

# SHILOH MESSENGER

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**January – March 2017**



*From the desk of Pastor Ken*

Dear Shiloh Members and Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. We feel very blessed to have such a warm and caring congregation and we look forward to ministering to you in 2017.

We hope you had a very blessed Christmas.

*In God's Love,*

*Pastor Ken, Nancy & Sarah*

It's that time of year when we make New Year's resolutions. You may have committed yourself to lose some of those extra pounds or exercise on a regular basis. People tend to make New Year's resolutions to improve their physical, mental, or emotional health. While this is all well and good, I encourage you to exam your spiritual health too. We are living in an age where we can no longer expect to have our faith supported by our schools, government, or the media. Unless our children and grandchildren are taught to pray and read the Bible, through regular Sunday school, worship attendance, and the example of family members, there is no reason to assume they will grow up to be men and women of the Christian faith.

Often the neglect of our spiritual health goes unnoticed. Therefore, I challenge you to examine your spiritual health as you make your New Year's resolutions.

I have enclosed a Spiritual Gifts and Talents Inventory for 2017 in this newsletter. The inventory will serve as a way to help you discover your spiritual gifts. If you are a member of Shiloh you took vows before the church altar to support the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, services, and witness. I am therefore asking that ALL church members fill out the 2017 Spiritual Gift inventory and return it to the spiritual gift box located in the back of the sanctuary or return to the church by mail.

I hope you will take this 2017 Spiritual Gift and Talents seriously. Your spiritual health as well as the future of Shiloh depends upon it. Instead of making the same old resolutions that are made each year and broken by Groundhog Day, this time make a promise to yourself, God, and Shiloh that will really mean something.

May God bless you in 2017! Happy New Year!!

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Ken*

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### **Shiloh Vision Statement:**

Having experienced firsthand the redeeming love of God, Shiloh United Methodist Church feels compelled to share that love with others by making disciples of Jesus Christ through growth, outreach and ministry to our community and world.

**Cancellation Policy:** In case of inclement weather, church cancellations will be put on local radio stations: WJEJ 1040 am, WCRH 90.5 fm, WHAG 1410 am. If snow emergency plan is in effect all church activities are “cancelled.”

### **Reminder:**

If you have a prayer concern and wish it to appear in the Sunday traditional service bulletin, please fill out a slip with information and put into the offering plate or give it to Pastor Ken.

### **Sunday Worship:**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary and Praise Service

### **What is our “Sunday School”?**

Sunday School is about discipleship, fellowship, and growing and learning about Christ.

The purpose of Sunday School is very simply put – to teach the Bible. It is separate from our worship service because in the service the pastor preaches. Although preaching often includes teaching, the word “school” is used to imply teaching and learning.

Sunday school is not limited to certain age groups but is open to all ages.

During the December Board meeting, a discussion regarding the time given to our Sunday School period is not enough time. Teachers have prepared lessons and classes do not have sufficient time.

Many of us have fond memories of our Sunday school days and we do not want to deny the children of the church this important time of biblical teachings. Sunday school has been an important part of our church and we do not want it to “slowly slip” away.

As the new year begins, let each one of us make a resolution that we are going to be more attentive to the times that have been set for our worship services, fellowship time and Sunday School.

It was decided at the meeting that Rhonda, our assist. superintendant, will announce the beginning at 10:15 am and will close at 11:00 am. Therefore, allowing the Praise service to begin at 11:15 am.

### **Installation of 2017 Officers – Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 worship service.**

Pick up a complete roster of 2017 officers on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the business of the church, these are the people to contact.

### **Exercise Class**

Now is the time to keep that promise to yourself to get healthier this year.

Classes will begin Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Come join Bunny Parks, instructor.

You'll be glad you did!

### **Administrative Council Meetings**

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm.

### **Happy Hearts Luncheon**

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Family Diner

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30 am Family Diner

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 12:00 noon Social Hall

### **Pancake Breakfast**

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Cost by donation**

#### **Benefit Youth Group Rock Trip**

Thank you everyone who has helped us out with so many fundraisers! Our youth enjoy going to ROCK every year and these fundraisers help us so we can go and worship our God each year. For anyone isn't sure what ROCK is here is my view on ROCK and why it is important for our youth.

Thanks again for your help and keeping watching for more things to come!

