

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

The Baptism of the Lord – January 8, 2023

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTERING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

THEME: "WADE IN THE WATER"

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Ed McKinney

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42: 1-9 NRSV

SERMON *"You Are Beloved"*

Pastor Ed McKinney

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

"Spirit of the Living God" UMH 393

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Come to the Water"

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3: 13-17 NRSV

OFFERING

IN OUR PRAYERS

DOXOLOGY

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

GLORIA PATRI

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Fairest Lord Jesus" UMH 189

BENEDICTION

Baptismal Remembrance

All are invited to come to the baptismal font to remember your baptism. The pastor will make the sign of the cross on your forehead and say, "This is God's beloved child, with whom God is well pleased." If you have not been baptized yet, receive the water as a sign that you are a child of God, anticipating your baptism. The altar rail is available for prayer.

Baptism is...

- ◇ *An outward sign of repentance, of turning away from sin*
- ◇ *A sign of new life in Christ*
- ◇ *Forgiveness of sin*
- ◇ *Commitment to holy living*
- ◇ *God's gift to persons of any age*
- ◇ *A covenant, a promise that God will not give up on us*

More information can be found in the UM document "By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism" found at <https://www.stokesdaleumc.org/by-water-and-the-spirit.html>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

Worship Service Streams Live at 11:00 AM

ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE – Stokesdale United Methodist Church | **ON OUR WEB-SITE** – www.StokesdaleUMC.org

Mask Wearing Policy

Wearing a face mask is recommended while in the building. Please respect the choices of others and continue to follow health and safety guidelines.

Church Wi-Fi	ORBI75-GUEST	no password required		
General Budget	Contributions	\$251,525	Expenses	\$261,583
Land	Contributions	\$17,136	Expenses	\$19,936

Children's Sermon Time

Our services are streamed live. If you do not want your child to appear on the camera, please have them sit on the gray chairs in front of the pews.

Bible Study

Beginning in January: We will begin a basic Bible study using the Efir Bible Study on Genesis on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm on January 15th. The study, lasting approximately 1 hour is open to everyone. Dr. James (Mickey) Efir has taught pastors at Duke Divinity School for over 40 years. Now he brings his teachings to the local church. He gives the earnest person a method of approaching and interpreting the books of the Bible. Learning what the texts meant when written 2000 years ago gives direction as to how they may be applied today.

Please contact Rev. Allen Ridenour via email: allen.ridenour@outlook.com) or phone/text (336-331-2727). Rev. Ridenour looks forward to sharing with you in this study!

Missions Committee Meeting

Monday, January 9th at 7pm

Senior Resources

Did you know the Stokesdale Rural Outreach Program for seniors meets at Stokesdale UMC every month?

Come join us Thursday, January 12th from 10:30-12:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

*Make sure to RSVP at 336-373-4816 x265 or ruraloutreach@senior-resources-Guilford.org for your FREE lunch.

Goshen Book Club

The Goshen Book Club will meet the fourth Thursday each month at 5:30PM in the Parlor.

Next Meeting is Thursday, January 26th. Book of the Month: The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah.

Everyone is Welcome! Happy Reading!

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting January 10th at 10:30am. Upcoming Meetings: Jan 24th.

Contact Rev. Donna Friddle 336-427-4813 and/or Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney 336-643-4850 for more information.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1PM.

Next Meeting January 10th @ 1pm. Location: Stokesdale UMC

GSM Food Pantry

Distribution Day: Saturday, January 28th @ 9AM.

Quail Acres Mobile Food Market

Distribution Day: Friday, January 27th from 3-5PM

American Red Cross Blood Drive

As a reminder the next blood drive is scheduled for **January 31st from 2:00pm – 7pm.**

Call Randy Southard at 336-908-1301 for an appointment or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Code: Stokesdale UMC.

New Digital Church Sign

Consider a donation above and beyond your regular giving for the New Digital Sign. We already have gifts providing over half of what we need. Please designate your gift for “Digital Sign.” Thank you!

January Youth Activities

Sunday, January 1st: no Youth activities

Sunday, January 8th: 4-5pm Introduction

Sunday, January 15th: 4-5pm Session 1: The Early Church

Sunday, January 22nd: Assist Worship

Sunday, January 29th: 10-11am Session 2: Wesley & the Methodists

Operation XCEL

Please contact Vivian Mestre at 336-423-7566 for more information.

WISH LIST:

Box juices / Capri Sun / Kool Aid Jammers	Hot dogs / buns
Gallon of Milk / regular or 2%	Gummies / candy
Individually wrapped chips / any kind	Oatmeal Pies / sweet snacks
Cookies / Pop Tarts	Breakfast bars
Small bowls for cereal	Spoons / Plates / Napkins
Chex Mix (blue bag only) / Traditional	Cereals (Cinnamon Crunch or Lucky Charms)

IN MEMORY OF: *Margaret Berry and Leon Williams a donation was received from Joe Berry*

IN MEMORY OF: *Matt Wray and Leon Williams a donation was received from Pat Gentry*

IN MEMORY OF: *Those who have gone before us a donation was received from Mike & Donna Friddle*

IN HONOR OF: *Mike & Rachel Reid a donation was received from Grayson Southard*

IN HONOR OF: *Charlie & Robin Southard a donation was received from Grayson Southard*

TODAY	11AM	Worship Service Youth – no meeting
MONDAY	6PM 7PM	Girl Scouts Missions Meeting
TUESDAY	10:30AM Noon 1PM 1PM 3-6PM 7PM	Grief Group Word & Table AI-Anon Meeting UWF Operation Xcel Trustee Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:30AM 3-6PM 6PM 7PM	Preaching Meeting Operation Xcel Handbell Practice Choir Practice
THURSDAY	10:30AM 3-6PM	Senior Resources Operation Xcel
FRIDAY	3-6PM	Operation Xcel
SATURDAY		