

# The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

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**F R O M T H E**



**PASTOR**

In Times Like This.....With Change!

Greetings to all of you as we are now entering into what I hope will be an enjoyable and safe summer for all of you. Over the past several weeks many of you have reached out through phone calls or emails about things going on in the church. Because only a handful of you have been present for these projects, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Sheldon Carr, has spent a lot of time for two months painting various areas of the church.

Brian Salata has worked with Sheldon on some of this and some minor repairs.

Ryan Roberts lent some time in carrying out some debris from in the basement and helped with some painting.

Mark Barnhill has also been painting various things around the facility including the tedious task of painting the kitchen.

Dawn and I continue to bounce around the facility doing some painting and cleanup along the way.

I hope this gives everyone a snapshot into what has been going on.

I would also like to share with you some staff changes that have occurred:

Stephen Brown left his employment with the church at the beginning of April. As a reminder he was our evening and weekend custodial person.

After over 37 years of faithful and dedicated service at Shiloh, Sid Manley chose to leave his employment on May 17, 2020. I will share that was tough for all on staff. I know that many of you will hold him and his wife Sue in your prayers in the days and years to come.

This leads me to a recent decision during this time. Due to Ohio's COVID 19 Pandemic rules for daycares, myself and our Executive Team met at great length to discuss our future ministry regarding building use. The rules handed down by the State of Ohio expected all areas of Macy side of the building would be exclusive space for Kid's Institute. We felt that the

limitations set by these rules were not acceptable and ultimately limit the growth of Shiloh Church. We determined that effective September 7, 2020, we will dissolve our relationship with Kid's Institute. Because for the short time before the start of Kid's Institute summer programming, we concurred with them to give the kids as much normalcy as we can until the start of school. This my friends were very well thought out in several discussions by our Executive Team. I wish to offer my sincerest thanks for 4 wonderful people representing you, the congregation, and being a shoulder to lean on in these days. Dissolving a relationship of 15 years is difficult but join with me in prayer that this decision will further enhance our reach into other community events and lives and build upon the ministry and mission of Shiloh Church.

You might become overwhelmed with so much information in this article. I would ask as your Senior Pastor, to breathe in these moments. To hold in prayer Stephen Brown, Sid Manley, Kid's Institute, and the families that it serves, and to the Ivory Family. God's love and grace should be extended to each of them and to our church as well. Change is difficult but we worship in the name of Jesus and give our praise and thanksgiving to a Still Speaking God, that will guide each of us in our endeavors, to be the church and most of all to "Live the Word, by Serving the World.

Blessings and Peace to 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.***

**Sympathy**

Jean Sollenberger

## JUNE ACTIONEER



In the month of June our actioneer is none other than Melinda Hofstetter. Melinda has been an integral force in our church for many years now. She as many of you know has spent her time lending her talents in various ways around the church. Her pleasant personality has always been such a joy to be around. Her talents of playing the violin has lent her true passion into the lives of so many and in times like this it has shined brightly. Melinda over two months now has been calling members and her list continues to grow each week. She plays pieces of music to play for us and the music has been an extension of her love of people and her talents on display. I have had many phone calls from her to hear her music and it has brought me joy in those moments. Recently she lost her husband to his passing and I know that she feels the loss, but in talking to her she still continues to exhibit the joy that she still feels for life and even in these uncertain times I know that it will be a phone call away and hear her violin yet again. She has spent many years on our Deacons who call and reach out to those who need prayers and hope and love during difficult times. So, I urge you the congregation to continue to reach back out to Melinda, she feels the love, and if you can play an instrument play her a song. She has shown during these times that we live in that our passions and our love of people can continue maybe not how we are used to, but her spirit is alive and well. God Bless you Melinda for "Living the Word, by Serving the World. Keep playing and never stop, and we thank you for all you do.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jay

# Blanket Sunday 2020

In honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day, and in recognition of all parents, we are accepting contributions to the Church World Service Blankets and Tools of Hope Programs. Contributions may be dedicated in memory or honor of a loved one. Your gifts make a world of difference to millions around the globe. CWS uses these program funds to purchase and ship blankets, tools, and other supplies worldwide and within the United States. Since these items are purchased in large quantities, CWS can provide a good wool or cotton blanket or useful tools for modest amounts. CWS also uses these funds to provide tents, food and other emergency supplies such as health and hygiene kits in areas struck by war, natural disaster, and recently the Covid 19 pandemic.

