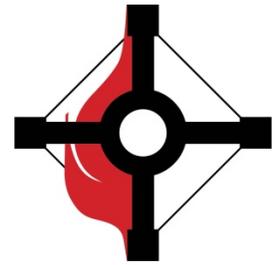


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The Newsletter of  
Shiloh United Methodist Church  
October 2019 (REV)



SHILOH  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## OCTOBER 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.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### PICTURE TAKING UNDER WAY...

We haven't updated our Church Picture Directory for a long time and decided it was about time to do that! We have purchase a couple backdrops and Sandi Rogina has volunteered to take family photos on Sundays. She will be available Sundays at 9:00 and after the 10:15 service. We will schedule other days of the week, if needed. **Please take a minute and have your family's picture taken for the Church Picture Directory.** If you don't get here to have us take your picture, we will send out some parameters for personal pictures you can send in.



## FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 6!

They need Cereal, Single Serve  
Items, Peanut Butter and  
Hamburger Helper.



We think it is important for people to take time out to understand their faith, so they can animate it in their everyday lives. To accommodate everyone, Shiloh is providing 3 sessions of the animate connect group to help you find a way to grow your faith this fall. Each session of the 7-week course will focus on a different aspect of our faith: God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, the Cross, the Bible, and the Church.

Tuesday groups will meet at 10:30am in Mission Ridge at St. John's United and at 12pm at Shiloh United Methodist Church on October 8, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 26

Thursday group will meet at 6:30 pm at the Ragsdales, members of Evangelical United Methodist's house, at 612 Wyoming. The group will meet October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21

Please signup by contacting the office or Pastor Tyler by October 7. 656-0050 or [pastortyler@shilohbillings.church](mailto:pastortyler@shilohbillings.church)

## 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](http://bloodhero.com)) or call them at 800-365-4450 and mention that you are a Methodist.

## Aging Well 2019-2020



Please mark your calendars for the Aging Well luncheon presentations that will be starting up next month. They will begin at 11:30 am this year and will again be located in our fellowship hall.

The first presentation will be held on **Wednesday October 9, 2019**. The remaining presentations will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, October-May. The October speaker is Al Ward, President of AARP and he will provide information that will help you Recognize and Protect Yourself from FRAUD. Other topics of interest this year will include nutrition/cooking for one; safety/fall prevention/exercise; social isolation with aging; organ donation and making our gardens pollinator friendly. We will have an interactive Christmas musical celebration scheduled for our December program! All of these presentations are interactive, educational and fun! Everyone is welcome, so please bring family and friends. RSVPs to the church office are appreciated and assist us with our luncheon needs. Please feel free to contact the church office or talk to us directly with any questions! Thank you.

Sally Wickware-Thompson and Joni Oswald

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY AT SHILOH



Millions of Americans live paycheck to paycheck. Taking charge of your money isn't hard with a plan! Financial Peace University classes are Bible-based principals that help you get back on track. Join us **October 14 at 6:00-7:30 pm** at Shiloh UMC to take back control of where your money goes each month. Child care is available! We will meet weekly for 9 weeks to learn about budgeting, saving, insurance, building wealth, and more! Sign up using this link: <https://www.fpu.com/1100348>. **The first class is FREE!** *We are also in need of one or more people who would be willing to provide childcare for the classes.*

## SAVE THE DATE TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> – 5-7pm

### 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 October, we have activities to build community and learn about God's love. Please invite any youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade).

Parents if you have not already fill out our registration form at [shilohbillings.church/students](http://shilohbillings.church/students) and get us contact info to stay in touch with youth.

- October 6**—Surprise Activity
- October 11**—Corn Maze 7pm-9pm
- October 13**—No Youth Group
- October 20**—Pumpkin Carving Night
- October 27**—All Saints Party

## A DEEPER DIVE WITH PASTOR TYLER

Pastor Tyler is going to continue the time called "Deeper Dive". 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. This month we hold one on **Monday, October 14 at 6pm**. We hope you can join us for these deeper dives into specific topics

### Dates and topics for October:

**October 14**—The Book of Jonah: A piece of satire and a gift from God, learning how to read Jonah to understand ourselves better.

