

# Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day – December 31, 2023

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BECOMING PRESENT

PRAYER OF PRESENCE

OPENING HYMN

THE GIFT OF CHILDREN

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

SERMON

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR CHRISTMAS

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING CAROL

BENEDICTION

Rev. Ed McKinney

Mike & Carolyn Salanger

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

Elaine Christopher

Luke 2:22-40

"The Gift of Assurance"

"Right Her, Right Now"

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" UMH 224

## Worship Service Streams Live at 11:00 AM

ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Stokesdale United Methodist Church | Streaming at [stokesdaleumc.org](http://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)

<b>General Budget</b>	Contributions \$ 264,828	Expenses \$ 262,288	
<b>Land</b>	Contributions \$ 18,296	Expenses \$ 19,876	<b>Land Debt \$ 55,452.43</b>

**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 14<sup>TH</sup>! 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 31, 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> filled with cash/coins/checks for Blankets for Project AGAPE.**  
Checks payable to Stokesdale UMC.

### **Blood Drive**

**Next Blood Drive is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 2 – 7PM. Call Randy Southard at 336-908-1301 for an appointment or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://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, January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM in the Parlor and everyone is welcome!** Happy Reading!  
Book of the Month: *Imagine Heaven* by John Burke

### **Grief Support Group**

**Next Meeting January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30AM. Upcoming Meetings: January 16<sup>th</sup>, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
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 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9AM.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.stokesdaleumc.org) and click on the **MISSIONS** tab for more information.

### **Quail Acres Mobile Food Market**

**Distribution Day: Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.

### **Senior Resources**

**Come join us Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ruraloutreach@senior-resources-Guilford.org) for your FREE lunch.

### **United Women in Faith**

**Next Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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 Janice Simpson:** *donations were received from Robin, Steve & August Howerton*

**IN HONOR OF Joe Simmons:** *donations were received from Patricia Jarrett*

**EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

<b>TODAY</b>	10AM 11AM	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>MONDAY</b>		NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:30 AM Noon 1PM 2-8PM	Grief Group Word & Table Al Anon Pictorial Directory
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	2-8PM	NO Handbell Practice NO Choir Practice Pictorial Directory
<b>THURSDAY</b>	2-8PM	Pictorial Directory
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		

*Stokesdale United Methodist Church  
Prayer Sheet – December 31, 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	Melinda Gibson	Amanda Edmundson
Pete & Elizabeth Berger	Robbie Dailey	Dan & Becky Simpson
Donna Takase	Jeff Zill	Kaylene Peeples
Jack Southard	Banna Lathan	Sandra Dix
Elaine McCollum	Sandy Freeman	Family of Keith Gualdin
Christy Soens Family	Tom Benson	Paul D'Aversa
Gloria Clerici	Nick O'Gorman	Clint Blackburn
Jeffer Haynes	Tommy Price	Lori Tuttle
Family of Colon Idol	Tim Isley	Lucas Campton
Judah Woody	Jen W.	