

# SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## DECEMBER 2024

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

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 – Penelope Cook	12/16 – Danny Runion
12/8 – Nancy Patterson	12/18 – Logan Mullins
12/10 – Emily Thompson	12/20 – Grayson Louis Richmond
12/12 – Sandra Williams	12/25 – Sandy Runion
12/13 – Mollie Kate Frick	12/27 – Mia Moore
12/14 – Brooke Smith	12/28 – Kimberly Mercer
12/16 – Susan Goff	12/28 – Donald Meetze

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/10 – Nancy & Ben Patterson  
12/30 – Carol & Buddy Leaphart  
12/31 – Janet & Charlie Deep

### PRAYER REQUESTS

The United Methodist Church, our country, Dick Addy, Ebony Bowers, David & Pat Buckley, Joyce Carter, Dee Dee Chewning, Linda Clocker, Connie Counts, Toby Cushman, Brian Derr, Eddie Flake, Patty Francis, Jeremy Griffin, Kay Harsey, Laren Hewitt, Margaret Homan, Debbie Howell, Janice Hunter, Karen Johnson, Zee Leach, Ilene Leaphart John Love, Tim & Annette Mims, Mary Ann Nielson, Lisa Phelps, Boston Phillips, Jason Rush, Jim & Clyde Sanders, Charles Sedberry, Debbie Shealy, John Smith, Shelly Spurger, Mary Ann Tauer, Steve Taylor, Sandy Till, Donna Wright, teachers, students, administrators, parents, pastors and our leaders.

**Please Join Us on Sundays!**  
Sunday School at 9:00 AM  
Worship Service at 10:00 AM

**Weekly Office Hours**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
From 10 AM to 4 PM  
803-892-5656  
Website:  
[www.shilohumc.church](http://www.shilohumc.church)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER NEWS**

### **FROM MISSION & OUTREACH**

**Blessing Box** - If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please feel free to put your donated items directly in the blessing box or in the bins on the shelves inside the doors to the Fellowship Hall. We always need the following items:

Bread  
Jelly or Jam  
Peanut butter  
Shelf stable milk (Dollar Tree sells this)  
Cereal  
Canned vegetables (carrots, peas,  
green beans, potatoes)  
Ready to eat meals (Spaghetti Os, ravioli, beef stew, etc)

**Gilbert Middle School** - Thank you for continuing to support GMS in providing individually packaged healthy snacks. We expect a greater need in the week before the long school break for Christmas. We will make our last delivery a few days before the holiday break begins so that students may take a small supply home with them.

**Operation Christmas Child** - Thank you to all who supported this children's evangelical ministry. In its 30 year history, Operation Christmas Child (through Samaritan's Purse) has delivered over 200 million shoe box gifts and the Gospel in each child's native language to needy children all over the world. This year, Shiloh packed 121 boxes and dropped them off at the distribution center.

**Thanks & Giving Food Boxes** - Thanks to all who supported the outreach ministry to provide a box of food for families with food insecurity to ensure that they had a supply of food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Reverse Advent** - Each year, we pack food boxes for needy families in our community. By packing one non-perishable item into a box each day during the Advent season, we will have food boxes ready to distribute on Christmas Eve. This is a wonderful way to get an entire family involved in reaching out with Christian love to families who are struggling. Attached please find the Reverse Advent suggested packing list. Feel free to modify the list as you see fit. Please leave your Reverse Advent box inside the doors of the Fellowship Hall and we will handle delivery in coordination with Centerville Elementary School and Gilbert Middle School.

Thank you to our Shiloh community for your continued generous support of our mission and outreach ministries.

***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

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## **Greetings brothers and sisters!**

Here are some updates on recent happenings at Shiloh:

In late October, Ron Vanderstelt organized a gathering of 35 church members and community members to hear about first aid devices from the Lexington EMS. Our children and youth also attended a Casting Crowns concert.

We had a very successful Trunk or Treat event at the Church with strong participation by our members (thank you Lisa and Stephanie!) Some of our members also participated in the Trunk or Treat at Centerville Elementary, passing out 500 fliers with information about Shiloh.

At the beginning of November, our United Women in Faith organized a wonderful Bazaar experience that raised over \$3,000.

Looking forward, we have our Parent's Night Out on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. We will need 12 volunteers to help us manage up to 25 children.

In financial matters of the Church, we encourage everyone to read the letter Gary Baker has produced on behalf of the Finance committee. But a few highlights about Shiloh's needs:

- The Tech Committee has recognized updates for the church sound system costing approximately \$6,000.
- The Fellowship Hall's roof is being replaced in December at a cost around \$8,000.
- The elevator is receiving final repairs costing around \$2,000
- Surge Protection equipment for the building has been installed at a cost of \$6,000

Finally, we are attaching the current version of our strategic plan to the News Letter. We are grateful to all the committee members who have given feedback and encourage any suggestions ya'll might have!

