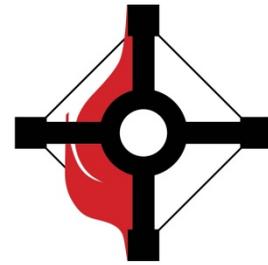


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The Newsletter of
Shiloh United Methodist Church
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SHILOH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP IN JANUARY

Finding Joy in Real Life 5 Habits for Living Well



In real life, we're not always dealt the perfect hand. Relationships, careers and finances can all complicate life, leaving us unsettled, frustrated, empty and exhausted. What if you could turn the life you have into the life you want? What if life could be more meaningful and filled with real joy? What if you could develop habits that would make every day of your life better?

SHILOH 101—JANUARY 20

Are you new to Shiloh? Meet Pastor Tyler on **January 20 at 11:30 am** to learn more about our church, and meet other new people by attending this one hour informational gathering. If you are interested in joining or just learning more about Shiloh this is the time for you. The next one will be offered in March. Childcare is available if you register in advance by calling the office. See you there!

PAINTING THE STARS
Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith
Tuesdays-12-1 pm—January 8-February 19

Join Pastor Tyler for a DVD-based class celebrating the communion of science and faith. Painting the Stars explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality and features over a dozen leading theologians and thinkers. If enough folks cannot make this time to form a class at a non-work time, we will make another section. Please contact the office to sign up or let us know you are interested but can't make the noon class. Drop-ins are welcome.

SPECIAL SESSION STUDY ABOUT GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019

January 17 and 31—6:30-7:30 pm

Pastor Tyler will be providing informational sessions to Methodists throughout Billings and others in our conference about General Conference 2019. This special session of the General Conference focuses on "The Way Forward" as a denomination. Pastor Tyler, as the head of the legacy Yellowstone Conference delegation, will provide information and a time for questions and answers. Join us in person at Shiloh or online through zoom conference. Please sign up by contacting the church office.

406 YOUTH UNITED

Youth group will run from 4:00-5:15 pm on Sundays for the 2018-2019 year with special events running until 6 pm. In January we have lots of activities to build community and learn about God's love. Please invite any youth (6th-12th grade).

Jan 4-5 - Lock In at Evangelical UMC,
contact Pastor Tyler for details

Jan 6 - No Youth Group

Jan 13 - Banned Game Night @ First UMC

Jan 20 - Ice Cream and God Talk @ Shiloh

Jan 29 - Gorg and God Talk @ Shiloh

MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church will resume in January on a little different schedule. We will have our service on January 15 and 29 from 5:30-6:30 pm. This has been such a fun and joyful time spent with kids and family. Thank you to all who have provided meals for us. There is sign-up sheet in the lobby, please consider signing up to provide a light meal for these wonderful people. It is such a fun time to connect with others. If you need meal suggestions, we are happy to provide some ideas. Please see Pastor Tyler or Brenda Longin for more information. Come join the fun.

YOUTH/CHILDREN DINNER MEETING

PARENT'S INVITED

JANUARY 8 AT 5:30PM

The youth and children's team invites all parents of children age 3 to 5th grade to gather for a meeting to discuss our future plans as a church around our growing children's ministry. We want to know your hopes for your children as they grow in God's grace, and also share where we will need support. We hope you will join us for dinner and meeting. We will provide pizza. Please bring a drink and a veggie or dessert to share.

ADVENTURES WITH GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

December was a busy month of singing, making gifts, and cookie decorating! Our Sunday School is continuing to grow and we are so excited to see all the beautiful faces on Sunday mornings! On behalf of the Sunday School, we would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year!

Brenda and Jen



LEADERSHIP TRAINING JANUARY 10 - 6 to 8 PM

All current and new leaders at Shiloh are strongly encouraged to attend our leadership meeting on January 10th. This session will involve training on how to lead meetings, what committees and teams are responsible for, a decision on when Trustees, SPRC, Finance and Church Council will meet, and learn about our church budget. New members of teams and committees begin their roles in January, and all outgoing members step off in January. If you have questions about our church leadership a copy of the leadership roster is available at www.shilohbillings.church/serve-shiloh/

SPRC, TRUSTEES, FINANCE AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Committees will not have regular meetings in January to accommodate the leadership training on January 10. Committees may call special meetings in January if business is needed to be accomplished.

