

The Connection

The Newsletter of Shiloh Church, UCC

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FROM THE



PASTOR

Well as we approach the month of September we continue to find ways to live in these Covid-19 times. Our everyday life has changed, and for many it has stopped, where we stay in the comforts of our home and only go out when we need to get food or needed supplies. I have heard these stories over the last few months. For many it feels like uncertain times and when will this end, will there be a normal again? I wish I had the answers! But this I know, one we are all in this together, also we will continue to find ways to stay connected and find safe ways for us to continue to be the church that we are called to be. There will be a normal at some time, what that looks like will take

great patience, and planning, so that when we get a handle on this into a new way of living the church can hit the ground running.

With that in mind, I want to share with you some upcoming ways that are exciting coming from Shiloh Church UCC to our community. There is now a date set for a condensed **Charity Golf Outing on September 20, 2020**. This event will take place in knowing that 50% of what's raised will go to support the Shiloh Food Pantry that will be forthcoming to the church by the end of the year. This is a change in focus for us as a church in ways that we can feed those families in this area that are in need. The other 50% raised will go to some of our mission partners who already have programs in place to serve families at Christmas time. There will be a small auction at the outing and we will attempt to put some auction items on our Facebook site so you the members can participate in this worthwhile event. You can also send in a check for sponsorship knowing there will be a 50/50 split to create this ministry. So far we have collected \$7000 as this article is written.

Another event coming is always a lot of fun but we will need help in making this happen. Our 2020 **Pumpkin Patch will be coming on October 11-31**. So in doing this event which is held outdoors we will ask those to breathe in fresh air and as customers arrive we would ask for people to be masked so we might sell

them some pumpkins during this time. It will give the community we serve to have a sense of community and normalcy during this time.

We are also looking at ways to do a condensed **Trunk of Treats, more information will come on this event.**

Bake Shop is something where we feel we can do for "There will be PIES". We have started to have conversations about ways that we can take orders off of a condensed order form, and then to be very diligent about filling these orders. More info will be coming as we get into the month of September. All the while we are staying with our recorded service through the end of the year, and will still be offering our one live worship on Sunday at 10:25 am. We are hoping that all of you are staying connected during these times and are getting engaged in the direction that we are taking the Good News of Jesus Christ into our communities from Shiloh Church outward. Your continued stewardship toward the church is appreciated in us together building a foundation for years to come in ways to provide hope, love and joy for those who need it the most.

Continued good health and prosperity to all of you as we "Live the Word, by Serving the World."

Blessings,

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

Rosalie Barnhill, Cheryl Beck, Steve Decamp, Scott Dellinger, Bob Rhoades, Adam Wirrig, Joyce Koenig, Tom Koenig, Sue Cox, Mary Jean Keeler.

Sympathy

John Parker, Peggy Reece

Long-term Concerns

Pat Sheaffer, Dorothy Arold, Mary Kreill, Ginnie McMillen, Betty Kosicki, Jewell Phelps, Doris Kallas, Lowella Stoerker, Janet Haynes, Dick & Mary Van Tine, Linda Peterson, Jeanne Hazel, Karen Kanaga, Nellie & Laymon Hoskins, Mike Mastro Simone, Melanie Salata, Vicki Holmes, Linda Homan, Shirley Lee, Bonnie McCarthy.

SEPTEMBER ACTIONEER



This month of September we want to recognize Hank Vaughn for being our Actioneer. Hank has been a teacher, who cares for the welfare of students for many years. And now he lends his time and passions to our school drive each year. At Shiloh, we raise funds in August for school supplies within our partnership with Valerie Schools, Hank has taken this to the next level. He begins couponing early so that every dollar raised we are being good stewards of those resources for the children. He then spends countless time checking prices from various stores to see how those dollars can be stretched. This year well over \$1000 was raised to get much needed supplies for Valerie. And I personally know that Hank spent so much time going through with conversations with the Valerie principal to make sure of the items needed. His passion is always to our youth, and we thank you Hank for Living the Word, by Serving the World.

Blessings,
Jay

2021 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 6th, we first need input from each of the standing committees and Ministry Teams. If your Ministry Team will need budgeted funds next year, planning must begin now.

Committee and Ministry Team budget requests must be to the Business Manager by Wednesday, October 7th, at 9:00 a.m.

The Finance Committee will present a summary of all budget requests to Council at their regular meeting on Sunday, October 18th. On Monday, October 19th, 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. I am usually in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:00 until 3:30.

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Business Manager
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CROP Walk

This year's CROP Walk will be a virtual one due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Our own Discovery Team has recorded songs to be used in a local CROP Walk video to inspire virtual participation. Churches will contribute funds usually raised by sponsoring walkers. Funds raised will continue to go to local, national and international hunger causes. Please contribute by donating online or by placing your gift marked CROP Walk in the offering. Contributions should be made no later than October 4. Thank you.

