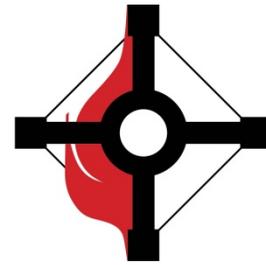


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The Newsletter of
Shiloh United Methodist Church
April 2019



SHILOH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP IN APRIL

Lent 2019: Courage in the Wilderness

America is experiencing a spiritual crisis, we as American Christians find ourselves in a wilderness of people seeking spirituality. We also know that Christians need a language to talk about their faith that draws people deeply to God. Join us during this Lenten season as we journey through the wilderness of faith, like Jesus and Moses have done before us. The skills we learn this Lent will help us find our way to God, and maybe even allow us to help others in our lives.



Will you be my neighbor? – Sermon Series Spring 2019



After Easter, we will be entering a time of learning about our neighbors. How to be a good neighbor, and how Christ calls us to this. We hope you will join us

for this sermon series of walking with the disciples as they learn to neighbor and call people to be neighbors in return.

“Every human being has value. This is the basis of all healthy relationships. Through living each day as it is given to me, I’ve learned that. It cannot be “taught,” but it can be “caught” from those who live their lives right along with us. What a privilege to be able to look for the good in our neighbor!” - Fred Rogers



**FOOD BANK SUNDAY
IS APRIL 7!**
They need Cereal,
Peanut Butter and Pasta!



RELAY FOR LIFE—DAFFODILS

The daffodils were delayed a couple weeks. They will be here at the church the week of April 1.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Palm Sunday – April 14

Shiloh UMC - 8:00 am and 10:15 am

Holy Thursday – April 18

Evangelical UMC – 6:00 pm

First UMC - 7:00 pm

Hope UMC – 7:30 pm

Good Friday – April 19

First UMC – 6:00 pm

Grace UMC - 7:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt – April 20

Shiloh UMC - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Easter Brunch – April 21

Shiloh UMC – 9:00 am and 11:15 am

Easter Worship – April 21

Riverfront Park (Shelter 2)-Sunrise Service-6:30 am

Shiloh UMC – 8:00 am and 10:15 am

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following are the committee meetings scheduled for this month:

Apr 11	5:30 pm	Finance
Apr 11	6:00 pm	SPRC
Apr 11	6:00 pm	Trustees
Apr 11	7:00 pm	Church Council

All meetings are open to everyone, except SPRC.

FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Funds:	<u>February 2019</u>	<u>2019 To Date</u>
Gifts Received:	\$14,351.58	\$37,392.69
Expenses:	<u>17,422.16</u>	<u>35,069.62</u>
Difference	(\$ 3,070.58)	\$ 2,223.07
Missions Giving:	\$ 318.40	\$ 1,130.30

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

MESSY CHURCH APRIL 2 AND 16 – 5:30 PM

Come join us Tuesday evenings (April 2 and 16) from 5:30 - 6:30 pm as we gather for a light meal, story, craft, prayer, singing, dancing, and so much more. This is a family friendly time to worship together and get messy. All ages are welcome! Meal sign-up sheet is in the lobby, please consider providing a light meal for these amazing people and join in the fun! If you need more information or suggestions please see Pastor Tyler or Brenda Longin.



A big Thank You to those who have provided the meal for these amazing families. We appreciate you!

AGING WELL...

to enrich the gift of growing older

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 10 at Noon**, when Aging Well, in coordination with *This House of Books* will honor a local published author, Carrie Le Seur, as our guest. She will present a short reading, talk about her journey as a writer, and discuss Montana's literary tradition. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet one of our own. Book drawings will be held. As always, RSVPs are appreciated and helpful to those who sponsor the no-cost lunch. Email liz@shilohbillings.church or call the church office at 406-656-0050.



On **Wednesday, May 8**, the topic will focus on cognitive health. This will further the conversation on how to achieve purposeful living. This is certainly a topic enriched by your voice and experience.

Aging Well is a Methodist outreach series which fosters relationships, engages the wider community, and enjoys conversation over a wide range of topics.

DIAPER DRIVE—ENDS APRIL 14

Our youth have challenged us to a Diaper Drive during Lent with all the other United Methodist Churches in Billings. Several community agencies have asked for diapers this year. We would love to help! We are collecting diapers through April 14. Please bring packages of new diapers to the front of the church, near the altar. We will present several community organizations with this wonderful love offering! Diapers that are needed most are Newborns and sizes 4 and 5. Pull-ups are also needed.

