

Sermon Notes

“Month of Vision #1 – Oneness Sunday”

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1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (14-26)

John 17:17-23

- Vision is critical – it reminds you of where you are going.
 - o Habakkuk 2:2
 - o Run with it, make it plain and inspirational enough to remember!
- The Vision of Shiloh United Methodist Church is to seek and share God’s gift of oneness.
- Cincinnati Reds
 - o TJ Friedl – Center Field
 - o Spencer Steer – 1st Base
 - o Elly De La Cruz – Short Stop
- Oneness – not sameness
 - o People who are different, focusing on the main thing.
 - o John 17:20-23
 - o Our main thing? Jesus.
- We are parts of the body – 1 Corinthians 12:14-26
 - o Hands and Feet
 - o Eyes and Ears
 - o All focused on keeping the body alive.
 - o The “less honorable” parts are given the most respect!
- Oneness is NOT Hegemony
 - o Oneness is not sameness.
 - o We need to celebrate our differences!
 - o We don’t all need to be the same!
- John Wesley
 - o Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?
 - o Modern UMC – “In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; and, in all things charity.”