Shiloh
United Methodist Church
Newsletter | June 2026

Every year in mid-May, I take a weekend off to head to St. Charles for an event called *Geekway to the West*—a convention centered around board games. About 3,000 people gather to play games for four days straight, and it is one of my favorite weekends of the year. This year, I played 19 new games.

But what stands out most to me is not the games themselves. It is watching people from all walks of life come together around tables. Different generations, backgrounds, and experiences—laughing, learning something new, and simply enjoying being together through the gift of play.

Somewhere along the way, many of us learn to think of play as something optional—something for children, or something we earn after the important work is done. But scripture paints a fuller picture of life with God. We are created not only for work and responsibility, but also for joy, delight, celebration, and rest.

That is part of why I am excited about our upcoming worship series, Season of Play, beginning June 14. Together, we will explore what faith has to say about joy, rest, imagination, and connection. We will ask what it means to follow God not only through seriousness and struggle, but also through delight and community.

You will see this spirit reflected throughout the summer. At First Fridays in Wright City (June 5 and August 7), our goal is to serve families in our community, help make the festivities accessible and welcoming, and begin building relationships that continue through Vacation Bible School and eventually Dinner Church. One of the things I love most about VBS is that it reminds us of something important: faith grows not only through learning, but also through joy, imagination, and play.

As summer begins, I hope we will make room for connection, joy, and rest—and maybe even rediscover that sometimes play can be holy, too.

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 at First Fridays in Wright City on June 5 and August 7 as we help create a fun and welcoming space for families in our community while sharing about VBS and Dinner Church.
CARE: Summer schedules can feel busy and disconnected. Take a moment to check in on someone—a quick call, card, or conversation can mean more than you know.
GROW: Beginning June 14, join us for Season of Play, a worship series exploring joy, rest, creativity, and connection in our lives of faith.
GO: Dinner Church is coming! As we build excitement over the summer, begin thinking about who you might invite to gather around the table.

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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

United Women in Faith

Upcoming Outing: Thursday, June 18

Location: Long Row Lavender [26549 S. Stracks Church Rd.] Meet at Shiloh for carpooling.

Time: 11 am at Long Row [or 10:30 a.m. at Shiloh if you are carpooling]

*No Saturday Meeting in June

All women of Shiloh are welcome!

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 United Methodist Men'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

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Because of your support, Shiloh finished 2025 ahead, helping us continue ministry through worship, **Youth Group**, **Vacation Bible School**, and our growing vision for **Dinner Church**.

Summer schedules may shift, but ministry continues—and summer giving often becomes especially important as attendance patterns change. Thank you for helping sustain the ministries we share together and the ways we continue serving our community.

JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Sheri Tenney
2 Joyce Sammons
2 Julie Sherman
3 Macy Pitman
4 Hank Moore
6 Tyler Bunt (McAliney)
10 Carolyn Bunner
10 Shannon Buford
11 Keith & Sheri Tenney
12 Norris Flagler
12 Richard Buckles
13 Mary Garner
14 Logan Litterst
19 Jacob Gleize
19 Mike & Sharon Swim
20 Doug & Joyce Sammons
22 Deanna Nelson
22 Pam Rodriguez
24 Brian Scott
26 Carrie Collins

Kids Ministry

June Theme:

In the Beginning: A 4-week series from Genesis on Creation.

Happenings at Shiloh

Dinner Church @ Shiloh

DINNER. WORSHIP. CONNECTION

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

All are WELCOME

Gather for First Fridays on First Street: June 5 from 5-9 p.m. [E 1st St S, Wright City, MO]
If you're looking for a fun evening out, grab your friends and join downtown for live music, food trucks, and local vendors - plus activities for the kids.

We will be with our Youth Group partner churches providing some activities and refreshments. We will also be promoting VBS and Dinner Church. We hope to see you there!

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

Top 5 Ways to Support Families This Summer

1. **Make Room for Play:** Play is not just for kids. Games, time outside, shared meals, and moments of fun help all of us reconnect and recharge.

2. **Practice Generosity:** A small act of generosity, whether sharing a meal, donating supplies, Supporting a local food pantry, or helping a neighbor, can go a long way.

3. **Show Up for Kids**: Whether through VBS, worship, or simply learning a child's name, helping young people feel welcomed and valued matters.

4. **Extend an Invitation**: Invite someone to First Fridays, VBS, worship, or a summer gathering.

5. **Offer Grace**: Summer schedules are messy. Routines change. People travel. Give yourself—and others—a little extra grace.

Lunch Bunch June 10 at 12PM

Gather at Shiloh for great food and conversation on June 10 at 12 p.m. The theme this month is Spring/Summer. Please bring your favorite Spring/Summer dish or dessert to share. Canned goods will be collected to be donated to the Wright City Food Pantry.

Join us starting on June 14: **Seasons of Play**

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Dated Material

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7PM Choir	4	5 First Fri-days Annual Conference →	6
7 10AM Worship	8	9 5:30 p.m. Leadership Team	10 12pm Lunch Bunch 7PM Choir	11	12	13
14 10AM Worship	15	16	17 7PM Choir	18 UWF Outing 11AM	19	20
21 10AM Worship Father's Day	22	23	24 7PM Choir	25	26	27
28 10AM Worship	29	30				