FAITH AND FILM APRIL 14—5:30 pm



Faith and Film will be showing "*The Hundred-Foot Journey*." (2014). When Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal), an extraordinarily talented and largely self-taught culinary novice, and his family are displaced from their native India and settle in a quaint French village, they decide to open an Indian eatery. However, Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren), the proprietress of an acclaimed Michelin star restaurant just 100 feet away, strongly objects. War erupts between the two establishments, until Mallory recognizes Kadam's impressive gastronomic gifts and takes him under her wing.

This family film about crossing cultural and relationship divides, was produced by both Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey and is a great feel-good movie perfect for this spring. We hope you'll join us for our April Faith and Film.





ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 20 – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 20, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm** with the help of First United Methodist Church.

We will need many volunteers for this huge event, there is a sign up sheet in the lobby, please consider helping with this awesome community outreach.

Last year we had 340+ kids and it was amazing! This year we will have 5 games, 2 bounce houses, face painting, 2 food trucks (Sandeas and Mini Donut), an Easter Bunny, and lots of egg hunting.

There is a basket in the lobby for candy and plastic egg donations, we are looking for small pre-wrapped candy to stuff the eggs. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. If you have questions or would like to be involved please let Brenda now. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!! Brenda Longin 256-5535 or brendalongin@hotmail.com.

SANDWICH MINISTRY APRIL 26 @ NOON

SUMC provides sandwiches, cookies, and fruit for a meal at the rescue missions. Friday, April 26, at noon is the next session of lunches. Peanut butter, and ham and cheese sandwiches along with an apple and some cookies are provided. It takes less than an hour to make these and all help is appreciated. There are simple jobs like opening plastic bags and getting them ready for the sandwich, putting peanut butter on one slice of bread, putting jelly on the other, and someone else puts the pieces together. Your help is needed.



“HISTORY OF SHILOH UMC” NOW AVAILABLE!!

The History Team is happy to announce that the “History of the Shiloh UMC” has been published and is now available. If you pre-ordered and have not picked it up or if you did not pre-order but want one anyway, please contact the office to let us know. While supplies last, the book is \$15 (afterwards, it will be \$20).

ADULT POUND! CLASSES @ SHILOH UMC

Exercise & Fun!!! Classes are held on **Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm** and **Saturdays from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Classes are \$5.00 per person. Pound is for all fitness levels and ages 18 up. If you have any questions please message Jen Johnson (jen@reliabletent.com).

Pound is a full body workout that combines cardio, conditioning and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movements. Using Ripstix, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercise, Pound transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out.

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 April, we have activities to build community and learn about God’s love. Please invite any youth (6th-12th grade).

April 7 – Games and God Talk @ Shiloh

April 14 – Spring Ice Cream Party, we will travel to an ice cream shop together.

April 21–April 28– No Youth Group

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Thresa Goodman
- 6 Tiffany Madden
- 7 Luann McFarland
- 7 Joan Starr
- 8 Dan Gilsdorf
- 10 Lynn Ferkovich
- 12 Mary Schaff
- 12 Jon Ussin
- 13 Nic Rogina
- 17 Russ Jordan
- 18 Susan Hathaway
- 23 Mark Sullivan
- 29 Judy Frank
- 30 Sandi Rogina



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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

APRIL SCRIPTURES

- 7 **5th Sunday of Lent**
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126 (UMH 847)
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
- 14 **Palm/Passion Sunday**
Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 839)
- 21 **Easter Sunday**
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
- 28 **2nd Sunday in Easter**
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150 (UMH 862)
Revelations 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

THANK YOU

The Missions Team would like to thank Susan, Liz, Pat and others who helped provide lunch and fellowship to the workers at the Habitat For Humanity house last month.

Thank you to Pat Montgomery, Susan Hathaway, Pam Dandrea, Jean Hansen, Linda Stahley and Liz Stanhope who made soup for Ash Wednesday. And thank you to everyone who donated bread and helped in the kitchen.

Thank you to all who help each Sunday morning. Prayer leaders, ushers, money counters, and people who help with fellowship hour and clean the kitchen.

Liz

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Norma Smith leads an interesting hour between the church services which include reading the Bible in a year, studying the week's readings, and some fascinating videos on the readings. Norma's recent trip to the area helps her add insight to each of the discussions. These hours have been educational and filled with friendship including personal exchanges, views, ideas, wishes, and expectations. All are always welcome for one or all classes. Join this lively group.

PRAYERS FOR MARCH

We prayed during the month of March for people who are ill or having surgery. We prayed for those who were in the hospital and for people and family members who are not doing well. We asked for prayers for Ron and Marcia Wyre. We said prayers of thanksgiving that Tom Parker and Dee Pedersen got to come home and that Sandi Rogina and Sherry Rogers are doing well after surgery and prayers for Bill Warner's brother who had back surgery.



We asked for prayers for Pastor Tyler and his family after the death of his mother, Barbara and for travel mercies as he went to Helena and Portland. We prayed for Jennine Budge and her family after the death of her son-in-law.

