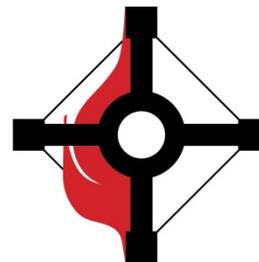


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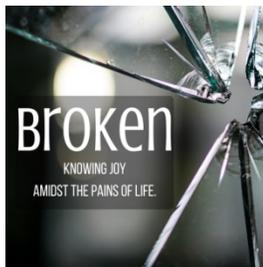
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WORSHIP IN APRIL – HOLY HUMOR and BROKEN SERIES

Holy Humor Sunday – April 8th

There is an ancient tradition in the church of celebrating the week after Easter with practical jokes being shared in the community. The idea is that Easter is the ultimate practical joke played on death, so we should celebrate life with fun. We invite you to come to worship on Holy Humor Sunday wearing bright colors and be ready for some fun.

Broken – In April and May we will be journey through a sermon series called *Broken*. This series will explore broken places in our world and we are going to seek how others have found hope amidst those challenges. We are not just seeking hope that brings ecstatic joy, but the tempered joy of knowing God. As C.S. Lewis phrases his explanation of Joy, “It was valuable only as a pointer to something other and outer. When we are lost in the woods the sight of a signpost is a great matter (*Surprised by Joy*).”



To help us make this series something you are a part of creating too, we would like to invite you to bring something you own that was broken and you have fixed or repurposed. We may use this in slides, video or for an altar decoration.

Broken Series - Sunday Schedule

April 15 – Infant Loss and Miscarriage
April 22 – Bullying and Lack of Civility
April 29 – Ageism – Am I worth something at any age?
May 6 – Terminal/Long-term Illness and Grief
May 13 – Suicide/Mental Illness (Youth will present.)

May 20 – Childhood Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experience Study
May 27 – Politics and the Cultural Divide

Small Group Prayer and Study April 17 – May 22

Pastor Tyler will be leading a small group study on a book to accompany the Broken sermon series. The group will practice prayer, share in conversation, and end with a love feast each time. There will be two times offered for this group

each Tuesday from April 17 – May 22, at both 12pm and 5:30pm. The book we will be using to accompany us is *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. This book tackles deeply the topics of faith couched in the question “Why do bad things happen?” Please contact



Pastor Tyler or the office to sign up for a group. If you would like a book ordered for you, sign up by April 11 Join anytime!
This course is available online, please contact Pastor Tyler.

MESSY EASTER

We “messed us” Lent, now it’s time to “mess up” Easter! Messy Easter starts at 5:15 pm on April 2 in the sanctuary. We will begin with a bible story, songs and activities. Then we will have a light meal and will end with Messy Church blessing. Should be fun!! Please come join us.

AGING WELL –

April 3 and 5



We are continuing our work with Aging Well to invite folks of all ages to learn from experts in our community about different aspects of aging. Did you know based on a recent World Health Organization study 65 and under is young adult, and 65-80 is middle aged? People are living longer lives, so come join us as we learn to do it well. We will always have our primary program the first Thursday at 11:30pm.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research

April 5 – 11:30am – Shiloh UMC – Fellowship Hall - For centuries, we've know that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

Dear Lord: We lift up these prayers to you. Prayers of healing for Lenore Kipp after her fall and give thanks for all the people who sent her prayers and good wishes. Prayers for family members and close friends who are ill and fighting cancer and other illnesses. Prayers for family members or friends battling mental illness. Prayers for Warren Frank and give thanks that he is back in church. Continued prayers for the Blackfeet Parish. Prayers for Bobbi Hawk and her family after the death of her mother, Marty Brininstool. Bobbi thanks everyone who helped the memorial service. Continued prayers for baby Hazel as she continues to grow and get stronger. Prayers for Michelle and her babies. Prayers of thanks from Dee Pedersen for the best doctor visit since her diagnosis two years ago. Prayers for Joni Oswald and her family after the death of her father. Prayers of congratulations to our new members, Brenda Longin and Jen Johnson and to their families for the special day. Prayers for the baptism of Jean Hansen. Prayers for safe travel for those going back to school after spring break and for all who will be traveling this Easter holiday. Thank you God for Spring Amen

Demystifying Dementia

April 3– 6pm – First UMC Billings – Downtown
Back by popular demand we will be co-hosting this program at First UMC downtown, dinner included. This training helps caregivers and others understand the effects of Dementia on people and allows you to experience it during a simulation. If you missed it before, we would encourage you to attend.

