

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2023

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Jeff Fink, Music Director
Beth Southard, Music Assistant
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Sarah McKinney, Youth Director
Sharon Moon, Office Manager

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UWF RECOGNITIONS

BECOMING PRESENT

PRAYER OF PRESENCE

OPENING HYMN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READINGS

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING CAROL

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rev. Ed McKinney

Elaine Christopher

Toby and Marie Anderson

"God Rest You Merry Gentleman"

Mahalia McGee

Isaiah 61:1-4, 10

"Breath of Heaven" by Beth Southard and Mark Hayes

Luke 1:41-55

"Being Present with Joy"

Handbell Choir

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

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 \$ 264,828	Expenses \$ 262,288	
Land	Contributions \$ 18,296	Expenses \$ 19,876	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 January ! 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 17, 2023

2023 Giving

Last day to give to church for 2023 is **December 31st**.

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.

Children's Library

Attention all children! We have a children's library nook located underneath the stairs in the front hallway. Everyone is welcome to select books and take home to read. Stop by our nook and check out a book today!

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!

Christmas Cantata

Come join us December 17th at 5PM for our Christmas Cantata! Reception following. **Please bring finger foods and appetizers.** We will have a special offering for Meals on Wheels.

Christmas Eve Service

Please join us Sunday, December 24th @ 11AM for our Christmas Eve Service.

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, January 11th 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: January 9th @ 3PM at SUMC. 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 Misty Henzler*

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY	10AM 11AM 3:30PM 5PM	Sunday School Worship Service Youth Cantata Christmas Cantata
MONDAY	6PM	Girl Scouts
TUESDAY	Noon 1PM 6PM	Word & Table Al Anon Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY	6PM 7PM	Handbell Practice Choir Practice
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY	3-5PM	Quail Acra Mobile Market
SATURDAY		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service @ 11AM

Church officially closed December 25th and December 26th, opening December 27th

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Prayer Sheet – December 17, 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 Gaudin	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	Sam Petteway	Tom Benson
Clint Blackburn	Keith Gaudin	Tim Isley
Shirley Friddle	Linda Cummings	Linda Parrish
Judah Woody	Paul D'Aversa	