

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2023

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Jeff Fink, Music Director
Beth Kasai, Music Assistant
Robin Howerton, Handbell Director
Sarah McKinney, Youth Director
Sharon Moon, Office Manager

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ed McKinney

BECOMING PRESENT

PRAYER OF PRESENCE

OPENING HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211 vs. 1, 4, & 6

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Catherine Brown

POCKET CHANGE SUNDAY

FIRST READINGS

Selections from Isaiah 40

ANTHEM

"Let There Be Peace"

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

"Being Present with Peace"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING CAROL

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Worship Service Streams Live at 11:00 AM

ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Stokesdale United Methodist Church | Streaming at stokesdaleumc.org links to Facebook Live.
| No Facebook account necessary.

Mask Wearing Policy:

For those at risk of illness, 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 \$ 260,318	Expenses \$ 261,790	
Land	Contributions \$ 17,946	Expenses \$ 18,111	Land Debt \$ 55,452.43

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.

Dollars for Creekside

Creekside Manor can house 60 residents. SUMC gives each resident \$3 so they can purchase two items from the snack machines. We would like to be able to visit and give the residents dollars at least once a month. Thank you for your support!

Pocket Change Sunday - Bring your pocket change December 10th! All donations go to Children's Ministry.



As a Lighthouse Congregation, Stokesdale UMC is committed to remain a part of The United Methodist Church and serve those who have lost their church homes through disaffiliation or closure. We will partner in this work by providing a welcoming place, offering ministry opportunities, helping organize remnant groups in our community, and assisting individuals and groups in discerning their next steps as they find a new church home. See Pastor Ed or Pastor Donna for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

Angel Tree

The Good Samaritans Ministries Angel Tree will be located at Fidelity Bank 8110 US Hwy 158 in Stokesdale November 15th – December 15th. Help make wishes come true for a child this Christmas!

Blankets for Baby Jesus

Return the Gold Gift Boxes on December 24th and 31st filled with cash/coins/checks for Blankets for Project AGAPE. Checks payable to Stokesdale UMC.

Blood Drive

Next Blood Drive is scheduled for January 30th, 2024 from 2 – 7PM. Call Randy Southard at 336-908-1301 for an appointment or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Code: Stokesdale UMC.

Christmas Cantata with Candlelight

Come join us Sunday, December 17th @ 5pm for our Christmas Cantata! Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Love Offering for Meals on Wheels.

Christmas Parade

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Stokesdale Christmas Parade!

Church Directory

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Congregational Care Team is working to provide an updated Pictorial Church Directory! If you have not filled out a [Church Directory Update Form](#) (found in the narthex), please complete and return to Sherry Tumlin, Kathryn Richardson or Vickie Thomas. All members and regular attendees will be included. God Bless All!

Girl Scouts Babysitting Fundraiser

Girl Scout Troop 2469 is having a Babysitting Fundraiser on Friday, December 15th from 5:30-8:30PM and Saturday, December 16th from 1:00-3:00PM. Ages 2-8 (must be potty trained). Pizza dinner provided on Friday and snacks provided on Saturday. For questions, please contact jfrogs3@gmail.com.

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Goshen Book Club

Next Meeting is Thursday, December 28th @ 5:30PM in the Parlor and everyone is welcome! Happy Reading!
Book of the Month: *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting January 2nd @ 10:30AM. Upcoming Meetings: January 16th, January 30th
Contact Rev. Donna Friddle 336-427-4813 or Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney 336-643-4850 for more information.

GSM Food Pantry

Distribution Day: Saturday, December 16th @ 9AM. Host: Stokesdale CC. Good Samaritan Ministries Food Pantry is open last Saturday of each month from 8:30AM to 10:30AM. ****We need 4 volunteers every month**.**

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels needs a driver for 1st Wednesday of each month. Contact Ed Campbell at 704-438-3456 or the coordinator for this area, Marie Wilson, at 336-317-3139 if you can deliver meals for a day.

Missions Update

Please go to www.stokesdaleumc.org and click on the **MISSIONS** tab for more information.