What is ROCK? When listening to people on the ROCK Team talk, ROCK itself R.O.C.K really stands for nothing but the word ROCK means the foundation of Christ! ROCK means so much more to many. To me ROCK is the foundation of

Christ, but it is also a foundation that brings so many young people together in one place to praise and worship the God we love! Going and watching the youth get excited and jump and dance and praise God and learn to love and trust Him. Watching them take God into their lives is one of the greatest moments ever! ROCK is a place that our youth can feel free to have fun while talking and worshipping God, when they can't always do this anymore. ROCK is a place that they learn about life and all the things in life to tempt you away from Christ. They learn how to keep God in your life and follow your heart. They learn not to give into those temptations! ROCK is so much more than just a trip to the ocean it is a time to build together with your church friends, meet new people, learn about God, just let yourself feel free to Praise and Worship God! To some it may look crazy but jumping around dancing and singing Gods praises. Listening to all the motivational speakers is what pulls you in and helps you learn God is there. Christ is the ROCK of your Heart!

#### **Thank You, Shiloh**

The Food Bank at St. Mark's Church sends a Big thank you to everyone for the many donations they received during the past year. Shiloh has been donating 15-17 bags of food each month since Nancy's challenge. (Thank you Nancy!) St Mark's volunteers say that the Food Bank has been in operation for over 40 years and that they are serving between 850-900 people every month, so all donations are greatly appreciated and will continue to help many people in the coming year.

Thank you so much and have a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

If you do not have time to shop for groceries or simply have forgotten, a check for the Food Bank can be submitted and in turn, this monetary amount is sent to St. Mark's.

### **In The Spirit of Giving**

**Thanks to everyone that extended their Christmas giving to the following projects:**

Operation Christmas Child  
Board of Child Care  
Individual Sunday School class gifts to families  
Mitten Tree  
Holly Place  
Salvation Army  
Shut-Ins

Also a *special thanks* to those who went caroling to give a smile and song to those who are not able to get to church for our Christmas services.

### **Welcome into our Church Family**

Melissa Corsi-Miller  
3 Madison Ave Apt 1  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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### **Hot Wheels**

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

The Hot Wheels event will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Sunday School social hall.

Bring your special cars and join us for an afternoon of fun.

Contact Jay Doyle for further information.

### **Observing Presidents' Day**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>**

We have been blessed in America  
By our God's almighty hand.  
We should be ever thankful  
For the freedom in our land.

Passed to us is a great heritage  
From past leaders in our nation.  
Many prayed, seeking God's guidance  
Through wars and much tribulation.

We've had some great presidents,  
Who have led in an honorable way.  
We give them tribute and honor  
On their own very special day.

We celebrated Washington's birthday  
In the past throughout our land.  
Some states honored Lincoln too.  
For the Union, he took a stand.

In the nineteen-eighties we changed  
We now call it Presidents' Day.  
In February, the third Monday  
Honor to our presidents, we pay

What can we do to truly observe  
This special Presidents' Day?  
Thank God for blessing our nation  
And for the President, we can pray.

### **Sunday School Anniversary Day**

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Begins**

## **Our College Students**

Sarah Fizer  
Box 734  
WVWC  
59 College Ave  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Brooke Parks  
WVU  
c/o 13003 Clopper Rd  
Hagerstown, MD 21742

**Shiloh's Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Following Ash Wednesday to the week before Holy Thursday we will gather with our fellow United Methodist churches to observe Lent through worship. In-town United Methodist Church services will begin on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The schedule of churches will be printed in the bulletin. Shiloh will host the last service on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Shiloh's Holy Week**

### **Upcoming Services:**

April 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Palm Sunday Service  
April 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Communion  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Easter Cantata

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

More details at a later date

## **Our Shut –Ins**

**Remember these members with prayers, cards, phone calls and other acts of kindness.**

Charles & Lois Patton  
216 Sunbrook Lane  
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Iris Stickell  
Ravenwood Lutheran Village  
1183 Lutheran Dr  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Betty Pryor  
10304 Whitehall Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Mary Appel  
Williamsport Nursing Home  
154 North Artizan Street  
Williamsport, MD 21795

Margie Dentler  
540 Chestnut St  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

***Our thought and prayers go out to all our church family who are not able to attend weekly services. You are missed and certainly not forgotten.***

## **Recovering at Home:**

It was such a blessing and surprise to see Donna attend several church services with us during December. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she continues to recover.

