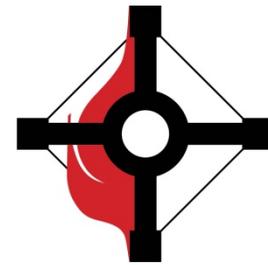


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SHILOH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AGING WELL:

NORMAL AND NOT NORMAL AGING

We continue 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 age? People are living longer lives, so come join us.



February 18—Normal and Not Normal Aging at 11:30 am, right after worship. Learn with us what is normal in aging and signs of other aging conditions to watch for, especially around memory.

February 20—Memory screenings are available at the church from 1-3pm. Please sign up on Sunday February 18 at our event or call the church office.

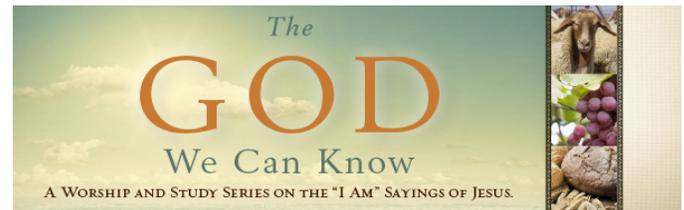
WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY ROAD TO SHILOH AND THE GOD WE CAN KNOW - LENT 2018



The beginning of February we are going to conclude our journey together with Jesus as we learn about 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 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 study the Letter to the Ephesians as a Bible study during this series.



February 18 we will be studying the “I Am” sayings of Jesus in the scriptures. This is one that is great to tap into questions about the character of not just Jesus, but of a God we are told by our fore-bearers in the tradition that we can know. Please join us for this series through worship and bible study.

A class will be offered on this series at noon Tuesday’s beginning February 13. Pastor Tyler will teach the class at Shiloh which is available online. Beginning on February 21, Pastor Sarah at Grace UMC will offer one Wednesdays at 7 pm, and Pastor Wendy at Evangelical will offer one Wednesdays at 6 pm. We encourage individuals to attend the one that works best for you and to contact the church office to sign up where you plan to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 14

Shiloh has a great tradition in Billings sharing in Ash Wednesday’s service with our United Methodist brothers and sisters. This year Ash Wednesday will be at Hope UMC, at 244 Wicks Ln, in the Heights. The service begins at 7 pm with food served at 6 pm. Childcare is provided and Pastor Tyler will share in the preaching with Pastor Kama from First UMC. We hope you can join us!

WORSHIP DESIGN TEAM FEBRUARY 25

You may hear this new name kicking around at Shiloh. We meet, February 25 at 11:30 am, to begin planning worship space; plans, and dreams of how we might connect with God in worship best. We will use 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 learning about this radical guy we know as Jesus. We meet most weeks on Sunday from 6-7:15 pm at Shiloh UMC (This month there is a small so please look at the schedule below.)



The month of February we will continue studying “What happens to us after death?” There are many questions about how the things our youth learn media line up with faith, and we are going to spend the next month exploring this concept.

February 4–Big Game Celebration – 4:30 pm

(Contact Pastor Tyler if you hope to attend this night.)

February 11–Free Store Tour (Meet at Shiloh 6 pm, end at 7:30 pm back at Shiloh)

February 16 (Friday)–Friendship house, Friendship Café 7-10–More information to come.

February 18–Trampoline Park Night (Permission Slips Required)

February 25–Game Night–Mariokart and more

ALL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Shiloh Administrative Council will host an all church “charge conference” to vote on a plan for leadership in our congregation to move ahead on **February 15 at 6 pm**. Leadership and Nominations have been working hard to develop a plan for our healthy leadership, and we need as many people as possible to attend our meeting and hear the plan for moving ahead.

UMW TEA

Ladies, here is your chance to share time with other women of the church and give Crystal Amundson a warm-hearted welcome. The United Methodist Women are serving a tea from 2-4 pm on Saturday, February 3rd. We will each be sharing something about ourselves that no one else knows! Let’s have some fun together and welcome Crystal with Shiloh hospitality.



See you there!!

GOD HUNGER/LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

Join us for lunch or just time in prayer, you pick.

This time runs 11:30-Noon on Tuesdays and is followed by brown bag lunch with Pastor Tyler. Starting February 13, we will be taking part in the Lenten study, and preparing meals for homeless in Billings.



The prayer time, from 11:30-12, 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.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY AT MSUB

MSUB is pleased to announce that the Reverend Dwight Welch is the new campus minister. Rev. Welch grew up in Miles City and is fulfilling his dream of returning to his home state and serving in campus ministry. After graduating from the University of Montana, obtaining master's degrees in religion and philosophy at United Theological Seminary and Southern Illinois University, Ordained in the United Church of Christ, he has served congregations in Sheridan, WY and Norman, OK and campus ministries at the University of Kansas and Southern Illinois University. He also taught philosophy at community colleges, helped start a Christian radio show, and plays in music ensembles.

