



Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent
towards the One who call us each by a new name.

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever He leads us,
pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD (UMH 662)

Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name, hence-forth forever more.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LEAD ME, LORD - UMH 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.
(repeat once)

JOYS AND CONCERS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers for our Shut-Ins

Betty Shelton	Carole Pegram	Diane Preddy
Judy York	Leola Vaughn	Lucille Friddle
Mike Hall	Phyllis Warren	Ruth Thomas
Norman Westmoreland		

Prayers for our Servicemen

Brandon Estrada – Army	Chris Seagraves – Air Force
Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force	Craig Rush II – Army
Jay Christopher – Navy	Mike Tumlin – Army
Roger Rich – Army	Will Quesenberry – Marines

Prayers for others

Ann Grose	Billy Hanks	Boone family
Brian Landreth	Carmen Wilmer	Chris Griffin
Dee Mullins	Evon & Mitchael Lawson	Elise Jones
Gene Tiesler	Gosnell family	Jillian Jalovec
Lucia Lane	Matt Wray	Norma & Dock Coleman
Rylie Cole	Sandra H. Leach	Sharon Ozment
Shay Black	Silas Mitchell	Steve Joyce
The Tucker family	Vartkes Ajemian	Yorkie York

Bruce Willard	Grace Reed	Lori Tuttle
Randi Smith	Lori McKenzie	Bonnie & David Stratton
Pat Elder	Robbie Dailey	Libby & Mark Walker
Gary Jones	Jon Wallace	Jimmy & Pam
Mark Borgna	Eileen Thiery	

Kernersville Police Officer, family members and fellow officers

Students returning to school

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

THE 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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SPECIAL OFFERING – PROJECT AGAPE

We believe that God is calling us to remember people outside the United States, specifically Armenia. Project AGAPE (**A**merican **G**reater **A**rmenian **P**artnership **E**fforts) is a collaborative effort of both United Methodist Conferences in NC and the Armenian Apostolic Church. Armenia is not only dealing with the pandemic, but all aggression by neighboring countries: Turkey, Syria, and Azerbaijan.

Lent is a good time to commit to giving to a project to help those in need. One way is to collect coins and donate the money to a cause like Project AGAPE. Each day of Lent, the guide will remind us of all we have and how little others may have. Each Sunday, pray as a family for the people of Armenia and the people who will benefit from your gifts. During the week of Easter, deliver, mail, or electronically give your Lenten offering to Stokesdale UMC so we can forward it on to Project AGAPE.

ANTHEM

"Standing on the Promises"

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 17:1-22 (NRSV)

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting

covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.” ⁹God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹²Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring. ¹³Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.” ¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, “O that Ishmael might live in your sight!” ¹⁹God said, “No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.” ²²And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

SERMON – Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney “Walk Before Me”

NAME CHANGE PRAYER

EL SHADDAI (UMH 123)

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai;
age to age you’re still the same by the power of the name.

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkahmka na Adonai;
we will praise and lift you high, El Shaddai.

BENEDICTION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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

General Budget as of February 22, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$40,965
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$34,605
Amount Needed Year-to-Date	\$41,526

Land as of February 22, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2931
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$2931



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS FOR MARCH/APRIL ARE AVAILABLE

PICK YOURS UP THIS WEEK

Thank you!

Thank you to our church family for the many expressions of sympathy extended to us with the passing of Mike's mother, Mary Reid. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, messages, phone calls, and texts.

Rachel & Mike Reid



MONDAY @ 6:30 PM

GIRL SCOUTS



MONDAY @ 7:00 PM

MISSIONS MEETING



WEDNESDAY @ 5:45 PM

HANDBELL PRACTICE in the fellowship hall



WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE via ZOOM



THURSDAY @ 6:15 PM

WORD AND TABLE

brownies 
and GIRL SCOUTS

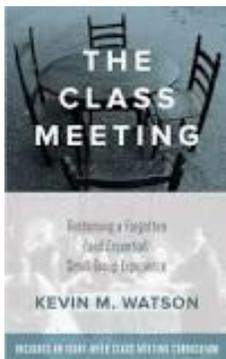
THURSDAY @ 6:15 PM



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

*Distribution is on Saturday, March 27th
(Oak Ridge UMC hosting)*

UMM OPPORTUNITY. . .



THE CLASS MEETING, by Kevin Watson is an eight-week session presented by the WNCC United Methodist Men **beginning March 14th** @ 3 pm via ZOOM. If you are interested in attending the sessions email Dick Strachan at dickstrachan17@gmail.com

THE CLASS MEETING, by Kevin Watson is an eight-chapter book discussing the history and theology of the original class meetings created by Methodism's founder John Wesley. If you have questions please contact Todd Thomas at 336-423-4916 or email tthomas0718@icloud.com



**OPERATION
XCEL**

If you are interested in donating supplies for the children participating in the Operation Xcel program you may choose from the following:

*elementary calculators
pens/pencils
1 electric pencil sharpener*

*crayons
markers*

 IN MEMORY OF

*Pat Thacker donations were received from:
Stokesdale Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary
Pat Gentry*

*Ted Southern donations were received from:
Janice & Bob Simpson
SUMC Choir
Pat Gentry*

*Calvin Owens donations were received from:
Melisa Hanks
Pat Gentry*

*Mother & Daddy Honeycutt donations were
received from:
Lisa Joyce*

Elizabeth Ann Shelton donations were received from Suzette & Mark Shelton

*Ray McCall donations were received from:
SUMC Choir
Pat Gentry*

*Faye Case, Peggy Joyce, Lou Ann Joyce, Ron Tiesler,
Ruby & Clifton Matthews a donation was received from Pat Gentry*