

The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

November 2024

FROM THE



PASTOR

As we approach the month of November with anticipation and excitement it also comes with the celebration of Thanksgiving and before we know it Christmas will be here. It's always an exciting time for those holidays, the decorations, the planning, the baking, the presents, the family together all of it wrapped up in one. And with all the hustle and bustle that goes on sometimes we overlook sometimes the things that are around us.

1. Let me explain, while all those things I look forward to each year, we must not forget all the hurt around us and all the things that have taken place amidst war torn areas, the continues plight of hunger not just here locally but around the world. So, as I sit here and ponder about that to share with you, amidst this busy time of the year for us let us pray for the following
2. Pray for the people of Ukraine and to our brothers and sisters in Israel who have faced senseless death in their path, and to the displaced in Gaza. As well as all those who have faced the destruction of homes and property from the many hurricanes that our country has faced. People are hurting around the world, we pray for God's peace and love to enter into the lives of all during this loss.
3. With that we pray for the leaders around the world to bring peace to all through sound planning and decision making that brings about peace. We also pray for own elections which will culminate this year, we pray the divisiveness of all that we have heard brings about a sense of togetherness and that we are all in this together, no matter the outcome of the election. We all pray for prosperity in these times and pray that our leaders are not just with political parties but doing the work of the people who are seeking this prosperity and to enjoy our freedoms that have been paid for through the acts of men and women on the front lines over the course of our history.
4. We know of hunger in our area but also need to realize around this world all are faced with hunger and we pray for us to utilize our resources in ways to continue feeding for when we do we feed in the spirit of representing the body of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We pray for our local pantries who this year are faced with ever more rising numbers of families that will need provisions to feed their loved ones. O Lord hear these prayers.
5. We pray for time not to be rushed through these times but for the opportunities to simply Breathe, Focus and Act. This allows us to find a sense of self and to hopefully find perspective into our ever-changing world, to know through it all we are going to be ok. We take Jesus wherever we go in life and that is the purpose of who we are not what we are.

To each of you I say Happy Thanksgiving and with that what are you grateful for and show your thanks by remembering to pray for those who are faced with so much.

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.

October Health Concerns

Ken Bowman, Irmgard Christian, David McMillen, Stan Swiderek, Marilyn Schmidt, Tom Murph, Doris Murph, Sharon Lowe, Dawn Bolin, Gary Wachter.

October Sympathy

Shannon Leshner, Tom Slentz

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, 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.

Business Manager Position

Back in late September, I received a call from Kay Webb, our Business Manager and she decided to terminate her employment. Now before I go further, the business of the church is still functioning, bills, contributions, and basic accounting is being taken care of by our amazing Finance/Stewardship committee, and staff. Know that, what we do going forward requires grace, patience, and understanding and a reliance that we will grow stronger from this in getting a few more people involved in this position until we find a permanent replacement.

Blessings to all,
Sr. Pastor Jay D. McMillen

Bulletin & Connection Article Deadlines for November

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, November 20 for the December Connection.

NOVEMBER ACTIONEER






This month our actioneer is the amazing Connie Neef. Connie who has been a member of this church for a long time has served and continues to serve up to this day with her immeasurable heart and love of who we are. Connie has served this church for decades being our wedding coordinator helping out couples with their big day journey into a life of love and joys to come. Most recently we had a wedding here at the church and to have her here was deeply appreciated. Connie has also served as our church historian gathering things from our past and because of her due diligence we created the historical room in the lower CE wing to remember our past but also to claim our future for years to come. Another reason for Connie being our actioneer, is she sings in the choir, the quartet, attends weekly bible study sessions, has served on our worship committee and helps prepare our communion elements without fail. She has served as a Fair chair and worked at other various functions of the church over the years. Without saying Connie is a true asset to what we do at Shiloh, and she never wants the recognition it's in her heart to do what she is called to do. However, I want to recognize another aspect and that is our world-famous Mincemeat process. She is our cook in the process for many years, and as I sit here writing this to all of you, the church has never smelled better. She compiles the ingredients and does the work in the 4-hour cooking process of adding every single bit of goodness as we roast our mincemeat during this time. Her passion for Shiloh is and always will be an inspiration to me and I hope to the rest of you. She has also seen over our memorial gardens outside which has now received a generous portion of mulch to help beautify our grounds and make the place where 14 of our previous members our laid to rest with their ashes. Connie exemplifies her joy of her faith by what she does, not for the adulation but for what God has called her to do. She does it with grace and joy, so Shiloh join me in thanking Connie for her years of service and still what she continues to do. She exemplifies that of an actioneer is "Living the Word, by Serving the World."

