

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

Where we are reflecting God's love in the heart of the community

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME

God of Grace and God of Glory UMH #577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's waring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers for our Shut-Ins

Betty Shelton
Judy York
Mike Hall

Carole Pegram
Leola Vaughn
Phyllis Warren

Diane Preddy
Lucille Friddle
Ruth Thomas

Prayers for our Servicemen

Brandon Estrada – Army
Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force
Jay Christopher – Navy
Roger Rich – Army

Chris Seagraves – Air Force
Craig Rush II – Army
Mike Tumlin – Army
Will Quesenberry – Marines

Prayers for others

Ann Grose
Boone family
Chris Griffin
Evon & Mitchael Lawson
Gosnell family
Lori Tuttle
Norma & Dock Coleman

Billy Hanks
Brian Landreth
Dee Mullins
Elise Jones
Grace Reed
Lucia Lane
Pat Elder

Bonnie & David Stratton
Carmen Wilmer
Dennis Finnk
Gene Tiesler
Jillian Jalovec
Matt Wray
Randi Smith

Rylie Cole
Shay Black
The Tucker family

Sandra H. Leach
Silas Mitchell
Vartkes Ajemian

Sharon Ozment
Steve Joyce
Yorkie York

Bessie Orrell Cummings family
Libby & Mark Walker
Sonya Poole
Kent Benfield
Ted Southern family

Pastor Ed and family
Lori Vanstory McKenzie
Dot Long
Jean & Pinkney Southard
Ray Thomas

Family members of those who have died from COVID
Local & Small Businesses
Those residing in hospitals and nursing homes
Essential employees
All healthcare workers and First responders

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WAYS TO GIVE

We offer FOUR ways you can give to the church:

1. Give on-line by clicking the on-line giving tab on our web-site, www.stokesdaleumc.org and click on the "GIVE" tab. If you would like to learn more contact the church office.
2. Bring your check to the church office on Monday or Thursday from 9am to 2pm.
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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

GALATIANS 2:1-2, 15-19 (NRSV)

¹Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain.

¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And

the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

ANTHEM

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

SERMON

“Authority, Discernment, Call”

Galatians Good News for an Anxious Church: Part 3 of 6

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

It Is Well with My Soul UMH 377

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney, Pastor
Jeff Fink, Music Director
Beth Kasai, Music Assistant
Robin Howerton, Handbell Director
Linda Curtis, Office Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24

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General Budget as of January 20, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$14,467
ACTUAL EXPENSES \$2769	
Amount Needed Year-to-Date	\$15,572

Land as of January 20, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$960
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$1,466

We reflect God's love through our giving... Thank you for your extravagant generosity.


Fall Sunday School for children ages 5-11



Go on Facebook to Stokesdale UMC-Childrens Sunday School.
Craft supplies can be picked up in the church office.

Tuesday 2:30 – 7PM in the Fellowship Hall

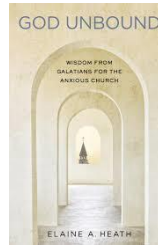


 American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Stokesdale United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
8305 Loyola Dr
Stokesdale, NC 27357
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening @ 5:45 PM – Handbell Practice in the Fellowship Hall

7PM – Choir Practice on ZOOM

Thursday evening @ 6:15 PM – Word and Table in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live. Going through the Study “God Unbound” Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church, by Elaine A. Heath



Thursday evening - Girl Scout Brownie Meeting @ 6:15

January 30th @ 9AM – Food Pantry Distribution *Bethel UMC hosting*

We continue to receive monetary donations for food for the Food Pantry.



Souper Soup Sale

Homemade Soup for sale!
Potato, Chicken Noodle, and Chili

\$7 per quart – proceeds going to benefit **Backpack Ministries**.
Order by contacting Rachel Reid **before Jan. 31st** at mrn1989@bellsouth.net
or calling/texting 336-508-0455.

Pick up soup on February 6th from 11 am-2 pm at the entrance of church.



EVERYONE HAS A STORY. . .

The upcoming Lenten Season will mark one year since the beginning of the pandemic. Throughout this darkness and despair, we may have forgotten that we are a part of a community of faith where others have the same thoughts, feelings, and struggles. Also, we may have forgotten that we have a future filled with hope through Jesus Christ who has conquered death so we may have life.

The Missions Committee is giving us an opportunity to share our stories of faith through the struggle by providing a Lenten devotional booklet. From now through February 1, the church office will take your stories and publish them on-line and in print so they can inspire our community. Use the Upper Room devotionals as a model for your own testimony. Go to the following link to see their guidelines:

<https://submissions.upperroom.org/guidelines>. Send your submissions to the church office via email to LindaCurtis@StokesdaleUMC.org or bring them to the church office by Monday, February 1st.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

24th Alexandria Baxter
John Wray
26th Allison Harris
Steve Howerton
27th Mike Williams
28th Phyllis Green
Jamie Harte
Kevin Landreth
Suzanne Turner
29th Olivia Gannon
Louise Grotzinger
30th Scott Wilson

IN MEMORY OF . . .

of Peggy Joyce donations have been received from:

Lisa Joyce
Town of Stokesdale
Breeze Southard

of Faye Case donations have been received from:

Cindy Byrne
Suzette & Mark Shelton

of Ray McCall donations have been received from:

Suzette & Mark Shelton

of Pat Thacker donations have been received from:

Linda Gourley
Breeze Southard
Melinda & Johnny Dodson
Edna Marshall
Suzette & Mark Shelton
Randy Southard

of Ruby Matthews donations have been received from:

Breeze Southard