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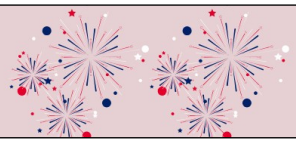

"We Are Part of Each Other's Story"

By Kathleen Wooten – Shiloh's Lay Delegate to the Missouri Annual Conference

At Shiloh UMC, we are a diverse community of people in many different stages of spiritual growth, all seeking meaning, purpose, and belonging in our lives. One of the gifts of the church is that all generations have a place here. We want people of every age to express ideas, ask questions, share their gifts, and participate in the life of the church. There are so many ways to be involved on Sunday mornings and beyond, including serving as greeters, communion servers, liturgists, choir members, kitchen helpers, or simply helping in small but meaningful ways. Our United Women in Faith and United Methodist Men groups also meet monthly and offer opportunities for connection, service, and fellowship. We are encouraged to choose what interests us and brings meaning to our lives.

In early June, I attended the Missouri Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. It was an amazing experience to hear the praise bands, visit with people from every corner of the state, and learn more about the priorities and direction of the UMC here in Missouri.

One of my biggest takeaways was this: choose someone you can invest in. That may be one of our youth or someone from a younger generation who needs encouragement to develop leadership skills, ask questions, and share ideas. It may also be someone closer to your own age who needs support or someone older whose experience you can learn from.

We all like to be heard and seen, and everyone has something to add. No matter our age or stage of life, we can encourage one another, learn from one another, and help each other grow. The United Methodist Church offers many resources to help people grow as leaders in their own time and at their own pace. There are podcasts, online courses, leadership development opportunities, coaching tools, and summer internships available through churches across the state.

One program highlighted at Annual Conference is called I See In You. This program encourages us to identify and name the traits, skills, and gifts we see in others — whether they are already members of the church or not. Sometimes a simple word of encouragement can help someone recognize that they have something meaningful to offer. We all feel more engaged when we know we are needed. We all have gifts to share. And at Shiloh, we are part of each other's story.

If you would like help finding a place to serve or learning more about leadership opportunities, Pastor Amanda can help guide you. You can also find resources through the Missouri Conference at moumethodist.org.

"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 This month, we are preparing to welcome children and families for Vacation Bible School. Whether you are volunteering, donating, praying, or simply offering a warm smile, you are helping make Shiloh a place where children know they belong.

CARE June has been a tender month in the life of our church. As the flowers fade and the services pass, our care continues through prayers, cards, meals, phone calls, and the quiet gift of remembering.

GROW Our Season of Play continues in worship as we practice noticing joy, receiving rest, and paying attention to the ordinary places where God's grace shows up.

GO As we prepare for Dinner Church, begin practicing table hospitality now. Share a meal, make room for conversation, and notice who around you might be longing for connection.

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

United Women in Faith

Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m. @ Shiloh UMC

Program: "Dorothy Day" from the book 50 Women Every Christian Should Know by Michelle DeRusha led by Bonni Grumke.

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

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

Consider joining the choir! Practices are at 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings. All are welcome!

Generosity Corner

In a world that often teaches us to hold tightly to what we have, Shiloh continues to practice living with open hands and open hearts. Thank you for the ways your generosity supports worship, care, children's ministry, community outreach, and the everyday work of being the church together.

Together, your gifts help make Shiloh's ministry possible in every season.

New Online Giving Link!

We use a site called Planning Center to track our members, their contact info and giving history. You can set up online giving directly with them. We are no longer using Zeffy. To give online to Shiloh or to send an ACH right from the bank, use this link to set up: https://shiloh-methodist.churchcenter.com/giving

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Brian & Molly Scott
7 Jim & Patty Bunner
7 Jim Bunner
7 Mike Swim
8 Ariel Omiatek
11 Paul Mann
12 Jan & Janet Null
16 Joe & Marilyn Bieber
17 Tricia Winters
17 Brian Gleize
25 Jenessa Reed
27 Paula Chronister
28 Ron Wofford
30 Glenn Parker

Kids Ministry

July Theme:

We Are Family: A 4-week series from Genesis on Abraham and his family.

Happenings at Shiloh

Dinner Church @ Shiloh

DINNER. WORSHIP. CONNECTION

Third Thursday of the month | Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

All are WELCOME

VBS @ Shiloh

July 13-16 | 6 - 8:15 p.m.

Join us for an amazing week of Bible stories, games, crafts, and fun! We can't wait to see you there. At Snowball Mountain Challenge, embark on a snowy winter sports adventure centered around Philippians 4:13...
"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"

VBS at Shiloh is open to children age 3 - 11 (summer before 6th grade)
Register for free at: www.shiloh-methodist.com

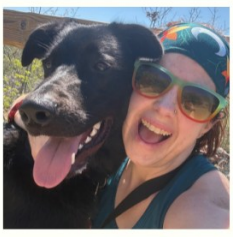
Leadership Team

NO MEETING In July

Next Meeting is Aug 11

Happy 1 year at Shiloh Pastor Amanda!

We are so grateful for you!



LUNCH BUNCH UPDATE

No lunch bunch this month! Mark your calendars for Aug 12 to gather at Shiloh for good food and great conversation!

Top 5 Ways to Practice Play This Month

1. Notice something ordinary.
Pay attention to a bird, a flower, a child laughing, a good meal, or a moment of quiet. Play often begins when we slow down enough to notice.

2. Do something just because it brings joy.
Take a walk, play a game, make something, listen to music, blow bubbles, sit outside, or enjoy a favorite treat without needing it to be productive.

3. Share a story of delight.
Tell someone about a moment that made you laugh, surprised you with joy, or reminded you of God's goodness.

4. Make room for children.
As we prepare for Vacation Bible School, look for ways to encourage, welcome, and celebrate the children in our church and community.

5. Invite someone to the table.
Share a meal, have a conversation, or reach out to someone who may be longing for connection. Play and joy grow when they are shared.

Directory Updates:

Please make the following address changes:

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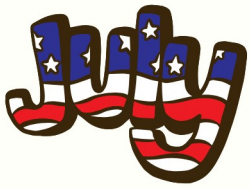

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 7PM Choir	2	3	4
5 10AM Worship	6	7	8 7PM Choir	9	10	11 10am UWF Meeting
12 10AM Worship	13 VBS →	14	15	16	17	18
19 10AM Worship VBS Sunday!	20	21	22 7PM Choir	23	24	25
26 10AM Worship	27	28	29 7PM Choir	30	31	