Quail Acres Mobile Food Market

Distribution Day: Friday, December 22nd from 3-5PM - Stokesdale UMC partners with Lot 2540 and others to provide frozen and fresh food to the residents of Quail Acres Mobile Home Park on 4th Friday of each month.

Senior Resources

Come join us Thursday, December 14th from 10:30AM–12PM Location: Fellowship Hall. Senior Resources of Guilford meets at SUMC on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:30AM - 12PM. Make sure to RSVP at 336-373-4816 x265 or ruraloutreach@senior-resources-Guilford.org for your FREE lunch.

Staff Love Offering

We have an incredible staff here at Stokesdale UMC. In recognition of all of their hard work, the PPRC will be collecting a love offering for them through the end of December. We will have a bucket in the Narthex where you can leave your donation or you can write a check to Stokesdale UMC and designate it for "Staff Love Offering" and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks as always for your support!

United Women in Faith

Next Meeting: December 12th @ 3PM Location: Sherry Tumlin's house 219 Leeward Drive, Stokesdale. Please bring a \$5-\$10 gift for a gift exchange. If you would like to carpool meet at the church at 2:45PM. We will complete our calendar for 2024 and plan next year's events. Interested in being a part of our group? Contact Elaine Christopher for more information.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF / IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF Mike Hall: *donations were received from Steve & Robin Howerton*

IN MEMORY OF Mike Hall: *donations were received from Bob Simpson*

IN MEMORY OF Mike Hall: *donations were received from Melisa Hanks*

IN HONOR OF Sharon Moon: *donations were received from Bill Preddy*

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY	10AM 11AM	Sunday School Worship Service POCKET CHANGE SUNDAY
MONDAY	6PM	Girl Scout Troop 2469
TUESDAY	Noon 1PM 3PM 6:30PM 7PM	Word & Table AI Anon UWF Christmas Party (Sherry Tumlin's house) Finance Meeting Admin Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6PM 7PM	Handbell Practice Choir Practice
THURSDAY	10:30AM	Senior Resources
FRIDAY	3-5PM 5:30PM-8:30PM	Quail Acrea Mobile Market Girl Scout Troop 2469 Babysitting fundraiser
SATURDAY	9AM 1-3PM	GSM Food Pantry (Stokesdale CC) Girl Scout Troop 2469 Babysitting fundraiser

*Stokesdale United Methodist Church
Prayer Sheet – December 10, 2023*

Shut-Ins:

Rev. Bryan Fox	Kathy Martin	Mickie Halbrook
Carole Pegram	Leola Vaughn	Phyllis Green
Diane Preddy	Lucille Friddle	Rev. Steve Joyce
Judy York		

Our Servicemen:

Brandon Estrada – Army	Gehrig Hopper – Air Force
Chris Seagraves – Air Force	Kellen Pearson – Air Force
Chris Beck – Air Force	Mike Tumlin – Army
Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force	Robert Massingale – Army
Craig Rush II – Army	Roger Rich – Army
Jay Christopher – Navy	

On-Going:

Angela Holt	Edith Beasley	Rob Coles
Bill Preddy	Emily Walthall	Rylie Cole
Bob Simpson	Gayle Williams	Shawn Monroe
Bobby & Rachel Gauldin	Gene Tiesler	Shirley Gourley
Brian Landreth	Ray & Gwen Comer	Stephen Hubbard
Carmen Wilmer	Jacob Shore	Todd Southard
Carol Martin	Julie McCormick	Tommy Huff
Chris Southern	Linda Osborne	Tony Wilcox
David Westmoreland	Pam Clinard	Vartkes Ajemian
Dock Coleman	Patrick Cahill	Yorkie York

Others:

Lori McKenzie	Amanda Edmundson	Robbie Dailey
Donna Takase	Kaylene Peeples	Jack Southard
Sandra Dix	Banna Lathan	Elaine McCollum
Melinda Gibson	Kathy Berger	Kathey Drye
Shelby Jordan	Sara Saulpaugh	Christy Case Soen
Paul D'Aversa	Clint Blackburn	Linda Cummings
Judah Woody	Shirley Friddle	Keith Gauldin
Tim Isley	R.D. Hunt	Kim Hauser
Julie Shouse	Melissa Hanks & Sam Pettaway	