Shiloh Community Garden

April 19th – 6:30pm – We have a community garden and anyone can rent a plot for \$50. Please contact the office if you are interested. We will be holding a meeting for all people interested in the garden and especially if you can help with the main plot that we use to raise food for local food banks. Join us at the church for the meeting on April 19.

Camp Create

Saturday, April 14, 10-4pm

This one day workshop is an opportunity for adults to enjoy creativity in an environment of spirited exploration. No previous experience is required... just a curious mind, playful nature and eager soul. Class size is limited to 15, so sign up early.



- Creating Journals & Photo Quilts
- Stamp Carving & Printmaking
- Sculpture of All Types

This class is facilitated by Sue McNicol, Adult Ministry Coordinator at St. Paul's UMC in Helena, MT. "Exploring creativity is another way of experiencing God anew." Sue is passionate about teaching spirituality and the arts as contemplative practice for pilgrims of all ages. Class is free of charge and includes a light lunch. To register contact Shiloh UMC at 406-656-0050.

406 Youth United—Student Ministry

Our youth group for grades 6-12 is about helping connect youth to each other, their community and learn about this radical guy we know as Jesus. We meet most weeks on Sunday from 6-7:15pm at Shiloh UMC.



The month of April is a mix of fun and learning. Check out the schedule below:

- April 1- No MYF
- April 8 – 6pm - Creation Care Project: Preparing the Community Garden
- April 15 – 6pm - Church Night. Question: How can we show God’s love with people who are hard to love?
- April 20-22 – Middle School Retreat put on by the Yellowstone Conference. This is a two night overnight retreat for youth across the region. For grades 6-8. Register here: <https://yellowstone-reg.brtapp.com/JRHIGHRETREAT2018>
- April 22 - No MYF
- April 29 – 6pm - Rock Climbing at Steep World

Team Begins Whole Church Initiative

Exploring the challenges of 21st century church, a 10-member team made up of Evangelical, Shiloh and Grace United Methodist Churches, both members and pastors, will be participating in the Whole Church Initiative (WCI). The Whole Church Initiative will help us explore how we can share God’s love in our community in the coming years. This process is built on the idea that there are no easy fixes. Moving congregations to greater vitality will take dedicated and prayerful work from clergy and lay leadership working in partnership. The WCI process was developed by a pastor from here in Billings, Montana, Rev. Jeremy Scott. Pastor Jeremy serves as our Vital Congregations Developer for the Mountain Sky Area and is helping to plant new churches and re-inspire

existing churches to follow God’s call for their ministry.

The WCI is built to expose local church teams to a variety of information about church in the 21st century, its opportunities, and its challenges. In addition to information sharing, the process will guide congregations in identifying and executing ministry experiments that will help us better live into God’s calling for our church. Over the next few months you will be hearing more from our team through newsletters, Facebook, email, and more. We will be commissioning the team in worship in the month of April.

We invite you to hold our team in prayer. The Shiloh team members include Trudye King, Kelly Martinson, and Alyssa Munson. To learn more about WCI please visit our website: www.shilohbillings.church/WholeChurch

NEW MONTHLY/BI-MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE AT SHILOH UMC

A new series of meeting schedules starts this month for our life in ordering and administering our church. All people of the church are always welcome to Church Council and especially to our monthly devotion and study. **Church Council is April 12 at 6pm. The monthly leadership devotion is April 19 at 6pm and this month will be on Hospitality.**

Our entire church is invited from 6-6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for a spiritual and missional life devotion time. This will be a time of gathering, song, study, and exploring where God is leading us. Most nights will include a song, video and discussion all rooted in prayer to help us see where God is calling us to serve our community.

2nd Thursdays—Every month

- **5:30 pm**—Finance (Can meet as early as 5 if more work is needed.)
- **6:00 pm**—Church Council (formerly Ad Council)
- **7:00 pm**—Trustees
- **7:00 pm**—SPRC (Special meetings may be called if confidentiality is needed.)

