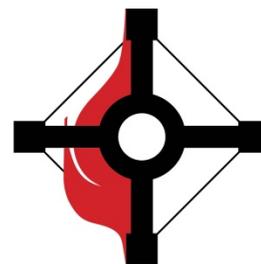


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SHILOH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AGING WELL: LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE AND VA BENEFITS



We are continuing our work with Highgate Senior Living to bring programs to those in our community who want to Age Well. We invite you to join us January 28 at 11:30 after church for a talk on Long Term Care Insurance and VA Benefits, light refreshments will be provided.

WORSHIP IN JANUARY ROAD TO SHILOH

This January we are going to begin journeying together with Jesus as we learn what it means to be people of Christ in this age. This series will cover stories of our past, and help us see where we are going. When we were “planted” there were no roundabouts leading to our church, now there are 8. These traffic devices might teach us a lot of how people reach us, what they are looking for, and how we can send them prepared as disciples of Jesus to transform the world. We hope you will join us starting January 7.



We invite you to study the Letter to the Ephesians as a Bible study during this series.

WORSHIP DESIGN TEAM

You may hear this new name kicking around the halls of Shiloh. This month on January 16th at 6:15 pm we will be holding our first meeting. This team will begin planning worship space, plans, and dreaming up how we might connect with God in worship best. We will be using a training that some of our congregation attended in September to launch our team. If you are interested, contact Pastor Tyler.

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 6-7:15 pm at Shiloh UMC



The month of January we will continue studying science and religion side by side. There are many questions about how the things our youth learn in school line up with faith, and we are going to spend the next few months working on this concept.

January 7 (6-7:15)—Learning and Gorg—We will have some devotions, learning and then a night of group games at the church.

January 14—No Youth Group (MLK weekend)

January 21 (6-7:15)—We will be doing random acts of kindness around the church, and studying the work of Martin Luther King Jr.

January 28 (6-7:15)—Crazy Games—We will either be staying on site or going to do cool-crazy-out-there group games. Stay tuned for details.

TAKING DOWN THE GREENS JANUARY 7

The Christmas Greens will be taken down right after 2nd service on Sunday, January 7. Please help! With many hands this activity goes quickly and is enjoyed by all.



CARE GIVERS GROUP

The Shiloh UMC caregivers group led by Sally Thompson meets every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the youth room in the back of the church. If you care for someone and would like to share experiences, concerns, and/or thoughts, please join the group. All are welcome for a time of respite and support.

GOD HUNGER/LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

Join us for lunch or just time in prayer; you pick which restarts January 16. Prayer time begins at 11:30 am on Tuesdays and is followed by brown bag lunch with Pastor Tyler and preparing meals for homeless in Billings. We will not have lunch on



January 2 or 9.

The prayer time invites people to journey with Pastor Tyler in meaningful midday meditations. We encourage you to bring your lunch to enjoy with our group after we engage in prayer.

Come join us as we focus on God's presence and learn the benefit of regular prayer in our lives. No signup necessary for this group. Please join us in the sanctuary in the church building at 11:30 am.

SHILOH 101-COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

JANUARY 7-9:00 AM

Monthly we offer an orientation for people who are new or thinking of joining Shiloh UMC. The general outline for the coffee is a 25-minute video on John Wesley, and a 30-minute conversation about Shiloh and how God might be calling you to experience your time at Shiloh. You will receive a booklet about the UMC, membership information, and get some ideas for you to design your discipleship journey at Shiloh. All are welcome! Please sign up for this class by contacting the office.

MESSY CHURCH 2018...

Messy Church is a great way to experience the love of God and the fellowship of others! We begin at 5:15 pm at the church with a light meal, a Bible story followed by discussion and then off to the craft tables. We end the evening with a closing prayer. We are done well before 7:00 pm and have a blast! Find some kids to share the evening with; it's a great ministry and lots of fun! If you would like to be on the Messy Church team, please contact the office. Here is the schedule for the next couple months.



January 8—Simon and His Boat (Luke 5)

February 5—The Man Who Helped (Luke 10)

March 5—Sad Day/Happy Day (Matthew 28, Mark 16)

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Once a month, we gather to make 100 peanut butter and jelly plus 100 ham and cheese sandwiches. Thanks to all who help make sandwiches, give supplies and bake cookies. The cabinet is getting bare. The cost of the sandwiches is approximately \$100 a month. We use smooth peanut butter, jam (easier to spread than jelly) and sandwich bags or cash donations. There is always room for more helpers the last Friday of every month at noon. Also we get a box of apples from Albertsons at a discount price of \$20 and welcome donations of cookies.

January 27 at noon is the next sandwich marathon.

BOOK REVIEW

JANUARY 16, 2018-6:00 P.M.

Shiloh UMC's Book Review group will meet on **January 16 at 6:00 p.m.** at the church. The book for this discussion is a classic: *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery. Everyone is welcome please join us for always interesting dialogue (about the chosen book or not!) and help us choose our next selection.

LET'S RECYCLE, REDUCE AND REUSE!

The SUMC staff has been recycling for some time now. We would like you to help! Recycle bins will be placed in various places around the church. Each bin will include a list of the items to be placed in that bin. Items we can recycle include: all types of paper and plastic, aluminum, cardboard and "cereal paper", metal cans, and even glass. Please help us and our Mother Earth! Watch for the bins! *And please do not bring items from home to be recycled.*



FINANCIAL REPORT

	Nov. 2017	Y-T-D 2017
Gen. Fund Income	\$15,362.90	\$186,702.91
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$16,968.57</u>	<u>\$172,769.79</u>
	-\$ 1,605.67	\$ 13,933.12
Missions Income	\$ 746.24	\$ 17,149.80

A more detailed report is available in the office.

