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## VISITOR RESPONSE

Mr. \_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_

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**Age Group:**  
\_\_\_ 0-6 years      \_\_\_ 26-35 years  
\_\_\_ 7-12 years     \_\_\_ 36-50 years  
\_\_\_ Junior High   \_\_\_ 51-64 years  
\_\_\_ Senior High   \_\_\_ 65+ years  
\_\_\_ 19-25 years

**Please check one:**  
\_\_\_ First time visitor  
\_\_\_ Returning visitor  
\_\_\_ Active in other church

**I am:**  
\_\_\_ looking for a church home.  
\_\_\_ just visiting.  
\_\_\_ an out-of-town guest.

**Weekly General Budget Needed for 2023 .....\$5,386.67**  
Received Week of: (11/26/23) ..... \$2,060  
Building Fund ..... 1,885  
Memorials .....  
**Total \$ 4,349**  
**Mortgage Balance ..... \$35,392.79**

*(Please give generously to the work of God's church.)*

**Greeters/Ushers:** Alan Danielson  
**Children's Sermon:** John Kronz  
**Acolyte:** Abner

- **Collecting canned goods & non-perishable food items for our Blessing Box**
- **Newsletter Deadline:** the 26<sup>th</sup> of every month
- **Wednesday Night Supper:** December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm. Steak dinner and a certain jolly visitor
- **Blue Christmas Service** Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm
- **Please have submissions for announcements by Thursday morning**
- **Acolyte training after church January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Prayer Requests Shiloh UMC:** The United Methodist Church; our country; people of Ukraine; Becky Addy; Dick Addy; Jessie Bowman; Sydney Casting; Kim Clark; Ken Colton & family; Andrea Crosby's mother Margie Campbell; Luke Fossell; Curtis Gillette; Jean & Ray Jadin; Matt James; Dot Keenan; Jeanne Kirk; John Lewis; Mary Lewis; Jessica Mayo & Grayson; Susan McDaniel's family; Susan McDaniel's niece; Miriam McCoy; Willy Mendoza; Wayne Parrish; Ashley Price; Mike Pope; Kristie Riser; Wilma Smith; Diana Tanner; Syrembia Taylor; Charles Thompson; Parker Wideman; Carrey Hunter; Allen Chalk, Nancy Marcella; Brian Johnson; Patty Bennet; Jenner Connor Williams; Andrea Crosby; Billy & Carol Murphy; Siobhan Kirk; Howard Fogle; Jim Sanders; Nancy; Becky Bridge; Thomas Wright; Harlen Chart; Carmen Robinson; Whitney Stites; Nancy Jordan; Sonny Sembere; Mary Cricher; Rick & Dee Dee Chewning, Bob Kirk, Gay Kitchins, Alan Danielson, Buddy Leaphart; Alese Mosely; Guy & Savannah Lipscomb, Thelma Strawther, Matthew Sheidy, Denise Holland, Sandy Burton Eddy, Joyce Derr, Nenni Family; Jessica Tibbs; Marion Norris; Jill Steward; Penny Falconberry; Bill & Livy Holland; Ella Ray; Chad & Mitchell Sheiler; Ambrose Paul Debbs; Margaret Anne; Bill Hughes; Susan Rose; Dillon Kronz; Amanda Bearfoot; Emily Green; Linda South; Jim Sanders; Lewis Boatwright; Jessica Mayo-Tibbs; Brian Derr; Marion Norris; Dick Addy; Jim Sanders; Andrea Chewning; the Werner family; Michael Bennet; teachers, students, administrators, parents; pastors; our leaders.

**SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10am to 4pm

**Director of Music Ministries, Organist**  
**Director of Children & Youth**

**The First Sunday of Advent**  
*'The Hanging of the Christmas Green.'*

**10:00 AM** **December 3, 2023**

*The liturgical color Blue is used for the season of Advent, meaning purity, virginity, innocence, and birth, are symbolized with this color.*

**Gathering in God's Presence**

Words of Welcome

Prelude & Introduction

+Hymn **"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"** #196 (vs. all)

Opening Prayer

Christmas In America

+Gathering Hymn **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** #240 (vs. all)

The Call to Celebration

(L) Christ has come! Christ was dead! Christ has risen! Christ will come again.

**(P) this is the faith of the church of Jesus Christ!**

(L) When we look at the world around us, we see the darkness of war, greed, and broken relationships.

**(P) We long for Christ to come again and bring light to our world.**

(L) The word of the gospel is that Jesus Christ lives among us, bringing truth and light as a present reality.

**(P) We worship as those who have a glimpse of that reality, and we long for its fullness. We are those who labor to make Christ's light more visible on earth.**

**(ALL) Let us praise god that the light of Christ continues to shine in the darkness. May Christ's light brightly shine in our world today. To God be the glory in Jesus Christ and in the church, now and forever. Amen.**

The Sanctuary Evergreens

+ Hymn **"Go, Tell It On the Mountains"** #251 (vs. all)  
*During the hymn, the children are invited to come forward and place evergreens around the sanctuary.*

The Christmas Tree

Special Music **"O Christmas Tree & The Holly and The Ivy"**  
*Everyone is invited to come forward and place a Chrismon on the tree as the choir sings these songs.*

The Christmas Poinsettia

Paraments & Colors of Advent

The Advent Wreath

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Hope

+ Hymn **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** #211 (vs.1,2,5)

The Nativity

+Hymn **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** #230 (vs. 1,2,3)  
*Please remain seated as we sing and the nativity scene is prepared*

The Gifts of Christmas & Epiphany

Hymn **"We Three Kings"** #254 (vs. 1,2,3)  
*Please remain seated as we sing. Children will bring wrapped gifts and place them under the tree.*

Prayers of the Community

(L) We seek a mighty God in the most unlikely places as a child in a stable, and in an empty tomb. May God hear these prayers, which come from the unlikely corners of our lives.

(L) Lord in your mercy

**(P) Hear our prayers.**

*Prayers of the community are shared.*

The Lord's Prayer #895 (UMH)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

God is good!

**All the time!**

*(Please to remember that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Please giving generously. There is an offering plate in the back of the church to drop your offering, you may give online on our website or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone on the back of the bulletin.)*

Christmas Caroling

+ Hymn of Sending **"Joy to the World"** #246 (vs. all)

The Christ of Christmas

+ Dismissal with Blessing

**PRAYER REQUEST**

*We will be glad to join with you in praying for your specific needs.*

Please write your request here and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Please pray for \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please share with us as God meets your needs so that we may rejoice with you!***