A sample of a blanket will be on display in the Narthex in June. As a result of your contributions, blankets, tools and kits will be purchased and shipped to those in need. Please complete and place the attached form in the offering plate on Sunday or return it to the Business Office, Attention: Blanket Sunday. Make checks payable to Shiloh Church. Your dedication will be printed on Father's Day.

**Deadline to submit dedications is Monday, June 15.  
Please see opposite for dedication form.**

What does your gift mean to a refugee, a disaster victim, or a child living on the streets of a crowded city? The warmth of a blanket, tools to promote self-sufficiency, and the wonderful, comforting feeling that someone cares are the result.

My contribution, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, is in

**Please specify:**

**MEMORY of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HONOR of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEDICATED to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESIGNATED FOR:**

- Tools**
- Blankets**
- Both**

**Placed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please print **clearly** and **accurately**. Your dedication will appear **exactly** as it is written.

~Shiloh Church Missions and Social Concerns Committee~

The following listing of memorial contributions shows those being honored as well as those who have made gifts that were received prior to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

**Ministries (Undesignated)**

**In Memory of Robert Stevenson**

Carl Bomboy  
Judy Peck  
Charles Smith  
Judith Reed  
Kimbal & Julie Ragan  
Kay Musick  
Jerry & Joanne Hillelson  
Laymon & Nellie Hoskins  
Charlotte Wolcott  
Anonymous  
David & Terri Howard  
Zoe Hittner

**In Memory of Barbara Holmes**

Laymon & Nellie Hoskins

**In Memory of Earl McMillen**

Laymon & Nellie Hoskins

## **Quarantine Conversations**

We are well. Al is in his nest watching and feeding the birds. We had a Rose-Breasted Grosbeak family drop in. Mr., Mrs. and Jr. on there migration. Mr. Grosbeak appeared as the cover of Birds & Blooms April/May issue. The bluebirds flock came to the holly bushes to fill up . The female bush has died and no berries. I have catching up on my sewing. Made 44 masks. Twelve for our daughter Sandee's step-daughters wedding limited to ten people. Her theme was sunflowers. Sandee was able to find sunflower fabric. Limited to 10 people witch included her great uncle who did the service at Union Methodist Church. Al has an apartment to get a hair cut Sat. and all will be good. Al's big problem will remain the squirrels. They want the bird seed. So far the squirrels are ahead in the fight. Al and Eileen

During the stay-home days of the Pandemic shut-down, Cathy Barnes created her "My Kaleidoscope" quilt. That was besides 20 quilt tops and 50-some kits for other area members of the Gold Heart Quilters to sew for hospitals and charity organizations.