FREE STORE NEWS

The Toy Wonderland held on December 15 was a success thanks to the many at Shiloh who donated toys. We served 74 families in the Free Store in 2.5 hours while our Shiloh cooks served a holiday meal of ham and turkey to 94 people.

As we look to 2019, our needs continue to grow! Winter clothing, all sizes, especially those for men and children never stay on the racks very long. Shoes, socks, and underwear are also in high demand. We always need tall kitchen garbage bags that are used by every shopper.

SHARING is core to the success of this vital ministry! Thank you for your continued support!



FAITH AND FILM

Faith and Film will meet at **5:30 pm on January 13** at the church. They will be showing "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" This is a documentary about the life and work of Fred Rogers from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. This is an intimate portrait of Rogers, a creative genius who inspired generations of children with compassion and limitless imagination. His show Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was one of the longest-running series on PBS. It wrapped production in 2000 after 31 seasons, but PBS continuously ran reruns of the series through August 2008. Rogers died in 2003 at age 74 from stomach cancer. Come join us!



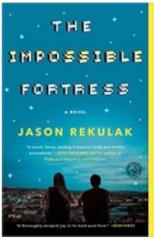
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katelyn Hoefle
- 2 Harold Wittman
- 3 Taylor Davis
- 6 Tyler Amundson
- 9 Michelle Nelson
- 16 Bernie Brault
- 23 Chris Munson
- 26 Liz Stanhope
- 30 Terry Montgomery



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Buddy & Judy Kastrop



BOOK REVIEW JANUARY 15 – 6:00 PM

The next book review will be Tuesday, **January 15, at 6:00 p.m.** at the church. The selected book is “*The Impossible Fortress*” by Jason Rekulak. The book is said to be “a surefire unexpected retro delight”. Hmm..... makes you want to read it, right?! Everyone is invited to join our discussion.

THE WALK TO EMMAUS

Do you want a new understanding of God's grace and love for you? If so, consider attending the Walk to Emmaus this month. In case you haven't heard of "The Walk", it is a long weekend in January each year. The Walk seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip you for Christian action in your home, place of work, and community. There are separate weekends for men (Jan. 17-20), women (Jan. 24-27) and High School students (Feb. 8-10). For those of us who have attended, it has strengthened our personal relationship with God. The weekend focuses on reflecting, praying, worshiping, and studying God's Word. Several have found additional purpose and meaning to our lives. If you are interested, please contact the church office for more info.

AGING WELL...TO ENRICH THE GIFT OF GROWING OLDER



You are invited to start the New Year by joining us at SUMC on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019, noon-1:30**, as we continue the Aging Well series. In partnership with St John's Lutheran Ministries, the presentation, Let's Move, will

look at the value of exercise at any age, including the “how.” A lively demonstration is expected...won't you volunteer?! Everyone is welcome. A no-cost lunch will be provided; RSVPs are encouraged to assist our lunch sponsors.

This Methodist outreach series fosters relationships, engages the wider community, and enjoys conversation over a wide range of topics. Your voice and experience matter. Join the group for an entertaining lunch.

WORSHIP DESIGN TEAM JANUARY 24, 6:00-7:30 PM

The worship design team will meet to brainstorm and plan for worship series coming in Lent and to help evaluate and discuss plans for the 8am service. This team is open to anyone who has a passion for Shiloh's worship, if you want to join by video call on tablet, phone or computer, please let Pastor Tyler know. We want many voices included in planning worship at Shiloh.



CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

The Children and Youth Ministries Committee members: Jennine Budge, Jen Johnson, Tish Powell, Tiffany Madden, Brenda Longin, Becky Davis and Peg Parker, thank the multitude that made this event such a success! Over \$700 was raised to support our youth and children programs. Special kudos to Carrie Anderson and Pat Montgomery. Carrie provided most of the crafts and the silent auction paintings. Pat shared her homemade canned goods and bracelets.

January Scriptures

6 Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

13 Baptism of the Lord First Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

20 Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Psalm 36:1-10 (UMH 771)
Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

27 Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

ATTENTION ALL CHEFS, COOKS, BAKERS, BBQ KINGS (OR QUEENS), CANNING AFICIONADOS

Shiloh is preparing to publish a new cookbook and we need your help. The proceeds of this cookbook will go to support the Back Pack Meals Program for the Billings Schools. All recipes in the past three cookbooks from current members will be included in the new cookbook so only new recipes are needed. If you can't remember what you have submitted in the past, no worries, we'll catch it.



