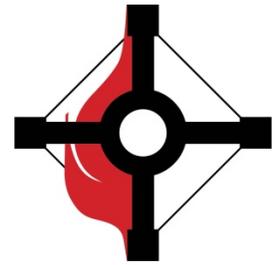


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The Newsletter of  
Shiloh United Methodist Church  
February 2020



SHILOH  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP

### *true.*

*Reading Scripture in the Age of Fake News*  
February 2020

#### SERMON SERIES

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easy to transmit good information as well as bad information. Through 3 sermons in February we will explore how we read the scriptures to find the truth God asks us to find for our Christian living.



## FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 2!

They need Rice, Individual Chips, Meat Sticks, Peanut Butter and *Volunteers!*

BILLINGS UNITED METHODISTS

## Ash Wednesday Service

HELD AT FIRST UMC  
FEBRUARY 26 @ 7:00 pm  
SOUP/BREAD MEAL @ 6:00 pm  
CHOIR PRACTICE @ 6:15 pm  
(Choir Soup/Bread @ 5:30 pm)

## AGING WELL

February 12—11:30 am

Please mark your calendars for the Aging Well luncheon presentation on **February 12 at 11:30 am** at the church. Lunch will be provided by Highgate Senior Living-Billings. The topic will be “Overcoming Social Isolation” presented by Trudi Paulson, MSW, LCSW, Director of Family Services, St. John’s Lutheran Ministries. As we age, we may develop health problems, lack of mobility, loss or illnesses of loved, fear of falling or getting sick to name a few. This presentation will discuss how aging might affect our ability to stay connected to others and ways we can adapt our lives to “stay connected”. Join us to discuss this important topic as we learn to Age Well!! We have the following programs scheduled: House of Books Author Event (Mar 11); Organ Donation (April 8); and Planting Pollinator-Friendly Gardens (May 13).



*Sally Wickware-Thompson and Joni Oswald*

## DEEPER DIVE—BIBLE STUDY

### “MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE”

The Bible is a sacred text that we hold in reverence as Methodists, but how do we understand it. Pastor Tyler invites you to dive deeper into the text, to understand its origins, and where you might gain deeper understanding from it. We will be using Adam Hamilton’s book *Making Sense of the Bible* for this study. This month we will talk about “The New Testament” and the “Nature of Scripture.”

Classes will be held twice on Tuesdays, and if that doesn’t work keep an eye out in late February for a Sunday morning study the 6 weeks before Easter.

St. John’s Mission Ridge—Tuesday @ 10:30  
Feb 11, 18, 25  
Shiloh UMC—Tuesday @ Noon  
Feb 4, 11, 25

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENTURES WITH GOD

Kids age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade join us as we take adventures with God in Sunday school! We will have stories, crafts, plays, snacks, and soooo much fun!!! A big Thank You to our parent volunteers for January December! Jen and I couldn't do it without your help!

*Brenda and Jen*

## VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE, BINGO AND MORE!! February 14—5:00-8:00 pm

**Who:** Everyone

**When:** Friday, February 14 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

**Food:** Taco Bar and desert

**What:** Dancing, Bingo, Photo Booths, Fun, and Friends

**Cost:** Donation

Join us for an evening of fun and fundraising. Proceeds will go to Relay for Life.

## 406 YOUTH UNITED

*More info and downloadable schedule at  
Shiloh Billings Church/Students*

### Middle School—Grades 6-8



(We are including some 5<sup>th</sup> graders, please talk to your pastor about any 5<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested.) Middle schoolers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 4-5pm at Shiloh UMC.

All meetings unless noted otherwise are at Shiloh UMC from 4-5pm, 1810 Shiloh Road, North of Grand Avenue.

- **February 9**—Art and Faith
  - Join us as we do an art project to make our space welcoming and invite people into our group.
- **February 23**—Echo the Story Bible Experience—Disruption
  - Join us as we explore what God shares with us.

