

Genesis

The Newsletter of
Shiloh United Methodist Church
August 2019



SHILOH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP IN AUGUST

Inspired—Summer 2019 Sermon Series

We will wrap up our series mid-August that is helping us to understand how we use the Bible in our spiritual practice and open us to the divine love God promises through Christ. Pastor Tyler encourages



everyone to get and read *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans as a way to understand the different types of stories in the Bible. The remaining Sundays will be special Sundays including worship in the park by the pool, August 18, Blessing Backpacks, August 25, and Blessing of the Pets, September 1.

A DEEPER DIVE WITH PASTOR TYLER

Pastor Tyler is going to begin a time called “Deeper Dive” this summer. It is a chance for him to offer prayer, conversation about topics in sermons, and opportunities to look at challenging issues in our world and lives. These will be held on Sundays between services from 9-9:45am. We hope you can join us for these deeper dives into different topics.

Dates and topics for August:

Aug 4—Fish/Gospel/Resistance Stories from the Bible

Aug 11—Immigration, stories from pastors across the United States



FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS AUGUST 4!

They need Soup, Tomato Sauce,
and Granola Bars.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following are the committee meetings scheduled for this month:

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| August 1 | 6:00 pm | SPRC |
| August 6 | 12:30 pm | Visitation Team |
| August 7 | 6:00 pm | Trustees |
| August 8 | 6:00 pm | DS/All Church Mtg. |
| August 29 | 6:00 pm | Calendaring Meeting |

Our District Superintendent Deborah Christine is meeting with us **August 8 from 6-7 pm** as a congregation to hear from us about what is going well in ministry, discuss the challenges facing the larger UMC and to just be present with us. The District Superintendent oversees and supports churches in their region by helping assign/appoint pastoral leadership.

A Church Calendaring Meeting will be held on **August 29 from 6:00-8:00 pm**. Last year, participants found this meeting helpful in coordinating programming for the church. Please plan to attend to include your events on the calendar and to hear other exciting things happening at Shiloh UMC.

BIBLE STUDY IN THE PARK WEDNESDAYS AT ROSE PARK

Join Pastor Tyler, Pastor Sarah and Pastor Wendy for a Bible Study in the Park. **Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm at Rose Park**, our backup site for inclement weather is Mazevo Coffee on Grand Avenue. We are using the book *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. Activities are available for the children so adults can enjoy the study. The remaining sessions will be held **August 7 and 14**. Join us even if you haven't all summer, our group discussions have been lively and engaging.

TWO MORE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES AT SHILOH UMC

We will be holding two more Community Garage Sales at the church this summer. They are scheduled for **August 10** and **September 14**. Booth and Volunteer sign-up sheets are available on the table in the lobby.

SOUP MAKING August 18—After Service



JULY 2019 FINANCE REPORT

| Ministry Funds: | July 2019 | 2019 To Date |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Gifts Received: | \$13,081.50 | \$119,387.54 |
| Expenses: | 14,153.22 | 118,835.21 |
| Difference | -\$ 1,071.72 | -\$ 552.33 |
| Missions Giving: | \$ 356.00 | \$ 6,728.07 |

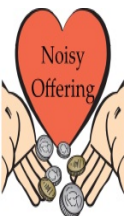
A more detailed Financial Report is available from the office if you are interested.

METHODIST NIGHT AT THE MUSTANGS—AUGUST 24

On **August 24 at 5:30 pm**, all Methodists are invited to come to Dehler Park for dinner and the Mustangs game. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for children (3-12), and includes an All-You-Can-Eat Buffet at the Pepsi Pavilion before the game. There is a sign-up sheet in the office. You must pay when you sign up. Tickets must be purchased before Noon on August 21.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/ BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY AUGUST 25

Join us for worship to bring us back to the school season. We will be having blessing of the backpacks at both the 8 am and 10:15 am service, receive our Student Day offering, collect our Noisy Offering and participate in writing letters to educators and support staff at local schools.



NOISY OFFERING AUGUST 25

Bring your change to church on August 25! This offering is given to the children who donate 10% to their mission project. The rest supports children's ministry.

