



Shiloh

United Methodist Church
Newsletter | May 2025

Dear Shiloh Community,

This July, Shiloh will be changing pastors, which happens in United Methodist churches. As with any transition, there will be both excitement and grief, goodbyes and hellos. *What remains consistent through it all is God!* The Holy Spirit has been, is, and will be at work in and through all the ministries and people of Shiloh, and we always stay connected as the body of Christ.

Below is an introduction letter from your new pastor, Rev. Amanda, and as always, please keep both me and her, as well as one another, in your prayers as we all follow God's call to be the church together!

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Meagan

Dear Shiloh UMC,

I'm so excited to begin this new chapter with you as your pastor starting July 1! My name is Rev. Amanda Gastreich, and I can't wait to meet you, worship together, and discover all that God has in store for our church and community.

A little about me—I'm originally from St. Louis and have spent the past four years serving in Eldon, MO. I'm a life-long Methodist and a pastor's kid. My mother is retiring from ministry this summer, and my parents are moving to Fenton, MO, so I'm especially grateful to be closer to family again.

Outside of church, I enjoy yoga and will be working toward becoming a yoga instructor this fall. I love spending time on the water whenever I can, and I'm thrilled to see New Melle Lakes so close. You can often find me on a stand-up paddleboard—occasionally even attempting some yoga on it—or out kayaking when the weather is nice. I also love board games and have built a collection of about 120 games—so if you're ever up for a game night, I'm ready! I'll be coming with my two companions: Leslie, my loving and sweet 13-year-old dog who can be a bit particular about her people, and Elphie, my energetic 9-month-old kitten who keeps me on my toes.

As I prepare to move and begin this journey with you, I'm filled with hope and anticipation. I believe deeply in the power of community, in creating space for all people to experience God's love, and in walking together through all the joys and challenges of life and faith. I look forward to hearing your stories, learning what makes Shiloh UMC special, and growing together in faith and mission. I'm holding you in prayer as we step into this new season!

Grace and peace,
Rev. Amanda Gastreich

“Follow” Opportunities This Month

If you consider yourself committed to following Jesus at Shiloh, then here are the opportunities for you this month:

Welcome: Invite a neighbor to Worship Under the Trees (5/25)!

Care: Pray for our graduates, all students and teachers at the end of the school year.

Grow: Practice daily the “Blueprint: Three Rules” (“Do no harm, do good, stay in love with God”).

Go: Check in, donate or volunteer with local organizations and non-profits who are struggling this season.

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Meagan O'Brien, Pastor—pastor@shiloh-methodist.com

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursdays 9AM-12PM

United Women in Faith



Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, May 10th, 10AM
@ Shiloh UMC

Program: "Mother Teresa" from the book 50 Women Every Christian Should Know by Michelle DeRusha led by Paula Chronister

Beverages and snacks will be provided. All women of Shiloh are invited

May 25th is "United Women in Faith Candle Burning Sunday". More info to come about this event and how you can participate!

United Methodist Men



Thank you UMM for Easter Breakfast!!



Shiloh's Music Ministry



Nick Kladky's last day as the Music Director was Easter Sunday. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well!! Choir will still meet at 7PM on Weds.

Generosity Corner

Finance Quarterly Report - First Quarter 2025 (Jan-Mar)

Income \$17,942 (28%) of budget
Expense \$12,078 (23%) of budget

There was overwhelming generosity to start the year! Thank you for your continued support of Shiloh!

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BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES

7 Don Maestas

14 Sharon Bockhorst

14 Taylor & Meghan Bridger

16 Hunter Sherman

22 Matt & Jessica Omiatek

31 Paul & Laura Mann

Kids Ministry

May Theme:

What's Next?: A 4-week series from Acts on the Early Church



Evelyn and Jack Goode Scholarship

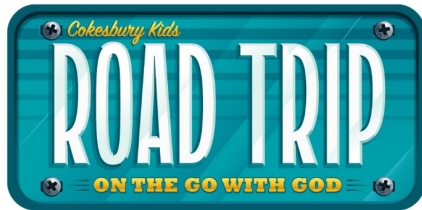


Congratulations to Tyler Bunt! He has been awarded the Evelyn and Jack Goode Scholarship! He is attending St. Charles Community College.

Best wishes to you Tyler!

Happenings at Shiloh

You're Invited!



VBS @ Shiloh

July 14-17th
6PM-8:15PM

Shiloh VBS is for kids age 3 to 11!

Register for Vacation Bible School for free @
myvbs.org/shilohvbs/

VBS Volunteer Meeting is May 18th after worship

TOP 5 SPIRITUAL PRACTICES TO TRY THIS MONTH: (THEY AREN'T JUST FOR LENT!)

1. DAILY SCRIPTURE READING AND/OR PRAYER (AM/PM)
2. FASTING (FROM SCREENS OR A MEAL ONCE A WEEK)
3. PRAYER WALKS (AROUND COMMUNITY)
4. BREATH PRAYERS (ONE A DAY)
5. SABBATH (WORSHIP AND REST)

Lunch Bunch May 14th at 12PM

Gather at Shiloh for Lunch Bunch on May 14th at 12PM. Bring your favorite Mexican dish or dessert to share and a canned good for the food pantry! We hope you will join us!

Graduation Sunday May 18th

We will celebrate our graduates during this worship. Either invite your graduate to attend worship with you or let us know their name so we can honor and pray for them!



Next Sermon Series starts 5/4!

Do no harm. Do good. Attend to the Ordinances of God. Join us as we explore these enduring principles and discover how they guide us to live out our faith with intention and integrity.

Worship Under the Trees May 25th

Grab your lawn chairs and meet us outside under the trees for the first of the season outdoor worship!



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Dated Material

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4 10AM Worship	5	6	7 7:00PM Choir	8	9	10 10AM UWF Meeting
11 10AM Worship	12	13 6PM Church Council	14 12PM Lunch Bunch 7:00PM Choir	15	16	17
18 10AM Worship Grad Sunday 11AM VBS Mtg	19	20	21 7:00PM Choir	22	23	24
25 10AM Worship Under the Trees + UWF Candle burning Ceremony	26	27	28 7:00PM Choir	29	30	31