Blessings,

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Bake Shoppe

Can you smell it? The aroma of pumpkin bread and apple pie?  Chocolate chip cookies  and Snickerdoodles?  Mmmm....

Ok, you can stop drooling now and ***Come bake with us*** the week of November 11-16 from 9 am - 4 pm. There are plenty of things to do from mixing coffee cakes, breads, Peanut Butter and French Silk pies to rolling and scooping cookies, labeling bags, making boxes, plus bagging and boxing all the cooled desserts.

PLEASE please, sign up to help. Questions? Ask Patty Farinet.

All these yummy desserts and more will be available for purchase at Shiloh's Holiday Bazaar November 22 & 23.

See you there!

The following listing of memorial contributions shows those being honored as well as those who have made gifts that were received prior to September 1, 2024

Ministries (Undesignated)

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Marvin Christian

Irmgard Christian

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Mary Jean Keeler

Tracy A Kipfstuhl

Memorial Bell Choir Fund

In Memory of Mary Jean Keeler

Larry and Carol Oldham

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Lowell Hill

Frank and Margie Davis

Connie Neef

Larry and Carol Oldham

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Noel White

Larry & Carol Oldham

Shiloh Food Pantry

November is for nutrition. Who doesn't like a granola or snack bar now and again? Choose protein bars, chewy bars, granola bars or whatever you would snack on. It doesn't take much to make our clients feel special when they can choose something other than meat and vegetables.

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 be selling raffle tickets. 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



Trunk of Treats Thank you!!!! What a great way to share in our community in something fun. Thank you for supporting this fun event. Appreciate everyone's help in getting it set up, making it safe, decorating your trunks and engaging our community.



TRUNK OF TREATS 2024





Family Advent Adventure



Sunday, November 24

11:45-1:30

Youth and families!!

Join us as we prepare for our Advent and Christmas season. We will be making ornaments, preparing our Advent wreaths, and more!

Pizza lunch will be provided.



**Have questions??
Need to RSVP??
Talk to Karyn
ksleppy@shiloh.org
937-475-1223**



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

Holiday Bazaar Friday November 22 & Saturday November 23

Please sign up 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**. Tell your neighbors, friends, family, and clubs about the Holiday Bazaar. Hope to see you there! There are flyers for posting or sharing on the green table in the Narthex.

WORSHIP WITH US!

November 3, 2024 **All Saints/Twenty-Fourth Sunday**

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 11: 32-44

Topic: "Raised"

Theme: We remember our Saints this day.

November 10, 2024 **Twenty-Fifth Sunday**

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Mark 12: 38-44

Topic: "Good Stewards"

Theme: How do we share in our time, talent and treasures.

November 17, 2024 **Twenty-Sixth Sunday**

Hebrews 10: 11-18

Mark 13: 1-8

Topic: "Be Strong in the Spirit"

Theme: Stand resolute in the spirit no matter what you encounter.

November 24, 2024 **Last Sunday after Pentecost/Christ the King**

Revelation 1: 4-8

John 18: 33-37

Topic: "Christ the King"

Theme: Jesus is the way, we follow and we serve to embody him.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Kelly Bayer 11/01
Andrew Ferguson 11/01
Neil Hazel 11/01
Cheryl Leeds 11/01
Sue Cox 11/02
Sharon Dabbelt 11/02
Wilma Smart 11/02
Susan Kentner 11/03
Sara Rosenberg 11/03
Doug Chapman 11/05
Marilyn Jones 11/07
Rosalie Barnhill 11/08
Barbara Richardson 11/08
Vicki Bradley 11/09
Carmen Oliver-Clauss 11/10

Bobbi Harbach 11/13
Tasha Noggle 11/15
Ronin LaBreck 11/16
Betsy Clapp 11/17
Cathy Barnes 11/18
Joyce Goff 11/19
Bradley Clapp 11/20
Burch Zehner 11/20
Elizabeth DeSantis 11/24
Judith Roeder 11/24
Lisa Salata 11/26
Brennan Callahan 11/27
Barbara Pierson 11/27
William Dabbelt 11/29