SANDWICH MINISTRY AUGUST 30 @ NOON

SUMC provides sandwiches, cookies, and fruit for a meal at the rescue missions. **August 30 at noon** is the next session for making lunches. It takes less than an hour to make the sandwiches and all help is appreciated. Please consider helping this month.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND-SEPT 1 ONE SERVICE @ 9:00 AM

Featuring. . . Blessing Of The Animals



We will have one service on Labor Day Weekend (September 1 at 9:00 am). We will also Bless the Animals that day. Bring your pet(s), or their picture(s), to worship. We will have a time of blessing for them. Even animals too big to fit inside our building can come and we will bless them outside.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP

This year we partnered with First UMC to help us with our Easter Egg Hunt in return we partnered with FUMC to support and participate in Vacation Bible School. 75 kids participated in VBS, and 15 of them were connected to Shiloh. This great partnership helped us share the love of God with families and children in Billings. Thank you for your support!

MISSIONS TEAM NEWS

The Missions Team has offered funding and service to several entities this year. There is a poster in the Fellowship Hall highlighting some of those. Check it out! We will be **servicing lunch on August 24 at 11:30 am to the workers at the Habitat for Humanity house**. Let the office know if you'd like to help.

406 YOUTH UNITED

Save the Date—September 22



406 United is open to youth in 6th–12th grades. We will kick off the fall youth group with a parent and youth afternoon on September 22. More details coming in the September newsletter. Please contact Pastor Tyler at pastortyler@shilohbillings.church for details.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rachael Wertz
- 3 Georgia Heffner
- 6 Brandy Hansen
- 7 LouAnn Stewart
- 12 Dean Ziler
- 14 Tawny Massey
- 14 Pat Montgomery
- 15 Mitch Guentner
- 18 Wayne Dandrea
- 18 Kent Thompson
- 21 Jessica Amstutz
- 23 Rebecca Burt
- 24 Grace Cross
- 24 Joni Oswald
- 28 Jackie Beck
- 28 Caelan Madden
- 29 Judy Kastrop
- 30 Inga Casperson
- 31 Cassie King



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Gene and Dolores Jurovich
- 15 Gary and Luanne McFarland
- 16 Dennis and Sue Campbell
- 16 Gary and Mary Schaff
- 19 Mike and Monica Schmit
- 19 Kent and Sally Thompson
- 21 Mike and Georgia Heffner
- 24 Tom and Peg Parker
- 29 Mike and Rachael Wertz



VISITATION UPDATE

The four visitation ministers: Sally Thompson, Betty DuBeau, Jennine Budge, and Peg Parker have been joined by Liz Stanhope, who will be doing the hospital visitations two weeks out of each month. We are grateful she has joined the team. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tyler. If you'd like to see what we do during a visitation, call any of the visitation ministers to tag along. You will be very welcome.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Summer is a time in Montana to get out and enjoy God's creation, and as we return from those journeys it is good to gather again as a faith community and launch our new year of ministry. We invite you to join us on September 8 as we kickoff the new year. There will be a potluck meal after the second service, a blessing of our new UMCOR/SUMC Shed and information about things you can do to engage your faith this coming year. We hope to see you September 8!

AUGUST SCRIPTURES


- 4 8th Sunday after Pentecost**
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (UMH 830)
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
- 11 9th Sunday after Pentecost**
Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783)
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
- 18 10th Sunday after Pentecost**
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801)
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56
- 25 11th Sunday after Pentecost**
Back to School Sunday
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

THE SUMC/UMCOR SHED IS ALMOST DONE!!

The new shed is almost finished. There is still a little painting to do. If you can help, please sign the sheet on the Volunteer table in the Lobby and someone will contact you with the schedule. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible! If you would like to donate to the construction of the UMCOR/SUMC shed, please note that on the memo line of your check.



BOOK REVIEW

Tuesday, Sept. 17  6:00 pm

The next book review will be **Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.** at the church. We will discuss *Wish You Happy Forever: What China's Orphans Taught Me About Moving Mountains* by Jenny Bowen. This novel tells the story of China's momentous progress in its treatment of orphaned and abandoned children. Inevitably, Bowen's pathway to collaboration with Chinese was fraught with challenges. She had to find ways to lead her organization past closed doors and naysayers, bureaucratic roadblocks and reluctant government officials, as well as natural disasters and flustered board members to realize her vision for a loving, more nurturing approach to child welfare in China. To this day, Bowen is the only Westerner working with the Chinese government to transform its entire child welfare system. Please join us!



THANK YOU

There are so many to thank for the months of June and July. As always we give thanks to all who help on Sunday morning with ushering, prayer leader, communion helpers and money counters. We also thank Sandi Rogina and Alyssa Munson who work in the nursery and thanks to Chris Munson for the wonderful work in the sound booth. Thanks also to Nic Rogina who is training to help in the sound booth.