We are grateful to Rev. Stacey Siebrasse who served as interim minister and exemplified her love of campus ministry, the students, and embracing our core values of exploring faith, working for justice, connecting spiritually, and enjoying religious community. She has moved closer to her family, and we extend our blessings. Having just celebrated a Golden Anniversary of 50 years at MSUB we welcome Rev. Welch to carry us into our next 50 years!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear Lord remember all those who have asked for prayers for friends and family members who need healing, those who have lifted up a special intention known only to you and them. Prayers of Thanksgiving for Judy and Warren Frank celebrating 50 years of music ministry. Prayers of thanks for the Free Store. Prayers for the men and women who will participate in the walk to Emmaus. Prayer for a blind person seeking a job. Finally, we ask prayers for our country and our leaders. *Amen*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We are trying something different this year with our Fellowship Hour. A calendar is located in the kitchen where you can sign up to sponsor Fellowship Hour on a Sunday. We need a sponsor for every Sunday, except the third Sunday. The 3rd Sunday is Birthday Sunday which the church will take care of. Sponsors can provide whatever they like such as cookies, fruit, and veggies; and set up the Fellowship Hour for that Sunday. It is not necessary for sponsors to stay and cleanup. Several people can work together or even a family can sponsor a Sunday or two. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 656-0050.

ADVENTURES WITH GOD

Adventure: defined as an exciting or remarkable experience. Our Children's Sunday school has been renamed, "Adventures with God", which is also the name of the curriculum now in use.



Each of us can help to make church an adventure for our children and youth.

Book Review—March 20, 2018

The next book review will be March 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the church. We will discuss *The Reluctant Midwife: A Hope River Novel* by Patricia Harman. This is a novel full of humor and warmth and one that celebrates the human spirit.

Whether you choose to read the book or not, you are invited to join the discussion as we consider the place family and community plays in our lives. Please join us!

NOISY OFFERING

On third Sunday of each month, a noisy offering is taken to provide financial support for the Children and Youth Ministries. On January 21, 2018, nearly \$130 was collected. Ten percent is earmarked for missions. The remaining 90% is divided equally between the two groups. No general funding is budgeted for this ministry. All program expenses are paid with the collected monies.

Since Pastor Tyler's arrival, the MYF expenses have included funding ways for the youth to share God's love in the world in tangible ways, including feeding the homeless.

The Children Ministries expenses have been directed at enhancing each child's experience at Shiloh. This has included materials for the activity packets and the creation of the Prayground area.

Thanks for your support of this important ministry.

SHARING OTHERS' GENEROSITY THROUGH OUR FAITH

Yellowstone UNITED METHODIST 
FREE STORE

A Year at the Free Store 2017: there were 1,222 family visits for an average of 53 each Saturday. Of the 1,222, new families comprised 26.5% of the families (325). No advertising is done so those learning about the Free Store are hearing about it through word-of-mouth. As the Free Store begins its 7th year of ministry, none of this would be possible without the support you and others have given as well as the time and energy given by the many volunteers.

A special thank-you to SUMC Missions Committee and the Lunch Committees for the very generous cash donations, which will be earmarked for the yearly obligation of \$2400.00 that the Free Store has to EUMC for building use and utility expenses. THANK-YOU!

FREE STORE NEEDS: *Currently we have no clothing for children sizes 2T-5T, both girls and boys. Other shortages include kitchen items, heavy clothing and boots for men and women and any type of bath and bed linens. There are totes in the Fellowship Hall labeled "Free Store" where donations can be left. Thank-you so much for the continued support!*

2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Because of your generous donations to the ministry and mission of Shiloh United Methodist Church, the final financial standing for 2017 shows an excess of \$16,124.62 of income over expenses. The church has been able to meet the standards set by our conference of having nine months of expenses in reserve, so for the sixth consecutive year we were able to distribute our excess year end funds as follows:

Excess income over expenses	\$16,124.62
Prepaid 2018 pledges	\$ 5,000.00
Capital Replacement Fund- LED Lighting Conversion	\$ 5,000.00
Yellowstone Conference Free Store Facility Use Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
Sandwich Ministry	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Piano Repairs	\$ 3,000.00
Aging Well Lunch and Learn	\$ 200.00
Worship Environment Team	\$ 300.00
Operating Expenses Carryover	\$ 424.62

We would also like to recognize and thank you for the \$18,153.73 that was designated giving for various missions causes in 2017. This is in addition to the \$3,000 that is a line item in our budget from your donations to the Ministry and Missions Fund.