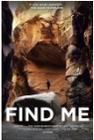
## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following are the committee meetings scheduled for this month:

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| <b>Oct 10</b> | <b>5:30 pm</b> | <b>Finance</b>        |
| <b>Oct 10</b> | <b>6:00 pm</b> | <b>SPRC</b>           |
| <b>Oct 10</b> | <b>6:00 pm</b> | <b>Trustees</b>       |
| <b>Oct 10</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b> | <b>Church Council</b> |

Except SPRC, all meetings are open to all members and are held at the church.

**FAITH AND FILM**  
**October 13 – 5:30 pm**



Join us as we watch a movie, have some discussion and see where God appears to us in popular movies. This month we will be watching the independent film, *Find Me*. The movie is about an emotionally wounded accountant who decides to break away from routine and find his missing friend, who has left clues for him of her whereabouts throughout National Parks across the West. Bring a snack and a friend and join in the discussion after the film.

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING!**

Have you ever thought about the link between generosity and your spiritual life? Have you ever wondered how God is inviting you to practice the spiritual principle of generous giving? This November at Shiloh, we'll be talking about what it means to practice generosity with our finances in the ways that Jesus preached about.

Church isn't a club that requires dues. It isn't a non-profit that collects money for a worthy cause. Church is the place where followers of Jesus learn to give of themselves as an act of discipleship. Therefore, we will be asking you this month to consider your response to the question "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

On Consecration Sunday at the end of the month, we'll have the opportunity to make financial commitments to God as an act of worship during church. We'll also celebrate with a catered lunch (not a potluck) after church.

You'll be hearing much more about Consecration Sunday over the next few weeks. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation!

Grace and Peace, *Dave King*, Lay Leader



**SOUP MAKING**  
**October 20**



**NOISY OFFERING**  
**OCTOBER 20**

Bring your change to church on October 20! This offering is given to the children who donate 10% to their mission project. The rest supports children's ministry.

**AUGUST FINANCE REPORT**

Ministry Funds:	<u>August 2019</u>	<u>2019 To Date</u>
Gifts Received:	\$12,048.46	\$131,436.00
Expenses:	<u>14,754.65</u>	<u>133,589.86</u>
Difference	<b>-\$ 2,706.19</b>	<b>-\$ 2,153.86</b>

Missions Giving:           \$ 768.42           \$ 7,496.49

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

**SANDWICH MINISTRY**  
**OCTOBER 25 @ NOON**

SUMC provides sandwiches, cookies, and fruit for a meal at the rescue missions. **October 25 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!!

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Melissa Fulton
- 1 Steve Newstrom
- 2 Dan Hathaway
- 10 Dolores Jurovich
- 11 Artie Markegard
- 12 Beth Brault
- 31 Kyra Munson
- 31 Jeanne Vogel



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Tom and Jeanne Vogel
- 23 Cody and Katelyn Hoefle
- 28 Carl and Wanda Clark

## SHILOH'S PRAYER GROUP

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.

## OCTOBER SCRIPTURES

- 6 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
Lamentations 1:1-6  
Psalm 137 (UMH 852)  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10
- 13 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Children's Sabbath Sunday**  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790)  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19
- 20 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Laity Sunday**  
Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104, or Psalm 19 (UMH 75)  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8
- 27 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65 (UMH 789)  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

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*Congrats to our Relay for Life Team Who Collected \$1878*

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## FALL MISSION PROJECTS

This fall the Missions Team is sponsoring the following projects:

- Sleeping bags for the HUB and Free Store – If you would like to sponsor one or more sleeping bags, **they are \$44 each**. Please make your check out to the church and put “Sleeping bags” in the memo;
- White Socks for the HUB – If you would like to participate in this project, please **purchase adult size white socks** and put them in the tub in the Fellowship Hall.
- Angel Tree – Watch for the Angel Tree. They will put it up on **November 17** this year. There will be tags for Tumbleweed, Independence Hall, St. Johns, and Autumn Springs this year. We will also have boxes for pantry items needed by Tumbleweed and Independence Hall.

