

# The Shiloh **imes**

January 2012

## Save the Date!

- ✂ **Jesus "the Invitation" classes resume**  
Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✂ **W@tCH Resumes**  
Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
- ✂ **Membership Classes begin**  
Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
- ✂ **Youth Ski Trip**  
Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>
- ✂ **Martin Luther King Day**  
Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
office closed
- ✂ **ERT Fundraiser at Fortel's Pizza Den**  
Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
- ✂ **Craft & Crop**  
Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ✂ **Leaders Consecration**  
Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
during services
- ✂ **What's Your Story Praise Team Celebration**  
Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.

## Praise for Widow's Ministry

I wanted to write a little blurb about the Men of Shiloh – I have a GREAT group of men who have blessed me for a year and a half now – Corey Osborne, Marc Huth, Dave Hayes and Paul Hayes. They call me their widow. They visit once a month for two hours and help with things I cannot do. My son lives in Baltimore and cannot be here to do things I need. These men have filled a much needed gap in my life. They have graciously helped repair my fence, clean gutters, pull up carpet, fix a door handle, move furniture when I broke my leg and couldn't get through my room with a wheelchair. They do anything that is needed. They go far above what I ever would have expected. I seriously don't know what I would do without their help and concern. Thank you Shiloh Methodist and the men of Shiloh for this group of men. They provide a service that is so needed and so appreciated!

I feel very blessed with these men that I have. I may be "their widow" but they are "my blessing!" If there are any women who don't have resources for things you can't do, call the church. You will be eternally blessed.



Classes resume the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>  
see page 3 for more details

## Membership Classes

Next classes start January 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact the church office to sign up or for more information.

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## Wednesdays @ the Church

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

### January Menu

**January 11**  
Taco salad, nachos, refried beans, brownies two-ways

**January 18**  
Meatloaf, buttered parsley potatoes, green beans, bread, banana pudding with vanilla wafers

**January 25**  
Baked spaghetti, Italian salad, French bread, chocolate mousse cake



**Don't Forget Food Bank Sunday!**  
Bring your nonperishable food items to church on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

# Youth News

Message from Rev. Bev is moved to the special insert for this issue of the Son Times

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*"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. . . Submit yourselves therefore to God . . . Draw near to God and he will draw near to you."*

James 1:17; 4:7a, 8a NRSV

Dear Shiloh Church Family,

January is typically a month when we make our New Year's resolutions after the Christmas season. We generally make these resolutions based on what we focus upon as being important. Many of these resolutions typically involve losing weight, learning something new for the year, exercising more, being happier in life, or making some change that we believe will make our lives more fulfilling. It is a good time while making New Year's resolutions to look at God's Word and remain focused on what is really important so that we can resolve to live into all that Jesus Christ has in store for us this year.

God's word encourages us, as seen in the Scripture passage from James quoted above. God encourages us to remember that we are called to "love our neighbors as ourselves" (2:8). This is not a love that is geared toward those who are more influential than others or those who have the qualities that we desire for ourselves. Rather God's love is the great equalizer since His love is a love that is the same toward everyone. The greatest temptation is to not show our love toward those without the greatest qualities, without the greatest financial assets, without all the things the world lifts up as most important, etc. We are to love others with the same abandon that God loves each individual—to not judge others based on personal merit but as persons that are loved just as greatly as all of God's other created people.

As we look into the year before us, let us make a resolution to love and serve others, as Jesus Christ has taught us, more than in the year behind us. That yearning for loving others is a gift from God and a promise that his kingdom is at hand. Have a blessed and Happy New Year!

God's Blessings!

