





Newsletter | April 2024

Dear Shiloh community,

So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! [2 Corinthians 5:17]

When we try to understand the resurrection story that we celebrate at Easter, we do not have to look too far. All around us during springtime, things that once seemed dead are now blooming and coming to life. There are signs of growth and new births, and the earth is providing us what we need to live. Creation tells the story of God!

In fact, the Bible even says that if *we* were not here to praise God, the rocks would cry out (Luke 19:40) and the Psalms are full of reminders of creation praising God and revealing God's glory. And yet, humans are central in God's story as well. We are told in Genesis that we have a responsibility for creation.

What is that relationship? What does it mean for us to be stewards of creation? What are we getting right ... and what are we getting wrong?

As we embrace the new life that Jesus offers us - what we celebrate at Easter - how do we care for *all* life - one another *and* the world around us?

Join the spiritual and practical conversation this April with a short series called "A New Creation", starting April 14th. We will conclude with the *first 'Worship Under the Trees' of the season on April 28th!* 



Invite a neighbor or friend, and let's worship God with all of creation together!

Peace and blessings, Pastor Meagan

#### "Follow" Opportunities This Month

If you consider yourself committed to following Jesus at Shiloh, then here are the opportunities for you this month:

**Invite:** Invite a friend to Worship Under the Trees on April 28th!

**Grow:** Pray for the United Methodist General Conference, beginning April 22.

**Do Likewise:** Choose one new thing you can do to help creation this month: recycle, compost, drive less, letc. (resource list coming your way!).

**Be in Community:** Consider volunteering with VBS this summer. Reach out to Shelly Requat for more information.

#### **CHURCH INFORMATION:**

Meagan O'Brien, Pastor - pastor@shiloh-methodist.com Tara Hembree, Admin - admin@shiloh-methodist.com shiloh-methodist.com 636-673-2144

Office Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **United Women in Faith**



#### **Upcoming Meetings**

When: Saturday, April 6th at 10AM @ Shiloh Church

**Program**: Quiet Day/ Call to Prayer and Self Denial + a special offering will be collected.

**All women of Shiloh are invited!!** Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Did you know UWF sells RADA Utensils?

There are currently items available for purchase at church. These items are LESS than the current catalog pricing! Contact a current UWF member with questions or to check out the supply!

#### **United Methodist Men**



Recycling pick-up is still on hold until further notice.

#### **Shiloh's Music Ministry**



Choir Practice is at 7PM on Wednesdays. All are welcome!

## TOP 5 Ways to live as Easter People

- 1. Choose hope. The ultimate battle has been won for us on the cross.
- 2. Continue a **daily prayer or devotional practice** you started during Lent.
- 3. Look for **signs of new life** around you and remember God is always at work.
- 4. Determine a new way you can serve your community.
- 5. Share your "wandering heart" story with a friend or neighbor.

## APPRIL Birthday's and Anniversaries

- 1 Kay Case
- 1 Amanda Paul
- 5 Bob Wyatt
- 9 Matt Omiatek
- 20 Charlie Moore
- 23 Laura Mann
- 25 Todd O'Brien
- 26 Carl & Mary Garner
- 27 Tyler Requat
- 30 Jim & Julie Sherman

#### **Generosity Corner:**

In this "tax season", did you know that there are creative ways to give to Shiloh? Consider securities, IRA gifts, annuities, or even plan ahead for an estate gift. More info can be found with the Missouri United Methodist Foundation (<a href="mailto:mumf.org/category/brochures-media/">mumf.org/category/brochures-media/</a>), or email the Finance Team with questions (finance@shiloh-methodist.com)

#### THANK YOU!

Jimmy Bunner has been hard at work for Shiloh! The parsonage now has a new deck and we have a beautiful cabinet in the Welcome space that will be the first point of connection for new guests! Thank you Jimmy!

#### College "Care Cards

Do you have a loved one in College? Finals Week will be quickly approaching. We want to show them we are thinking of and praying for them during this stressful time! Email: admin@shiloh-methodist.com your college students name and mailing address and we will mail them a Subway, Chick-Fil-A or Target gift card. Donations for the "care cards" can be made to Shiloh UMC.

## Happenings at Shiloh

### Lunch Bunch April 10th



Join us for the next Lunch Bunch on 4/10 at 12PM. Our theme for April is "Salads and Sweets". Please bring your favorite salad (chicken, tuna, caesar, jello, etc) or sweet to share and a canned good for the Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome to join us for great food and fellowship.



#### STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

@Shiloh

APRIL 14: FISHING FUN @ BOCKHORST HOUSE

FRIDAY, MAY 10: SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER PARTY @ SHILOH CHURCH FROM 6PM - 9PM

**SUMMER PREVIEW:** JULY 22-26 UNITE MISSOURI YOUTH GATHERING ("CAMP")

STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS ARE FROM 4PM - 6PM
(UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED) AND ARE FOR
STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADE





Register for Vacation Bible School for free @ myvbs.org/shilohvbs/

VBS Volunteer Meeting April 14th after Worship



# Graduation Sunday May 19th

# Worship Under the Trees April 28th

It's back! Worship Under the Trees <u>will now be the last Sunday of the month</u> starting April 28th! Grab your lawn chair and meet us outside for wonderful outdoor worship!



#### **Dated Material**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9AM Pastor/ Admin. Mtg.	3 7PM Choir	4	5	6 10AM UWF Meeting
7 10AM Worship	8	9 9AM Pastor/ Admin. Mtg. 6PM Church Council	10 12PM Lunch Bunch 7PM Choir	11	12	13
14 10AM Worship 11AM VBS Mtg 4PM Youth Event	15	9AM Pastor/ Admin. Mtg.	17 7PM Choir	18	19	20
21 10AM Worship	22	23 9AM Pastor/ Admin. Mtg.	24 7PM Choir	25	26	27
28 10AM Worship Under the Trees	29	30 9AM Pastor/ Admin. Mtg.				