3rd Thursdays—Odd Months (Pastor and Lay Leader available for 6:30 meetings, and attend where needed. Both lead 6 pm devotion that is open to entire church.)

- **6:00 pm**—Spiritual/Missional Life Devotion
- **6:30 pm**—Missions
- **6:30 pm**—Worship Design Team
- **6:30 pm**—Prayer Ministry

3rd Thursdays—Even Months (THIS MONTH)

- **6:00 pm**—Spiritual/Missional Life Devotion
- **6:30 pm**—Youth/Children Ministries (MEETING ON APRIL 24th at 5:30 at Shiloh)
- **6:30 pm**—Adult Discipleship/Outreach (This team will be formed to take functions of Social/Fellowship Committee and refocus on how we provide opportunities for adults to connect, deepen discipleship, and how to reach new adults in the community.)
- **6:30 pm**—Prayer Ministry (Meeting postponed until May, please join us for weekly prayer Tuesdays at 11:30)

(All committees and teams may have ad-hoc meetings and may not meet on these nights if there are no items to attend to.)

FAITH AND FILM A UNITED KINGDOM

5:30 pm—April 8—Fellowship Hall



“A UNITED KINGDOM is based on extraordinary true events. In 1947, Seretse Khama, the King of Botswana, met Ruth Williams, a London office

worker. They were a perfect match, yet their proposed marriage was challenged not only by their families but by the British and South African governments. The latter had recently introduced the policy of apartheid and found the notion of a biracial couple ruling a neighboring country intolerable. South Africa threatened the British: either thwart the couple or be denied access to South African uranium and gold and face the risk of South Africa invading Botswana.” *Rotten Tomatoes*. Bring a friend, a snack, or just yourself and as always, we’ll have a discussion after the movie. Run time: 111 minutes. Release date: 2017
Rating: NR

Freestore – Sharing Other’s Generosity Through Our Faith

After this brutal winter, spring is eagerly anticipated. At the Free Store we are anticipating changing the clothing selection in April from winter to summer attire. Due to our limited storage, we are asking that only summer clothing be donated at this time. Please be sure the items are clean, without stains or tears, and have workable zippers. Linens and kitchen items are always in high demand and short supply.

This mission would not be possible without the support of so many: the donors, the volunteers, the pastors, and the clerical staff at EUMC, who facilitate the collection of the donations. However, there are additional ways volunteers can further this ministry:

- vacuum the shopping and sorting rooms during the week before the Free Store is open (contact Peg Parker 690-6370 if interested)
- donate tall garbage bags for the shoppers to use
- donate the large black lawn bags for the sorters to use
- carry the donations left in the chapel area to the sorting room area upstairs
- assist with child care while the Free Store is open (contact Pastor Wendy Ochs if interested).

Truly, many hands are needed. THANK-YOU!

Many Helping Hands

Cindy King, Linda Stahley, Kelly Martinson, Judy and Buddy Kastrop, Don See, and Peg Parker spent a couple hours on a Saturday washing windows (in and outside) as well as oiling and vacuuming the chairs in the sanctuary, all in preparation for Holy Week. Thanks for your gifts of time and labor.

Generous Methodists

Thank-you to those who donated plastic eggs and candy for the Easter Egg Event held on March 31st. Over 1,000 eggs were filled with candy between the two church services on March 24th. Truly amazing!



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Ron & Marcia Wrye
- 6 Jerry & Liz Stanhope

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Thresa Goodman | 17 | Russell Jordan |
| 6 | Tiffany Madden | 18 | Susan Hathaway |
| 7 | Luanne McFarland | 23 | Mark Sullivan |
| 7 | Joan Starr | 26 | Alyssa Munson |
| 10 | Pat Andrews | 27 | Thelma Kratochvil |
| 10 | Lynn Ferkovich | 29 | Judy Frank |
| 12 | Mary Schaff | 30 | Sandi Rogina |
| 12 | Jon Ussin | 30 | Nikki Rogina |

