






# The Shiloh Sun Times

September 2011

## Save the Date!

-  **MOPS**  
Begins Wednesday  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:30 am
-  **W@tCh**  
**Wednesdays @ the Church**  
Begins September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner: 5:30 pm  
Classes: 6:15 pm
-  **One-Day Women's Retreat**  
Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Beth Moore Live Simulcast  
Lunch & Dinner with other  
Shiloh Women
-  **Men's Study: *The Quest for Authentic Manhood***  
Begins Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 am
-  **Ladies' Lunch Circle**  
Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am
-  **Ministry Fair**  
Sundays, Between Services  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>
-  **Generation Change Class**  
Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm  
September 11<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>
-  **Men's Explorer's Bible Study**  
Mondays, 7:00 pm  
Beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>
-  **Youth Ministry Team**  
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-6:15 pm, Youth Lounge
-  **Trivia Night**  
Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm (Doors open: 6:00 pm)
-  **Blood Drive**  
Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
3:00-7:00 pm
-  **Women's Ministry**  
**"Craft-N-Crop"**  
Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30 pm
-  **5K Run/Walk for Peter's Place**  
Saturday, October 1

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## Who do you worship each Sunday?

**Jesus is inviting Shiloh to learn directly from him!**

He will show you the face of God  
He will show you your place in his world  
He will teach you to hear God's voice

### Beginning this fall: "JESUS: the Invitation"

Weekly Jesus study from the Gospels  
Sunday morning messages on each weekly topic



If you've never opened a Bible, or you consider yourself a scholar – **IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.**

Signups in the Gathering Area and online at [www.shiloh-umc.org/jesusinvitation.html](http://www.shiloh-umc.org/jesusinvitation.html) or contact Julie Zdenek: [faith@shiloh-umc.org](mailto:faith@shiloh-umc.org) or 618.698.4870 (text or call).

## Donate Blood... Save a Life!

- 4.5 million American lives are saved each year by blood transfusions.
- Three lives can be saved by one pint of donated blood.
- People donate blood out of a sense of duty and community spirit.
- 60% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood — only 5% do.

### Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 21  
3:00-7:00 pm at Shiloh UMC

## Ministry Fair

Sundays, September 11, 18 & 25  
Between services

Plan some time in your Sunday morning routine to visit the ministry displays to see if there is an area you can utilize or contribute to.

If you lead a ministry and would like to be sure your ministry is represented, please contact your champion.

# You are Cordially Invited

*"Come now, let us reason together,"  
says the LORD.*

*"Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool. Isaiah 1: 18*

From the Old Testament to the New Testament, the voice of God, through the prophets and finally through a **Son**, invites us to come just as we are and trust God to transform our lives forever. As we set out on our journey to rediscover the power of being a follower of Jesus, in many ways we are much like our first century ancestors. They had waited for centuries to embrace the hope of the prophets, they were looking not so much for a Savior or a Messiah, they were looking for a king (small k); they were looking for someone to rescue them from their painful reality. They were not looking for the Messiah who came; they were looking for a strong warrior. Who are you looking for?

Here at Shiloh, we are extending to every person, an invitation to come and fall in love with the authentic Jesus of the Bible. It is hard to follow someone if you really do not have a relationship with them. We are inviting ourselves to take a personal journey of faith to discover and in some cases, to rediscover both the humanity and the divinity of Jesus so that our lives can more fully reflect his hopes and desires for us.

If you think about it, this is an invitation to *"go where no man has gone before"*. Unlike *"Star Trek"* that promises to take us to the final frontier, this is a journey to the innermost parts of our being; that part of us that Jesus knows and desires to reveal to us so that we can become stronger and more confident in our faith. This is my prayer for everyone who accepts this **Invitation**: may we see ourselves, our circumstances, others and our world differently as we lean into the very heart of God's Good News for our lives.

May It Be So!



Rev. Bev

## Dear Members and Friends,

On Sunday, August 28, we celebrated Promotion Sunday and thus opened our new 2011-2012 Church Year. Throughout the year, our Sunday School, for Jr. High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) begins at 9:45-10:45 am in the Youth Lounge, which is located downstairs in Rooms 104 and 105. At 4:00 pm, on Sundays, Youth Troupe will take place with a number of Jr. and High School youth who enjoy drama, music, graphic design, and tech team. Immediately following Youth Troupe, Youth Group will officially start in the Gathering Area at 5:00 pm with dinner (on the first Sundays of the month) or a snack.

