

Genesis

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Shiloh United Methodist Church
September 2019



SHILOH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP *FAITH BY NUMBERS* “CHOOSE YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE”

—FALL 2019 SERMON
SERIES



This fall we will be placing scripture alongside the life of John Wesley who founded the Methodist movement. We invite each person in the church to learn that faith changes and

practices grow throughout our lives, and you can choose how you want to draw your own masterpiece of your life with God alongside you. The series will carry us through the end of October.

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 September:

September 15—United Methodist Church: What is next? Division? Unity?

September 29—Practicing Wesleyan Prayer: Learning a daily practice like Wesley did.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 1!

They need Cereal, Single Serve
Items for Sack Lunches,
and Sandwich Bags.

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

Featuring. . . Blessing of the Animals



One service on Labor Day Weekend (September 1 at 9:00 am). We will 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.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This is an introduction to **Dena Ziler**, a 97 year-old member of SUMC. Most notably, she is an active member. Dena has volunteered at our community Easter egg hunts for the past two years. She ushers at second service and volunteers at the Free Store. She attends the Caregivers group and is a member of one of our book clubs. What a role model for all of us!

UMCOR HYGIENE KITS

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 who need them and bring awareness to awful conditions people face. One way to help is packing hygiene kits. We will shipping the kits on September 1 so if you plan to make kit(s), **please bring them to the church on or before September 1**. A list for the kits is on the bulletin board in the hall.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING AVAILABLE

We operate under the Safe Sanctuary philosophy. This means that we have rules about how our children and any other vulnerable visitors are cared for safely and responsibly. Anyone who works with our children and youth is required to have a background check performed and is asked to attend Safe Sanctuary training. We are holding training on **September 5 at 6:00 pm**. Pizza and childcare will be provided. Please call the office or let Tyler or Brenda know you plan to attend.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY

Sunday School Kickoff, Potluck Lunch, and New Shed Blessing 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 September 8 as we kickoff the new year. A potluck meal after the second service, lots of activities (bounce house, singing some VBS songs, and enjoying time with their church friends) for the kids, during and after worship, a blessing of our new UMCOR/SUMC Shed and information about things you can do to engage your faith this coming year. The church will furnish the fried chicken, bring a side dish to share. We hope to see you September 8!

406 YOUTH UNITED



Youth group will run from 3:30-5:30 pm on Sundays for the 2019-2020 year with special events running until 6 pm. In September, we have activities to build community and learn about God's love. Please invite any youth (6th-12th grade).

We're having a special kick-off event on Friday, September 6 at Shiloh UMC which will be...wait for it....a LOCK-IN! Why not start off the year with a bang?? There will be a parent-student meeting at Shiloh UMC at 6 pm that evening and dinner will

be provided for all, then parents can go home and the students can stay for a fun night of lock-in activities! Parent pick up will be at Shiloh UMC at 10am the next morning.

After the lock-in we will begin our weekly 406 Youth United meetings which will be every Sunday afternoon from 3:30-5:30pm. Because we're partnering with the surrounding Methodist churches, every church will take a turn hosting youth group. We don't want transportation to be an issue, so simply drop your students off at Shiloh UMC every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 pm and pick them back up at Shiloh UMC at 5:30pm...our youth leaders will take care of the rest!

September 6-7—Lock-In

September 15—Supporting the Homeless in Billings

September 22—Board Game Night

September 29—Photo Scavenger Hunt

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following are the committee meetings scheduled for this month:

Sept 12	5:00 pm	Finance
Sept 12	6:00 pm	SPRC
Sept 12	6:00 pm	Trustees
Sept 12	7:00 pm	Church Council
Sept 22	9:15 am	Missions Team

The Finance Committee will be working on the 2020 budget and will meet at 5:00 pm, instead of 5:30 this month. Except SPRC, all meetings are open to all members and are held at the church.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!!!

The Sunday School will be having a bake sale and lemonade stand in the church parking lot on **September 14 from 8 am—Noon**. If you love to bake and would like to donate your goodies we would be so appreciative! Please contact Brenda 256-5535 to make arrangements for drop off if it's outside normal church hours. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We hope to see you there!

I Invite You... to Join the Choir



I would like to personally invite you to sing with the Shiloh UMC Choir this season. We are an open group of people who enjoy lifting our voices to enhance and guide the worship experience. Our choir members all started without knowing their part and learned by practicing Sunday mornings prior to worship. My desire for you as a choir member is that you have a beautiful learning experience, have fun (yes, we laugh plenty), and learn how to read and understand music more clearly if you don't already know.

