

SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2022

Reach Out, Know, Embrace, Serve

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

Musing.....

“As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So, let’s get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light.”

Romans 11: 12-14

It is Advent! What a beautiful time of year. Trees, wreaths, lights, and decorations galore. In the church season it is a time to experience and share hope, peace, joy, and love. A 4-week journey of preparation and expectation of the celebration of the birth of Christ. For me, this is the most joyous season. I love all there is about Advent and our celebration of Christmas.

I have been changing my outlook on life this past year. I am continually looking for opportunities to experience and share joy and laughter. It has been difficult for me and so many others. It is time for us to come out of the darkness and be in the light of hope that Jesus Christ has given us all. We cannot continue to live in fear and in loss. Jesus has given us so much, saved us from so much. We should desire to live our life as Jesus calls all of us to in the scripture.

In the Romans scripture above, our salvation has already been given to us. We are called to open ourselves to Jesus in new ways, to live in the light of that salvation. There is also a call to be ready to recognize when the darkness (*this could be depression, situations, relationships, etc.*) we have previously experienced tries to come steal our hope, peace, love, and joy. We are to be prepared for battle with the Word of God, who is Jesus Christ. The more we read the scriptures and join in means of grace, we will not be as tempted as we were before to fall into despair of the darkness.

May the light shine brightly in your heart and home this holidays season.

In the grip of God’s grace,

Rev. Angie

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/3 – Brenda French
12/8 – Nancy Patterson, Mat Smith
12/10 – Bill Blythe, Emily Thompson
12/11 – Taylor Sigler
12/12 – Sandra Williams
12/14 – Brooke Smith
12/16 – Susan Goff, Danny Runion
12/25 – Jesus Christ, Sandy Runion
12/28 – Donald Meetze, Kimberley Mercer

PRAYER REQUESTS

The United Methodist Church, our country, the people of Ukraine, Becky Addy, Dick Addy, Gretta Bickley, Jessie Bowman, Sydney Casting, Mary Charity, Ken Colton & family, Candy Dawkins, Bobby Etheredge, Luke Fossell, Curtis Gillette, Donna Griffin, Matt James, Miles Johnson, Dot Kennan, Edna Keisler, Jeanne Kirk, Henry Leaphart, John Lewis, Mary Lewis, Jessica Mayo & Grayson, Susan McDaniel's family, Susan McDaniel's niece, Len McDaniel, Miriam McCoy, Gett Padgett, Wayne Parrish, Ashley Price, Mike Pope, Kristie Riser, Wilma Smith, Diana Tanner, Mary Ann Tauer, Baby Grayson Tibbs, Lois and Ron Vanderstelt, Parker Wideman, Nancy Young, Mary Charity, teachers, students, administrators, parents, our leaders, and those fighting COVID-19.

May your

Christmas

be joyous, peaceful, and bright,

and *filled* with the *love* of that *very first night*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER NEWS

Please Join Us on Sundays!

Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Shiloh Community Holiday Open House



Sunday, December 4, 2022 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Please invite & bring your neighbors & friends.

From Witness/Evangelism



Lunch and Learn is Thursday, December 1. The speaker is Sheriff Jay Koon. Sheriff Koon will talk to us about rise in crime and the types of crime in our community and county. Additionally, he will give us some safety tips to remember during the holidays.

Come join us for the meal beginning at 12 noon. The cost of the meal is \$10. Please call Donna Griffin at (803) 206-3400 by Monday, November 28, so we can have an accurate number for the caterer. Everyone attending has the opportunity to fellowship not only with some of Shiloh's members but others in our community and other churches. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors. What a great way to witness to others!

The January Lunch and Learn will be held on January 5, 2023 with a representative from the S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs that will speak on

“Being a Savvy Consumer for 2023”.

A huge “Thank you” to Allen Danielson, Mike Daugherty, Scott Milligan and Richard Smith for installing our ramp, which was donated by Allen. The ramp will make it so much easier for carrying items to the back door of the kitchen.