Thank you to Kent Thompson, Orion Thompson, Toby Stapleton, Gary McFarland, Ed Heidrich, Buddy Kastrop, Gary McFarland and Jerry Stanhope for all the work they have done on the new shed

Thank you to everyone who mowed the lawn: Kent Thompson, Ed & Vicki Hiedrich, Toby Stapleton, Caelan Madden, Buddy Kastrop and Dave King. We still need volunteers for the rest of August and September. And thank you for all the people who work in the community garden.

Thank you to people who brought treats during the months of June and July. Thank you to Brenda Longin and Jen Johnson for organizing the garage sale this month. A special thank you to Toby Stapleton and Jerry Stanhope for taking a truck full of 12 huge bags of donations to the Free Store.

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PRAYERS FOR June & July



We prayed during the months of June and July for those people who are ill or having surgery. We prayed for those who were in the hospital and for people and family members who are struggling with cancer. We included families and friends who had lost loved ones.

We prayed for travel mercies for people as they travelled on summer vacation to see family and friends. Prayers for the services provided by the Free Store and the volunteers who work to make that happen and prayers for the clients they help. Peggy gave thanks for a Volunteer group that helped paint and clean the Free Store in July.

Many prayers were asked for the delegates to the Annual Conference that was held in June in Billings.

Prayers of thanksgiving for a very successful VBS at First UMC. There were 75 kids and by working with First UMC, we were able to participate and help. Thank you for a week at camp at Flathead Lake.

Prayers for our Pastor and our church, and prayers for our country.

We hold Shiloh's prayers every Tuesday at 11:00 am, everyone is welcome to join us. Even if you can only come every once in a while, everyone is invited to come and join us.



COMMUNITY GARDEN 2019 ...Is Picking and Grinning!

Folks have begun to harvest their plots (picking) in the Community Garden! We have begun to take produce to the Free Store and the Billings Food Bank (grinning). If you would like to help harvest or are available to transport produce, please let Buddy Kastrop or the church office know.



OUR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM RESULTS



Our Relay for Life Team would like to thank everyone who walked with them, donated to their team, or helped them out in any way. The preliminary total for what they raised is \$1,878.06. The final number will be available later.

WANTED: VOLUNTEER LAWN MOWERS



There is a little summer left and mowers are needed to sign up to mow the lawn once or twice this month. It takes about 4 hours each time. We suggest mowing weekly on Thursday, Friday or

Saturday. Training with the lawn mowers is available from any of the Trustees. Please sign the clipboard in the lobby and make a note if you need training. Please make sure to include your phone number.



What can 10 teenagers and 2 adults accomplish?

In July twelve people from across the United States worked at the Free Store for two 6-hour days. They were part of the 270 people from the Catholic Heart Workcamp volunteering their time and energy to various Billings non-profits. Their accomplishments at the Free Store included painting walls, bookcases, railings, and the cement steps as well as scrubbing and waxing the shopping room and hallway floors. This was all accomplished without any complaints, arguments, or whining! What an improvement. We oldsters that volunteer at the Free Store never would have been able to do these projects.

Winter Clothing Donations

We will begin accepting winter clothing the first of September. Just a reminder: be sure that the zippers work, that there are no stains or tears, and the items are clean.

Thanks! This ministry continues to grow, thanks to the support of your donations. The shoppers are so grateful.

UMCOR HYGIENE KIT MAKING AND POTLUCK—BILLINGS METHODISTS

Have you been trying to find a way to support immigrants incarcerated in the camps, and not known how to step up and help. The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is working to get supplies to people that need them and bring awareness to awful conditions people are facing. One way to help is packing hygiene kits. If you want to join other Methodists around Billings come to **Grace UMC August 12 at 6 pm**. Bring a potluck dish and supplies for hygiene kits. A list for the kits is on a table in the lobby of Shiloh.

WE HAVE A NEW WATER FOUNTAIN/ BOTTLE FILLING STATION!

We recycle all we can here at Shiloh UMC. Because we were sending a LOT of plastic water bottles to the recycling bin, the Trustees have installed a new water fountain with a bottle filling station. We purchased reusable plastic cups with the SUMC logo on them. If you use one of these cups, please put it in the sink and we will run it through the dishwasher. *If you know someone who needs a used water fountain, please contact the office.*

DO YOU LIKE QUILTING OR SEWING?