The following listing of memorial contributions shows those being honored as well as those who have made gifts that were received prior to August 26th, 2020:

Ministries (Undesignated)

In Memory of Dale Engel

Kim Reames
Turner & Donna Osborne
Mona Hobson

Music Fund

In Memory of Dale Engel

Thomas Holmes

Valerie School Fund

In Memory of Jean Sollenberger

Brian & Lisa Salata

In Memory of Jane Pingle

Brian & Lisa Salata

GOLF OUTING UPDATE

Please **contribute sponsorships and auction item donations to the Golf Outing** as you have in the past to help raise money for the new Shiloh Food Pantry and organizations that help families at Christmas. We will have a split silent auction. Some of the baskets will be silent auctioned at the time of the golf outing and some will be silent auctioned here at Shiloh. An outing has been planned for September 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Cassell Hills Golf Course. Please contact Pastor Jay for signups. In these challenging times, help us continue this important fundraiser so we can continue to help those in need.

PUMPKIN PATCH INFORMATION

Come one, come all! Get prepared for the **PUMPKIN PATCH** to open in October! This year it will be a big success—with your help! Get your muscles ready for the GRAND PUMPKIN UNLOADING on a Saturday or Sunday in October! We'll let you know the exact date soon! Bring a wheelbarrow if you have one, as well as mask and gloves. We'll provide some if needed—also other directions to keep you distancing and healthy.

We also need volunteers for the GRAND PUMPKIN SELLING each October day from noon until 6 P.M. in 2-hour shifts as before. Just sign up for a shift(s) with your favorite friend.

Volunteer to have fun raising money for Shiloh and the Navajos of New Mexico! During September you may email your signup (nnerny@woh.rr.com) or tell Nancy Nerny in person immediately before or after Sunday Services at the chart in the Narthex. Let's SHOW UP for our native American neighbors!

Music Ministries Information

What a strange time this is! I have not seen some of you since March, but I hope everyone is staying healthy. It was a strange summer without Summer Choir. Thanks to everyone who stepped up and provided special music online and during live worship.

Due to the virus, it is necessary to make some changes until the threat is gone. We will not be able to have **Sanctuary Choir** or **Ensemble**. Due to the number of singers, we cannot socially distance from each other or the congregation. We will restart these groups as soon as it is safe to do so.

Voices in Bronze have agreed to come back, in masks, with a more widely spaced setup. The first rehearsal for this group will be September 8. We will ring for Communion on October 5.

The **Discovery Team** will restart rehearsals on September 9. We are not bringing back the 7:00 service right now. The group is going provide special music at some 10:25 services and prepare for a Christmas program.

Thursday nights will be quartet rehearsal night. **Women of Note** is going to rehearse from 7:00 – 7:45. **Fellowship 4** will rehearse from 7:45 – 8:30. Rehearsals will begin Sept. 10 We are still looking for solos or small ensembles to fill out the worship services. Let Mark or Victor know if you are interested.

A detailed schedule will follow as soon as we can juggle everyone's personal schedules. The Christmas Musical will be December 13th.

Sincerely,
Mark and Victor

One Great Hour of Sharing

Beginning Sunday, August 16, and through the end of September, we will receive our One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which supports the mission work of our own United Church of Christ Division of Wider Church Ministries and our interfaith partner, Church World Service. Through their efforts, we are there and ready to assist wherever and whenever disaster strikes in the United States and abroad and to provide long-term, sustained development assistance, refugee resettlement, and social services.

In the year since we last received this offering, millions of people in many parts of the world have needed our support. Natural disasters have disrupted communities, displacing people from their homes and livelihoods. Lack of access to health care and the poor treatment of women have caused people to be on the move. Chronic hunger has forced the migration of families for the sake of survival. Aid to those in refugee camps has become vital.

In addition to aiding refugees, a significant portion of our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing provides emergency relief to victims of earthquakes, hurricanes, droughts, epidemics and the Covid 19 pandemic. Our aid shipments do not have to await this annual offering, however, because we have built up a reservoir of resources from past giving. Our assistance does not cease when the emergency is over, either. Our gifts keep working and helping people rebuild long after natural disasters or conflicts are forgotten by much of the world.

Another part of our gifts to this offering helps impoverished communities to develop new sources of food and water and to improve their standards of health and literacy. Still other gifts provide modest loans to poor people seeking to start small businesses, help resettle refugees from famines and wars, and support ministries with homeless children in the inner cities of the world.

Altogether, our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, combined with those of other North American Christians, reach needy persons in over one hundred countries. Impressive as that seems, the need still far surpasses our ability to meet it. Please give prayerful consideration to increasing your One Great Hour of Sharing gift this year. Whatever the amount of your offering, your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Every dollar is a gift to someone in need.

Missions and Social Concerns Committee

Food Pantry taking shape

For fans and observers of Irish culture and sayings, there are plenty of proverbs related to food:

There are the straight-forward: "All living things must be fed." "You must take the little potato with the big potato." "A stew boiled is a stew spoiled."

