

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2023

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Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney, Pastor
Jeff Fink, Music Director
Beth Southard, Music Assistant
Robin Howerton, Handbell
Director
Sarah McKinney, Youth Director
Sharon Moon, Office Manager

PRELUDE		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Ed McKinney
BECOMING PRESENT	<i>A Ritual of Light</i>	The Bunthoff Family
PRAYER OF PRESENCE		
OPENING HYMN	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> UMH 250	Congregation
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Randy Southard
POEM	<i>There was a Time</i> by Fr. Joseph Breigher	Rev. Donna Friddle & Rev. Ed McKinney
FIRST LESSON	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19	Todd Thomas
CAROL	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	Sarah McKinney, <i>hammered dulcimer</i>
SECOND LESSON	Genesis 22:15-18	Katherine Friddle
CAROL	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Chamber Orchestra
THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Katherine Friddle
CAROL	<i>Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i>	Sarah McKinney, <i>hammered dulcimer</i>
FOURTH LESSON	Micah 5:2-5a	Eileen Thierry
CAROL	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> UMH 230	Congregation
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 1:26-35, 38	Mike Friddle
CAROL	<i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i>	Anna Richardson Smith Elliott Walthall
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	Beth Southard
CAROL	<i>Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child</i>	Choir
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16	Cindy Byrne Greenawalt
CAROL	<i>Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow</i>	Choir
EIGHTH LESSON	Matthew 2:1-11	Cynthia Huff
TITHES & OFFERING		
CAROL	<i>We Three Kings</i>	Handbell Choir
DOXOLOGY	<i>We Three Kings</i> UMH 254 vs. 5	Congregation
NINTH LESSON	John 1:1-14	Mike Turner
CAROL	<i>Silent Night</i> UMH 239	Handbells and Congregation
SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS		Rev. Ed McKinney
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
CLOSING CAROLS	<i>Joy to the World</i> UMH 246 vs. 1 & 4 <i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i> UMH 240 vs. 1 & 3	Sarah McKinney, <i>hammered dulcimer</i> Congregation
BENEDICTION		Rev. Ed McKinney
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 \$ 270,043	Expenses \$ 267,577	
Land	Contributions \$ 19,921	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 14th! 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 24, 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!

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, January 27th @ 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.

Pictorial Director

It's picture time! **January 2-4th from 2-8:30PM.** Schedule your photo shoot at www.ucdir.com Code: NC482 PW: Photos

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 Ruth and Leon Williams: *donations were received from Linda & Joe Simmons, Michael & Kathy Williams, and Susan & Sherrill Landreth*

IN HONOR OF Cynthia Huff on her birthday: *donations were received from Lucille Friddle*

IN HONOR OF Lyn Simmons: *donations were received from Kathy & James Trivette*

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY		CHRISTMAS EVE
	10AM	Sunday School
	11AM	Worship Service
MONDAY		CHRISTMAS DAY
		OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY		OFFICE CLOSED
	1PM	AI Anon
WEDNESDAY	6PM	NO Handbell Practice
	7PM	NO Choir Practice
THURSDAY	5:30pm	Goshen Book Club
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

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

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Prayer Sheet – December 24, 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:

Keith Gauldin	Judah Woody	Shirley Friddle
Tim Isley	Paul D'Aversa	Clint Blackburn
Tom Benson	Sam Pettitway	Ukraine, Israel, Palestine
Lori McKenzie	Elaine McCollum	Amanda Edmondson
Melinda Gibson	Robbie Dailey	Jen W.
Donna Takase	Kathy Berger	Kaylene Peeples
Charmin Sloan	Jack Southard	Sandra Dix
Leona Plaster	Banna Lathan	Tommy Price
Pete & Elizabeth Berger		