



# SHILOH

*United Methodist Church*

## 2021 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY



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## A Message from Pastor John Whitaker



Dear Friends of Shiloh,

As St. Paul said to the Philippians, “You are my joy!” Two years together bring many shared experiences and tender moments of worship. Whenever I consider Shiloh United Methodist Church, I am moved with gratitude and hope for the future. I am particularly enthusiastic about the adoption of a new vision. *Our vision is to seek and share God’s gift of oneness.* I trust this phrase will be used often and we will all deepen in our understanding of its wisdom. Our vision is timely with so much conflict in the world. God’s gift of oneness is the essence of God that overcomes division. Over these next years, our hope is the vision will become a movement of unity in the church, the community, and the world.

This Directory will be beneficial in updating phone numbers and addresses. May it also be a tool for prayer, helpful in searching for a name, and getting to know our church better. A *pictorial* directory will be our next step, but in the meantime I trust this will prove useful.

Thank you for your commitment to Shiloh, our Lord, and the world in which we live. May we be blessed to see those whom God is calling to travel with us on our spiritual journey. And may we not be bashful about inviting people to worship with us.

Blessings,

Pastor John Whitaker

## Mission

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of Shiloh United Methodist Church through the Spirit is to glorify God, develop disciples of Jesus Christ, and change the world.

### **Vision Statement:**

Our vision is to seek and share God's gift of oneness.

Church Office .....	513-451-3600
Fax .....	513-451-3616
Preschool Phone.....	513-451-6443

## Church Staff

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## Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday .....	Traditional Worship & Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday .....	Modern Worship

## Worship at Shiloh

- **9:30 a.m.** on Sunday mornings, Shiloh offers a traditional worship service lead by the Chancel Choir that takes place in the Sanctuary. The music incorporates hymns, piano, organ and other instruments on various occasions. If you are looking for a service that has energy and structure, this is the service for you.
- **11:00 a.m.** service on Sunday offers a spirit-filled encounter with God. The style of worship is modern, the dress is casual, and the service takes place in the Fellowship Hall (Gym).

## **THE SACRAMENTS**

As United Methodists, we believe in two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. We believe in one baptism, and a baptism performed in other Christian Churches is valid for membership.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated the first Sunday of each month in all services, on Maundy Thursday, and other special occasions. We serve the elements in the pews and by intinction.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

At Shiloh, membership is open to all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and promise to be loyal to the United Methodist Church by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness. Baptism is a prerequisite. Membership classes are offered throughout the year, and confirmation classes are offered once a year for youth.

## **WEDDINGS**

Our Church is available for weddings. The local clergy perform the services. Arrangements are made through the church office.

# **Shiloh's History**

In 1818, a group of pioneer inhabitants formed a "class" with meeting and worship held in their Delhi Township homes.

In 1828, Peter Williams, a member and Trustee, deeded an acre of land for \$30.00 to build a house of worship and to provide a place for burial. Completed in 1830, Shiloh's original Sanctuary stands on Anderson Ferry Road, next to the old cemetery.

During the first century of its existence, circuit pastors and student ministers served the congregation, and services were held in the afternoons. In the 1920's, 1930's, and in the early 1940's, part-time and retired ministers served the needs of the congregation. The first full-time minister was appointed in 1947. From 1948 to 2017, 12 full-time ministers have been appointed to serve Shiloh United Methodist Church.

Church membership in 1931 was 41 and 45 were enrolled in the Sunday School. By 1951, the membership was 143, and it was recorded at 470 in 1958. During the 1950's, the significant growth of population in Delhi Township and the increasing growth of membership necessitated the enlargement of the original Sanctuary.

A summary of significant Official Board action during this period of rapid expansion included: the purchase of a lot and residence (east of the cemetery) for use as a parsonage, addition to the east side of the original church building to provide a kitchen, classrooms and lavatories (later this addition served as the Pastor's study and the Church secretary's office). In 1952, there was a groundbreaking for a new Educational Building (present Administrative Wing) and enlargement of the parsonage and Sanctuary.

On June 1, 1958, groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Sanctuary were held. The Cornerstone Laying was November 16, 1958, and on October 25, 1959, the Consecration Service was held in the new 400 seat Sanctuary.

Early in the 1960's, the dedication of the organ and tower chimes occurred. Additional land east of the Parsonage was purchased to provide additional parking facilities. In 1964, the Thomas property (south of the original sanctuary) was purchased. The completed Education Building and Fellowship Hall were consecrated, and dedication of the debt-free Sanctuary occurred in 1966.

The decade of the '70's included the first Pictorial Directory, installation of the Sanctuary window symbols, celebration of 150 years of Methodism (1826-1976), and the presentation of a bronze plaque by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), which was placed in the original Sanctuary for being the oldest continuously used church in Western Hamilton County.

The decade of the '80's brought the dedication of the etching symbols (5) in the divider between the Narthex and Sanctuary, dedication of the first handicap ramp, sponsorship and assistance in resettlement of a refugee family, and the groundbreaking celebration of the parlor and renovation of the Administrative Wing.

The 1990's began with the Consecration Service of Worship and ritual of laying the cornerstone for the addition of the parlor. 1993 was the year for celebrating the 175th year of the founding of Shiloh. In 1994, the dedication of memorials the Advent paraments and the exterior sign - was held.