**Shiloh Church - UCC**  
**Summary of Income and Expenses for Ministries**

**For the period of January 1 through April 30, 2020**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>MINISTRIES INCOME</b>			
Covenants & Offerings	126,138.74	133,250.00	(7,111.26)
Seasonal Offerings	1,290.00	2,800.00	(1,510.00)
Use of Building (Including Weddings)	5,600.00	9,200.00	(3,600.00)
Misc (Lamp of Faith, Tapes, etc.)	-	350.00	(350.00)
Fair Income	13,926.05	12,000.00	1,926.05
Rebates	1,729.00	580.00	1,149.00
Interest Income	309.74	400.00	(90.26)
Coffee	-	33.00	(33.00)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>148,993.53</b>	<b>158,613.00</b>	<b>(9,619.47)</b>
<b>MINISTRIES EXPENSES</b>			
Pastoral Expenses	28,863.29	29,216.53	(353.24)
Christian Education	(33.05)	390.00	(423.05)
Church Boards & Design			
Deacons	73.67	110.00	(36.33)
Stewardship	75.95	200.00	(124.05)
Growth & Marketing	967.35	680.00	287.35
Worship Board - Music Ministry	22,797.56	23,586.95	(789.39)
Worship Board - Media Ministry	1,290.60	2,872.12	(1,581.52)
Property Committee - Building	49,100.29	63,173.52	(14,073.23)
Administrative	22,685.43	25,812.32	(3,126.89)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>125,821.09</b>	<b>146,041.44</b>	<b>(20,220.35)</b>
Income Minus expenses	23,172.44	12,571.56	10,600.88
<b>Where were we a year ago?</b>		<b>As of 4/30/19</b>	<b>As of 4/30/20</b>
Covenants and Seasonal Offerings		122,620.78	127,428.74
Other Income		23,628.01	21,564.79
Total income		146,248.79	148,993.53
Total expenses		138,559.72	125,821.09
<b>Income minus Expenses</b>		<b>7,689.07</b>	<b>23,172.44</b>
<b>Other Transfers in</b>			
Endowment - Div., Int., Growth only		-	-
Memorials		1,260.00	1,100.00
1,260.00		1,100.00	
<b>Endowment - Baseline</b>		<b>1,176,953.01</b>	<b>1,177,025.60</b>
<b>Endowment - Actual Balance</b>		<b>1,052,436.40</b>	<b>924,090.99</b>

# WORSHIP WITH US!

## June 7, 2020 Trinity Sunday

**II Corinthians 13: 11-13**

**Matthew 28: 16-20**

**Topic: "Life is Good"**

**Theme: We are called to share the goodness.**

## June 14, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Romans 5: 1-5**

**Matthew 9: 35-38**

**Topic: "Hope in the Spirit"**

**Theme: We work to share the goodness.**

## June 21, 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Romans 6: 5-11**

**Matthew 10: 24-31**

**Topic: "Value"**

**Theme: We bring value in the goodness shared.**

## June 28, 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Romans 6: 20-23**

**Matthew 10: 40-42**

**Topic: "Welcome"**

**Theme: The welcome becomes the Spirit of goodness.**

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Sheldon Carr 06/01

Jane Clawson 06/01

Kimbal Ragan 06/01

Susie Wertz 06/01

Ray Barnhart 06/02

Mason Barnhart 06/02

Peyton Roberts 06/02

Shirley Stevens 06/02

Ila Ward 06/02

Brian Dwyer 06/03

Christopher Hughes 06/03

Austin Newsom 06/03

Larry Ferguson 06/04

Jo Anne Orihood 06/04

Amy Skinner 06/04

Kim Hannahan 06/05

Gene Huston 06/05

Jeremy Koenig 06/06

Paiget Hofferberth 06/09

Marilyn Zehner 06/09

Jim Bland 06/10

Lin Rhoads 06/10

Lois Delscamp 06/11

Carol McLaughlin 06/13

Rhona Brandt 06/13

Joe Rieger 06/14

Carl Bomboy 06/16

Dennis Handwerker 06/16

Justin Sierschula 06/17

Lou Tiley 06/18

Linda DeCamp 06/19

Larry Oldham 06/19

Christine Zuercher 06/19

Lloyd J. DeWeese 06/22

Donna Ellingson 06/22

Barbara Loos 06/22

Elisabeth Cockrill 06/23

Rachel Getter-Birt 06/23

Drew Wachter 06/24

Richard Holmes 06/25

Jodie Tiley 06/26

Thomas Puterbaugh 06/28

Ron Leach 06/29

Barbara Aldredge 06/30