Shiloh’s Bazaar/Garage Sale was a huge success! Numerous Shiloh members were integral in making this activity successful not only for our church but for the many community organizations who will benefit from our efforts. Since last Sunday’s announced total, members purchased more vegetables and canned goods after the service. We now have a total of **\$4,200. wow!** Because so many of our members’ gifts, plus Clayton Rawl Farms and W. P. Rawl & Sons generous gifts of fresh vegetables, we can help to decrease our Building loan balance and help many nonprofit organizations. **THANK YOU!!!!**





RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). If you have to take an RMD this year and don't know what to do with it, Shiloh could benefit from some or all of your RMD. Remember, when given to a nonprofit like Shiloh, you do not have to pay taxes on that amount. As always, talk with your financial adviser as to how to make this contribution and if you qualify.



CLYDE SANDERS

From the Treasurer

Remember that you can make a tax-deductible contribution to the budget or building fund prior to year-end. Please make sure that your contributions at year end are marked for the giving year either 2022 or 2023.

Gary Baker

DECEMBER'S FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY WILL BE HELD ON 12/14/2022 FROM 5:30 pm UNTIL 7:00 pm.

The menu will be ham, green beans, baked apples and sweet potatoes. Yam Yam, I mean Yum Yum. I mean it's gonna be goood!

From Family Ministries

The children had a wonderful time packing the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We packed 127 boxes! What a blessing.

We are looking forward to the Polar Express on Friday, December 16th! Come prepared to having an evening of fun, and don't forget to wear your pajamas!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our Family Ministries.



SUSAN McDANIEL

From Mission/Outreach

Blessing Box – Our blessing box has been well received by the Gilbert community. Families with food insecurity are able to ensure that there is always food on their tables, thanks to the generosity of our Shiloh members. If you are interested in supporting this outreach ministry, you can either place items directly in the Blessing Box or leave them in the collection boxes inside the double glass doors between the fellowship hall and sanctuary. Items most needed at present are as follows:

Powered Milk

Canned meat (tuna or chicken)

Peanut Butter

Boxes of cereal

Bottled juice

Jelly

Boxes of dry pasta
Fruit cups or applesauce
Laundry pods

Jar of spaghetti sauce
Canned soup, stew or pasta(ready to eat)

Gilbert Middle School – We continue to collect individually packaged healthy snacks for Gilbert School. Suggested items include granola bars, protein bars, trail mix, cheese crackers, and BelVita crackers.

Reverse Advent- This is an opportunity to teach our children and grandchildren the power of giving to others who are less fortunate.

Each day of Advent, we encourage you to put a non-perishable food item in a box. You can bring the completed boxes to Christmas Eve Worship Service and we will deliver the boxes to families identified by the counseling departments at Gilbert schools. If you are able to complete your boxes early, we will deliver the boxes before Christmas to families in need so they can have nourishing food over the Christmas holidays. There are boxes in the hallway inside the double glass doors to collect items. You can also deposit a completed Reverse Advent Box there and we will deliver them to needy families.

Thank you all for your continued support of Mission/Outreach activities. You are a blessing to our community!

If you want to direct newsletter readers to upcoming events at Shiloh, please direct them to our website at www.shilohumc.church/events-calendar/

ANN MILLIGAN

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

What's Going on at Shiloh?

December 1 – Lunch and Learn with Sheriff Jay Koon, 12 Noon in Fellowship Hall

December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent

- Communion Sunday
- UMM Breakfast, 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall
- Community Christmas Open House, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day

December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

- United Women in Faith, 5:00 PM at home of Mary Baker

December 14 – Fellowship Wednesday, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

December 16 – Polar Express, Parents Night Out, 6:30 – 9:00 in Fellowship Hall

December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21 – 1st Day of Winter

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 PM

December 25 – Christmas Day

January 5 - Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm

PASTOR'S WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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