Donna Gaylor  
c/o Deanna Whitehead  
28 Foxboro Drive  
Rising Sun, MD 21911

## **Are You Prepared?**

Winter is here!! We should be prepared for an emergency such as a snowstorm resulting in power outages or just “being snowed in” for several days.

Now is the time to assemble that emergency kit.

Be prepared for at least 3 days:

Non perishable food – easy to prepare foods, canned soups & vegetables, powdered milk

Manual can opener.

Water

Snacks

First Aid Kit

Blankets

Whistle

Medical supplies

Flashlight – extra batteries

Battery operated radio

Cell phone fully charged to dial 911

Needless to say – Bread, Milk and Toilet Paper☺

## **Car preparedness**

If flat tire or severe weather forces you off the road:

(Keep in back seat)

Blankets

Hat, Scarf, gloves

Granola Bars or Energy Bars

Nuts

Snack Crackers

Whistle – to signal help

Old cell phone fully charged powered off to dial 911

Flashlight w/ extra batteries

Ice Scraper

Hand Warmers

First Aid Kit

Bottled water – take a few ounces out in case of freezing

Jumper cables

Shovel

## **Happy Birthday!**

### **January**

3 – Alan Bulley

6 – Bambi Baker

6 – Ralph Shank

10 – Allison Warner

10 – Nevin Frey

11 – Jordyn Feigley

12 – Phyrne Higman

14 – Richard Kuhn

15 – Karen Griffin

17 – Lauren Noble

17 – Rhonda Kline

17 – Ronald Kline

18 – Artie Barnhart

21 – Tony Miller

23 – Ann Brown

23 – Doug Bruchey

27 – Jessica Dorsey

### **February**

1 – Austin Zimmerman

4 – Abigail Welling

5 – Helen Rice

8 – Gabrielle Ekmark

12 – Nevalene Uzelac

13 – Jeremy Frey

14 – Curtis Uzelac

14 – Justin Frey

17 – Bonnie Brown

17 – Hunter White

20 – Harold Higman

22 – Max Baker

24 – Robin Ellinwood

24 – Shelby Koontz

25 – Aiden Ekmark

28 – Brooke Parks

28 – Rhonda Uzelac

## **Happy Birthday!**

### **March**

- 1 – Brian Myers
- 3 – Iris Stickell
- 9 – Jackie Norris
- 9 – Joyce Welling
- 11 – Kaitlin Dorsey
- 11 – Kylie Dorsey
- 14 – Franklin Doyle
- 16 – Ruth Smith
- 16 – Sherry Shoemaker
- 20 – Angie Koontz
- 20 – Gavin Ekmark
- 20 – Harry Frey Jr.
- 25 – Alivia Koontz
- 26 – Johanna Bulley
- 26 – Makenzie Kuhn
- 27 – Lillian Doyle
- 30 – Gin Stenger

## **Anniversaries**

### **January**

- 11 – Paul & Beverly Kifer
- 17 – Nevin & Clara Frey
- 23 – Bill & Monica Bowen

### **February**

- 3 – Richard & Danielle Kuhn
- 12 – Richard & Kendra Showe
- 25 – Tony & Susan Miller

### **March**

- 13 – Walter & Joyce Welling
- 15 – David & Jenny Belliotti
- 16 – Robert & Ruth Smith
- 19 – Jay & Debbie Doyle
- 19 – Donald & Pamela Mease
- 22 – Ralph & Terrie Shank
- 24 – Gerald & Ginger Frey

## **March**

- 29 – Joe & Debbie Frey
- 31 – Dean & Gin Stenger

## **A New Year**

As we say “goodbye” to an old year and say “hello” to a new,  
Here’s a list of resolution all of us can do  
Let’s give up all our envy, jealousy and greed  
Instead, let’s give a helping hand to all of those in need.

Let’s give up all our selfishness, our anger, hate and pride.

Let’s give up all those negative thoughts and try to look on the brighter side.

Let’s give all we meet, a genuine smile and let’s not criticize.

And when we’re faced with others’ grief let us truly sympathize.

Give up some time to meditate and reflect upon God’s Word.

Make time each day to say a prayer, and really “Praise the Lord.”

For it is He, who gives to us this year of  
Two thousand seventeen

And though we live, here, on this earth

Let’s turn our thoughts toward heaven’s scene.

*Helen Rice*

## **A Little Laughter** 😊

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and placed it on the apple tray. “Take only ONE. God is watching.”  
Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies. “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”