FREE STORE UPDATE

The Free Store thanks Jerry Stanhope for making toppers for the clothing racks. This adds display area, which is so needed. Our shortages continue to focus on bedding: any size and any item. Sofa pillows are also welcome as the shoppers use them for bed pillows when no bed pillows are available, which is most of the time!

The shoppers and volunteers are so appreciative of the support given. Happy Holidays.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Harold Wittman	16	Bernie Brault
3	Taylor Davis	23	Chris Munson
6	Tyler Amundson	26	Liz Stanhope
6	Kassie Sullivan	27	Mackenzie Ballard
9	Michelle Nelson	30	Terry Montgomery

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

2 Buddy & Judy Kastrop

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

The Children's/Youth Ministry would like to thank the many people who made this project such a financial success. Thanks to those who publicized the sale, those who made, bought, and baked items. Thank you to the generous people who donated money beyond the cost of their purchase. Our youth group will have \$570.25 for future mission projects.

JANUARY SCRIPTURES

- 7 **Epiphany Sunday**
Charge Conference
 Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12
Baptism of the Lord
 Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm 29
 Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11
- 14 **Human Relations Day**
 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51
- 21 **Ecumenical Sunday**
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Psalm 62:5-12
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20
- 28 **4th Sunday after Epiphany**
 Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 111
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Mark 1:21-28

QUILT DRAWING

UMW had sold raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt with all money raised going to help support the Messy Church Program. The winning ticket was drawn on the 24th of December and the winner was **Marcia Wrye**. Thank you for all your support.

CARD STOCKINGS

Please remember to take down your Christmas stockings and take your cards home. You may leave your stocking here for next year if you would like and when we hang the Greens, we can put up the stockings at the same time.

THINGS TO DO AT SHILOH

†**Ushers and Prayer Leaders** are always needed. Clipboards are in the Fellowship hall to sign up for these opportunities.

†Snow season is upon us and volunteers are needed to help clear the snow from the sidewalks.

†**Sunday school teachers and helpers** are needed. Two people must be present in the classroom to fulfill the Safe Sanctuary Policy. Please consider this ministry for one month during the year.

†**Cookie cupboard** is empty. Anyone interested in filling the freezer with goodies of your choice, please do so. Sharing coffee and goodies on Sundays with visitors and church family is so important to our hospitality.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

We ask that you remember in prayer for healing for the families that have been lifted up in prayer this past month. We also ask that you remember in prayer the families that will be driving during this coming month of ice and snow and we thank you for getting our family members home safely this past Christmas season. We ask for prayers for the ‘special intentions’ that were raised this past month during worship service.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We will be trying something different this year with our Fellowship Hour. Located in the Fellowship Hall will be a calendar listing the Sundays in the first 3 months of the New Year. We would like to have a sponsor for Fellowship every Sunday except the third Sunday of each month. That is Birthday

Sunday and the church will furnish the birthday cake. Sponsors would bring cookies and fruit and set up the Fellowship Hour for that Sunday. Several people can work together or maybe a family would like to sponsor a Sunday or two. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 656-0050.

THANK YOU FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December was a very busy month and there are so many people to thank for helping make the month go by so smoothly. Thank you for all who helped with the reception by either bringing food or helping in the kitchen after Nancy Bales funeral. Thank you to Gary McFarland for being the snow removal person for the month of December. Thank you to all the people who ushered and who were the Lay Readers. Thank you to all the people who helped with the Craft and Bake sale and all who bought crafts and baked goodies. Thank you for who helped with the Fellowship hours. Thank you to everyone who decorates the church and keeps the sanctuary looking beautiful all the time but especially during the Christmas season. Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers for the month of December and a big thank you to all who made the Children’s program such a success. One of the many things that I love about this church is the willingness of people to step up to help when asked. This willingness to always help is the one thing that makes my job easier and I so grateful for all of you. Happy New Year! *Liz Stanhope*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

9 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

7:45—11:00 AM NURSERY

10:15 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFICE HOURS: 9—NOON, MONDAY—FRIDAY

PASTOR TYLER'S HOURS: 9—NOON, MONDAY TO THURSDAY

Notes & Reflections from Pastor Tyler

There is a story about a church named Shiloh who was planted miraculously on the West End of Billings, Montana in 1985 and how it grew to serve people in great ways. I have been reading this story and learning about it since arriving here. It is a story of the amazing ways God has been at work here, around us, and through us as people of Shiloh in our history. There are moments of great light in the history, moments of hardship, and under it all a hope that Shiloh can provide people with a place to renew and re-enter the world.

This final week of December, I am taking time to renew on vacation, so I can enter the 2018 year with you all to seek God's path for us. To help kick off that time I would like to invite each and every one of you to join us on January 7th, 2018 for worship and then to stay after the 10:15 worship for our All Church Charge Conference. This conference will focus on our future as a church and be full of invitations for you to pray and work for God's kingdom alongside us and with us.

Next week we will also begin our new sermon series: Road to Shiloh. We will be using the image of roundabouts to understand how we are called as people of Shiloh to support, encourage and send people to be disciples of Jesus in our world today.

I invite you to join us on the 7th and to continue to pray for us as a church, to help us seek God's call on our lives.

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: 10:30 am
Nursery open: 7:45 to 11:15 am

Return Service Requested

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