You won't be required to sit with the choir the entire worship service (sit with family if you prefer), you won't have to be in worship every single Sunday (we sing three Sundays per month), and you won't have to make a rehearsal commitment another night each week. Rehearsals for the fall begin September 8. To participate, just show up September 8 at 9:15 am and then sing with us in worship. Hit me up if you have any questions, worries, or concerns. My email is dave@davemerkel.com.

Will I see you and have you sing with the rest of us on **September 8**? I'm hoping so!

Dave Merkel
SUMC Choir Director

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday September 14—8am—2pm.

Tell your friends, family, neighbors! We will be holding our last garage sale of the season here at Shiloh in the parking lot. Spaces are still available—sign-up sheet is in the lobby or call Brenda at 256-5535. Cost is \$10 for 2 parking spaces, you sell your own treasures, and you keep your money. A great way to unload items you no longer need or want before the holiday season, make a little money, get a ton of traffic, keep strangers from roaming around your house/garage, and have a great time! If you are a crafter or a vendor we have spaces for you too! Vendor cost is \$25 for 2 parking spaces. Space rentals are open to everyone. Proceeds from the space rentals are going to the Children and Youth Committee.

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLERS...

We are asking all parents of Sunday Schoolers and the Children and Youth Committee members to meet in Padget Goodman Hall **after 10:15 worship on September 15.**

NOISY OFFERING SEPTEMBER 15




Bring your change to church on September 15! This offering is given to the children who donate 10% to their mission project. The rest supports children's ministry.

MISSIONS TEAM NEWS

The Missions Team has several projects coming up. We invite you to join us at our meeting on **September 15 at 9:15 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

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!



JULY FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Funds:	<u>July 2019</u>	<u>2019 To Date</u>
Gifts Received:	\$13,081.50	\$119,387.54
Expenses:	<u>14,153.22</u>	<u>118,835.21</u>
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.

SANDWICH MINISTRY SEPTEMBER 27 @ NOON

SUMC provides sandwiches, cookies, and fruit for a meal at the rescue missions. **September 27 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.



Goodies and Cookies, Please!!

The freezer is empty!! Goodies are used for Fellowship time after each worship service. Please sign up to bring in treats for one Sunday. The sign-up sheet is on the Volunteer Table. We also need cookies to put in the freezer for the 200 sack lunches we make for the homeless on the last Friday of each month. Please help if you can!!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Most people who are church-hunting can give a dozen ideas they are looking for in the next place of worship. Usually that involves location, type of preaching and various types of ministry. But more than anything they want fellowship. At SUMC we have a Fellowship hour after both services. This is time to have a cup of coffee and a cookie or other good tasting goodie and sit down together to visit. This is a wonderful time if there are people attending for the first time to get to know someone from the church, someone they can talk to and ask questions that they might have. **We need cookies for the freezer or we need someone to sponsor a Sunday and bring the goodies for that day.** You do not need to do any clean up after the fellowship hour is over. We will continue to leave a sign-up calendar on the Volunteers Needed table. If you can

help out on a Sunday, please sign up so we know. If you are baking cookies, please think of us and make an extra dozen or two for fellowship hour. We also try to send cookies when the Sandwich group gets together on the last Friday of each month to make 200 sandwiches for the homeless.



SOUP MAKING September 29

PRAYER LEADER TRAINING

September 29 at 11:15 am

Watch the bulletin for details

SHILOH'S PRAYER GROUP

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28 NIV

Shiloh has a prayer group that meets every Tuesday from 11—Noon. It is a small group of 6—7 people but it has room to grow. The power of your prayer life increases dramatically according to the amount of time you pray. We pray the prayers that are lifted up the proceeding Sunday and then we pray any other prayer requests received. This is a very informal group and everyone is invited. If you can just stay for a few minutes, or if you have a prayer request that has been heavy on your heart, please feel free to join us any Tuesday at 11 am at the church.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Randy Kraai
- 6 Dorothy Flickinger
- 7 James Spurlin
- 8 Bonnie Bell
- 11 Gene Jurovich
- 16 Jake Davis
- 16 Warren Frank
- 19 Ryan Nelson
- 24 Doug Keene
- 26 Stephanie Baucus
- 27 Russ Davidson
- 27 Tom Vogel
- 28 Zeno Baucus
- 29 Brooke Sullivan
- 29 Spencer Holm
- 30 Michelle McManus



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Tyler and Crystal Amundson
- 4 Kyle and Marisa Foster
- 12 Steve and Darlene Newstrom
- 22 Eric and Rose Enger
- 24 Dan and Susan Hathaway
- 27 Russ and Darla Davidson

VISITATION MINISTRY

Thanks for the gift of time and yarn, a number of prayer shawls made by Judy Frank. The shawls are then blessed in church and then are available for the Visitation Ministry to give to those visited. This is a reminder that they are not forgotten, that others are praying for them, and that they have an item to keep warm. Thanks to all who make this ministry possible.