Christ's Peace be with you

**Rev. John Kronz and Church Council Chair Jerry Green**

# From Children and Youth Ministries

**Nursery** is available every Sunday for Sunday School and Worship

**Children's Choir** every Sunday at 9:00am, for all ages

**Sunday School** every Sunday at 9:15am, for children and youth

**Children's Church** every Sunday for all school age children

**Energize Kids** - Ages 4 years old through 5th grade. With the meetings falling on Fellowship Wednesday and Christmas we will meet back in January. If you have any questions please reach out to Stephanie Smith.

**Raise Youth** - We will be meeting December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00pm - 6:00pm and December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. There will be a light supper provided. If anyone would like to help with a meal or sponsor a meal, please reach out to Lisa Daugherty or Stephanie Smith.

Energize Kids and Raise Youth are still selling **Poppin Popcorn** for \$2.00. We have a table set up in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have a **Parent's Night Out event** on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. We will have a meal and activities for the children. This will be for children from ages 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. More information will follow on the Facebook page. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Smith at (803) 586-8832 or [Shiloh.youthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Shiloh.youthcoordinator@gmail.com).

To support our children and youth this holiday season, we're inviting everyone to help fill the **stockings** that will be hung on the stairwell leading into the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute, you can drop off items in the designated box in Stephanie's office, marked specifically for this purpose. Alternatively, you can directly place your gifts in the stockings. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring joy and warmth to our younger members, and we appreciate your generosity and kindness in making the festive season brighter for them.

Finally, the **Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** during worship. Raise youth and Energize kids will help us celebrate the birth of our Lord through a skit with Christmas music. Nothing is sweeter than seeing and hearing little ones tell the story of Jesus!

**Volunteers** are needed for the Nursery during Sunday School and Worship, Stephanie will teach Sunday School and Children's Church and will need someone to volunteer to be there with her. Even if you can only volunteer for one Sunday every three months, we could use your help. Please contact Stephanie Smith (803) 586-8832 to sign up.

**Stephanie Cook-Smith**

### **Christmas Poinsettia**

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church for the holidays please let Sherri Owings know by Dec. 9. (803-315-9741 or [sowings@pbtcomm.net](mailto:sowings@pbtcomm.net))

The cost is \$15.00.

A special handout will be placed in the bulletin on Dec. 15, 22 and the 24.

You may take the poinsettia with you after the Christmas Eve service.

### **2025 Flower Chart**

A special thank you to everyone who provided flowers this year to help make our Sunday worship services beautiful.

The 2025 flower chart will be available for sign up in December.

If you would like to reserve a special date in advance please reach out to Sherri Owings for early sign up!



Fellowship Wednesday

Shiloh's Second  
Christmas  
**Steak**  
Night

December 11, 2024

5:30pm until 7pm

Join Us For A Great Night of Fellowship  
and A Visit From One of Our Favorite  
People.

RSVP with Lisa (803) 479-1587 or sign up in the back of the Sanctuary

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IT'S NOT WHAT'S UNDER THE TREE  
THAT MATTERS



IT'S WHO IS AROUND IT  
-CHARLIE BROWN

**You Are Invited To**  
*Christmas Caroling  
& a Movie Afternoon*

**At Shiloh UMC**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2024**  
**4:00pm - 6:00pm**

We will have light refreshments.

# What's Going on at Shiloh?

- 12/1 – First Sunday of Advent
- 12/1 – UMM Breakfast
- 12/1 – Hanging of the Green 10:00 am
- 12/1 – Raise Youth 4 to 6 PM
- 12/4 – Lectionary Bible Study 6 PM
- 12/7 – Parents Night Out 4:30 till 8:30 PM
- 12/8 – Second Sunday of Advent
- 12/8 – United Women in Faith 5:00 PM At the Home of Mary Baker
- 12/9 – Last Day to order poinsettias
- 12/11 – Lectionary Bible Study 6 PM
- 12/11 – Fellowship Wednesday / Christmas Steak Night 5:30 to 7:00 PM
- 12/15 – Third Sunday of Advent
- 12/15 – Christmas Caroling & a Movie 4 to 6 PM
- 12/15 – Raise Youth 6 to 7PM
- 12/18 – Lectionary Bible Study 6PM
- 12/21 – First Day of Winter
- 12/22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 12/24 – Christmas Eve
- 12/25 – Christmas Day
- 12/29 – Children's Christmas Program 10 AM