



Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

In the colors of the rainbow, we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.

In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

In the tablets of stone, we see the sign of God's hope for each to live in peace with God and neighbor.

In the days of the prophet, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

As members of the living Body of Christ, we see the sign of God's promise among us.

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD - UMH 152

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne.

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

JOYS AND CONCERS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers for our Shut-Ins

Betty Shelton
Judy York
Mike Hall
Ruth Thomas

Carole Pegram
Leola Vaughn
Phyllis Green

Diane Preddy
Lucille Friddle
Phyllis Warren

Prayers for our Servicemen

Brandon Estrada – Army
Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force
Jay Christopher – Navy
Robert Massingale – Army
Will Quesenberry – Marines

Chris Seagraves – Air Force
Craig Rush II – Army
Mike Tumlin – Army
Roger Rich – Army

Prayers for others

Ann Grose
Brian Landreth
Dee Mullins
Gene Tiesler
Lucia Lane
Rylie Cole
Shay Black
The Tucker family

Billy Hanks
Carmen Wilmer
Evon & Mitchael Lawson
Gosnell family
Matt Wray
Sandra H. Leach
Silas Mitchell
Vartkes Ajemian

Boone family
Chris Griffin
Elise Jones
Jillian Jalovec
Norma & Dock Coleman
Sharon Ozment
Steve Joyce
Yorkie York

Bruce Willard
Randi Smith
Pat Elder
Eileen Thiery
Barbara Shields
Norman Westmoreland family
Terry Skidmore family

Grace Reed
Lori McKenzie
Robbie Dailey
Carolyn Williams-Smith
Andrew Holland

Lori Tuttle
Bonnie & David Stratton
Mark Borgna
Charles Myers

Lorene Fulp family
Billy Hudson family

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

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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

“He”

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 20:1-17 (NRSV)

Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

SERMON – Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

“All These Words”

TEN COMMANDMENTS LITANY

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

Lord, there is none like you. We will let no one take your place!

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Nor will we make an idol of anything that exists now or in the future. Neither cares nor jobs, nor a person or a piece of property, neither tech toys nor leisure shall take your place.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Your name is not common, and you are not ordinary. We will keep your name holy.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Teach us, O God, the rhythms of life. Show us the difference between the things that must be done and the things that we just want to do. Teach us how to rest.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Yes, Lord!

¹³You shall not murder.

We will remember that human life is sacred because you gave it.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

No, Lord! We will honor the covenants that bind husbands and wives together.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

No, Lord! We will respect what belongs to others.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

No, Lord! We will not steal our neighbor's honor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We reject and renounce the greed, envy, and pride of life that might cause us to sin.

Today, we choose to remember what you said through Moses, and what Jesus said, when he commanded us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. For on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Safiya Fosus, Lenten Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.

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!

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.

The Breaking of Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD - UMH 382

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, Surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

BENEDICTION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 7, 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

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

Land as of February 22, 2021

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| 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

Thank you!

Thank you seems so very small but it comes from the heart. We would like to thank our church family and friends for all the many cards, prayers, and acts of kindness during our sickness and recovery. May the Lord bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand and make His face shine upon you.

Evon & Mitchael Lawson



TUESDAY @ 7:00 PM

TRUSTEES MEETING VIA ZOOM



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

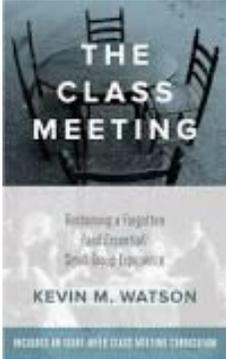
THURSDAY @ 6:15 PM



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 Honor of:

***Bonnie Mills a donation was received from Diane & Bill Preddy
Pastor Ed McKinney a donation was received by an anonymous giver.***

In Memory of:

***Norman Westmoreland donations were received from
Bonnie Mills
Kathryn & Mark Richardson***