December 2017 Finance Report

Ministry Funds:	<u>Dec. 2017</u>	<u>2017</u>
Gifts Received	\$26,193.11	\$212,896.02
Expenses	<u>24,001.61</u>	<u>196,771.40</u>
Difference	\$ 2,191.50	\$ 16,124.62

Missions Giving: \$ 703.92 \$ 18,153.72

A more detailed Financial Report is available from the office if you are interested.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Michael Schmit	19	Peg Parker
5	Steve Ausen	20	Cindy King
6	Pat Cobb	23	Lois Mastrud
10	David King	24	Lauren Pinnick
12	Marcia Wyre	26	Jennine Budge
18	Gary McFarland		



THANK YOU FOR JANUARY

Snow Removal—Kelly Martinson and Toby Stapleton

Prayer Leaders and for everyone who helped out by ushering and helping with communion.

Removal of Greens—everyone who stayed after the Church Charge Conference and helped and for attending the Church Charge Conference.

Fellowship Hour—Kelly Martinson and Liz & Jerry Stanhope

Decorating for January—Norma Smith and Pastor Tyler for the alter decorating for the month of January.

Sound Booth—Mike and Chris for their work in the sound booth.

Sunday School—volunteers who teach Sunday School.

Choir, the Choir Director and Pianists. With the help all of these volunteers, our church runs smoothly each Sunday morning.

SHILOH HISTORY

The History Team is looking for voices from those who were involved with United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) from April of 1986 through last year. If you would like to add your voice to the Shiloh's History, please contact Norma Smith at umwnsmith@bresnan.net. The questions we would like addressed are: (1) When were you in UMYF? (2) Why were you a part of it? (3) What did you learn from UMYF that you carry with you? AND (4) Tell of an experience(s) that was memorable for you!! Appreciate the help. We would like enough voices and stories to actually put UMYF in its own chapter. If you have children or grandchildren who were involved, we would appreciate your passing the request on to them.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4, is the first Sunday of the month and is also Food Bank Sunday. The “giving season” is over but the need for food at the Food Bank is never over. They need individual meals, peanut butter, jelly, baby food, canned soups, veggies, fruit, personal items, laundry soap, and even cans of pet food. If you would rather give money, you can write a check to Shiloh UMC and put “Food Bank” on the memo line.



MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will be Monday, February 5, at 5:15 pm. We will begin with a light meal, a Bible story, "The Man Who Helped" from Luke 10, followed by a 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!

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURES

4 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20C
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

11 Last Sunday after Epiphany

Transfiguration of the Lord

Boy Scout Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

18 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

25 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

14 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-7
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



Happy
Valentine's
Day

HARVEST TIME CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

At the Yellowstone Annual Conference session in Billings this past June, it was announced that our conference was facing a major financial crisis. A special campaign was established, called Harvest Time, to help bring in a possible \$100,000. Numerous individuals and churches made contributions towards this campaign.

As a result, we raised over \$103,000! Our conference was also able to pay, for the first time in decades, 100% of our apportionments to the General Church. This is a great cause for celebration.

MOUNTAIN SKY AREA DISTRICT GATHERING Saturday, March 3

Mountain Sky Area is doing a new activity this spring... gathering regionally for united leaning, faith formation and connection. We are excited to bring laity and clergy from fifteen locations across Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming together to participate in this opportunity to explore how we, as an area will actually develop the Beloved Community we've been envisioning. Shiloh UMC will host the gathering on Saturday, March 3 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Learn more and register on line at <https://rncumc-reg.brtapp.com/>



FEBRUARY 14

7 PM

HOPE UMC

SOUP SUPPER 6 PM

ALL CHURCH CHOIRS

5:30 PM

Notes & Reflections from Pastor Tyler

Dear Friends,

Lent begins February 14 this year:

One of the biggest differences between a New Years' resolution and a Lenten resolution is this: approximately 46 weeks. The self-made promises that we embrace on January 1 are famous for their failures, and I think a big reason is that they are undertaken, at best, for a period of one year and, at worst, forever. That is rarely how human behavior is able to be changed for the better. The founder of our particular Christian movement, John Wesley, taught about the importance of cultivating virtuous habits as a part of the journey to personal holiness. That's a process that is necessarily gradual, starting with decisions made for a day, a week, a month, or a season. A year's time is sometimes just too daunting a thing to imagine when it comes to modifying our patterns of acting, but perhaps six weeks of Lent is something less overwhelming to consider.

So perhaps we might use these several weeks of Lenten reflection to pursue achievable goals of more virtuous living, whether that means praying more, exercising, being more generous in charitable giving, unplugging the TV or shutting off the smart phone, eating better, or engaging with the poor or estranged people we know. At least to begin with we can aim to do it for six weeks rather than for eternity.

And one very specific thing you can do this Lent is to invite your friends and family to attend a church activity with you. Find something they might find interesting, "The God We Can Know Study," Messy Church, Worship, or even one of our Aging WeLL offerings.

I hope this is a season of meaningful transformation for you, whatever your age or circumstance. How can it not be, when Lent starts on Valentine's Day and ends laughing on April Fools? We are never too old or un-free to cultivate good habits of holy living.

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

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