Beginning Wednesday, September 7, "Wednesday Nights at the Church" (W.A.T.C.H.) will begin again, which start at 5:30 pm each Wednesday with a delicious dinner. The price is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12, with a family maximum of \$12.

I am very happy to report that Jim Stamm and Michael Polley will lead our Sunday School for Sr. High and Jr. High this year, and Bruce McGinn and Erin Paulson will lead our W.A.T.C.H. classes for youth Sr. High and Jr. High, respectively.

On Sunday mornings, Beth and Craig Wilkes will be offering our young married and engaged couples "Jesus: the Invitation," which involves learning directly from Jesus through the Bible in the classroom setting. I will lead another "Invitation" class for our young adults who are college students or who are beginning their career path.

I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to all who have helped keep our youth and young adult ministries going during the summer. You deserve our special appreciation for your efforts. Thank you!

I urge our youth volunteers and those who would like to volunteer to attend a special Youth Ministry Team meeting, which will take place on September 14 during W.A.T.C.H. dinner (5:30 6:15 pm) in the Youth Lounge. If you are interested in helping with a youth ministry event, with a youth fundraiser, or if you would like to help with our newly forming Youth Troupe—we would love to have you! With your help we can make the Church Year of 2011-2012 a year in which we can make an Impact for Jesus in our community and in our world that is in desperate need of reconciliation.

Your pastor and friend,



Pastor Tony

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



When you or someone you know is in need of care...

**THINK STEPHEN!**

Carol Funkhouser (624-2979)

## Youth Ministry Team Invitation!

Next Meeting is September 14, Wednesday  
During W.A.T.C.H Dinner (5:30-6:15 pm)  
Come Grab Dinner & Join us in the Youth Lounge!

If you are interested in being involved with Youth Ministry or if you already are please join us!

Volunteers Are Needed For:

### FUNDRAISING

- Papa Shiloh's Spaghetti & Show
- Chili Cook Off
- And Others

### YOUTH TROUPE

- Drama
- Praise Band
- And Others

### YOUTH EVENTS

- Youth Mission and Camping Trips
- Youth Retreats
- And Others

### YOUTH EDUCATION

(Jr. High 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

(Sr. High 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

- Sunday Morning Jr. High/Sr. High
- Sunday Evening Jr. High/Sr. High
- Wednesday Evening Jr. High/Sr. High



Sunday nights, September 11 – October 2

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Sr. High Youth ONLY

Cost: \$10, to be returned upon completion of the series

This program will teach the youth:

- about materialism and how to handle money God's way
- how to recognize the value they have in God's eyes and discover that their self-worth has nothing to do with "stuff"
- the hazards of debt, how to create an age-appropriate budget, and tools for making wise purchases
- the importance of giving and saving



*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."*  
Proverbs 22:6

- Preschool -5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Starts Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Classes start at 6:15 pm, Room 108.
- Currently looking for volunteers.
- Cost \$15 per child which includes a t-shirt and materials.
- Contact Jayla@shiloh-umc.org for more information.



Mothers of Preschoolers

\*MOPS is designed to nurture mothers of children ages birth through kindergarten. If you are pregnant or in the process of adopting, you are also welcome.

MOPS is a place where moms can come to be encouraged and supported by other moms who are in the same season of life, make friends, and become the very best mom they can be.

- \* 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>
- \* 9:00-11:30 am in the Gathering Area
- \* Childcare provided
- \* Contact shilohmops@shiloh-umc.org for info.
- \* MOPS is designed to nurture mothers of children ages birth through kindergarten.

## Membership Audit

Our membership audit is progressing. Last month, we requested congregational help in reviewing our official membership roster and helping us make necessary corrections. Several individuals came forward to have their membership status updated.

The next step in our membership audit is actually part of our Annual Charge Conference reporting: "Membership Cultivation". The membership cultivation report is based on contacting members that have not been present/ active in a year (or more). Recently, a letter went out to about 130 individuals and families that our records indicate that we haven't seen about a year (or more) acknowledging their absence, inquiring about their community of faith and inviting them to "Back to Church" Sunday on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you know someone who once attended here regularly, but you haven't seen here in awhile, please invite them to attend worship with you on Sunday. Your personal invitation may be all they need.