  
Pastor Tony

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Begin taking orders for "Soup"-er Bowl Sunday Fundraiser

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Ski Trip @ Hidden Valley Ski Resort in Eureka, MO
- 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Pick up at Shiloh Church
- Cost: ~\$75 per person
- Partial Scholarships Available on as-needed basis

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Winterjam 2012 @ St. Charles, MO Family Arena
- Artists include: Skillet, Sanctus Real, Building 429, and Newsong
- Cost: \$10 per person

## November 2011 Financial Information

2011 Budget: \$742,805

Avg. Attendance:	338
Avg. Offering:	\$12,199
Total Income*:	\$62,005
Total Expenses:	<u>\$64,701</u>
Net Income*:	\$(2,696)

Total Debt (includes Gathering Area) as of 12/15/11: \$839,043

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

### Gathering Area Debt Update:

Total Due as of 12/31/10: \$166,270  
Payments: \$75,289  
Still Owe: \$90,981

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

## Thank You

Every year, the offering that is collected during the Christmas Eve services supports the Good Samaritan Fund. The Good Samaritan Fund is designed to meet the needs of Shiloh families that may be going through a difficult time. This year's Christmas Eve offering was \$3,574.60.



## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

Shiloh's "the Invitation" is introducing us to the man we worship each Sunday. We are all learning new things about him each week!

Listen to what some of our classmates have to say:

*"The way this study is being conducted has allowed for very interesting group discussions through which I have gained a greater insight into Jesus Christ being both GOD and Man..." -Jim Heinz*

*"Our small group is doing the Invitation study. It has been a great experience for us all! As young married couples, we talk about applying what the Gospels teach to our relationship with our spouse. It has helped us grow stronger as individuals, couples, and as a group of friends. Our "Invitation" leader has really helped guide us on this journey, and we look forward to completing the study after Christmas." -Kelly Prince*

*"I have read the Bible for many years and yet within a group session I am seeing verses from different vantage points that helps to bring the intention of God's word to me with more clarity and visualization." -Ray Baron*

*"I have mostly been doing the study on my own due to schedule conflicts which prevent me from attending a class on a regular basis, but I have enjoyed reading the scripture and Philip Yancey's book, "The Jesus I Never Knew". Yancey's book has some enlightening information about Jesus that really makes you think. This next semester, I want to try to find a class to go to because I have spoken with several people who have attended a class and they say the discussion really adds to the reading." -Cathy Shackelford*

The week of January 9 - 15 we begin classes again. You can join us any time. This study is great for new Bible readers and Bible scholars.

Be a part of what God is doing here at Shiloh. Follow God's Son through the Gospel of Mark, as he makes his way toward the cross through the season of Lent. Our pastors are preaching on our studies each Sunday, too!

### Sunday School Classes:

- Chapel - Laurie Baltz
- Conference Room (young adults) - Pastor Tony
- Ministry House - Dave & Julie Zdenek
- Ministry House (young couples) - Beth & Craig Wilkes
- Youth Room - Michael Polley & Jim Stamm
- Room 103 - Karen Siddle

Mondays, 12:00 Noon - Karen Siddle

Tuesday Evenings, (Rm 113) 7:00 pm - Dave & Julie Zdenek

Wednesday Evenings, (Chapel) - Margo Gravelle

## EARLY RESPONSE TEAM FUNDRAISER

The mission of the ERT is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster. Early Response Teams are deployed when First Responders have declared the disaster area safe to enter. The purpose of the team is to physically stop damage where it is and to get the survivors' lives to a "new normal".

Where: Fortel's Pizza Den  
10716 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights, IL

When: Mon., January 23, 2012  
11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

How: Dine In, Carry out or Delivery

The team will receive 10-15% of total sales for that day

You must tell the cashier that you are supporting Shiloh UMC Early Response Team for the team to receive credit for your purchase





### Don't Have a Name Tag?

- Request one on the "Friendship Pad"
- Call the Church Office (632-6913)
- Email Bernadette (bernadette@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."

## Baptisms

Those seeking Baptism need to attend a Baptism class. To sign up, contact the church office.

# Women's Ministry

## January events

### Craft & Crop

Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Bring your own beverage, snack and/or lunch and your favorite project for 5 hours of fun and fellowship.
- Please sign up in the Gathering Area so we know who to contact in case of bad weather.

### Caring Creation Cards

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:00pm.  
Gathering Area

### Ladies Lunch Circle

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.