On November 9, 2008, a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted and construction shortly began on the Shiloh Community Building. A consecration service was held on February 7, 2010, with Bishop Bruce Ough consecrating the new addition.

As Shiloh strives to meet the growing needs of our congregation and community, we continue to be an integral and vital part of Delhi Township, ministering not only to the needs of our members, but to the needs of our communities, nation, and the world.





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### **Leadership Council: The leadership board of Shiloh**

Pastor .....	John Whitaker
Leadership Council Chairperson .....	Tim Schoonover
Lay Leader .....	Dave Thomas
Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee Chairperson .....	Pat Cleveland
Board of Trustees Chairperson .....	TBA
Finance Committee Chairperson .....	Jim Allen
At-large Member .....	Krista Andriacco

### **Administrative Committees/Boards**

Board of Trustees Chairperson .....	Clyde Kober
Committee Members 2021 .....	Earl Howard
.....	Rob Jackson
.....	Jennifer Brown
Committee Members 2022 .....	Rick Ayers (Vice Chair)
.....	Maria Coogan
.....	Joe Mirus
Committee Members 2023 .....	Sissy Galbraith
.....	Paula Hunterman

### **Finance Committee**

Finance Chairperson .....	Jim Allen
Church Accountant .....	Tom Laskey
Finance Secretaries .....	Pat Dull
.....	Joan Evans
Committee Members 2021 .....	Melinda Obert
.....	Debbie Dorsey (Treasurer)
.....	Mary McGlade
Committee Members 2022 .....	Sam Turner
.....	Brian Hunterman
.....	Jim Allen
Committee Members 2023 .....	Joseph Gutzwiller
.....	Christine John
.....	Bob Sears

### **Lay Leadership Development Committee: committee that nominates church leaders**

Chairperson .....	John Whitaker
Lay Leadership .....	Dave Thomas
Committee Members 2021 .....	Shannon Wedig
.....	Carlene Plasek
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.....	Allan Evans
Committee Members 2022 .....	Meier Bauer
.....	Linda Roddy
.....	Ron Watkins
Committee Members 2023 .....	Luann Thorman
.....	Pam Webb

**Committee on Memorials: donations made in honor/memory  
of someone who has passed away**

Chairperson .....	Dan Brannon
Secretary .....	John Rewwer
Committee Members 2021 .....	Tim Reher
.....	Gordon Hone
Committee Members 2022 .....	Denise Morris
.....	Luella Weddle
Committee Members 2023 .....	Janet Klem
.....	Rita Wynn

**Endowment Committee: bequests and donations made to  
create a lasting legacy through the work of Shiloh**

Chairperson .....	Bill Stewart
Committee Members 2022 .....	Ralph Bolino
Committee Members 2023 .....	Bob Sears
.....	Brian Hunterman (finance)
.....	Rick Ayers (trustee)

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## Ministry Teams

### Children's Ministry

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bcarter@shilohumc.com

Sue Squeri, Children's Ministry Director, 513-451-3600, ext. 103,  
ssqueri@shilohumc.com

The Children's Ministry team at Shiloh is working together to build an environment for children to develop a relationship with God, expand their knowledge of His Word, apply it to their lives, and share it with others.

### Student Ministry

Interim Sunday Mornings- Dave Young, chartair31@hotmail.com,  
Interim Sunday Nights- Ron & Kathy Watkins, Rebekah Grutzik,  
Maria Coodan. siestakey2407@gmail.com 513-451-3600, ext. 121

The Youth Ministry of Shiloh UMC exists to serve Christ through serving others, joining as one body under Christ in order to reach students, to help all youth mature in God's Word, and to equip their mind, body and spirit for worship of the Lord.

### Worship Ministry

Jerry Suit, Traditional Worship Coordinator,  
513-451-3600, ext. 107, jsuit@shilohumc.com  
Theresa Works, Modern Worship Coordinator,  
513-451-3600, ext. 121, tworks@shilohumc.com

The Worship Team at Shiloh exists to bring people closer to God through real, authentic worship. It is our desire that each and every week, we give people the space and place to experience God through this worship.

### Care Ministry

Pastor John Whitaker, 513-451-3600, ext. 105,  
jwhitaker@shilohumc.com

Reaching out to those who need extra care because of life circumstances, Take Care Ministry is an opportunity for Shiloh to share the love of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in visitation, prayer ministry, grief support, or any other area of care, contact Pastor John and we will get you connected.



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## Discipleship

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At Shiloh we are working to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by helping those who are unaware of Christ become fully submitted followers of Jesus. We have numerous opportunities in Adult Education, Sunday School, Life Groups, Disciple Bible Study and many other growing opportunities.

## Fellowship Opportunities

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** is open to all members and constituents of Shiloh. General Meeting is held on the second Thursday of most months from September through June. The meetings alternate; day meetings are at 12:30 p.m. and evening meetings are at 7:00 p.m. The meetings consist of business, meditation/devotions, and a program.

## Outside Organizations

**BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA** - There are numerous Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Brownie and Girl Scout groups that use our building for their meetings. We currently charter Shawnee District Boy Scout Troop 350. Our association with these young people is yet another example of how Shiloh continues to grow, support and reach out to the community.

## Support Groups

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in John Wesley Hall.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.



# United Methodist Area Offices & Other Local Institutions

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