



SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2025

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

The United Methodist Church, our country, Ebony Bowers, Charles Sedberry, Lou Shirly, Katy Smith, Mary Smith, Pat Smith, Shelly Spurger, Alex Steele, Steve Taylor, Debbie Williams, Buddy Leaphart; Sage Hughes; Norma Zwart; Becky Addy; Ralph Boshberry; Gordon Fell; Kim Clark; Connor Miskof; teachers, students, administrators, parents, pastors and our leaders.

Sunday School at 9:15 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER NEWS

On Life at Shiloh

Greetings friends!

November has been a cozy month at Shiloh. Our Bazaar was a wonderful start to the fall spirit, with delicious foods and several vendors making a vibrant little marketplace. The event managed to raise over \$4,000.

We also had a grand time hosting a Joyful Noise, Lunch and Learn, and an informational meeting on scams led by the Sheriffs' office.

The month ended with a busy week! We held a joint Thanksgiving service at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church with a combined 5 churches. And on the 30th we had both our hanging of the Greens service in the morning and a joint service with Gilbert UMC that evening.

We also finished out our Thanksgiving and Sister Care ministries for the month, as well as seeing a lot of use for our blessing box.

The Wednesday Bible Study group has also gotten through chapter 2 of our 1st Corinthians study. If anyone wants to join in, we have extra copies of our study book and meet at 10am Wednesday mornings. That time is flexible, so please contact me if you are interested!

It is great to see how involved in mission and ministry our members are, as well as all the fellowship we have here!

Christ's Peace
Rev. John Kronz

Board of Trustees

The Columbarium Project is well underway, and financial support has been very good.

As you may recall from my previous correspondence with church members, our goal is to raise

about \$20,000. We have received a very favorable quote from Carolina Granite and Marble

Company of Lexington for \$21,500, which is valid until January 1, 2026. The price may increase

due to inflation after that date. So, our goal is to secure the \$21,500 before the end of this year

and contract with them to complete the project sometime in the first quarter of 2026.

We currently have generous contributions totaling \$7,125, about a third of our goal. Thank

you to everyone who has provided support.

Max Young, Chairman, Shiloh UMC, Board of Trustees

Worship

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 6pm this year.

Family Ministries

Wednesday Night steak supper is Dec. 10 at 5:30.

Please RSVP ahead of time.

Movie and pizza night will be Friday, December 12, 2025, starting at 6pm. This is an event for all ages.

In January we will start Friday Night Food Truck. More information to follow.

There is also Spaghetti and Bingo night in the works.

Any questions call Lisa Daugherty 803-479-1587

Lunch & Learn

Lunch and Learn is coming up soon, December 4, 12:00 pm

Chuck Corley, Local Historian and Lifelong Lexington County Resident will tell the history of the Lexington County area and share artifacts from the Corley/Sox family. Please join us for this informative and delightful session.

Reserve your lunch by calling Donna (803)206-3400 no later than November 30.

The January Lunch and Learn will be held on January 8 and will feature Thrivent Financial addressing "Are your Finances in Order?" This will be a good way to start the new year.

United Women in Faith

The Shiloh United Women in Faith will meet on December 7 at **5:00 pm.** at the home of Gary and Mary Baker. Bring a salad or dessert to share. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Missions & 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
Canned Fruit
Shelf stable milk (Dollar Tree sells this)
Cereal
Canned tuna or chicken
Ready to eat meals (Spaghetti Os, ravioli, beef stew, etc)

Thanks & Giving Food Boxes - Thank you to all who donated so generously so that we could pack food boxes and purchase turkeys for families in need. We were able to serve a total of seven families. They expressed gratitude that they will have enough food for a week and a special meal on Thanksgiving.

SisterCare Fall Mission Project - Thank you to all who donated to this local ministry serving survivors of domestic abuse right here in our community. We will gather all items donated next Sunday after worship service and deliver them to SisterCare on Monday, December 1st. You are making a powerful positive impact on women and children who have suffered. Thank you for Sharing God's love.

Reverse Advent - Once again this year we would like to provide food boxes to families with food insecurity that are chosen by our local schools. If you would like to participate in this project, please find attached a list of suggested food items. You may leave them in the boxes inside the doors to the fellowship hall or you may pack your own food box. We will deliver these food boxes as we are able to fill them. The last day of school in Lexington District 1 before the Christmas break is December 18th.

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

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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Children and Youth Ministries

I am excited to announce that we are GROWING!!

Here are a few pictures from our Shine Kids, Energize Kids, Raise Youth, and Sunday School classes.



Sunday school every Sunday from 9:00am -9:55am

Nursery: open for Sunday school and worship

KIDS: (4k-2nd grade) meeting in the activities room

ELEMENTARY: (3rd grade-5th grade) meeting in the elementary room

YOUTH: (6th grade-12th grade) meeting in the basement

Ministry Times

Shine Kids: (4k-2nd grade) Monday, December 15 from 6:15pm to 7:30pm

Energize Kids: (3rd grade-5th grade) Thursday, December 11 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm

Raise Youth: (6th grade-12th grade) Wednesday, December 03 and 17 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm

We have an incentive program where the children and youth earn **bible bucks** to go shopping in a store in my office. The children and youth have been asking for some new items to be added, here is a list of some things they have asked for:

- gift cards for food,
- gift cards for gas,
- a football,
- bracelets,
- drawing supplies,
- Minecraft gift card,
- Roblox gift card, and
- a basketball.

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 and Youth **Christmas program** will be on Sunday, December 21st during worship. Raise youth, Energize kids, and Shine 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!

If you are interested in helping with the **Christmas Program**, please let me know. We will have a dress rehearsal and meeting on Saturday, December 13 at 4pm.

I am looking for **volunteers** in the Nursery during Sunday School and Worship, Sunday School for Youth or Children (Stephanie will teach one that doesn't have a volunteer), and volunteers to help with Children's Church. 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.

As always, thank you for supporting the children and youth through your prayers and presence.

Wish List

New Towels & Wash Cloths, New Pillows,
New Twin Comforters/Blankets

Toiletries: Hair Care Products for all hair
types, Lotion, Body Soap/Wash, Oral Care
Items, Deodorant/Anti-Perspirant, Toilet
Paper

Toiletries for Boys Ages 10 - 18 (Deoderant &
Body Wash)

Diapers & Wipes

Gas Cards \$10 - \$35

Visa or Mastercard Gift Cards

Grocery Store Gift Cards

Gift Cards for Boy's Haircuts

Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Cups, Napkins,
Plastic Cutlery

Dish Detergent, Pump Hand Soap, Dish
Sponges & Brillo Pads

Trash Bags: 4 gallon, 13 gallon, 39 gallon
24 - 27 Gallon Storage Bins with Lids



CHILDREN & YOUTH FUNDRAISER

SELLING CANVAS TOTE BAGS FOR \$5

Money will go to pay back
Ms. Stephanie for making the bags.



If you would like to order one please let Ms. Stephanie know.

She can be reached via text (803) 586-8832 or email

shiloh.youthcoordinator@gmail.com

December Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bible Study 10 am Raise Youth	4 Lunch & Learn	5	6
7 Men's Breakfast 8am Shiloh UWF meeting at Mary Baker's	8	9	10 Bible Study 10 am Wednesday Night Supper	11 Energize Kids	12 Pizza & Movie Night	13
14	15 Shine Kids	16	17 Bible Study 10 am Raise Youth	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			