## Need Prayer?

As a part of the plan to make Shiloh a praying church we are offering the opportunity for you to be prayed for. Each Sunday after both services, all but the last Sunday of the month when the Pastors will be doing healing prayers, there will be someone to pray with you to the right of the stage. Look for the people wearing green "Prayer" tags.

Also we need additional Prayer Warriors to participate in this opportunity to serve our congregation. If you are interested please contact Cheryl Callahan at: caccats@charter.net.

## Shiloh Resource Center

It is that time of year again! Bible Study Classes are gearing up! Stop by SRC for Information on getting into a study, if you would like to facilitate one, do a study on your own or find a good book to inspire you or someone you know. SRC is open during Sunday Services & Wednesday during the WOW session. Question contact src@shiloh-umc.org

### September New Arrivals

- *When a Nation Forgets God* by Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer lessons from history
- *Tormented: 8 Years and Back* - Peggy Joyce Ruth shares her story of becoming entangled in mental illness the long journey she went through to find the answer to her problem.
- *Those Who Trust the Lord Shall Not Be Disappointed* by Peggy Joyce Ruth. Is there a yearning in your heart to trust God more?
- *Have a Little Faith: A True Story* by Mitch Albom
- *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*: a true story by Eric Meataxas.
- *Purging Your House, Pruning Your Family Tree* by Perry Stone Does a weeping willow describe your family tree? Do you secretly wish you had been born to a different family? Did you pick up some bad DNA from someone in your lineage? Would you like to put on a new set of genes and make a new you? Is there a warfare going on that you won't talk about? What are the keys to a happy home and marriage?

## Men's Fraternity

a 24 week study, just for men.

Starting Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am we will begin to unpack the past so that we can boldly take hold of the future.

We will discuss:

- Seasons of a Man's Life
- Deepening the Marriage Relationship
- Uncovering a Man's Wounds
- A Biblical Definition of Manhood
- Developing a Manhood Plan
- Raising Sons and Daughters



Sign up now at <http://www.shiloh-umc.org/gps/frat-signup/> Books and space are limited so sign up early.

A \$20 fee covers your workbook and refreshments for the series. Breakfast will be provided by the Shiloh Men of God!

## July 2011 Financial Information

2011 Budget: \$742,805

Avg. Attendance:	319
Avg. Offering:	\$12,657
Total Income*:	\$67,419
Total Expenses:	<u>\$63,384</u>
Net Income*:	\$4,035

Total Debt (includes Gathering Area) as of 7/15/11: \$900,699

\*Total Income includes General Fund offering, other income and designated gifts.

### Gathering Area Debt Update:

Total Due as of 12/31/10: \$166,270  
 Pledges: \$89,070  
 Payments: \$52,125  
 Still Owe: \$114,595

If you have any questions regarding this information or church finances, please contact Kathy Denton (623-6913 or kathy@shiloh-umc.org).

## Map 301: Basics of Financial Planning

- Wednesdays during WATCH, 6:15-7:30 pm
- Facilitated by Paul Funkhouser

Please join us as we discuss topics that will help you plan for the future! Topic discussions will include:

- Risk Management
- Life Insurance
- College Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Balancing Short Term / Intermediate / Long Term Savings

## Explorer's Bible Study for Men

a 30 week study starting September 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm, Chapel

A study of the Books of Hebrews and First Peter.

For more information call:

Randy Geiser, Teaching Leader: 229-2599 (w) or 622-0198 (h)

Jim Carey, Class Administrator: 654-2173 (h)

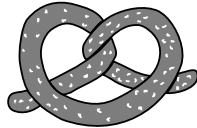
# Mission Moments



**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Doors Open: 6:00 pm**  
**Trivia Starts: 7:00 pm**

10 Categories with 10 questions each  
\$80 per table of 8 players  
\$10 for 10 mulligans (Free Answers)  
Silent Auction



Will provide popcorn and pretzels  
No outside drinks allowed  
Outside food is welcomed

To register call Cindy (618-632-9284) or  
Diane (618-560-8208).

You may also email Nick at hebel@slu.edu.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR OUR TOY TOWN PROJECT DURING CHRISTMAS.**

This will be our only fundraiser for the year and we need the congregations help. We will be inviting the needy to our church to pick out gifts for their families. More on this later.



