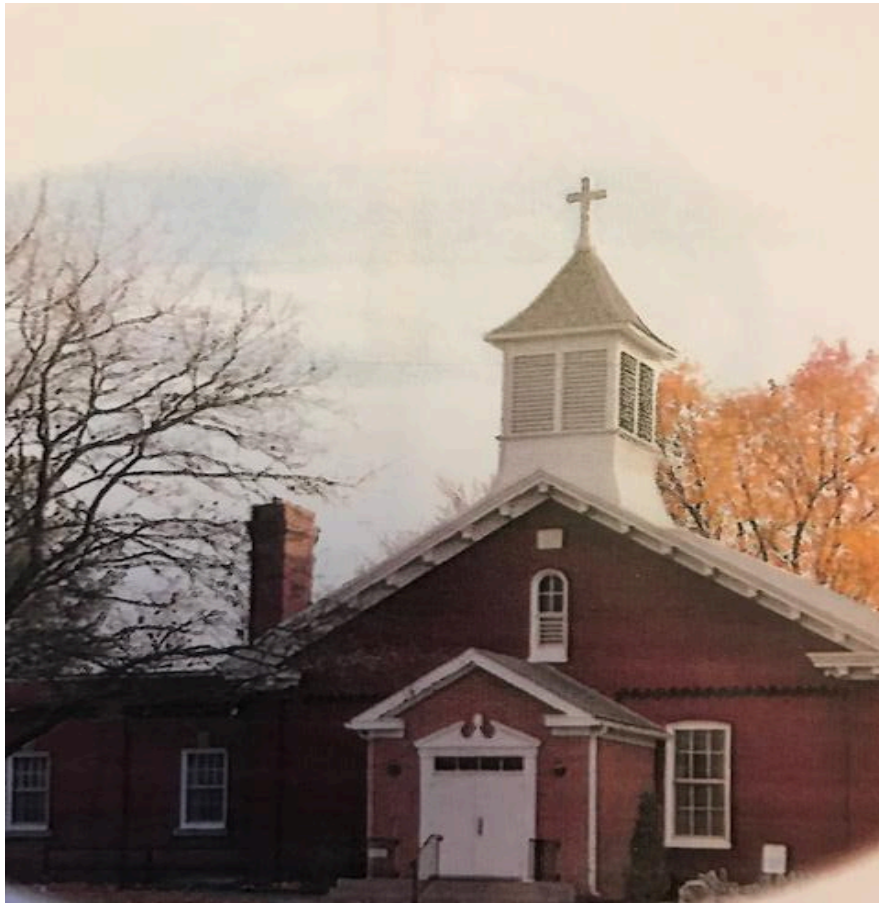


Shiloh Messenger

The Little Country Church With A Big Heart



January – February – March

2025



A couple of years ago, a dear friend introduced me to a series of mystery novels written by Louise Penny. Throughout the books, beginning with Still Life, Penny weaves the current mystery story together with the lives of characters in the fictional Canadian town of Three Pines and Chief Inspector Gamache who is assigned to investigate the latest crime. Throughout these books, not only is there is a stark contrast between light and darkness, but there is also an overarching theme of atonement and forgiveness. In fact, Inspector Gamache strives to live his life remembering four sentences: "I'm sorry. I was wrong. I need help. I don't know."

In a few short weeks, our church calendar will move us from the Sundays after the Epiphany into the season of Lent – a time in our church year where we focus on preparing ourselves for Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As part of our preparation, some of us like to "give up" something, such as coffee, sweets, or chocolate for 40 days as a form of penitence or self-denial. While there is nothing wrong with doing this, this year you might instead want to consider using Inspector Gamache's four sentences as your Lenten discipline. Saying "I'm sorry" and meaning it is the repentance that Christ wants from us. Saying "I was wrong" opens the door for forgiveness. Saying "I need help" shows we are willing to admit that we are not the ones in control – that we are willing to turn our lives over to God. And, by saying "I don't know," we offer humility, which allows God to work through us.

May we all have a meaningful start to the Lenten season.

Blessings,
Rani

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Sunday School 9:30 am-10:00 am

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Holy Communion:

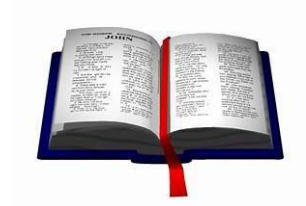
Sunday, February 2, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Please remember to submit all announcements and prayer requests in writing to the Church Office or you may email them to:
doylefamily51907@gmail.com by Thursday to ensure they make it in the Sunday bulletin.

If you have an immediate prayer request please contact Dianne Keller to begin the Shiloh Prayer Chain.

Cancellation Policy: Inclement Weather, church cancellations. “One Call” by phone. Tammy Frey will call and leave message. . A mass email will also be sent out and also notification by Facebook. If you do not receive notification by either methods please let us know.



If you would like to volunteer to read scriptures during the worship service, please sign the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Share your musical talent with the congregation during the Sunday morning worship service.



