

The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

November 2020

FROM THE



PASTOR

Well we are now deeply embedded into the fall season where the leaves are falling and changing, the work outdoors has shifted from watering flowers to gathering up piles of leaves to place out by the street. Some of our food choices are also changing from cool refreshing items, to food like soup, or as my mom would say anything hot! And as I share this with all of you, I want to simply say that I am proud of each of you. Notice I did not share Why? I am proud of each of you because we have made it this far in Covid-19 times. We have been a part of an ever-growing and understanding of how we can do our 10:25 am live worship, while also still recording a service that can be viewed at any time after Sunday to each of you in the comforts of your home. I continue to hear the chatter of when we can get back to a normal, in these abnormal times. I do not have the answer to that, but this is what I can share.

Since June 1, we have seen roughly on average about 65-70 participants in our live worship and have seen on average 75-150 views on our media outlets, which means we are staying connected the best way we can. Let us give THANKS.

When word of Covid-19 came to fruition there were more questions than answers and we are all still trying to navigate through this world we live in. How has the church responded? Due in part to our amazing protocols we have been able to figure out how to incorporate more parts of worship in both live and recorded. The Music Department has figured out ways for some groups to be able to rehearse. So much so, that plans are already underway to put together a Christmas Musical on December 13. We also collectively figured out ways to have our Charity Golf Outing, our Pumpkin Patch which just finished up, with I feel better than expected numbers of folks who turned out to work as well as the community support that we felt. Let us give THANKS.

Shiloh has also extended during these difficult times in your stewardship. In raising of dollars for our Media Upgrade which will further enhance the ways of staying connected with one another. Also, with the outpouring of love and support to raise \$15,000 in the golf outing which was amazing. To your weekly and monthly giving which continues to come in so we can provide as much ministry and mission. An amazing statement of faith to all of you, and we would strongly urge you to not let up, because we can continue to build and create something great. To all of this, let us give THANKS.

But I feel most of all my pride comes from the conversations that I have heard from many, about the little things that we might have taken for granted before Covid. And with that I will share one personal one from myself. Typically, before Covid, my dinners during the week

consisted of wherever I could find a quick place to pop in grab something and head back down to church. Dinners with my wife were more relegated to the weekends only at crazy times. During this time of abnormal, I find myself having dinner with her during the week a couple more times. It has made us remember that everyday matters, and that every day is a blessing. It has also made us I think appreciate one another more faithfully and spiritually that we are all in this together. To those who venture out, and to those we know will stay home, we can continue to connect and share in the Good News of Jesus Christ. For that Let us give THANKS. And now we begin our transition to set our eyes upon Thanksgiving. An intentional time spent maybe a little different this year but, a time of reflection on Giving THANKS. Soon many of you will be receiving a letter from me in the mail speaking about Thanksgiving. For us to give intentional Thanks for the small things as well as the big things, makes us who we are in these times. For that every day we open our eyes, it's an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God, to Breathe, Focus and Act to be more faithful in our journeys with one another, in building and shaping a kingdom of love and grace for all. In that letter, we ask you to think about what you are thankful for and share in your treasures. This year our Thanksgiving offering in addition to our regular offering will be split 50/50 with half going to our Shiloh Ministries, the other half will also be staying with Shiloh with our upcoming Shiloh Food Pantry. I know this can be a time where we can succumb to darkness with everything going on but remember that through Jesus we see and share the light of thankfulness in all we do and say. That is why I am proud of each of you. For that Let us give Thanks. So, from my family to yours, blessings and thankfulness to all of you, for your patience, love, and grace being shown to all, as we stop Breathe, Give Thanks, and Build God's ever-shaping kingdom for all.
 Happy Thanksgiving- 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.

Health Concerns

Barbara Richardson,
 Shirley Stevens, Jan
 Eichelberger, Martha
 Markert, Joyce
 McLaughlin, Alexis
 Brown.

Sympathy

Linda Peterson, Evelyne Holmes,
 Gary Van Tine, Janet Comer.

Long-term Concerns

Dorothy Arold, Janet Haynes, Jeanne Hazel, Vicki Holmes,
 Linda Homan, Nellie & Laymon Hoskins, Karen Kanaga,
 Betty Kosicki, Mary Kreill, Shirley Lee, Mike Mastrosimone,
 Bonnie McCarthy, Ginnie McMillen, Jewel Phelps, Melanie
 & Paul Salata, Pat Sheaffer, Lori Stevenson, Lowella
 Stoerker, Janey Townsley, Mary & Dick Van Tine