We prayed for all Methodists who are facing some hard decisions.

We prayed for the farmers and people in the Midwest who are having terrible floods, costing lost of lives and livestock.

We prayed for our country, as once again we are feeling lost and scared as to what happens next. Help us to remember we are all neighbors and to put our hate away. We continue our prayer as we go from day to day and we ask that we are shown the right way to go.

PROGRESS REPORT: THE SUMC/UMCOR SHED

We are moving forward slowly on the new shed. The plans have been submitted to the city. We are still exploring all options including purchasing a custom, pre-built shed. The Trustees would like to have \$5000 in the bank before we proceed much further. Stay tuned!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



Join us Sunday mornings at 10:15 as we take Adventures with God—ages 3-5th grade. This is a growing group and welcomes all.

VISITATION MINISTRY STATISTICS 2018

Here are some statistics from our Visitation Ministry for 2018:

Home Visits: 328

A visit typically lasts 20 – 60 minutes.

Communion Served: 86 times

Communion is offered but most of the visitees decline. The elements are blessed ahead of time by the pastor.

Hospital Visits: 52

A visitation minister visits both hospitals Monday – Friday. This is the number of individuals visited that have a connection to Shiloh United Methodist Church.

Communication (calls, cards, emails, notes, etc.): 300

As the church becomes aware of illness, birthdays, anniversaries, and other events, Liz Stanhope sends a note or card.

Anointing: 2

Each visitation minister has a vial of olive oil from the Holy Land. The anointing is usually done before surgery but is always available upon request.

Hours Devoted: 458 (51 weeks).

No visitation was done Christmas week. The monthly average: **38+** hours.

The visitation ministry supports the work of the Pastor and frees up the Pastor for other aspects of his position. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Pastor Tyler.

BOOK REVIEW

May 14  6:00 pm



The next book review will be “*The Alice Network: A Novel*” by Kate Quinn. This historical fiction novel of the real-life Alice Network is a story that is set in the time frame of both World Wars. Everyone is invited – please join us!

FREE STORE NEWS

Winston Churchill said, “*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*”



The success of the Free Store totally depends on those who give. One group that gives time and financial support are the ladies who prepare the free, home-cooked meal for the shoppers and volunteers. The food is purchased by them and prepared by them prior to Saturday morning. On the Free Store Saturday these same people arrive early, serve the meal, and clean-up afterward. Without their thousands of donated hours and hundreds of donated dollars this important component of the Free Store wouldn't be happening. WHAT DEVOTION! These special people: Pat Montgomery, Liz Stanhope, Susan Hathaway, Jackie Beck, Lenore Kipp, Linda Woolsey, Ed and Vicki Heidrich (all from Shiloh), Jan McCandless (EUM) and Diane Ruff (Faith E). Give them a high-five (or a thank-you) next time you see them.

Reminder: now is the time to rid your home of **summer attire** that no longer fits or is no longer worn.

Bring your donations to Shiloh Sunday – Thursday.

COMMUNITY GARDEN 2019

As the snow melts, we are beginning plans to have a Community Garden again this year. There is a large area used to grow produce for the Free Store and the Food Bank. We also have 18 individual spots available. Plots are \$50 each. Some are already reserved, but several are still available. We will provide more detail in the May newsletter and weekly bulletins. Stay tuned!

PASTOR TYLER'S CORNER

People of Shiloh,

When I was back in my hometown, for my mother's memorial, I was struck by something, "I grew up with great neighbors." One couple who was at the service, the Greens, was this couple who was always there for us in little ways. The Greens would bring us fudge at Christmas, shovel our sidewalk from time to time, buy something from whatever fundraiser I was doing, and would always be there every day with a smile and wave. Fred Green walked 5 miles every day between me and my school, so I usually got to wave at him more than once along the route.

This Lenten journey in the Wilderness is an important one, I hope our congregation is grappling with what it means to be in the challenges of life and belong to God. It is not an easy journey, but when we find belonging in Christ our hearts are changed. We are changed to know that we belong and in turn many are compelled to help others know they belong too. I hate to say this, but Easter is in sight and soon our wilderness journey will end. I am comforted in the wilderness and not quite ready to leave, but just like Jesus we will be called out of the wilderness soon. The call out of the wilderness is not small, it will be by a resurrection and an empty tomb.

After Easter, we will be challenged as we watch the disciples learn what it means to live without Jesus with them in the same way, and as they learn where Christ is present in the stranger. I grew up across the street from the Greens watching Mr. Rogers and I remember imaging Mr. Green was my Mr. Rogers. A kind man who always helped me learn more about neighboring.

I hope you will continue your discipleship journey as we move from the wilderness in April, into neighboring this spring.

Enthusiastic Peace,
Pastor Tyler #loveBillings

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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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