

Shiloh Presbyterian Church Celebrates 158th Anniversary



Rev. and Mrs. Harold King, pastor and wife at Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

May 14 marked the 158th anniversary of Shiloh Presbyterian Church on Lewis Ferry Road in the west Iredell community. The church began in 1850 after community Presbyterian families petitioned the Concord Presbytery to allow the building of a church as an offspring of Concord Presbyterian Church on Highway 90. In those days it was quite a distance to travel by horse and buggy to services at Concord Presbyterian.

As a result the Presbytery agreed to the organization of a small new church on property donated by the Thomas family and the name would be Shiloh since the church would be in the Shiloh Township.

A wooden log church was erected and services were held for 50 charter members. Some came from Concord Presbyterian and some from Smyrna Presbyterian Church, which disbanded after Shiloh was built.

In 1858 one minister bought the land in front of the church for a cemetery. Quite a few grave markers indicate the members and family members who were buried in the cemetery during the 1800's. Numerous ministers served Shiloh during the early years and the church struggled to continue during the Civil War.

The existing brick building was dedicated in 1931 and was built with lumber, brick, supplies and labor donated by members. Two wood stoves in the back of the church provided heat.

In 1929 the Rev. F.A. Barnes became minister at Shiloh and also pastored at Harmony, Tabor and Bethany Presbyterian Churches. The depression years were difficult so small churches shared pastors. Shiloh was part of a three church



SHILOH CHURCH in west Iredell recently marked its 158th anniversary and is having a membership campaign.

field for a number of years. Rev. Earl Thompson and Rev. Lowry McBath served long tenures at Shiloh.

The first woman minister was the Rev. Carter Shelley who went on to become Moderator of Salem Presbytery and served as interim pastor at Concord Presbyterian Church.

In 1998 Rev. W. A. Johnson, who had retired from the Charlotte Presbytery, became Shiloh's supply pastor every other Sunday and also pastored Clio Presbyterian Church. After Rev. Johnson's death in 2001, Rev. Harold King became Shiloh's full-time supply pastor and continues to this date. Rev. Johnson and Rev. King helped to bring new memberships into Shiloh. When Little Joe's Church closed, some members transferred to Shiloh.

Currently Shiloh is having a membership campaign to invite new families into the congregation. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11. Coffee and snacks are served at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



TIGER CUBS, CUB AND WEBELOS SCOUTS with Cub Scout Pack #173 in Mt. Mourne participated in the Cub Scout Olympics at Lakeside Fellowship Presbyterian Church soccer field. Scouts competed in eight events and ribbons were given for first, second and third place in each event. Shown from left to right are overall medal winners. First row, six and seven year olds, Matthew Leadbetter, gold, Tigers; Alexander Poth, silver, Tigers. Second row: Eight year old winners, Nolan Cowart, gold, Den #2; Brandon Goard, silver, Den #3; and Dalton Kessans, bronze, Den #2. Third row: Nine year old winners, Calum Bradley, gold, Webelos Striking Cobras Patrol; Jacob Devore, silver, Den #2; Chase Hodges and Andrew Guizzerotti, Webelos Striking Cobras Patrol. Fourth row: Ten and 11 year olds, Riley Core, gold, Webelos Striking Cobras Patrol; James Hamilton, silver, Webelos Striking Cobras Patrol; and James Oliver, bronze, Webelos Striking Cobras Patrol. Gold medal winners went on to compete in the Gemstone District (Iredell County) Cub Scout Olympics at the McClure Recreational Park in Statesville with other gold medal winners from Cub Scout Packs throughout the county. Pack #173 is sponsored by Centre Presbyterian Church, Lakeside Presbyterian Church and Fair View United Methodist Church. Cubmaster is Marty Kessans.



Recently the Greater Statesville Chambers of Commerce received a telephone call regarding a company called International Profit Associates. According to David Bradley, president/CEO of the Chamber, company representatives claim to have some extraordinary business consultation to "ensure enhanced profitability of your business."

A check with The Better Business Bureau showed the company had an "Unsatisfactory" rating with several claims outstanding. Bradley advises anyone dealing with any representatives from this, or any other organization, to consider carefully before committing payment.

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