**Don't Forget Food Bank Sunday!**  
Bring your nonperishable food items to church on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk



**For Peter's Place**

**Saturday  
October 1<sup>st</sup>**

The fundraiser is to benefit Peter's Place Foundation, NFP. This Christ centered ministry is aimed at providing free long-term residential support for young men ages 18 - 28 who struggle with substance abuse and/or mental illness. We hope to increase awareness in our surrounding, local communities for this much needed Christ focused home.

Please consider a sponsorship that will include your family name, or business name. The opportunity to sponsor is \$150.00 This guarantees name to be on the t-shirts worn by the participants and volunteers for 2011.

Watch the Gathering Area! More info to include how your Home Group, or Adult Sunday School Class may want to get involved!

We invite you to come and RUN, WALK & CHEER! This is a community/family event. Be part of what GOD is doing in this Ministry for HIS young men.

- O'Fallon Family Sports Park  
301 Obernuefemann St., O'Fallon, IL
- Race Day Registration: 7:00 - 8:00 am
- Race Begins: 8:30 am (wheel chairs - 8:15 am) RAIN OR SHINE!

Registration forms: [www.petersplacefoundation.org](http://www.petersplacefoundation.org)  
For additional info or to volunteer please contact Event Coordinator: Sherry Koehl (618) 558-0757

Thank you for your prayers & support of Peter's Place.

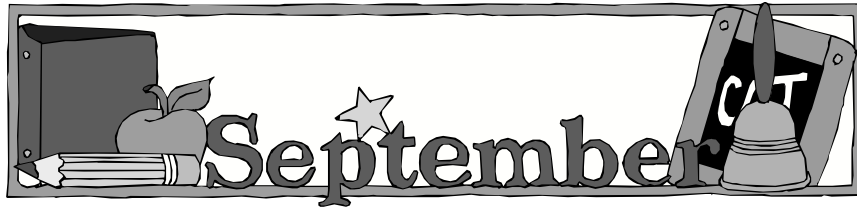
*"WHOM THE SON SETS FREE, IS FREE INDEED." John 8:36*



**Don't Have a Name Tag?**

- Request one on the "Friendship Pad"
- Call the Church Office (632-6913)
- Email Barb (barb@shiloh-umc.org)

You don't have to be a member to have a name tag.  
Finished name tags are left in the basket at the "Welcome Center."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Every Sunday</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Jr & Sr High Youth Group 5:00-7:00 pm DivorceCare 7:00 pm, Ministry House	<b>Every Monday</b> Preschool 9:00-11:30 am Prayer Walkers 9:00-9:30 am Worship Center Financial Peace University 7:00 pm, Ministry House Explorer's Bible Study 7:00 pm, Chapel	<b>Every Tuesday</b> Preschool 9:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Room 103	<b>Every Wednesday</b> WATCH Dinner - 5:30-6:15 pm Classes - 6:15-7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 pm	<b>Every Thursday</b> Men's Small Group 6:00 am, Conference Room Preschool 9:00-11:30 am Yoga Class 9:00-10:00 am Worship Center Women's Bible Study 9:15 am, Room 103	<b>Every Friday</b> Preschool 9:00-11:30 am	<b>Every Saturday</b> Men's Fraternity 7:00 am, Chapel
				<b>1</b> NO Preschool NO Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b> NO Preschool	<b>3</b> NO Men's Fraternity
<b>4</b> Food Bank Sunday NO Youth Group	<b>Labor Day 5</b> Office Closed NO Preschool NO Pray Walkers	<b>6</b> Trustees 6:30 pm, Conference Room NO Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b> MOPS 9:00-11:30 am Gathering Area Stephen Ministry 6:15 pm, Room 103	<b>8</b> NO Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> Ladies' Lunch Circle 11:30 am Tony's, Mascoutah	<b>10</b> Men's Breakfast 8:00 am, Worship Center One-Day Women's Retreat
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Missions Meeting 6:00 pm Communication Team 6:30 pm,	<b>13</b> Finance Committee 5:45 pm, Conference Room Administrative Council 7:00 pm, Chapel	<b>14</b> Deadline for September Son Times Articles Youth Team Meeting 5:30- 6:15 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Caring Creation Cards 12:30 pm, Gathering Area	<b>17</b> Golden Club Lunch 10:30 am Missions Trivia Night 7:00 pm, Worship Center
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> SPRC 7:00 pm, Conference Room	<b>21</b> MOPS 9:00-11:30 am Gathering Area Blood Drive 3:00-7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 6:15 pm, Room 103	<b>22</b> Women's Ministry "Craft-N-Crop" 6:30 pm, Gathering Area	<b>23</b> Shiloh Page Turners 1:00 pm, Gathering Area	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Healing Service After 8:30 & 11:00 am Services, Worship Center	<b>26</b> Preschool Board Meeting 7:00 pm, Conference Room	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

