for your trunks. Partner up with another family from church or your committee etc.

Save the Date
82nd 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. There is something for everyone to do.



News from the Shiloh Bake Shoppe

Hello everyone! We are beginning preparations to make the most delicious baked goods to offer you and yours at this year's Holiday Bazaar!

I do want to let everyone know, *if you haven't already heard*, **we will NOT be taking Pre-Orders.**

Visit the Bake Shoppe at Shiloh's Holiday Bazaar this November to purchase your favorite Bread, Cookie and Pie!

In order to prepare all those goodies, we need your help. Monetary donations are welcome as we can purchase needed supplies, such as pie pans, fruit and bags. A list of requested ingredients for baking will be on the Green Table. **Beginning September 22**, you can bring in the requested items and place on the table provided.

Do you like to bake? Scoop cookies? Wash dishes? Donate your time and talent by joining us in the kitchen! It's as easy as PI! More information, Baking dates and times will be in the Bulletin and on the Green Table. Questions, please contact Patty Farinet.

2024 SHILOH SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES: 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 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 green table. *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, mailed to the church office, or sent by email to melanie.swiderek@gmail.com. **The deadline for nominations is October 27, 2024,** and we will announce the recipient of the award at the Shiloh Celebration Luncheon on December 15, 2024 (save the date!).

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!

Hello Shiloh Church Family!

Did you know that a simple click can spread the message of love and faith to countless others? By liking and sharing our Facebook posts, you're not just supporting our church; you're helping to inspire and uplift your friends and family with messages of hope and encouragement.

Together, let's amplify the power of positivity! Click that like button and hit share to spread the light of our community to the world. Every action you take makes a difference in someone's day. Thank you for being a part of our journey and for sharing the love of God with others. Together, we can touch hearts and change lives!
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WORSHIP WITH US!

September 1, 2024

James 1: 17-21

Mark 7: 6-8; 14-15; 21-23

Topic: "Be FAITHFUL"

Theme: Words and action comes from the heart.

September 8, 2024

James 2: 14-17

Mark 7: 24-30

Topic: "Healed"

Theme: Become the healers in the word, as we serve the world.

September 15, 2024

James 3: 1-3

Mark 8: 27-38

Topic: "Who am I"

Theme: We make our spirit that of a more faithful witness of God.

September 22, 2024

James 3: 13-18

Mark 9: 30-37

Topic: "Welcoming"

Theme: We are welcomed to be the embodiment of Jesus.

September 29, 2024

James 5: 13-20

Mark 9: 38-50

Topic: "Become Seasoned"

Theme: In everything we become seasoned to be a faithful witness.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Sharon Earls 09/04

Brian Salata 09/04

Ann LaBreck 09/05

Julie Brown 09/06

Debi Koch 09/06

Kim Brough 09/07

Anthony Brough 09/08

Lawrence Bergman 09/09

Elias Brumbaugh 09/09

William Homan 09/09

Nancy Nerny 09/09

Wayne Bowser 09/10

David Neef 09/10

Sue Hasty 09/12

Nora J James 09/12

Karen Hutchinson 09/13

Thomas Miller 09/13

Billilou Conard 09/14

Brooke Harris 09/14

Molly Behnken 09/16

Todd Fisher 09/16

Lynne Miller 09/16

Jack Barnhart 09/18

Eli Brandenburg 09/21

Sandra Mastrosimone 09/23

Makenzie McMillen Smith 09/23

Kenny Moore 09/23

Ann O'Hara 09/23

Dina Barnhart 09/26

Carl Hoff 09/28