

SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 2023

Reach Out, Know, Embrace, Serve
1000 Spring Hill Road, Gilbert, South Carolina (803)892-5656

Musing

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."
Acts 2:42-47

May brings many things in the church. We are continuing through Eastertide and preparing for the celebration of Pentecost. It should be a time of preparation for upcoming joy. We do look for joyous times of community activities, graduations, vacations, cookouts, Family Fun Days, VBS, etc. I hope all things that you plan workout. Sometimes they do, sometimes they don't. But it is more than that. It is a remembrance of good things from God.

How is your soul? Do you recognize God at work each and every day? Are you looking? Are you participating? Are you contributing or experiencing opportunities with the church?

In the epistle of Acts above, we hear and imagine how that time of waiting on the spirit gives them joy to be with one another in good times and bad. They are all called to contribute in their gifts, graces, witness, and finances. They deliberately make the effort to be together and to learn about scriptures and pray. Do you see these as joyous events as these early church communities did, or do these things seem boring or tiresome? If you do, we need to look with new eyes of the Holy Spirit! Ask are our hearts in the right place? As we are constrained by time. There is only a finite amount we are given. Are we using it to be joyous through Jesus Christ?

My hope is that we all become better stewards of our time. Ask yourselves are the things we do beneficial to not only ourselves but to our community of faith? May the Spirit of God bless you wherever you may be.

In the grip of God's grace, *Rev. Angie*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 – Donny Frick

5/3 – Blake Rosier, Katie Thompson

5/4 – Benjamin Bennett, Turner Bennett

- John Owings

5/6 – Walker Meetze

5/8 – Ron Vanderstelt

5/11 – Conner Owings

5/19 – Sanders Bennett

5/24 – Susan Bowman

5/26 – Gary Baker

5/30 – Ben Patterson

PRAYER REQUESTS

The United Methodist Church, our country, the people of Ukraine, Becky Addy, Dick Addy, Gretta Bickley, Jessie Bowman, Sydney Casting, Jeannie Chewning, Richard Chewning, Kim Clark, Ken Colton & family, Andrea Crosby's mother Margie Campbell, Paul Cruz, Candy Dawkins, Ali DeRosa, Luke Fossell, Curtis Gillette, Donna Griffin, Jean & Ray Jadin, Matt James, Jessie, Miles Johnson, Dot Keenan, Jeanne Kirk, John Lewis, Mary Lewis, Cheryl Long, Jessica Mayo & Grayson, Susan McDaniel's family, Susan McDaniel's niece, Miriam McCoy, Willy Mendoza, Gett Padgett, Wayne Parrish, Ashley Price, Mike Pope, Kristie Riser, Richard Smith, Wilma Smith, Diana Tanner, Syrembia Taylor, Jane Thompson, Baby Grayson Tibbs, Lois and Ron Vanderstelt, Parker Wideman, Nancy Young, teachers, students, administrators, parents, our leaders, and those fighting COVID-19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER NEWS

Please Join Us on Sundays!

Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Worship Service at 10:00 AM

MISSION/OUTREACH

Blessing Box - We are running low on items for our blessing box. 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 fellowship hall. Here are the items we need most:

- * Powdered Milk or Long Shelf Life Milk (Dollar Tree sells this in cartons)
- * Canned meat (tuna or chicken)
- * Bottled juice
- * Jelly or jam
- * Boxed dry pasta
- * Jar of pasta sauce
- * Canned soup, stew or pasta (ready to eat)
- * Fruit cups or applesauce
- * Laundry pods

Gilbert Middle School - We will drop off one more donation of individually packaged healthy snacks for Gilbert Middle School May 9th before the school year ends on May 23. Suggested items include granola bars, protein bars, trail mix, cheese crackers, BelVita crackers.

Epworth Children's Home Welcome Baskets - Epworth Children's Home needs items to welcome children who are newly placed in care at Epworth. They encourage churches to purchase either a laundry basket or hamper and fill it with the following items that all residents will need while they are in care at Epworth:

- * Twin Sheet Set
- * Twin Comforter
- * Pillow
- * Bath towel/washcloth Set
- * Hair Dryer
- * Comb & Brush
- * Mouth wash (alcohol free)
- * Deoderant (Degree for men and Secret for women)
- * Toothbrush and toothbrush holder
- * Soap case with soap (Irish Spring or Dove)
- * Shampoo & Conditioner (TreSemme or Suave)
- * Reusable water bottle

If you are interested in supporting this ministry at Epworth, please place items in the box inside the double glass doors in the new addition and we will deliver these welcome baskets to Epworth. Please note that children are placed with Epworth all year long, so this need continues throughout the year.

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

Ann Milligan

From Church Council

Thank You - to everyone for the support of the BBQ fundraiser. We are slowly and amazingly decreasing our mortgage. This fundraiser netted over \$1,300. Thank you especially to Shealy's for making this opportunity available to us.

BBQ Butt Fundraiser –

Shiloh will hold a BBQ Butt Fundraiser on July 1, 2023. We will sell whole, fully cooked, hot and ready to eat Boston butts for \$45.00 each. Shealy's BBQ will be preparing the butts to be picked up at Shiloh on July 1, 2023 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Tickets are available to purchase and sell from Mary or Gary Baker and Clyde Sanders. Please tell your family and friends about this opportunity to get their 4th of July BBQ already prepared. These are also great in the freezer to have on hand for summer guests.

Funds raised will be used to defray the mortgage on our church building.

Wednesday Night suppers will be discontinued for the Summer. Thank you to Lisa Daugherty for Coordinating our suppers for the past year.

Lunch and Learn will be discontinued for the Summer. Thank you to Donna and Clyde for coordinating such wonderful learning opportunities and delicious lunches for our church and community. We have had record numbers of attendees throughout the year.

Mary Baker

Family Fun Day

**May 7th
11 am - 3 pm**

**Join us for worship at 10 and
stay for a covered dish lunch,
bouncy house and outdoor
games.**

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What's Going on at Shiloh?

May 4 – Lunch and Learn with Beverly Kleckley of The Herb Bunch,
12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

May 6 – Ladies Event Day at Beulah UMC, 10 -2, cost \$25.

May 7 – Communion Sunday

Family Fun Day, 11:00AM – 3:00PM with Covered Dish Lunch, Bouncy House and outdoor games.

May 9 – Membership/Evangelism Committee will meet at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

May 10 – “The State of the Methodist Church” with our District Superintendent, Fran Elrod. She will speak at 6:00PM and dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:00PM.

May 14 – Mother's Day

Epworth Children's Home Mother's Day Offering.

May 21 – United Women in Faith, 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

May 26 – Newsletter Deadline

June 11 to June 15 – Vacation Bible School, in the evenings.