**SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

 **JULY 2022**

Reach Out, Know, Embrace, Serve

*1000 Spring Hill Road, Gilbert, South Carolina (803)892-5656*

**Pastor’s musing……**

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self with its passions and its desires. If we live by the Spirit, let’s follow the Spirit. Let’s not become arrogant, make each other angry, or be jealous of each other.” Galatians 5:22-26*

Summer is in full swing. Children are out of school, vacations are happening, more people are on the roads, and the weather is Hot! It seemed the heat came roaring in way before July could get here. The heat and higher cost are not making us very pleasant Christians.

Our scripture above from Galatians sets before us the way we as Christians are to live out our lives in this in-between time. It’s the way others can see the difference in our lives that Jesus has begun to change us to be like Him. Paul called that fruit. That is one of the things I like about summer, the literal food of fruit: peaches, watermelons, cantaloupes, etc. They help keep us hydrated, and cool us down in these heat waves. We also enjoy sharing these real fruits during cook-outs and holidays.

When we gather together, no matter whether it is in an everyday interaction with those whom we do not know or gather to share in Summer fun activities, we are to use those fruits the Spirit has bestowed on us to show God’s love to the world. We are God’s ambassadors in this world. We are not to behave as those that do not believe in God. We are to be exceptionally different. So different others will want to know our secret. Then we can share our unique story.

Let’s remember as heat may make us uncomfortable we are still to show Grace to everyone we meet. Let’s spread the love of Jesus within ourselves and wherever we may go this summer. We have recognized God’s great love toward us, now let us do the same to those that do not know Him.

In the grip of God’s Grace.

***Rev. Angie***

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/3 Jordon Bennett 7/21 Mary Alice Bennett, William Kline,

7/5 Linda White Kelsey Richmond

7/7 Edna Keisler, Bennie Kline 7/22 Casey Sigler

7/10 Chris Lollis 7/23 Gary Spires

7/14 Patty Buckley 7/27 Shannon Mercer

7/16 Max Young 7/28 Donna Griffin, Jim Sanders

7/19 Janet Deep, Sarah Lollis

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

The United Methodist Church, our country, the people of Ukraine, Dick Addy, Gretta Bickley, Jessie Bowman, Dee Dee & Richard Chewning, Ken Colton & family, Chuck Corley, Andrea Crosby’s Mother Margie Campbell, Candy Dawkins, Bobby Etheredge, Casey & Gabby Erwin, Penny Faulkenbury, Donna Griffin, Jeremy Griffin & family, Curtis Gillette, Matt James, Henry Jefferson, Miles Johnson, Susan & Leonard Johnson, Jerry & Dot Kennan, Edna Keisler, John Lewis, Mary Lewis, Jessica Mayo & Grayson, Susan McDaniel’s niece, Len McDaniel, Miriam McCoy, Wayne Parrish, Ashley Price, Mike Pope, Kristie Riser, Diana Tanner, Mike Taylor, Baby Grayson Tibbs, Charles Thompson, Tripp Whitener, Parker Wideman, Nancy Young, Teachers, students, administrators, parents, our leaders, and those fighting COVID-19.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER NEWS**

**PASTOR’S WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS**

 Tuesday and Wednesday

 **10:00 AM to 2:00PM**

 **803-892-5656**

**CALENDAR**

July 4 – Independence Day

July 4 thru 11 – Pastor Angie on vacation

July 13 – Men’s Breakfast @ Creekside 8:00 AM

July 14 – Membership/Community Outreach Meeting 6:00 PM

July 17 – Sundaes on Sunday, 4:30 – 6:30 in Fellowship Hall (also

 known as National Ice Cream Day)

July 30 – Book Club at Second Wave Coffee & More – 8:30 AM

August 21 – Movie and Pizza Night, 4:30 – 6:30

**July Summer Reading Book Club**

The second in our series of summer reading books is **THE GIRLS IN THE STILT HOUSE** by Kelly Mustian.

Set is 1920s Mississippi, this debut Southern novel weaves a beautiful and harrowing story of two teenage girls cast in an unlikely partnership through murder – perfect for readers of *Where the Crawdads Sing* and *If the Creek Don’t Rise.*

Ada promised herself she would never go back to the Trace, to her hard life on the swamp and her harsh father. But now, after running away to Baton Rouge and briefly knowing a different kind of life, she finds herself with nowhere to go but back home. And she knows there with be a price to pay with her father.

 Matilda, daughter of a sharecropper, is from the other side of the Trace. Doing what she can to protect her family from the whims and demands of some particularly callous locals is an ongoing struggle. She forms a plan to go north, to pack up the secrets she’s holding about her life in the South and hang them on the line for all to see in Ohio.

As the two girls are drawn deeper into a dangerous world of bootleggers and moral corruption, they must come to terms with the complexities of their tenuous bond and a hidden past that links them in ways that could cost them their lives.

*The book can be purchased at any book store, online; downloaded, audio book or in paperback. We will read the book and gather on* **Saturday, July 30th at 8:30 am at Second Wave Coffee & More, 529 S. Lake Dr., Lexington, SC 29072.**

This is a business that supports individuals in our community with intellectual

and developmental disabilities.

 **From Church Council**

**United Women of Faith**

United Women In Faith (new name for UMW) will not meet this summer but will resume meetings in September. All women of the church are invited. Plans are underway for a church wide Bazaar on November 12, 2022.

**Church Council Meeting**

Church council will meet on August 7, 2022 immediately following worship. All committees and teams are asked to meet prior to the August meeting. Please forward written reports electronically to Dee Dee Chewning and Mary Baker prior to the August meeting. Any member of the church is welcome to attend the meeting.