## Get it on the Calendar!

When scheduling a church event or ministry meeting, please be sure to contact the church office to get that event on the church calendar. This will help prevent the confusion created when there is a double booking. Likewise, if a previous scheduled event is cancelled, please be sure to have that event removed from the church calendar.

**Deadline for October Newsletter**  
Have your articles in by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

# Women's Ministry

## September Events

### One-Day Women's Retreat

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

- Beth Moore Live Simulcast from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm at First Baptist Church O'Fallon, lunch at the home of Bernadette Polley, and dinner & fellowship following the simulcast (restaurant TBD).
- Please pick up your ticket from Gretchen Nichols before September 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5.
- There are a few extra tickets. If interested, please contact Gretchen Nichols (dgnichols@charter.net or 618-416-2207).

### Ladies' Lunch Circle

Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am

- Tony's Restaurant, Main Street, Mascoutah
- For reservations, please call JoAnn Hartman (632-5534) or Mildred Meinkoth (624-0425).

*\*All Women are Welcome!*

### Craft-N-Crop

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm, Gathering Area

- Bring your favorite project and join us for uninterrupted time to work and fellowship!

### Caring Creation Cards



Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:00 pm, Gathering Area

- Help make handmade cards for use in the life of the church.
- All Women are Welcome! No experience necessary.



### Shiloh Page Turners

(Book Club)

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm

- **Book:** "Family Tree" by Barbara Delinsky
- **Place:** St. Louis Bread Company in Shiloh
- **Contact:** Cathy Shackelford (566-2807 or cathyshac@charter.net)

### Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study

New study begins September 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:15-11:30 am, Room 103

- Our study will be Beth Moore's "David: A Heart Like His"
- Childcare available in the nursery
- To sign-up, please contact Gretchen Nichols at dgnichols@charter.net or 416-2207.

### Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

New study begins September 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Room 103

- John MacArthur's *Colossians and Philemon*. May be purchased at the Shiloh Resource Center for \$11.
- For more information, contact Betty Frazier (443-4404 or frazier5eee@yahoo.com).

## Employment Opportunities

### Wedding Coordinator

The Wedding Coordinator for Shiloh United Methodist Church is responsible for ensuring the success of all weddings performed at SUMC. Each wedding averages a minimum commitment of 10 hours. For additional information or to apply, contact the church office.

### MOPPETS workers

First and Third Wednesday of the month beginning in September. Work with preschool children while their moms are at MOPS. This is a paid position. Email Jayla for more information (jayla@shiloh-umc.org).

## Golden Club (Seniors) Lunch Outing

- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Rooster Hill Farm  
4162 Wetzler Road, Fuels, IL
- To carpool meet at Shiloh UMC, leave 10:30 am
- RSVP to Bridget as soon as possible so we can place our reservations (628-9868).

Rooster Hill Farm is a unique country destination in "The Heart of Southern Illinois" just south of Waterloo. Anchored with a renovated 120 year old Barn, the 25 acre grounds include a quaint cafe with gourmet food & drink and a specialty home decor gift shop. Visit the website <http://www.roosterhillfarmandgifts.com/farmcafe.html>



NATIONAL  
BACK TO  
CHURCH  
SUNDAY

*Our Doors Are Open!*

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Invite your friends

Invite your family

Welcome Shiloh Family home

Wednesdays  
**Watch** Church<sup>+</sup>  
the

**Wednesdays @ the Church**

Fall session begins September 7<sup>th</sup>

Come for dinner and classes!

**Dinner:** 5:30-6:15 pm

**Cost:** Adult \$3.50, Child \$2.50, Family \$12.00

**Classes:** 6:15-7:30 pm for all ages

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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