We would also like to share a THANK YOU we received from Habitat for Humanity for our support on the Apostle's Build. The house was dedicated on September 19 and is very much appreciated by the new homeowner! Shiloh supplies lunch for the workers at least once each quarter. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the office.

A huge THANK YOU to all the generous bakers for providing goodies for the Sunday school kids to sell at the garage sale in September! We appreciate all of you so much!

## TRUNK OR TREAT



We will be holding our annual trunk or treat here at Shiloh on **Thursday, October 31 from 5 pm - 7 pm**. If you are interested in decorating your trunk and handing out candy, please sign up in the lobby. We will also have a sign up sheet for anyone interested in helping out with games and hot chocolate. More details to follow.

## Messy Church is starting again!



**Messy Church will be Monday October 7 from 6:00-6:45 pm and Monday October 21 from 6:00-6:45 pm.** We will have music, prayers, lessons, games or crafts, light snacks, and fun, fun, fun! All are welcome! We hope to see you soon!!!

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who purchased and assembled Hygiene Kits and to Crystal and Pastor Tyler Amundson for catching up with the transport who took them to the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City (over Labor Day weekend). We really appreciate your help!!

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There are so many to thank for the month of September. As always we give thanks to those who help on every Sunday morning.

Thank you to everyone who bought a potluck item to Welcome Back Sunday. As always we had a wonderful selection of great salads and desserts. Thanks to everyone who worked in setting up on Saturday and for taking down on Sunday. We are pretty certain that we served 84 people and it was wonderful to have so many people stay and enjoy fellowship. What a great way to get a new year started. A special thanks to Jerry Stanhope who picked up the chicken at Wyn-Co and waited patiently for the chicken to be finished as the store forgot to get the order ready. Thank you to Terry Montgomery who bought extra ice for us as we ran out early. Also thank you to both of them for helping with getting the dishes in and out of the dishwasher. A very special thank you to the 406 Youth who put all the tables and chairs up and the Welcome Back sign and pastor Tyler for cleaning the floors.

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

And thank you for the people who worked in the community garden. Approximately 200 lbs. of fresh veggies have been given to the Free Store, Billings Food Bank or the Mission so far this growing season.

Thank you to the Welcoming committee, Joni Oswald and Russ and Darla Davidson, for the beautiful and colorful welcoming center table.

*Liz*

### BOOK REVIEW

Tuesday, Nov. 12  6:00 pm

Join Shiloh's Book Review for a discussion about "Where the Red Fern Grows". When leaving work in Idaho's Snake River Valley, Billy Colman sees a pack of dogs attacking a stray coonhound. He rescues, feeds, and eventually releases the stray, allowing it to return home. The experience reminds



Billy of his childhood in the Ozark Mountains of Oklahoma. He wants a dog, but declines his parents' offer of a collie after seeing a magazine ad for a Kentucky kennel that sells Redbone Coonhounds. It takes him two years of working odd jobs, and his grandfather's help, to raise the \$50 required for two puppies. But by then, the price has dropped and they only cost \$40. Billy's dogs are delivered to the freight depot in Tahlequah. Come join the discussion about this classic novel...

## PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER



We prayed during the month of September 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 and other medical problems. We included families and friends who had lost loved ones. We prayed for travel mercies for people as they travelled. 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. We gave prayers for several people who successfully found new jobs after being unemployed. We gave thanks for everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month. Prayers for our Pastor and our church, and prayers for our country and our leaders. Prayers for the east coast and the Bahama's as they recover from hurricane Dorian.

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



### BIRTHDAY BAG MINISTRY



Each of us can remember a special childhood birthday. However, some of the shoppers at the Free Store cannot afford even a birthday cake for a child's birthday. Consequently one of the volunteers began the Birthday Bag Ministry. Currently that volunteer is no longer involved so we need someone to volunteer to continue this great ministry. Each birthday bag (gender specific) contains a cake mix, a can of frosting, candles and party favors for 5-6 children. Posted signs tell parents to notify a volunteer if a child has a birthday during the current month. If you are interested please contact Peg Parker (690-6370 or [pjayco44@gmail.com](mailto:pjayco44@gmail.com)).

