

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

February 7, 2021

5th Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME

God Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us UMH #100

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus
raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing
spring-time green and autumn gold;
mountain streams like children singing,
ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,
choosing man and woman, too;
Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story
formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,
Star-child born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us
how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices
in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices
lives that, like our music, sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

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
Brian Landreth
Dee Mullins
Elise Jones
Jillian Jalovec
Norma & Dock Coleman
Sharon Ozment
Steve Joyce
Yorkie York

Billy Hanks
Carmen Wilmer
Dennis Finnk
Gene Tiesler
Lucia Lane
Rylie Cole
Shay Black
The Tucker family

Boone family
Chris Griffin
Evon & Mitchael Lawson
Gosnell family
Matt Wray
Sandra H. Leach
Silas Mitchell
Vartkes Ajemian

Benny Baker
Lori Tuttle
Randi Smith
Lori McKenzie
Kathleen Southern

Kathy Simpson & family
Bruce Willard
Fran
Pat Elder

Grace Reed
Elizabeth Mae Bridge
Breeze Southard & family
Bonnie & David Stratton

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

WAYS TO GIVE

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
GALATIANS 4:4-6 & 4:21-5:1 (NRSV)

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. ²³One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. ²⁴Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written, "Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married." ²⁸Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. ²⁹But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. ³⁰But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman." ³¹So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. ⁵¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

ANTHEM

"Peace, Be Not Anxious"

SERMON

"Responding to Anxiety in the System"

Galatians Good News for an Anxious Church: Part 5 of 6

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of glory.

Hosanna, in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, in the highest.**

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

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.

The Breaking of Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

Blessed Assurance UMH 369

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting,
looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

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 FEBRUARY 7. 2021

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General Budget as of February 1, 2021

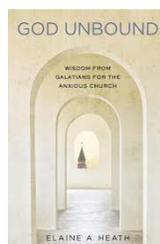
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$27,354
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$18,047
Amount Needed Year-to-Date	\$25,954

Land as of February 1, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1288
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$1,466

- Monday evening** 6:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- Tuesday evening** 7 pm Trustees Meeting via ZOOM
- Wednesday evening** 5:45 pm Handbell Practice in the Fellowship Hall
- 7 pm 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 6:15 pm Girl Scout and Brownie Meeting @ 6:15

Monday -February 15, 2021 – Office is closed observing President's Day

Tuesday evening - February 16, 2021 6:30 PM, Finance 7 PM Admin Council, both via ZOOM

Wednesday -February 17, 2021 – *Virtual Ash Wednesday Service*

Facebook Live @ 6:15

*Pick up your ashes at the office this Monday or Thursday from 9-2 or
next Tuesday or Wednesday from 9-2*

Thursday -February 18, 2021 – *Goshen Book Club @ 7PM*

Reading “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson - *A story of justice and redemption*

Reading ahead: “The Light After the War” by Anita Abriel. *Happy Reading!*



EVERYONE HAS A STORY. . .

*Because we truly believe that EVERYONE has a story to tell, we are extending our deadline to **Tuesday, February 9th**. Email your devotions to LindaCurtis@StokesdaleUMC.org*

FOOD PANTRY *we continue to receive monetary donations for the food pantry. **Distribution is on February 27th** (Flat Rock UMC hosting)*

OPERATION XCEL *we are collecting supplies for the children participating in the Operation Xcel program. If you would like to donate supplies bring them by the church on Monday or Thursday.*

elementary calculators

crayons

pens/pencils

markers

1 electric pencil sharpener

IN MEMORY OF . . .

of Peggy Joyce donations have been received from:

Gwen & Ray Comer

of Pat Thacker donations have been received from:

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of Ruby Matthews donations have been received from:

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of Faye Case donations have been received from:

Gwen & Ray Comer

of Ted Southern donations have been received from:

Rebecca Melvin

The Smith Family

Cindy Byrne

Gwen & Ray Comer

Linda Gourley

Robin & Steve Howerton

Randy Southard

Paul Kyler Morris

Suzette & Mark Shelton