Or the famously humorous: "Hunger is a great sauce. If you're hungry, everything tastes good." "Never bolt your door with a boiled carrot." "If you have to swallow a frog, try not to think about it. If you have to swallow two frogs, don't swallow the smaller one first."

And the serious: "Wide is the door of the little cottage." "The smaller the cabin the wider the door." "A cabin with plenty of food is better than a hungry castle."

Many families in the Shiloh neighborhood have become used to missing meals because of uncontrollable disasters. Last May it was tornadoes. In November, the area's nearest grocery closed abruptly. And the 2020 new year has seen poverty become wide-spread via the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shiloh Church is answering the Christian call to feed the hungry. The north end of the church will become a cabin where nutritious food will be stored to be boxed up for distribution to families living in ZIP code 45415. Plans are to open by the end of October.

We'll be an agent of Dayton's Food Bank Inc. to purchase food to meet Dept. of Agriculture standards for low-income families. Shiloh's congregation will be asked to volunteer to pack boxes for a week's worth of nourishing food that we'll pass out one Saturday a month. If you'd rather not contribute that talent — hoisting boxes maybe once or twice a year — you might choose to donate \$20 or \$30 to buy a family's monthly allotment.

This is a new program, not a replacement for any of the missions Shiloh supports or helps fund. We'll operate the Pumpkin Patch for the Halloween season, then we'll open the food pantry as a cabin — not a castle — that opens its doors to feed the hungry.

Shiloh Church - UCC
Summary of Income and Expenses for Ministries

For the period of January 1 through July 31, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Variance
MINISTRIES INCOME			
Covenants & Offerings	190,023.50	225,750.00	(35,726.50)
Seasonal Offerings	1,665.00	2,800.00	(1,135.00)
Use of Building (Including Weddings)	16,222.09	21,200.00	(4,977.91)
Misc (Lamp of Faith, Tapes, etc.)	-	612.50	(612.50)
Fair Income	13,926.05	12,000.00	1,926.05
Rebates	2,102.61	1,115.00	987.61
Interest Income	315.48	625.00	(309.52)
Coffee	-	58.00	(58.00)
Total Income	224,254.73	264,160.50	(39,905.77)
MINISTRIES EXPENSES			
Pastoral Expenses	54,190.40	54,812.22	(621.82)
Christian Education	47.84	675.00	(627.16)
Church Boards & Design			
Deacons	151.67	165.00	(13.33)
Stewardship	156.72	300.00	(143.28)
Growth & Marketing	1,317.00	1,365.00	(48.00)
Worship Board - Music Ministry	41,784.76	43,962.08	(2,177.32)
Worship Board - Media Ministry	2,320.00	5,538.72	(3,218.72)
Property Committee - Building	83,410.49	112,223.63	(28,813.14)
Administrative	42,774.81	45,498.84	(2,724.03)
Total Expenses	226,153.69	264,540.49	(38,386.80)
Income minus Expenses	\$ (1,898.96)	(379.99)	(1,518.97)

Where were we a year ago?

	<u>As of 7/31/19</u>	<u>As of 7/31/20</u>
Covenants and Seasonal Offerings	213,396.81	191,688.50
Other Income	35,486.51	32,566.23
Total income	248,883.32	224,254.73
Total expenses	242,729.23	226,153.69
Income minus Expenses	6,154.09	(1,898.96)

Other Transfers in

Endowment - Div., Int., Growth only	10,000.00	-
Memorials	4,790.00	4,490.00
Cares Act Fund (PPP) Loan	-	56,247.00
	14,790.00	60,737.00
Endowment - Baseline	1,176,953.01	1,178,575.60
Endowment - Actual Balance	1,107,755.40	1,068,266.42

WORSHIP WITH US!

September 6, 2020 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

Topic: "Treated"

Theme: How we treat others fulfills love.

September 13, 2020 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 14: 1-10a

Matthew 18: 21-35

Topic: "From the Heart"

Theme: Forgiveness comes from the heart to all.

September 20, 2020 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 1: 21-27

Matthew 20: 1-16

Topic: "Hard Work"

Theme: The last will be first, and the first will be last.

September 27, 2020 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 2: 1-11

Matthew 21: 23-32

Topic: "Authority"

Theme: Does authority get in the way of kingdom.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Patricia Hines 09/02
Sharon Earls 09/04
Brian Salata 09/04
Ann LaBreck 09/05
Debi Koch 09/06
Kim Brough 09/07
Blake Roberts 09/07
Anthony Brough 09/08
Lawrence Bergman 09/09
Stephanie Brumbaugh 09/09
William Homan 09/09
Nancy Nerny 09/09
Wayne Bowser 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
Frederick Richardson 09/16
Norma (Jean) Fox 09/22
Sandra Mastro Simone 09/23
Makenzie McMillen 09/23
Kenny Moore 09/23
Ann O'Hara 09/23
Dina Barnhart 09/26
Carl Hoff 09/28
Charlotte Wolcott 09/29