**Church Web-Site**

Check out the church web site [www.shilohumc.church](http://www.shilohumc.church). We have a webmaster that will be trained in the near future to make changes and additions as needed to the web-site (mostly add to the calendar). If anyone else is interested in being trained please contact Mary Baker. For now, please email any information for the website, calendar or Facebook to Pastor Angie or Mary Baker.

**Children and Youth Coordinator Position**

Please be in prayer for interviews with a possible part-time children and youth coordinator. The position will coordinate activities and develop a program for the children and youth of Shiloh as well as the community. We have some good applicants and interviews are being scheduled.

**Family Coordinator Needed**

Now that we are able to have in-person activities, it’s time to plan for some family activities. A couple of members have expressed a desire to have family-centered activities and have some great ideas. A coordinator is needed to pull volunteers and ideas together to make this happen. The coordinator does not have to do all of the work themselves. We have very capable and willing volunteers that just need a leader. Please consider volunteering to be the coordinator.

**Church Membership**

Are you concerned about Shiloh’s church membership and growth? If so, please contact Pastor Angie; a meeting will be held on July 14 at 6:00 pm along with a light dinner. If you have ideas for increasing church membership or if you would like to be a part of a group to explore ideas, please join in the discussion. Please RSVP to Pastor Angie so that we can prepare.

**Safe Sanctuary Training**

There are several church members and volunteers in need of Safe Sanctuary training. Any person that is working with children or vulnerable adults should have a background check and be trained in Shiloh’s Safe Sanctuary policy. Please notify Derrell Shipes or Ann Milligan if you would like to be trained.

***MARY BAKER***

**From the Mission/Outreach Ministry**

**Operation Christmas Child** –

Although it seems a bit early to be thinking of this mission project, several items that are needed at Christmas time in the southern hemisphere are in stock now at the Dollar Tree and Dollar General. Summer is a great time to pick up flip flops, sunglasses and outdoor toys for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.  Also, we are in need of shoe boxes we can wrap in colorful paper to fill for needy children around the world. Men's shoe boxes, ladies boot boxes and athletic shoe boxes are the perfect size for this mission project.  If you purchase new shoes over the next three months, would you please consider saving the box and bring it to the fellowship hall?

**Local Food Pantry –**

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the local food pantry to support families with food insecurity.  Although they greatly appreciate the donation of all non-perishable food items, here are the items most needed:

Canned Fruit Rice
Canned Soup Grits
Jelly or Jam Spaghetti
Canned Green Beans Pasta Sauce
Apple Sauce Canned Chicken
Powdered Mashed Potatoes Canned Tuna
Canned Beans Cereal
Canned Corn Peanut Butter

**Centerville Elementary Back-to-School Needs**
The Gilbert schools have once again received a grant to pay for back-to-school supplies. However, Centerville Elementary serves children from 4 years old until 4th grade. They requested packages of children's underwear (sizes 4T  through youth XL) and children's sneakers sizes 2-5. If you would like to support this mission/outreach project, please drop your donated items off in the lobby of the addition between the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Thank you for your continued support of Mission/Outreach activities.

***Ann Milligan***

**What’s Going on at Shiloh?**

**SUNDAES ON SUNDAY--July 17, 2022, 4:30 – 6:30** the choir is sponsoring a “Sundaes on Sunday.”  Along with making your own ice cream sundaes, banana splits, etc., there will be many sprinkles and toppings. We will have an old-fashioned hymn sing for adults and children.  To request your favorite hymn or children’s song, please complete and tear off the form in the bulletin with your requests.  You may give your requests to our choir director or any choir member.

**√** Please mark your calendars for the following Family Activities:

**August 21, 2022, 4:30-6:30—**Movie and Pizza Night

**September (date to be determined)—**Covered dish

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**SHUT-INS and Seriously Ill Members—**Shiloh has several shut-ins and others with illnesses which prevent their attending church services and other activities.  Let’s take a minute to let these members know we love them and are concerned with whatever they currently may be experiencing.  Please take a minute to give them a phone call, a visit, or send a card.  Our Shut-Ins are Jerry and Dot Keenan, Edna Keisler, and Mary Lewis.



**LUNCH FOR CENTERVILLE ELEMENTARY FACULTY & STAFF—**Shiloh has invited Centerville Elementary Faculty and Staff to have lunch with us on Thursday, September 8, at 12:00 p.m.  We will give more definite plans for this event in the bulletin during July.

**LUNCH AND LEARN—**Lunch and Learn will resume Tuesday, September 13, at 12:00 p.m., and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.  Lunch will be provided for a small cost. Please bring your friends, neighbors, and family. There will be more information in upcoming newsletters about program topics.

**UPDATE FROM INDIA TRANSFORMED.** Below is a thank-you note from Ruth Brodeen, Executive Director.

***“Thank you all once again for a fun, memorable event! Altogether your event raised over $1500.00, purchased two sewing machines, and three children sponsored. Your church is covering 2.5 sponsorships for women in our vocational training program. If you would like any videos, please let me know. One class will soon start in July. I’ll keep you posted.”***

If you would like to receive Ruth’s monthly newsletter, please let me know and I’ll send her your email address.

***Clyde Sanders***

**Greeters and Ushers List for the remainder of the year**

July – Glenda and Phil Hughes

August – Allen Danielsen

September – Jerry Green & Emily

October – Charles Thompson & David Taylor

November – Sherri & John Owings

December – David Taylor & The Kids