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES

- 1 12th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 8:1, 10-16 (UMH 803)
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14
- 8 13th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33
- 15 14th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14 (UMH 746)
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10
- 22 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9, or Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13
- 29 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9, or Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

THE SUMC/UMCOR SHED IS ALMOST FINISHED!!



The new shed is almost finished. There is still a little painting to do. A work day will be scheduled in September. 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.

THANK YOU

There are so many to thank for the month of August. As always we give thanks to those who help on Sunday morning. A special thank you to Grace Klein for the beautiful cello music.

Thank you to those who helped at the Habitat for Humanity House on the 24th. Thank you to Susan Hathaway for arranging lunch to feed the workers.

Thank you to everyone who mowed the lawn: Kent Thompson, Ed & Vicki Heidrich, Toby Stapleton, Caelan Madden, Buddy Kastrop and Dave King. We still need volunteers for September.

And thank you for the people who worked in the community garden. Approximately 50 lbs. of fresh veggies were given to the Free Store and the Mission so far this month.

A special thank you to Alyssa Munson who pulled weeds around the church. It was such a hot day and she did an amazing job.

And thank you to the people who arranged for Methodist night at the Mustang game. It was a great evening and a chance to meet people from other Methodist churches.

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PRAYERS FOR AUGUST



We prayed during the month of August for those people who are ill or having surgery, for those 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 offered prayers for Sandi Rogina, Nona Melby and Tom Parker who had surgery and are home and recovering. We prayed for travel mercies for people as they travelled to college and for parents who are saying goodbye. 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. Prayers for our Pastor and our church, and prayers for our country.

Shiloh's prayer group meets every Tuesday at 11:00 am, everyone is welcome. Even if you can come every once in a while.

COMMUNITY GARDEN 2019

...Is Picking and Grinning!

The Food Bank and the Free Store have SO appreciated the produce they have received from our gardens. Please let Buddy Kastrop or the church office know if you are available to harvest or transport produce. We could really use the help!!



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 Trustee. Please sign the clipboard in the lobby and note if you need training. Be sure to include your phone number.



FREE STORE FUNDRAISER

At times donations are made to the Free Store that are items the shoppers don't want or need. However, these may fall into the category of vintage or collectible. Those things have been saved and now will be offered at the September 14 garage sale held at SUMC. All proceeds will be donated to the Free Store. COME BY TO BUY!

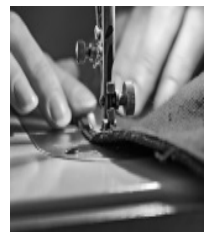
FREE STORE NEEDS:

As this ministry grows, so do the needs. The 33 gallon black bags and the tall garbage bags that tie are desperately needed. Winter is approaching, warm clothing, coats, and boots will be needed. Just be sure they are clean, the zippers work and there are no stains. Your support is so needed and so appreciated!

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, a Montana pastor noticed the Women's Shelter's sewing room, but no one was sewing. The shelter manager said they no longer had volunteers. We would love any support available, the women enjoyed learning to sew. Prior projects were 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!

WANTED: AGING WELL HOST(S) AND COORDINATOR(S)



Aging Well is an outreach program to serve the needs and interests of a robust aging population in our community. This space has provided safety to discuss hard topics, foster relationships and encourage participation by sharing stories and experiences of challenges faced while facing the second half of life. We continue to be successful with 10-20 people at each lunch, and we believe that as knowledge of these events grow, so will the program. People are finding hope and excitement through the knowledge gained and the community being built.

The faithful servants who helped with this program in the past have moved on to other adventures so we are looking for people who are willing to step into leadership for Aging Well. We are seeking the following:

1. **Event Host (2-3)**
 - a. Greet people at events.
 - b. Help speakers feel at home by welcoming them to the space.
 - c. Assist Pastor Tyler in coordinating groups to provide lunches.
2. **Co-Coordinator (2)**
 - a. Contact potential speakers.
 - b. Help Pastor Tyler plan the speaking schedule for next year.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tyler or the church office, by phone or email. We hope to start Aging Well later this fall.

