Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

2nd Sunday in Lent - February 25, 2024

8305 Loyola Drive, P O Box 38 Stokesdale, NC 27357

(336) 643-4850 www.StokesdaleUMC.org CCLI License # 2440521 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

CONSECRATION SUNDAY TESTIMONY

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Allen Ridenour

Derek Foy

"Jesus Loves Me"

GREETING

OPENING HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
PSALTER Psalm 103:1-18 UMH 834

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

GOSPEL LESSONS

SERMON

Misty Ridenour

"He Grew the Tree"

Matthew 6:5-15

SERMON

"Spring Into Action: Prayer"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Close to Thee" UMH 407

OFFERING DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH 395

BENEDICTION

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 \$49,740	Expenses \$ 49,504	
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Pocket Change Sunday

Bring your pocket change March 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Bible Study

Romans: A 12-Week Study starts March 3rd at 5PM in the Fellowship Hall with each session lasting one hour. Please read week 1 and week 2 lessons for the March 3rd session and read the assigned scripture. Study books are available in the Narthex. Please take one after you have signed the Bible Study List and mark as paid when you have done so. Everyone is welcome. Contact Rev. Dr. Allen C. Ridenour for more information.

Blood Drive

Next Blood Drive is scheduled for March 26th **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. The children do not have to check out a book. Everyone is welcome to select books on the honor system and enjoy reading at home. Explore the world through reading!

Consecration Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 10th for Consecration Sunday. Rev. Bev Coppley, our district superintendent, will be our guest preacher. During morning, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world. We invite you to come to worship and enjoy a catered celebratory luncheon afterwards. We will begin taking reservations this Sunday.

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!

Ellisboro Baptist Mobile Food Market - NEW LOCATION

Distribution Day: Friday, March 22nd from 3-5PM - Stokesdale UMC partners with Lot 2540 and others to provide frozen and fresh food to food insecure families in our community. The Ellisboro Baptist Church is located at 1604 Ellisboro Road, Madison. Crossroads Church will be hosting.

Goshen Book Club

Next Meeting is Thursday, March 28th @ **5:30PM in the Parlor and everyone is welcome!** Happy Reading! Book of the Month: *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting February 27th @ 10:30AM. Upcoming Meetings: March 12th, March 26th
Contact Rev. Donna Friddle (336) 427-4813 or Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney (336) 643-4850 for more information.

GSM Food Pantry

Distribution Day: Saturday, March 23rd @ 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**. NEW LOCATION: Gideon Grove UMC.

Men's Group

The Men's group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, April 14th at 7:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Todd Thomas at (336) 423-4916 if you would like more information. All men are welcome.

Missions Update

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

Senior Resources

Come join us Thursday, March 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.

Stokesdale Fire District BBQ Pork Butts Sale

Sunday, Feb 25th 11AM-Noon: Assist worship

Saturday, March 23rd pick up time 9:30AM \$40 per butt. PRE-ORDERS only!! To order call (336) 643-0790. Orders taken until March 11th.

United Women in Faith

Next Meeting: March 12th @ 3PM in the Fellowship Hall. Interested in being a part of our group? Contact Elaine Christopher for more information.

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GIFTS IN MEMORY OF / IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF Mrs. M.A. Honeycutt: donations were received from Lisa Joyce

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EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY	10AM	Sunday School				
	11AM	Worship Service				
	11AM	Youth Worship				
MONDAY	6PM	Girl Scouts				
TUESDAY	10:30AM	Grief Group				
	Noon	Word & Table				
	1PM	Al Anon				
WEDNESDAY	6PM	Handbell Practice				
	7PM	Choir Practice				

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

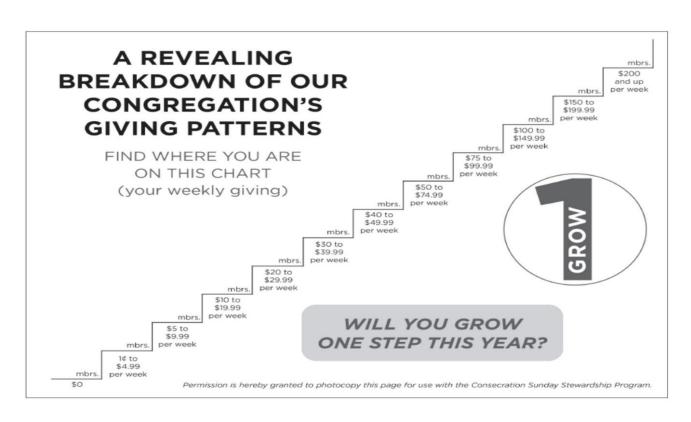
SATURDAY



Celebration Lunch Sunday, March 10

What percentage of our income is God calling each of us to give?





WEEKLY					UPPER RANGE GIVING		MIDDLE RANGE GIVING		LOWER RANGE GIVING			
INCOME	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00