

Shiloh Presbyterian Church MANUP/STARS Update

Game Night- With “WHO Got Next Game Truck”

This was an interactive event where the young men go to play sports games, and other interactive activities.

Basketball Event- A prior sports coach came and provided helpful hints on proper basketball techniques and also sportsmanship etiquette

Preparing to be a success- Session held with students to discuss obstacles to success and to learn what their individual obstacles might be and to discuss strategies to remove them.

Students were recipients of Adopt a Family Activities-New Coats were provided to participants from donations from congregation and several other community based organizations.

What YOU need to know about College Session Held and students were invited to attend an event (A College Fair) for all those that are preparing for college and or that are a year or two away from that journey.

2020- Vision Boards

Write your vision for the year, what are your plans. This was to be a session that was to be held from January to February—But COVID hit right in the middle of our plans.

Unfortunately, we were unable to meet for many months in person and because schools have not resumed and our Church has also not resumed due to the health risk we have learned the art of virtual programming and we are in the process of resuming some strategic programs that we can do on a consistent and regular bases.

When we first learned the mechanics of ZOOM in May, we did have several programs and were able to reconnect with some of the youth that had internet and computer access:

MAY- We connected with another area Organization called PROJECT Inspiration- We recognized the graduation Seniors who at that time we were told would have no graduation.

This was a wonderful Sunday afternoon of honoring local seniors, some of which may never have had a program designed to lift them up. We recognized them for any skill, talent and or special gift God provided.

June- Shiloh held a special Virtual Sunday afternoon Program to honor youth. Special tribute to area High School and College Graduates. We also recognized everyone that was promoted

from one grade to the next. In the season of COVID 19, we recognized that students 2020 went the way that was planned and that they needed a special session where they could be given some extra “love.” We had area YOUNG PEOPLE, who are now all grown, most of which were college graduates to come back and share from their experiences of growing up in our small town and going out into a world that sometimes only sees them for how they look. They talked about how to take that and use it as a positive, even in the midst of the adversity that sometimes/often comes with it, GOD has made each of our young people in his image... and there was a healthy discussion on how that “must” carry you through.

SHILOH presented a \$300 Scholarship from MANUP to one of our students that was going on to college to support his endeavors. Much Excitement around presenting the First MANUP Scholarship of 2020, recipient Aubrey Marsh.

Plans going forward:

-Planning a Mini- Male Empowerment Conference to discuss

*Social Justice *The Importance of Voting *Why Being a Good Student Matters *Preparing to be a Man of God in 2020 & Beyond *- Guest Speakers will work to empower the young men to be the best they can be and to always look at life as an opportunity from GOD to get better and to grow. These will be some of the same individuals involved in prior programming.

Up Coming Events:

OXFORD Area Scavenger Hunt- Learning about YOUR Community

History Lesson on the AREA

Visit to Main Event – Game Arcade – (IF it appears appropriate later in the Season)

Study HALL- Virtual School- Do you Need Help

Thanksgiving Basket Give Away to Families in Need.

***Students will help with Canned Good Drive.

It is our pleasure to continue to work with the youth of the area and to sow a seed of “HOPE” into the hearts of young men. Thank you for the opportunity.

***Again, we get so excited when we have events we do not take the photographs we should, but we will share what we have.

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June 2, 2020

Dear Parents of Shiloh's MANUP Program,

We were happy to celebrate your child's Senior year on Sunday, May 31, 2020. We are confident that despite the obstacles of these times, the charm, intelligence and ability to pursue excellence of your son will take him soaring into the future. We know the future will not be without multiple challenges. We see with joy and confidence that your child has been equipped well for their journey.

One of our speakers, Dr. Theresa Queenan had tremendous difficulty connecting with us on Sunday, nonetheless, Dr. Queenan had some words of advice she wanted to deliver to your son soon to be college student should be aware of. A letter from her is attached.

Also, Dr. Darrien Davenport who provided the keynote address has asked for your mailing address, as he has something he would like to send as well. Be on the look out for a package in the mail.

Again, we are pleased to have had the opportunity to share a Sunday afternoon with you. Even in the midst of the storm of this our time, your Senior shines Bright and provides us with hope and feelings of strength about the future.

Please again be on the lookout for several different packages, one from Dr. Davenport and one from Project Inspiration.

Thank you again.

Project Inspiration Committee

Chairpersons

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