NOVEMBER ACTIONEER



This month of November our actioneer is none other than Patty Farinet. When all the world got turned upside down back in March, this began my feelings on how we might be able to do things going forward. As we marched through the summer, we found some things we could do and others not. When we approached September I went to Patty and said, can we do the bake shop this year? Her response was sure let me have a few days. We met some time later and what proceeded was Patty's passion not just for the church but for baking. She came with a condensed list of items that are usually our biggest sellers, she figured out how much ingredients we needed to make this be, and even created an order form that we could send out so we can make these yummy pies and cookies during this holiday season. She then lined up folks who would come and work diligently on Saturday's to make this be. Each year I am amazed at the dedication of so

many to make our Bake Shoppe a reality, but it needs someone at the front driving the train. Shiloh is blessed to have Patty Farinet driving us to come up with ideas that even in Covid, work for the members as well as the community to feel a sense of normalcy. And I want to make it known that this is tireless work on her part, but she does this with a smile and joy that exemplifies the true meaning of an actioneer. Thank you, Patty, for your hard work, your vision, and your drive into all that you do. And on behalf of Shiloh thanks, For Living the Word, by Serving the World. You are an asset to the mission and ministry of Shiloh Church and beyond. And yes, there will be Pies!!!!

Blessings
Pastor Jay

Hanging of the Greens

It is time again for "Hanging of the Greens", a bit of normalcy in this Covid year! We will gather on November 23 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Use the office entrance and wear your masks. We will social distance as much as possible. Some prep work will be done before volunteers arrive. All are welcome. Thanks in advance! Questions? Call Connie Neef 937-837-6149

Update from the House of Bread

We are working every day to ensure the safety of our guests during covid. With the help of Public Health, we've offered flu shots and covid tests using our conference rooms. We sanitize high touch areas several times a day and clean thoroughly. We've handed out over 2,000 face masks and personal hygiene items to help our guests.

We continue not using volunteers in our kitchen and dining room but do serve our guests carryout meals daily. We will re-evaluate how to safely utilize volunteer help in early 2021.

**SHILOH BAKE SHOPPE ORDER FORM – SHILOH CHURCH 937-277-8953
OR EMAIL YOUR ORDER TO: SHILOHBAKESHOPPE@GMAIL.COM
DEADLINE NOVEMBER 7, 2020**

CUSTOMER NAME			
PHONE NUMBER			
* EMAIL*			
ITEMS	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
PIES – FROZEN UNBAKED			
APPLE LARGE 9"	\$7.00		
APPLE SMALL	\$3.00		
CHERRY LARGE 9"	\$8.00		
CHERRY SMALL	\$3.00		
PUMPKIN LARGE 9"	\$7.00		
PUMPKIN SMALL	\$3.00		
TRIPLE BERRY CHERRY LARGE 9"	\$9.00		
TRIPLE BERRY CHERRY SMALL	\$3.00		
PIES – FROZEN THAW AND SERVE			
FRENCH SILK LARGE 9"	\$10.00		
FRENCH SILK SMALL	\$5.00		
PEANUT BUTTER LARGE 9"	\$8.00		
PEANUT BUTTER SMALL	\$3.00		
PECAN LARGE 9"	\$10.00		
PECAN SMALL	\$3.00		
YEAST ROLLS – 12 CT.			
CRESCENT ROLLS	\$3.00		
COOKIES – 12 CT.			
ICEBOX	\$4.00		
MOLASSES	\$4.00		
QUICHE – 9"			
SAUSAGE & CHEDDAR	\$9.00		
BROCCOLI, ONION, GREEN PEPPER & CHEDDAR	\$9.00		
BROCCOLI, ONION, & CHEDDAR	\$9.00		
CANDY			
BUCKEYES - 10 PCS	\$3.00		
PEANUT BRITTLE – 1 LB.	\$6.00		
JAMS, JELLIES, RELISH – UNTILL SUPPLIES RUN OUT			
BLUEBERRY JAM 8 OZ	\$4.00		
CHERRY JELLY 8 OZ	\$4.00		
CHERRY JELLY 4 OZ	\$2.00		
STRAWBERRY JAM 8 OZ	\$4.00		
TRIPLE BERRY JAM 8 OZ	\$4.00		
SWEET PICKLE RELISH 8 OZ	\$4.00		
SWEET PICKLE RELISH 12 OZ	\$6.00		
Delivery Available at cost			
	\$		
GRAND ORDER TOTAL			
<p align="center">To ensure safety, you will be able to pickup your order at the Garden Entrance at Shiloh Church on Friday Nov. 20 3pm-6pm or Saturday Nov. 21 10am-2pm. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!</p>			

The following listing of memorial contributions shows those being honored as well as those who have made gifts that were received prior to October 21, 2020:

Ministries (Undesignated)

In Memory of Dale Engel

Joe & Kim Tharp

In Memory of Zelta Fogt

Al & Eileen Michael

In Memory of Linda Peterson

Mary Lou Stevenson

Kimbal & Julie Ragan

Hank Vaughan

Mary Helen Anderson

Music Fund

In Memory of Linda Peterson

Keith & Maureen Aukerman

Melinda Hofstetter

Tami & Lin Rhoads

In Memory of Evelyn Holmes

Melinda Hofsetter

Flower Fund

In Memory of Evelyn Holmes

Tami & Lin Rhoads

SHARE THANKSGIVING...