## High School—Grades 9-12



High School will meet each Sunday from 7:00-8:30 pm at Mazevo Coffee, 819 Grand unless otherwise advertised.

**Chrysalis Feb. 7-9**—Billings, First UMC, ages 15-18 is a fun and engaging spiritual retreat here in Billings. Register at [www.billingschrysalis.com](http://www.billingschrysalis.com)  
**Convo Feb. 14-17**—Helena, St. Paul's UMC. Check the website for details. Contact Pastor Tyler if you want to go.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following committee meetings are scheduled:

**Thu, Feb 6 5:30 pm Trustees**

**Thu, Feb 13 5:30 pm SPRC**

**Thu, Feb 13 6:30 pm Church Council**

Finance Committee will meet with Church Council. Except, SPRC (Our Personnel Committee), these meetings are open to all members and are held at the church.

## FAITH AND FILM

### Sunday, February 9—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 *10 Things I Hate About You*. Cameron is the new kid in school. During his tour of the school, he spots Bianca and is immediately smitten. He finds out; however, that in order to date her, he must make sure that her older sister Kat is occupied... enter Patrick. Kat is not having it! And so begins the "courting"! This movie is funny and touching and teaches several lessons about building relationships! Join us for the movie and discussion at the church on Sunday, February 9 at 5:30 pm. Bring a snack to share and a friend or two and join us!



## NOISY OFFERING FEBRUARY 16

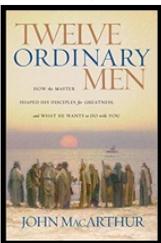
Bring your change to church on February 16! This offering is given to the children who donate 10% to their mission project. The remainder supports children's ministry.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY  
LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST  
February 12, 8:00 am**

Many, many years ago, the Methodists, the Presbyterians and the Congregationalists established Rocky Mountain College to provide an opportunity for liberal-arts education in Montana. In appreciation of that relationship, Rocky is holding a clergy and leader breakfast at the Great Hall of Prescott Hall on Wednesday, **February 12 at 8:00 am** for all the churches in the area. At 9:30 am, Dr. Tim Lehman will talk about the protestant foundation of ministry and mission in Montana. If you plan to attend, **please RSVP to the church by Sunday, February 9.**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
TWELVE ORDINARY MEN**

Have you ever wondered who the Apostles were and what happened to them? Have you wondered what we might learn from them? Come join us at **9 am Sunday mornings**. As the back of John MacArthur's "Twelve Ordinary Men" says "What is most amazing about the disciples is that Jesus ever selected them at all. When you take a fresh look at them, you'll be faced with a stunning fact. The men the Savior chose were ordinary... and hopelessly human. But they were available and obedient to the Master's call. Under Jesus' teaching and touch, they became a force that forever changed the world." Please contact the office to order a book. Hope to see you there!



**FINAL 2019 FINANCE REPORT**

Ministry Funds:	<b><u>December 2019</u></b>	<b><u>2019 To Date</u></b>
Gifts Received:	\$ 21,945.34	\$198,781.39
Expenses:	<u>18,116.49</u>	<u>198,693.80</u>
Difference	\$ 3,828.85	\$ 87.59
Missions Giving:	\$ 2,022.07	\$ 11,869.51

A more detailed Financial Report is available from the office if you are interested. You should have received your 2019 Giving Statement. If you haven't, please contact the office on Monday between 9:00 and 11:00.

**ORDER YOUR DAFFODILS NOW!!  
February 1-23**

The Shiloh Relay for Life team will be selling daffodils for spring. Share a touch of spring with someone you love or get some for yourself!! Order a bright bunch of 10 yellow daffodils for **\$10**. Or you can order a "love gift" for **\$25** that would be delivered to hospitals or nursing homes. **We will be taking orders from Feb 1-23.** The daffodils will be delivered **March 23**. Please contact Pat Montgomery (655-3507) or Liz Stanhope (656-0050) if you have any questions. There will be a signup sheet in the kitchen and in the office. Thank you for your support of our Relay for Life Team! These daffodils are really a wonderful touch of spring in March and make great gifts. Thanks to Gainan's for providing the flowers this year!!