- Augustinos (next to Red Lobster) in Fairview Heights
- For reservations, please call JoAnn Hartman (632-5534) or Mildred Meinkoth (624-0425).
- *All Women are Welcome!*

### Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study

9:15-11:30 a.m.

- New study begins Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Our study will be the book "Fresh Brewed Life" by Nicole Johnson
- We meet in room 103 Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:30 a.m.
- Free childcare available in the nursery
- If you would like to join us, please contact Gretchen Nichols at dgnichols@charter.net or 416-2207

### Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

6:30 pm, Room 103

- New study starts January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- *James: Mercy Triumphs* by Beth Moore
- Contact Betty Frazier by January 3<sup>rd</sup> to order a book.
- For more information, contact Betty Frazier (443-4404 or frazier5eee@yahoo.com).



Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS will meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of January, which will be January 4th and 18th.

### Golden Club (Seniors)

Due to the cold weather of January the Golden Club will not meet in January, we will resume for a Valentine gathering in February, details will be posted in Church Bulletin.



Special Featured book for the month of January  
*The Package*

A father's dying wish...

Three reunited sisters...

A mysterious package...

Three sisters gather for an extended Fourth of July holiday at a family-owned mountain cabin. Their relationships have been strained since the tragic death of their mother, yet their lives have been thrust together by the dying request of their father. Fond memories intermix with personal tragedy as they struggle to rekindle lost relationships. While together at the retreat, they receive a mysterious package in the mail and its contents change their lives forever. Whether you are a parent, a child, or a sibling, you'll be moved, inspired, and challenged by *The Package*.

### Help Wanted

- SRC - volunteers are still needed!  
Contact Bridget Bundt at 628-9868 or leave a message in her mailbox located in the church office.
- SPRC: is looking for a mature, caring person to provide childcare during early morning praise band rehearsals, 6:15 to 8:15 on Sundays. If interested please contact Marie Stamm at 581-7110 or 277-5068.

# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Every Sunday</b> Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Troupe 4:00 pm, Worship Center Jr & Sr High Youth Group 5:00-7:00 pm DivorceCare 5:00 pm, Ministry House	<b>Every Monday</b> Preschool 9:00-11:30 am Prayer Walkers 9:30 am Worship Center 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	<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 Men's Fraternity 7:00 pm Ministry House	<b>Every Friday</b> Preschool 9:00-11:30 am Kids Play Day 9:00 am-2:00 pm	<b>Every Saturday</b> Men's Fraternity 7:00 am, Chapel
<b>New Years Day 1</b> Food Bank Sunday ONLY ONE SERVICE 10:00 am NO Sunday School NO Youth Troupe NO Youth Group	<b>2</b> Office Closed NO Prayer Walkers NO Preschool NO Explorer's Bible Study	<b>3</b> NO Preschool NO Women's Bible Study Trustees 6:30 pm, Conference Room	<b>4</b> MOPS 9:00-11:30 am Gathering Area NO WATCH	<b>5</b> No Women's Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> No Men's Fraternity
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Finance Committee 5:45 pm, Conference Room Administrative Council 7:00 pm, Chapel No Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> No Women's Bible Study	<b>13</b> Ladies' Lunch Circle 11:30 am Augustino's Fairview Heights	<b>14</b> Men's Breakfast 8:00 am, Worship Center Youth Ski Trip 9:00 am-8:00 pm Hidden Valley, MO
<b>15</b>	<b>MLK Day 16</b> Office Closed NO Prayer Walkers NO Preschool	<b>17</b> No Women's Bible Study ERT meeting, 6:45, Chapel	<b>18</b> MOPS 9:00-11:30 am Gathering Area	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Deadline for January Son Times Articles Caring Creation Cards 12:30 pm, Gathering Area	<b>21</b> Women's Ministry Craft-n-Crop 10:00am-3:00pm Gathering Area  Winterjam 2012 for youth,
<b>22</b> Leaders Consecration during services	<b>23</b> Communications Team 6:30 pm, Chapel	<b>24</b> SPRC Meeting 7:00 pm, Conference Room	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Shiloh Page Turners 1:00 pm St. Louis Bread Company	<b>28</b> "What's Your Story" Praise Team Celebration 6:30 pm, Worship Center
<b>29</b> Healing Service After 8:30 & 11:00 am Services, Worship Center	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Deadline for February Newsletter</b> Have your articles in by January 20 <sup>th</sup> .			