Please send recipes to recipes@shilohbillings.church. If you don't have access to a computer, please drop your typed or handwritten recipes by the church.

We only have a few recipes in the following categories and would like to see more:

- Appetizers
- Beverages
- Candies
- Canning

We would also like recipes for gluten free, barbecue, ethnic dishes, and any others you may think of – the sky's the limit!

SHILOH UMC'S PERMANENT ENDOWMENT

Shiloh United Methodist Church established a permanent endowment in 2007. By definition, an endowment is a donation of money or property to a nonprofit organization which uses the resulting investment income for a specific purpose. Usually an organization's endowment is structured so that the principal amount is kept intact while the investment income is available for use which allows for donations to have an impact over a longer period than if it were spent all at once. Shiloh UMC's endowment has met our minimum principal criteria so this year we will be granting our first gifts from the endowment this month.

If you are interested in donating to Shiloh's Endowment Fund, Montana taxpayers have an incredible tax incentive in the form of a Deferred Gift Annuity for gifts benefitting the permanent endowment of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

REMOVAL OF THE GREENS

We will be taking down the greens on Sunday **January 6th after 2nd service**. It seems like we just put them up. We hope you will join us to help pack away Christmas 2018 and get the church ready for 2019.

SHILOH UMC'S BIRTHDAY

On **January 27** we will celebrate Shiloh's birthday. We will have a pot luck lunch after 2nd service. The church will furnish the drinks and the dessert. Please bring a main dish, or salad to share and help us to celebrate our birthday and hear about the history of our church that Norma Smith, Cindy King and Judy Kastrop have been working so hard on.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY JANUARY 6

The pretty copper-roofed church on Shiloh Road collects food items regularly. We make a special effort on the first Sunday of each month to help those who are hungry. Jerry Stanhope delivers the items to the food bank among his other volunteer activities we are so thankful for! Any of those items in your pantry over-purchased for the holidays and not used, extra cans or boxes of unopened goods are welcome. Remember many seniors and young families live on very restricted incomes and any help is welcome.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE



Several prior members of Shiloh have given money to the church when they passed. As a result, we are able to replace the refrigerators in the kitchen with new ones and our sanctuary piano will be replaced with a better quality used piano. Many thanks to those who came before for their generosity! If you know anyone who needs a better refrigerator (you haul) or a used baby grand piano, please contact the office as soon as possible.

RESCUE MISSION NEEDS

Shiloh UMC provides sandwiches to the Rescue Missions the last Friday of each month. A box of fruit, cookies, peanut butter or ham and cheese sandwiches are provided. These are not the only needs for such a large community provider.

Cleaning supplies are always needed by clients and staff. Food items, especially individual servings, are always appreciated.

Cleaning Supplies

Disinfecting Wipes, Soft Scrub, laundry detergent, swifter wet cloth refills, dryer sheets, plastic bags (all sizes), kitchen trash bags and dish soap.

Food Items

Juice boxes, healthy snacks, granola bars, flour, sugar, cake mixes, canned frosting, microwave popcorn, manwich, canned broth, salt and pepper, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, baking supplies, pasta, and dry creamers.

If you are not sure where to find any of these items, check out the least expensive stores charging a measly dollar for each item. Shelf-stable milk and other shelf-stable items are readily available.

PASTOR TYLER'S CORNER

There is a story about a church named Shiloh who was planted miraculously on the West End of Billings, Montana in 1986 and how it grew to serve the people on the “growing edge.” I have been reading, listening and learning more of this story each month I serve as your pastor. It is a story of the amazing ways God has been at work here, around us, and through us as people of Shiloh. 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 each week.

This final week of December, I am taking time to renew on vacation, so I can enter the 2019 year with you and follow God’s path for us. There is a lot happening in January, so I would invite you to read your newsletter or sign up for our weekly emails. January 10th is our leadership training for all leaders and especially new people stepping into their roles. On January 27th, we will celebrate our church’s birthday and hear from our history team about the incredible work they have done. We hope you find a way to connect with Shiloh this season.

Next week we begin our sermon series focused on “Finding Joy in Real Life–5 Habits for Living Well”. We hope this series provides you an opportunity to ground in your faith as we begin this year.

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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