FILL A GROCERY BAG WITH MEALS FOR A DAY

Where will you be on Thanksgiving Day? For most of us the answer to this question is very different this year. Instead of enjoying a meal with family and friends, we may be separated in our own houses; however, most of us 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 25 and again on November 1, 8, and 15 we will be distributing grocery bags with an attached shopping list of non-perishable food 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 22. Items to purchased 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 "Thanksgiving Food Collection" on the memo line.

Last year we had 90 bags filled with our Thanksgiving Day donations plus several flats of canned goods. 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!

Shiloh Church - UCC
Summary of Income and Expenses for Ministries

For the period of January 1 through September 30, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Variance
MINISTRIES INCOME			
Covenants & Offerings	241,503.34	287,500.00	(45,996.66)
Seasonal Offerings	1,665.00	2,800.00	(1,135.00)
Use of Building (Including Weddings)	23,179.40	28,875.00	(5,695.60)
Misc (Lamp of Faith, Tapes, etc.)	70.00	787.50	(717.50)
Fair Income	13,926.05	12,000.00	1,926.05
Rebates	2,575.03	1,470.00	1,105.03
Interest Income	316.88	775.00	(458.12)
Coffee	-	75.00	(75.00)
Total Income	283,235.70	334,282.50	(51,046.80)
MINISTRIES EXPENSES			
Pastoral Expenses	69,618.34	70,445.41	(827.07)
Christian Education	47.84	915.00	(867.16)
Church Boards & Design			
Deacons	460.67	415.00	45.67
Stewardship	233.95	400.00	(166.05)
Growth & Marketing	1,317.00	1,820.00	(503.00)
Worship Board - Music Ministry	53,626.57	55,977.85	(2,351.28)
Worship Board - Media Ministry	3,996.16	7,599.78	(3,603.62)
Property Committee - Building	103,644.09	144,593.06	(40,948.97)
Administrative	53,738.41	58,955.50	(5,217.09)
Total Expenses	286,683.03	341,121.60	(54,438.57)
Income minus Expenses	\$ (3,447.33)	(6,839.10)	3,391.77

Where were we a year ago?

	<u>As of 9/30/19</u>	<u>As of 9/30/20</u>
Covenants and Seasonal Offerings	254,906.16	243,168.34
Other Income	44,253.97	40,067.36
Total income	299,160.13	283,235.70
Total expenses	318,480.93	286,683.03
Income minus Expenses	(19,320.80)	(3,447.33)

Other Transfers in

Endowment - Div., Int., Growth only	10,000.00	-
Memorials	5,190.00	4,700.00
Cares Act Fund (PPP) Loan	-	56,247.00
	<u>15,190.00</u>	<u>60,947.00</u>
Endowment - Baseline	1,176,953.01	1,178,575.60
Endowment - Actual Balance	1,098,403.40	1,158,015.89

WORSHIP WITH US!

November 1, 2020 All Saints Day

I John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12

Topic: "Remember the Blessings"

Theme: We remember all those before us.

November 8, 2020 Stewardship Sunday and 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

I Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

Topic: "Be God's Light"

Theme: In foolishness darkness can surround us.

November 15, 2020 24th Sunday after Pentecost

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14- 23

Topic: "Pay it Forward"

Theme: Investment in Kingdom starts with us.

November 22, 2020 Thanksgiving Sunday

II Corinthians 9: 6-15

Luke 17: 11-19

Topic: "Giving Thanks"

Theme: Being thankful with more than just words!

November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent

I Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

Topic: "Hope"

Theme: Stay alert for the coming of the gift.

★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
Jean Hodson 11/04
Doug Chapman 11/05
Sara Elish 11/06
Marilyn Jones 11/07
Barbara Richardson 11/08
Vicki Bradley 11/09
Carmen Oliver-Claus 11/10
Lindsay Kreill 11/11
Alison Roberts 11/11
Ruth Hussong 11/12
Bobbie Harbach 11/13
Norman Englert 11/15
Delber James 11/16
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
Betty Kosicki 11/25
Lisa Salata 11/26
Brennan Callahan 11/27
Barbara Pierson 11/27
Bob Binkley 11/29
William Dabbelt 11/29
Janice List 11/29