

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

1st Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2023

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Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney, Pastor
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

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READINGS

Psalms 80:1-2, 1 Corinthians 1:4-7

ANTHEM

"What Can I Give Him"

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:12-37

SERMON

"Being Present with Hope"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING CAROL

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" UMH 218

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Worship Service Streams Live at 11:00 AM

ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Stokesdale United Methodist Church | Streaming at stokesdaleumc.org is not currently available

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 \$ 254,475	Expenses \$ 260,794	
Land	Contributions \$ 16,877	Expenses \$ 18,111	Land Debt \$ 55,452.43

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

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.



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 3, 2023

Alternative Christmas Cards

We will offer Alternative Christmas Cards for sale on Sunday, November 26th in the Narthex and we will offer Drive Thru on Wednesday, December 6th 12PM – 2PM. Selling for three weeks. Minimum \$5 donation.

Angel Tree

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

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

Stokesdale Christmas Parade will start @ 2PM. Come join us!

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!

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!

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 December 5th @ 10:30AM. Upcoming Meetings: January 2nd, 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT SUMC:

TODAY	10AM	Sunday School
	11AM	Worship Service
	5PM	Bible Study
	6-9PM	Youth Moravian Love Feast
MONDAY	6PM	Girl Scouts
	7PM	Missions Meeting
TUESDAY	10:30AM	Grief Group
	Noon	Word & Table
	1PM	Al Anon
	7PM	GSM Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6PM	Handbell Practice
	7PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	2PM	Stokesdale Christmas Parade

*Stokesdale United Methodist Church
Prayer Sheet – December 3, 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:

Denny Henderson	Sandra Dix	Tommy Price
Sam Petteway	Lori Tuttle	Banna Lathan
Lori McKenzie	Elaine McCollum	Amanda Edmundson
Melinda Gibson	Robbie Dailey	Donna Takase
Kathy Berger	Kaylene Peeples	Kathy Drye
Jack Southard	Sam Petteway	Leona Plaster
Myra Aderholt	David Shelton	Melisa Hanks
Clint Blackburn	R.D. Hunt	Bobby Stevens Family
Judah Woody	Jim Evitt	Shirley Friddle
Linda Parrish	Tim Isley	Keith Gauldin
The Christy Case Soen Family		