Administrative Council Meetings

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Thank You, Shiloh

The Food Bank at St Mark's Lutheran Church wishes to acknowledge and thank you for your generous gifts we received this past year. Your generosity and compassion is

a blessing to our community that will make a difference in the lives of those in need. We feed an average of 400 families a month and your donation makes it possible to continue these services despite the economic distress of those who serve. Frankly, we could not do what we do without donors such as you.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" Hebrews 13:16



The Spirit of Giving

Thanks to everyone who extended their Christmas giving to the following projects:

*Operation Christmas Child
Everstand (Board of Child Care)
Adult Sunday School class – REACH
Shiloh Tea Ministry – Cookies and
Christmas Bags
Poinsettias for Shut-Ins*

Our Mitten Tree was laden with hats, scarves and gloves. Thanks to those who shopped and to Arjean who sat for many hours crocheting.

We are so pleased to imagine the children who were in need for these winter items are now protected from the winter cold.



Journey of our Shoeboxes.

Children of Botswana and Tangania, located in East Africa, were blessed with the shoeboxes sent by Shiloh. Thanks to everyone who filled a box.

"Thank You" to those who donated items for Holly Place. We received many useful items for the residents. The spirit of giving always shines at Shiloh. Dianne



Luncheons

*Friends we are. Friends we'll be
Friends forever You and me*

Thursday, February 13th

Main Street Diner, Waynesboro, PA
12:00 Noon

Thursday, March 13th

Church Social Hall
12:00 Noon

Join us for lunch and conversation



Ladie's Tea Ministry

Friday, February 21st 1:00 pm

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Individual packets of Cookies

Individual bags of Chips

This is an ongoing project for Shiloh.

These packs are given to school children over the weekends that do not have enough to eat.



The following items needed:

Easy MacCups or packets

Cup of Soup

Ramen Noodles

Rice-A-Roni Cups

Oatmeal

Granola Bars

Individual packs of crackers

Individual packs of pretzels

Fruit Snacks

Pop Tarts

Rice Krispy Treats

Pudding Cups

Jello Cups

Cheese Crackers

Microwave Popcorn

Individual packs of Goldfish

Hot Chocolate Packets

Youth Events



Saturday, February 15th 7 – 11 am

Benefit: Shiloh Youth Group

Cost by Donation

Pancakes, Sausage, Sausage Gravy, Puddin,
Fruit, Coffee, Juice and Milk

Pre-Order Sausage Gravy \$7.00 quart

Contact Rhonda 301-992-7254 –

rhlouz228@aol.com



Soup-er Bowl Luncheon **Sunday, February 9th**

Join the Youth Following Worship Service

Variety of soups, sandwiches and desserts

Cash Donations Accepted
Take out meals will be available

Benefits the Youth Group
Questions? Contact Rhonda



Meal begins at 6:00 pm
Service begins at 7:00 pm

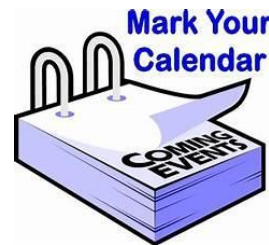
March 5th **Ash Wednesday**
Shiloh UMC Service: 7:00 pm

March 12th **Emmanuel UMC**
March 19th **Shiloh with**
 Washington Square
March 26th **Grace UMC**

April 2nd **John Wesley UMC**

April 9th **Otterbein UMC**

Lent is a time when Christians observe the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, study and worship as a commemoration of the forty day experience the Lord had in the wilderness. Lent is a season for us to reflect and remember the passion of Christ. No one can conceive the suffering and pain our Lord endured for the salvation of our lives. He was called to be God's Son "to be wounded for our transgressions, to be bruised for our iniquities." What a price Jesus paid for our sins! Through Christ, God made a covenant with us that everyone who believes in His son, Jesus, and confesses Him as Lord and Savior of their lives be given the gift of eternal life.



Pancake Breakfast

March 15th

Benefit: Building and Improvement Fund

Improvements to our Building in 2024:

1. Replaced damaged ceiling tiles in social hall, and painted damaged wall in the sanctuary.

Cost of \$2,600

Improvements:

2. Painted outside brick, door and windows.

Cost of \$15,000.

Projects paid from the Building and Improvement Fund.



Happy Birthday!

January

- 6 – Ralph Shank
- 10 – Allison Keller
- 18 – Artie Barnhart

February

- 1 – Austin Zimmerman
- 12 – Nevalene Uzelac
- 24 – Shelby Koontz
- 28 – Rhonda Uzelac

March

- 1 – Brian Myers
- 9 – Joyce Welling
- 20 – Angie Koontz
- 21 – Dave Roberts
- 25 – Alivia Koontz
- 27 – Lillian Doyle

30 – Gin Stenger



March

- 13 – Walter & Joyce Welling
- 15 – David & Jenny Belliotti
- 19 – Jay & Debbie Doyle
- 20 – Dave & Kathy Roberts
- 22 – Ralph & Terrie Shank
- 24 – Gerald & Ginger Frey
- 29 – Joe & Debbie Frey
- 31 – Dean & Gin Stenger

If you have a birthday or anniversary not listed, please email me gingerfrey1@yahoo.com



Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all our shut-ins and church family who are not able to join us for worship on Sundays.

Jeanne Reeser
Dean and Gin Stenger
Rev. Wilson Shearer
Helen Davis



March 9