**SANDWICH MINISTRY  
FEBRUARY 28 @ NOON**

SUMC provides sandwiches, cookies, and fruit for a meal at the rescue missions. **February 28 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. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donates supplies for this ministry!!

**EARLY RESPONSE TRAINING  
Feb 29 – 8:30 – 5:00 - EUMC**

UMCOR trained Early Response Teams (ERTs) come in to help during a disaster by tarping damaged roofs, mucking out, removing wet dry wall, and protecting homes from further damage. ERTs provide a caring Christian presence to people impacted by disaster. ERT trips are short (3 to 7 days), intense, and occur with little advance notice.

A basic training for ERTs will be held 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on February 29 at Billings Evangelical UMC. There is no cost. Lunch is provided.

For more info, email [jim.robisoncox@gmail.com](mailto:jim.robisoncox@gmail.com).

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Carrie Anderson
- 4 Michael Schmit
- 4 Pat Cobb
- 10 David King
- 12 Marcia Wrye
- 16 Katherine Baucus
- 17 Brenda Longin
- 18 Gary McFarland
- 19 Peg Parker
- 20 Cindy King
- 20 Linda Woolsey
- 26 Jennine Budge
- 28 Melissa Pfeffer



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

*We don't know of any... if you want your anniversary or birthday added to our list, please let the office know.*

## FEBRUARY SCRIPTURES

- 2 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15 (UMH 747);  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
- 9 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-10  
(UMH 833); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16);  
Matthew 5:13-2
- 16 **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8  
(UMH 840); 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew  
5:21-37
- 23 **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
**Transformation of the Lord**  
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99 (UMH 819); 2  
Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17 1-9
- 26 **Ash Wednesday**  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH  
785); 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew  
6:1-6, 16-21

## BOOK REVIEW

March 10, 2020 🌟 6 pm

Join Shiloh's Book Review for a discussion on "Marilla of Green Gables" written by Sarah McCoy. Plucky and ambitious Marilla Cuthbert is thirteen years old when her world is turned upside down. Her beloved mother dies in childbirth, and Marilla suddenly must bear the responsibilities of a farm wife: cooking, sewing, keeping house, and overseeing Green Gables with her brother and father. Marilla finds few options in Avonlea, a small, tight-knit farming town on a remote island. Her one connection to the wider world is Aunt Izzy, who "escaped" to the city. Marilla ventures beyond the safety of Green Gables and discovers new friends and new opportunities. Join us for a discussion about this classic novel.



## BILLINGS METHODISTS ARE WORKING TOGETHER IN TEAM COACHING!

We have five uniquely individual Methodist Churches in Billings. All are grounded in a Wesleyan understanding of living out our Christian faith. God has invited us to work together to do something that no one of us could do alone.

We share resources in TEN areas. The second is **Team Coaching**. They meet with a coach to help them work collaboratively in more strategic ways. This will include a site visit sometime this year.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to Susan Hathaway, Sally Thompson and Pat Montgomery for your help with the funeral last Saturday and thank you to those who bought a salad or dessert. Thanks to Joni Oswald and Sally Thompson for a wonderful Aging Well lunch. This month we had 23 people who came and learned about keeping safe.

Thank you to everyone who helped take down the Christmas greens. Thanks to Mark Sullivan for keeping the sidewalks shoveled this month and to Jerry Stanhope for delivering the food to the Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who helps each Sunday morning. Thank you ushers, prayer leaders, Chris and Nik in the audio booth and everyone who helps with fellowship hour. Thank you to the Sunday school teachers and for the money counters. Thanks to Judy Frank and the chime choir and to Dave Merkel and the choir. It takes a lot of people to keep the church running on Sunday morning.

*Liz*

## PRAYERS FOR JANUARY

Prayers were offered during January for those ill and hospitalized, and people and families who struggle with cancer and other medical issues. We prayed for friends and families having surgery and for those we lost. We continually prayed for Jennine Budge as she continues her battle against cancer. We continue to pray for the 30 people on our prayer list.



