



Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

*Order of Worship – May 16, 2021
Ascension Sunday*

Welcome

Majesty, Worship His Majesty, UMH 176

**Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

Greeting

L: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

P: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

L: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

P: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

L: Let's get to work!

P: Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

L: Amen

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Hymn - Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise, UMH No. No. 312

(Tune: Christ the Lord is Risen Today)

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Re-ascends his native heaven, Alleluia!**

**There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!**

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!

Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

The Apostles' Creed - Traditional Version, No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Sermon

The Ascension of Jesus Into Heaven with Rocks, by Patti Rokus

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People

Prayers for our Shut-Ins

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

Prayers for our Servicemen

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

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

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
Linda I. Shields	Lucia Lane	Matt Wray
Norma & Dock Coleman	Opal I. Smith	Rylie Cole
Sandra H. Leach	Sharon Ozment	Shay Black
Silas Mitchell	Steve Joyce	The Tucker family
Vartkes Ajemian	Yorkie York	
Randi Smith	Susie Marshall Pegram	Grace Reed
Julie McCormick	Bobby Gauldin	Mark Borgna
Bruce Willard	Lori Tuttle	Lori McKenzie
Pat Elder	Brenda Holt	Cathy Batten
Lucy Greene	Shirley Friddle	Stella Hennis
Debbie Finnk	unspoken request	Carey Player family
Libbi & Mark Walker	Chance Joyner family	Jacob Joyce and family
Amanda Edmondson	Bonnie & David Stratton	
Mothers whose children have passed		
Families of Watanga Deputies		
Family of Chelena Merriman		
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		

Hymn of Preparation - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

Pastoral Prayer

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.
3. Mail your check to Stokesdale United Methodist Church, P O Box 38, Stokesdale, NC 27357.
4. Set up bill pay through your bank, making check payable to Stokesdale United Methodist Church.

Anthem – "Written in Red"

New Testament Lesson – Acts 1:1-14

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Sermon – "Don't Just Stand There...Do Something"

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

Hymn - O Christ, When You Ascended

(Tune: Lead on O King Eternal)

**O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne;
Your time on earth had ended — yet we weren't left alone.
You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.
Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.**

We look at earthly rulers and see what they command:
We note their years of power, the borders of their land.
Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.

We're tempted. Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told;
Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.
Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear —
But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.

One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.

Benediction

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 16, 2021

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

General Budget as of May 10, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$88,435
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$63,482
Amount Needed Year-to-Date	\$98,625

Land as of May 10, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$7335
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$7328



OPERATION XCEL

MONDAY – FRIDAY

Stokesdale United Methodist Church is hosting Operation Xcel. Children and tutors will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 3 - 6PM. Tutors and helpers are still needed. Contact Elaine Christopher if you are interested in helping.



MONDAY

Girl Scouts meet @ 6:30PM



TUESDAY from 4 – 7PM

The Fruit of the Spirit Farmer's Market. Social distancing procedures will be in place. Parking will be in the field this year – access from Stokesdale Street. Contact Charles Southard for information 336-509-7314



TUESDAY

Finance Committee Meets at 6:30 PM in the Parlor and on ZOOM

Admin Council meets at 7PM in the Parlor and on ZOOM



WEDNESDAY @ 5:45 PM

HANDBELL PRACTICE in the fellowship hall



WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE in the fellowship hall and via ZOOM



THURSDAY @ 6:15PM

WORD AND TABLE



THURSDAY @ 7PM

We are discussing "The Book Women of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. Happy Reading! All are welcome!



GRADUATION SUNDAY – MAY 23rd



We continue to receive monetary donations for food for the Food Pantry. Distribution is on Saturday, May 29th (SUMC hosting)

MAY YOUTH
 Stokesdale United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 1 10:00-11:30am: Volunteer for Beautification Day at Northwest Middle & High School (more at www.nwhsptsso.org. The town of Stokesdale clean up mentioned before has been postponed until November)

Sunday, May 9: NO Youth. Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 16: 4:00-5:00pm Meet at church playground

Sunday, May 23: 3:30-5:00pm Wright Stuff Flight Simulator in Oak Ridge. MUST RSVP by May 19!!!

Sunday, May 30: NO Youth. Enjoy Memorial Day weekend!



It's a Baby Shower!
SUMC is supporting our local "Good Samaritan" and "Room at the Inn" ministries by hosting a Baby Shower. Please bring new, unwrapped baby items to church through the end of May to be distributed to those in need.



Endowment Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, June 2nd @ 6:30PM



Devotional Books for May-June are in the Narthex – pick yours up today!



**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

*Thank
you!*

To my church family...
Thank you for your support, prayers, food, and your love for my family and I during this difficult time. Thank you for the gifts to the church in memory of Randy.
Love, Bonnie Mills

Congratulations!

Alexis Beshears graduated from North Carolina Central University @ Durham, NC with a Law Degree

*Thank
you!*

Thank you to my Stokesdale UMC family for the birthday wishes and cards this past week. A special thank you to the UMW ladies for the cake and snacks on Wednesday.

Love to all, Linda

 IN MEMORY OF

Randy Mills a donation was received from Jeanette & Donnie Thacker

Marian & Bill Simpson a donation was received from Robin & Steve Howerton

Marian Simpson a donation was received from Janice & Bob Simpson

In Honor of . . .

Cynthia Huff a donation was received from Lucille Friddle

The 2020-2021 Secret Pals – Beth Kasai, Pat Gentry, Robin Howerton, Randy Southard, Mahalia McGee a donation was received from Leigh Southard