## FREE STORE GARAGE SALE

The Free Store is assessed \$2700.00 annually by Evangelical United Methodist Church for using their facilities. In addition, there is need for another \$1,000.00 annually to buy supplies and pay for needed printing. Currently expenses are funded by the collection at the Ash Wednesday service, donations by individuals and churches, and an occasional fundraising activity. On September 14, the Free Store had a table at the Shiloh Garage Sale. Over \$450.00 was raised through the process whereby the buyer determined the price of the donated items. Thank you to all of you who made the sale such a success.

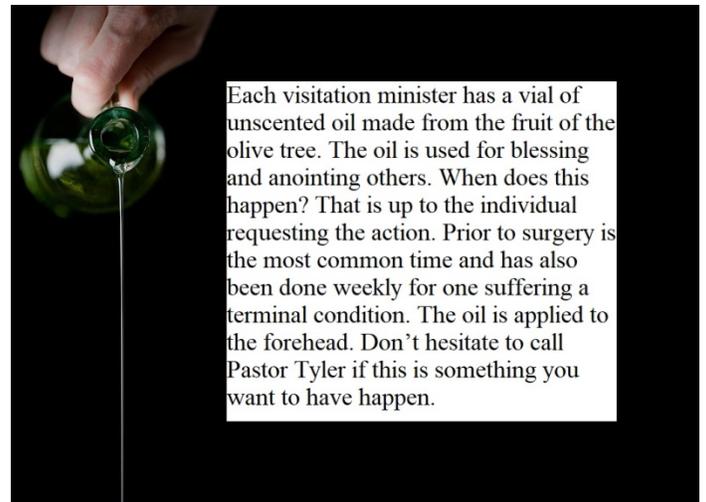
### FREE STORE NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 7 - 77 families

September 21 - 83 families

...shopped at the Free Store during the 2.5 hours the store was open. Fall is an especially busy time at the Free Store. Warm clothing and warm bedding are in high demand. There are other needs as well: men's socks and underwear, women's bras and underwear, diapers, infant clothing (especially boy's sizes 12 and 18 month, 2T, 3T, and 4T) and luggage, including adult backpacks. Whatever you can provide is SO appreciated.

## ANNOINTING OIL



Each visitation minister has a vial of unscented oil made from the fruit of the olive tree. The oil is used for blessing and anointing others. When does this happen? That is up to the individual requesting the action. Prior to surgery is the most common time and has also been done weekly for one suffering a terminal condition. The oil is applied to the forehead. Don't hesitate to call Pastor Tyler if this is something you want to have happen.

## PASTOR TYLER'S CORNER

In my work to share weekly messages rooted in scripture, I find it helpful to ask the congregation a series of questions. My aim in preaching is to help us “build a Christian community where non-religious and nominally religious people are becoming deeply committed Christians.” I’d like your input (please do this today or tomorrow, as I’ll be using this to review ideas for future series with my pastoral colleagues in town.)

Here are the questions I’d like you to answer. Please send/drop your responses by the office or email them to [pastortyler@shilohbillings.church](mailto:pastortyler@shilohbillings.church)

1. If you could ask Jesus one (or two) questions, what would you ask?
2. What is the personal struggle or relationship issue that you most often ask for God’s help with?
3. Is there a book in the Bible, a section of the Bible, a character in the Bible or a theme in the Bible that you’d value having as the focus of a sermon or sermons?
4. Are there ethical issues, current events or global concerns that you believe I should address in a sermon?

5. Thinking of your friends who don’t go to church, what might be a sermon topic or series that you feel they would be interested in attending?
6. How can I best help you grow in your personal spiritual life through preaching? Where do you struggle in your spiritual life and growth?
7. Last year we had a great response to some of our guest preachers. Are there people you feel would be amazing guest preachers for a special weekend in 2020?

Thanks so much for sharing your responses to these questions. I’m excited about the sermons coming up this fall. We have kicked off with *Faith By Numbers* exploring John Wesley, Methodism and our faith. In November we are going to be learning to *Practice a Kingdom Economy* as we study how God hopes we share and use our resources as we live out Jesus’ practices in our lives.

I hope you continue to find our worship messages meaningful ways to ground yourself in God as you go into your week.

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

Return Service Requested

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