We prayed for our military all around the world, and for a nephew who is being deployed to Iraq. We prayed for family members and friends who are fighting drugs or have someone in their family that are trying to get help with addictions.

We prayed for new people who have joined our church this month.

We prayed for an ending of global unrest and for peace. We prayed that our leaders will listen to each other. We prayed for all the environmental disasters around the world.

Shiloh's prayer group meets every Tuesday at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Even if you can join us infrequently, please consider this ministry.

## FEBRUARY'S MISSIONS MOMENT...

### Habitat for humanity

The Missions Team of Shiloh supports many mission projects every year. We would like to highlight some of the work being completed and support being given through your generous donations of time and money.

This month, we are highlighting Habitat for Humanity. For the past several years, we have supported Habitat for Humanity by providing lunch

once per quarter for the workers who are working on the newest Habitat house. In addition, last year, Habitat asked 12 churches to support their 2019 Apostles Build house. The Missions Team agreed to support their efforts with a \$1000 sponsorship. The Apostles Build house will be in 2021.

## THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO SHILOH UMC

Your charitable gifts provide vital support for Shiloh's ministries and witness. There are several ways to give to the church that reach further than your monthly/yearly donations.

Shiloh has an Endowment Fund that, in 2020, will provide funds for our capital replacement fund. The capital replacement fund will help pay to replace a furnace, hot water heater, or other large equipment that fails. Our Endowment Fund is managed by the Mountain Sky Foundation. For more information, or to donate visit <https://www.mountainskyumf.org/>. Immediate or deferred tax benefits are available for you and your family with Planned Giving. Your contributions will influence the well-being of our church into the future. A bequest is a gift made through a will or trust. It is a popular and flexible way to support Shiloh. Some examples: IRA Charitable Rollover, Gifts of Stocks or Bonds and a Charitable Gift Annuity. You can get more information from your estate planner or visit [www.umchurchlegacy.org](http://www.umchurchlegacy.org).



The Free Store has completed eight years of ministry for many needy people in our community.

None of this could have happened without the strong support of the members of EUMC, Grace UMC, Shiloh UMC, and Hope UMC and others who donate time and/or items. Volunteers are always needed. Please consider being a part of this powerful ministry.

We are still looking for adult backpacks. This is reflective of the number of homeless who use one to hold all their belongings. In addition, luggage, any size, is taken as soon as it comes in. As always, the Free Store is appreciative of any donation. However, due to storage problems, we are currently accepting only winter clothing. Thanks so much for your continued support!

Remember, if you have large items to donate, please consider taking them to **GRATITUDE IN ACTION** Thrift and Consignment Store at 10 South 30<sup>th</sup>. Their mission is to fund Recovery and Sober Living by creating a Community that empowers Men and Women the opportunity to become self-supporting. They believe that together we can change our communities one life at a time. The Free Store coordinates with them to provide items for their customers.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

People of Shiloh,

This month in worship we will be studying the Bible, and specifically the overview of the scriptures and what the book means for us as Christians. With easy means to transmit information in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is easy to transmit good information as well as bad information. I can easily get online and search for answers to my biblical questions. However, I do not know if my results are factual or true without knowing how to explore my answers in more depth. Through 3 sermons in February I want to explore how we read the scriptures to find the truth God asks us to find for our Christian living.

The other thing I need to ask for this month is your prayers. Please pray for a weekend called "Chrysalis." February 7-9. During this weekend I will be spending a time with High Schoolers at First United Methodist Church as a spiritual director. Chrysalis is a Christian spiritual and leadership development retreat for teenagers. It is modeled on the Walk to Emmaus and it is a powerful experience for those teens. In my role I will be praying, offering messages, and supporting these teenagers as they grow closer to God and each other. Keep us in prayer for a good weekend and pray that First UMC can get the teenager smell out sometime before spring.

Thank you for your prayers and for learning alongside of us this month.

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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