VOLUNTEERS

KEEP SHILOH OPERATING

- Thank you to everyone who helps this church run smoothly every Sunday.
- Thank you to everyone who ushered and greeted people.
- Thank you to all the Prayer Leaders for the month: David King, Pat Montgomery, Buddy Kastrop and Becky Davis.
- Thank you to all who helped with the funeral reception for Marty Brininstool either by bringing food or helping in the kitchen.
- Thank you to everyone who helped clean the church and get it ready for Easter.
- Thank you to the Children's and Youth Ministry for organizing the Easter egg hunt. If you donated candy or plastic eggs or time, we thank you very much. With your help the Easter egg hunt was a huge success.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

SUNDAY

On April 15, we will celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday. When you give to Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ

A message from Nancy, Vern and Pat Klingman's daughter

We are planning a celebratory Memorial service for Pat Klingman on Saturday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Manito United Methodist Church, Spokane WA www.manitoumc.org If you want to attend, make your travel/housing plans soon. This is also the weekend of the big Bloomsday race that brings lots of people to Spokane. The race is on Sunday a.m. if you want to stay to watch it. For all of you who won't be here in person, there will be a video of the service that you can watch online. I will be happy to e-mail you a link. Also, if you have a story/memory you would like to share, please feel free to e-mail or send and I will include that in a book at the reception.

Thanks,
Nancy
[509-624-6285](tel:509-624-6285)

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Feb. 2018</u>	<u>YTD 2018*</u>
General Fund Income	\$12,028.58	\$39,289.99
General Fund Expenses	<u>\$17,986.67</u>	<u>\$34,966.01</u>
	-\$5,958.09	\$ 4,323.98
Missions Fund Income	\$586.55	\$2,359.54

A more detailed report is available in the office.
*Year to Date

SUMC RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

The Relay for Life Team is going strong. We had our first fund raiser, Butter Braids sale and we thank all of you who ordered these yummy treats. We will continue fund raising with a bagel and donut sale on April 8th after both services. On April 22nd we will have Pies for Sale. Last year, we had so many wonderful pies and every one of them sold. We will continue with the sale of cancer bracelets and the angel pins. On May 20th we will have a spaghetti dinner and there is talk of a talent show also after the 10:15 service. There will be a bake sale at the First Interstate Bank downtown sometime the first week of June. Also in June, we will offer luminarias for sale. If you have any questions about any of these fund raising activities, call Pat Montgomery at 655-3507 or call the church office. There is still time to join the team. Everyone is welcome!

Book Review – May 15, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

The book for this discussion is: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Ron Charles writes, “this is an endearing reminder of the graciousness of real class. It has nothing to do with money; it’s predicated on the kind of moral discipline that never goes out of style”. Everyone welcome to join us!

APRIL SCRIPTURES

1	Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18	22	4th Sunday of Easter Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137) 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
8	2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 (UMH 850) 1 John 1:1-22 John 20:19-31	29	5th Sunday of Easter Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 (UHM 752) 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8
15	3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 (UMH 741) 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 23:36b-48		

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TYLER

Dear Friends,

We are Easter People. This is the time of year when we get to explore what it means to be people who bear the burden of hope to the world. After the Easter fanfare is over this season involves us exploring what to do with the exciting and yet surprising news that Jesus lives beyond the moments of Black Friday. Exploring this means looking to some of the dark places of our community and wondering, like the disciples, where is God's joy amidst the pain of life.

Walking with Christ and living the understanding of resurrection is not easy. It involves a commitment to hope that hangs itself on the mystery of God's unfolding love.

We will be searching for places to hang our hope in April and May through a sermon series called *Broken*. This series will explore broken places in our world and we are going to seek how others have found hope amidst those challenges. This hope is not hope that bring ecstatic joy, but the tempered joy of knowing God. As C.S. Lewis phrases his explanation of Joy, "It was valuable only as a pointer to something other and outer. When we are lost in the woods the sight of a signpost is a great matter (*Surprised by Joy*)."

I don't promise this to be an easy journey, and yet I know God is present in the steps we will take together.

Enthusiastic Peace,

Pastor Tyler

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Sunday Schedule
Worship Times: 8 & 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School: 9 am
Children's Sunday School: 10:15 am
Nursery open: 7:45 to 11:15 am

Return Service Requested

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