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.

2019 Annual Dinner and Fundraiser For United Campus Ministries (UCM)

The Annual Dinner in support of UCM's work at MSUB will be held **Tuesday, September 24**. The event will be in the Glacier Room at the Student Union building on the main campus (1500 University Drive) starting at **5:30 p.m.**

Over dinner we'll share stories about UCM from students and Rev. Welch. A silent and live auction will be held to support the work of UCM. Tickets are \$50 and can be pre-purchased by sending a check to UCM at MSUB at 1500 University Dr. Billings MT 59101.

Churches, individuals, businesses, and individuals can purchase a table of 6 for \$400 and will receive recognition. A sponsorship of \$500 or \$1000 will result in a special form of recognition

Dr. Dan Edelman, Chancellor of Montana State University Billings, is the keynote speaker. Dr. Edelman will discuss what he has learned at MSUB and other academic settings that can help negotiate religious differences.

METHODIST BLOOD DRIVE October 1 – 10am - 6pm

We have invited all the other local Methodist Churches to join us in donating blood at the Vitalant Donation Center on Grand Avenue **all day on October 1**. Please sign up on-line (bloodhero.com) or call them at 800-365-4450 and mention that you are a Methodist.

NEEDED: HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS (Volunteer Training Coming Soon)

RiverStone Health Hospice is looking for caring individuals to help support patients and families living with terminal illness. Many patient and non-patient opportunities are available. The next volunteer training is scheduled for **October 3 and 4 at RiverStone Health**, and potential candidates must do an informational interview prior to the training. Please call 247-3313 for more information or to register for our upcoming volunteer training.

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE UMC? Q & A

Q: What will happen to our church in light of what is happening with our denomination?

A: From the information we have received, this is a timeline of what is likely to happen:

- Fall 2019—Shiloh Church Leaders & Team Members will have a Leaders Retreat to talk about goals for our church and outline what we need to do as a congregation to prepare for upcoming decisions.
- Late Fall 2019—Shiloh Charge Conference. All church members are invited to be a part of this meeting; we will talk about where we are as a church and vote on the pastor's salary. We will also explore/discuss ways we can and are working with other Billings UMCs to share resources.
- Fall/Winter 2019—Shiloh will have “listening sessions” to talk about what is happening in our conference and share ideas

about what we think is best for our congregation.

- Jan 1, 2020—The Traditional Plan will take effect.
- May 2020—General Conference 2020 takes place in Minneapolis. There are many possible outcomes:
 - ❖ the denomination splits;
 - ❖ a plan like the “One Church Plan” is passed allowing individual churches to make decisions around LBGTQ inclusion related to ministry and marriage; or
 - ❖ the Traditional Plan stays in effect.
- June 2020—Mountain Sky Annual Conference in Gillette, WY. If the Traditional Plan is still in place, the Mountain Sky Annual Conference will take a vote on whether or not it will leave the denomination as a conference. Whatever it decides, Shiloh will vote as a church on whether we want to stay a part of the United Methodist Church, leave with the conference, or do something different (i.e., become an independent church).

PASTOR TYLER'S CORNER

People of Shiloh,

Welcome back to Shiloh this Fall! We hope you can join us for "Welcome-Home" Sunday this week, September 8. Where summer colors. This will be our celebration of coming back together to begin our journey of learning and growth for the fall. The desire is to have all of Shiloh's people gather together and experience worship as a complete community. Following our 10:15 service there will be a potluck meal, we will bless our new shed and celebrate our trustees' great work, and there will be some great opportunities for our children to play.

This Sunday also begins our new sermon and study series called, *Faith by Numbers: Choose your own spiritual adventure*. We will be studying scripture alongside the life and teachings of John Wesley who was the beginning point of the Methodist movement. Over this series we will learn practices of faith and see how God calls all of us, big or small, young or old, wise or foolish, great or meek, poor or rich, to experience God's grace and be a part of God's story of salvation for the world.

One of my favorite John Wesley quotes is: *"When I was young I was sure of everything; in a few years, having been mistaken a thousand times, I was not half so sure of most things as I was before; at present, I am hardly sure of anything but what God has revealed to me."* This reminds us that God can transform our lives at any time, and give us new insight to how to live in a sacred and whole way by charting a course with God. Come learn about the life God might be calling us all to this fall and welcome home.

We hope to see you this Sunday September 8 in worship!

Enthusiastic Peace,
Rev. Tyler Amundson

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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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