Shiloh United Methodist Church

Newsletter | Aug 2026

A Letter from Pastor Amanda

Dear Shiloh Family,

Some of the most important moments in the life of the church happen around a table.

Around tables, we share food and stories. We learn one another's names. We laugh, listen, ask questions, and discover that we are not as alone as we sometimes feel. Again and again in Scripture, Jesus meets people around tables—and those ordinary meals become places of welcome, grace, and transformation.

On Thursday, August 20, Shiloh will launch Dinner Church with an evening of food, play, conversation, and blessing. This first gathering will be a relaxed community celebration as families prepare for a new school year. Beginning in September, Dinner Church will continue as a new opportunity to gather, build relationships, explore faith, and experience God's love together.

Dinner Church is not intended to replace Sunday worship. It is another table and another doorway into the life of the church—especially for people who may not be ready or able to begin with a traditional Sunday morning service.

In many ways, this new ministry grows from something Christians have always known: God meets us when we gather. Each Sunday, we come to the Communion table to receive grace that is freely offered to us. At Dinner Church, we will gather around ordinary tables trusting that God's grace is already present there too—in shared meals, honest conversation, joyful children, new friendships, and room made for one another.

As we begin, there will be things to learn and adjust along the way. I hope you will pray for this ministry, participate when you can, and help us create a table where our neighbors know there is a place for them.

Peace,
Pastor Amanda

"Follow" Opportunities This Month

Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, here are a few ways to participate in the life of Shiloh this month:

WELCOME Join us Thursday, August 20, at 5:30 p.m. for our Dinner Church Kickoff. We will share hot dogs, games, bubbles, conversation, and a blessing for the beginning of the school year. All ages are welcome.

CARE As a new school year begins, remember students, families, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and school staff in your prayers. Look for simple ways to offer encouragement and care to the people in your life who are beginning a new season.

GROW Join us for worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. as we gather around Scripture, prayer, song, and the Communion table. Each week offers another opportunity to receive God's grace and grow together in faith.

GO Help us extend Shiloh's welcome beyond Sunday morning. Invite a neighbor to Dinner Church, share the event with a family you know, or come ready to help someone new feel at home.

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Rev. Amanda Gastreich, Pastor—pastor@shiloh-methodist.com
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Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

United Women in Faith

Important Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, Aug 1, 10 a.m. @ Shiloh UMC

We Need You! Mark Your Calendar

FAITH * HOPE * LOVE IN ACTION

Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your UWF Handbooks. See you there!

United Methodist Men

Salvage Collection: We are always available to collect salvage! If you have something you'd like to donate, please contact Glenn Parker at 636-327- 5527.

The monies made from recycling donated salvage are used to support the UMM's mission budget.

Items collected for salvage: Stoves, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, metal siding, windows, doors, storm doors, screens, etc.

Shiloh's Music Ministry

No Choir Practice in August!

Generosity Corner

Thank you to everyone who responded to last month's midyear giving letter and to all who continue supporting Shiloh's ministries through your prayers, presence, service, witness, and financial gifts.

We know that financial updates can sometimes raise questions about giving, expenses, and how church resources are being used. Questions are always welcome. In keeping with the United Methodist commitment to openness and accountability, members of the Leadership Team and Pastor Amanda are available to talk, and the church's financial reports and records are available for review.

Your generosity supports Shiloh's worship, congregational care, community outreach, and the ongoing work of maintaining our shared ministry.

As part of the wider United Methodist connection, those individual gifts can also be joined with grants, shared resources, and the support of other United Methodists to help new ministries take root. Dinner Church is one example of a new ministry made possible through that connection. Thank you for helping Shiloh continue sharing God's love within our congregation and throughout the community.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Peggy Alexander
4 Pastor Amanda
7 Susan Rodriguez
7 Graham Park
9 Emily Gray
10 Molly Scott
10 Bill Byington
11 Diana Schnabel
14 Marilyn Bieber
17 Jessica Omiatek
18 Maxine Beard
19 Dan & Martha Garrett
20 Caren Buckles
21 Christiane Batjer
21 Harry Kishpaugh
23 Bill Schnabel
23 Jan Null
30 Lynne Giesmann

Kids Ministry

August Theme:

In Your Dreams: A 4-week series from Genesis on Joseph.

Happenings at Shiloh

There will be food, games, bubbles and fun for the entire family as we prepare to send our kids back to school. All are welcome! Activities start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served between 6-7 p.m. Dinner Church will be held monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Top 5 Ways to Support Dinner Church

1. Pray for the people who will come.
Pray for families, neighbors, volunteers, and especially those who may be nervous about entering a church space.

2. Extend a personal invitation.
A personal invitation is often more meaningful than a flyer or social media post. Think of someone who might enjoy a relaxed meal and community gathering.

3. Help with the practical details.
Setting up tables, preparing food, welcoming guests, supervising activities, and cleaning up all help make the evening possible. You can sign-up on Sunday morning or check with our office on how you can help.

4. Practice generous hospitality.
All are welcome at the table. Introduce yourself to someone new, sit with someone you don't know, and help create a space where everyone feels seen, known, and at home.

5. Give the ministry room to grow.
New ministries require experimentation. Celebrate what works, offer helpful feedback, and trust that we will continue learning together.

Join us on Aug 12 at 12 p.m for a Farmer's Market themed Lunch Bunch! Bring a dish to share of your favorite fresh summertime ingredients.

PUTTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

Workshop on August 2 after worship

Shiloh United Methodist Church
1515 Hwy T
Foristell, MO 63348

Dated Material

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. PYHIO Workshop	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10 a.m. Worship	10	11 5:30 p.m. Leadership Team	12 12 p.m. Lunch Bunch	13	14	15
16 10 a.m. Worship	17	18	19	20 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church	21	22
23 10 a.m. Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10 a.m. Worship	31					