## 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.

If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list to receive the Son Times, please contact the church office.



**Barb Dubs  
1953 - 2011**



## Blessings

*We pray for blessings  
We pray for peace  
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep  
We pray for healing, for prosperity  
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering  
All the while, You hear each spoken need  
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things*

*'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
What if a thousand sleepless nights  
Are what it takes to know You're near  
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise*

*By Laura Story*

Saying farewell to 2011, while beckoning the unknown potentials of 2012 is best described in the lyrics of Laura Story's song, Blessings. In the review mirror of my life and ministry, I see the great band of saints gathering in heaven to welcome the newcomers who lives touched my journey as family member and pastor. Each one, in their special way left an indelible mark of love etched into the fabric of my life. Just to mention a few:

Marilyn Siddle moved me not only with her pies but with the gift of her eyes she seemed to be able to look beyond people's limitations and help them to see more in themselves than perhaps they could envision on their own. Marilyn loved Jesus, her family and her Shiloh family. As her steps got shorter and shorter, she made Fred bring her to Church one more time. That's how Marilyn lived her life; if she could offer Jesus one more act of praise, lift up her hands in witness to His love one more time, she would move Fred and the world to get her praise on.

Carolyn Brown, with her arms wide open, waiting to embrace not only her pastor, but all who would make their way to her on Sunday morning, had no shame as she proclaimed to the world her love for Jesus. If you gave her a chance, she would also tell you about her love for Marvin. Without the gift of sight, she brought her bible with her to worship and to bible study and she fully embraced the promise that Jesus had prepared for her a better place and when it was her time to go, she boldly held to her faith.

Barbara (Barb) Dubs, wore her smile and her faith on her sleeve. If asked how she was feeling she would be quick to respond, "You know I have learned just to take each day as it comes, I never expected to live this long after my diagnosis so I just think every day is a gift." What a way to live; embracing each day as gift is an awesome feat that can only be accomplished by surrendering each day to the Giver of all our days. Barb gifted each of us with the wonderful opportunity to witness a life that was lived selflessly as a servant of Jesus; she was happy just to be a companion on the journey.

Marilyn, Carolyn and Barb, I believe neither truly knew how their faith was blessing the lives of all of those around them simply because blessing others came naturally to each one of them. As we look towards the unfolding of 2012 my hope for each of us is that we allow the lives of these three to encourage us to seek for blessings amid the raindrops, trials and chaos of our lives. I pray that our lives will become a continuation of not asking God why when bad things happen to us but rather asking God to help us to embrace the full circle of life both tears and blessings. May 2012, find each of us living in hope filled anticipation that God has designed this year to reveal His mercies to the world through our lives.

### Testimony of a Friend...

I loved to talk to Barb about art. She was an art student and knew of which she spoke. One of her great joys was going to the Louve in Paris. We both liked the work of Dale Chihuly, and Barb told me about the time she went to his lecture at the St Louis Art Museum. She actually has one of his works. I'll miss our talks, Barb.  
Betty Frazier



Your Servant Rev. Bev

# *“What’s Your Story?”*

We all have stories of how God has changed us, delivered us, answered our prayers or provided a miracle. We want to hear yours!

- Get a “What’s Your Story?” form from the Gathering Area.
- Tell us about what God has done in your life and share a song that has been special to you in your journey with Jesus.
- Drop it off in the box.
- Celebrate with Shiloh Praise Team in a night of testimony & music on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm

*We want you to join us, and we want to include your stories!*



**Shiloh**  
**Early Responders**  
**Fundraiser**  
**Fortel's Pizza Den**  
**January 23, 2012**  
**More details on page 3**

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