Recently, we have received for two quilting/sewing-related requests for help:

- We have the quilt squares and border pieces ready to make one of our Shiloh UMC hand quilts. Can you help do this?
- During the Mission Day for the Mountain Sky UMC Annual Conference, one of our Montana pastors noticed that the Women's Shelter had a sewing room, but no one was sewing. The shelter manager said they no longer had volunteers in that area. They would love any support they can get because the women loved learning to sew. In the past, they have made pajama pants, pillow cases and other simple items. Does this interest you?

If you have time and interest in either of these opportunities, please tell the office or Pastor Tyler. This is a chance to share your talents and to put your faith into action!

RETREAT AND REFRESH STROKE CAMP

Rock Creek Resort — September 20-22

Camp is open to stroke survivors, their caregivers and their families. The cost is \$125 per person. This covers lodging and all the wonderful food that we eat. Part and Full Scholarships are available, if needed. Come join us for lots of fun, discussions, relaxation and much more. Check out the website

(www.strokecamp.org) or call Sandi Rogina at 406-670-1294 for more information.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A PART-TIME JOB?

Are you hoping for something to do when kids are back in school? Why not consider joining the staff at SUMC as Financial Secretary? Can you email, text and balance a checkbook? Great! You may be just the person Shiloh is looking for. The position is part-time - approximately 5 hours on Monday morning. The position requires basic computer skills such as data entry. Any bookkeeping or accounting skills would be helpful. Training will be provided. A monthly staff meeting is part of this role. Please submit a resume and letter of interest to PastorTyler@shilohbillings.church or contact the office 656-0050 to learn more.

SCHOOLS NEED SUPPLIES TOO!!

Be on the look-out! We will be getting a list of supplies from the two schools we sponsor (Big Sky Elementary and Meadowlark Elementary). There are health and safety items they need to have available for their students.

WE ARE HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY...

The church serves our community in many ways. One way is to offer our church facility to other groups to use. Here are just a few of the types of groups who have met in the church or on the church grounds in the past year:

PEO. Several chapters of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) meet here. These are groups of women with a primary focus of providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide. The group was originally rooted in the philosophy and institutions of the Methodist Church.

Aging Well. Once a month, we create community for adults to learn about resources in the community, connect with others in the community, understand how the second half of life can be as fulfilling as the first.

Homeowners Association Meetings. One of the local HOAs meets here every other month.

UMC District and Committee Meetings. In the past year, we have hosted the Conference Native American Ministries Committee, a District Gathering, our Circuit Charge Conference, and several smaller Committee meetings.

Youth Soccer Teams. Several youth soccer teams practice on our lawn every year. It's great to hear their voices!

Traveling Youth Groups and a Mission Team. We have hosted several Youth Groups and one Mission Team as they passed through our area on their way to complete mission work in Montana.

UMCOR Drop-off Site. The new shed has a section designed as a drop-off area for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) relief kits and more. We will be able to better serve our world, which is always in need.

Professional Training and Workshops. We have hosted several training sessions and workshops for local professionals.

Family Gatherings and Receptions. We have offered our church for family gatherings and receptions for birthdays, celebrations of life and other momentous occasions for members and non-members.

Boy Scout Troops and Leaders. We have hosted several Boy Scout Troops who were travelling through the area as well as providing a space for Boy Scout Leader training.

PASTOR TYLER'S CORNER

People of Shiloh,

We run on your faithfulness!!

Thank you so much for being part of the Shiloh United Methodist Church community. In the 22 months I've been blessed to be your Pastor, it is remarkable to me how much we have done to help share the gospel with our community. Additionally, I am thankful for how many of you have supported me and my family. This is truly a special church that knows how to care for one another and cares about our community.

If you find yourself away from us for part of August, please know you can stay connected with us. The best way is through our Podcasts. These are audio recordings of the Sunday morning message. You can listen from your phone, tablet or computer by visiting shilohbillings.church/sermonslisten/.

I believe my most important job is to help people on their faith journey. In August, I'm inviting you to participate in a **One Month Challenge** a practice of picking up new habits, and leaving behind unhelpful ones. I invite you to go to shilohbillings.church/one-month and print the challenge card or get one at church the next two Sundays. Then, put it somewhere you will see it and spend just a bit of time each day on your personal journey with God. It will take commitment to build the habits, but when have we shied away from doing something hard?

Wherever summer takes you, I hope you will spend some part of it with us. We've planned some exciting events and our quality worship experiences will continue throughout August. Please mark your calendar for our Welcome Home Sunday, September 8. Thank you again for being a part of this church family and for the gifts you've already given. Each and every person adds something important to who we are.

Enthusiastic Peace,

Rev. Tyler Amundson #LoveBillings

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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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