

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

5th Sunday in Lent – March 17, 2024

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Jeff Fink, Music Director
Beth Southard, Music Assistant
Robin Howerton, Handbell Director
Sarah McKinney, Youth Director
Linda Curtis, Interim Office Manager

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

INTRODUCTION TO ST. PATRICK

CALL TO WORSHIP

Irish Blessing

GREETING

COLLECT FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision" UMH No. 451

THE PSALTER

Psalms 51:1-17, UMH No. 785

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brisha Compton

CHORAL ANTHEM

He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

SERMON – "We Wish to See Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"The Summons" TFWS No. 2130

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*People who have completed commitment cards may place them in the offering plate or
come place them on the altar rail.*

DOXOLOGY

UMH No. 95

COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Beside Me" TFWS No. 2166, vs. 1 & 2

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Worship Service Streams Live at 11:00 AM ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

Streaming at [stokesdaleumc.org](https://www.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: \$68,655 Expenses: \$64,825

Land: Contributions: \$ 5,563 Expenses: \$ 4,397

Land Debt: \$47,343.43

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.



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 MARCH 17, 2024

Bible Study

Romans: A 12-Week Study started March 3rd at 5PM in the Fellowship Hall with each session lasting one hour. 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.

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!

Easter Sunrise Service – 7AM

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church. Mt. Carmel UMC is located at 9088 Mt. Carmel Road in Stokesdale.

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.

Good Friday Cross Walk

Come join us Friday, March 29th 11AM-1PM Start/Finish at Stokesdale UMC. Lunch is provided. A walk remembering the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Goshen Book Club

Next Meeting is Thursday, March 28th @ 5:30PM in the Parlor and everyone is welcome! Happy Reading!
Book of the Month: *You Are My Sunshine* by Sean Dietrick

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting March 26th @ 10:30AM. Upcoming Meetings: April 9th, and April 23rd
Contact Rev. Donna Friddle (336) 427-4813 or Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney (336) 643-4850 for more information.

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.

Project Agape

From now until the end of March, to support Project Agape in Armenia, we are collecting **NEW** sheet sets (*twin and full size*) and all kinds of **NEW** kitchen items – pots, pans, plates, bowls, cups, utensils, etc. Please bring your donations to the church, and if you'd rather donate money so these items can be purchased, please designate your donations for **"Project Agape."** The Missions Committee will see that needed items are purchased to send. **Please note** – only **NEW ITEMS** can be received and sent to Project Agape. *Thank you for your support of this mission project!*

Senior Resources

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. **Come join us Thursday, April 11th from 10:30AM–12PM Location: Fellowship Hall.**

Tour of Revolution Mills

A tour to Revolution Mills and lunch is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 10:30. This is the first flannel mill in the South opened by Moses and Ceasar Cone in 1898. By 1930 it was the largest exclusive flannel mill in the world. Now it is an historic property. Contact Kathy Hanko (304-319-1305) to reserve a spot.

United Women in Faith

Next Meeting: April 9th @ 3PM in the Fellowship Hall. Interested in being a part of our group? Contact Elaine Christopher for more information.

Volunteers Needed

April 23rd – May 3rd the General Conference is looking for volunteers for their Welcome Team. For more information and to apply go to www.WelcomeToGC.org.

Youth

March 17th – 10-11am Session 3: The Connection

March 24th – 10-11am Session 4: Music & Lyrics

March 31st – Easter

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

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| TODAY | 10AM | Youth Session 3 |
| | 10AM | Sunday School |
| | 11AM | Worship Service |
| | 3PM | Youth Group |
| | 5PM | Bible Study |
| MONDAY | 6PM | Girl Scouts |
| TUESDAY | NOON | Word & Table |
| | 1PM | Al-Anon |
| | 6:30PM | Finance |
| | 7PM | Admin Council |
| WEDNESDAY | 6PM | Handbell Practice |
| | 7PM | Choir Practice |
| THURSDAY | | |
| FRIDAY | 3-5PM | Mobile Market @ Ellisboro Baptist Church |
| SATURDAY | 9AM | GSM Food Pantry (<i>Oak Ridge UMC</i>) |
| | 9:30AM | Stokesdale Fire Department BBQ Pick-up |

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

Prayer Sheet – March 17, 2024

Shut-Ins:

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| Rev. Bryan Fox | Kathy Martin | Mickie Halbrook |
| Carole Pegram | Leola Vaughn | Phyllis Green |
| Diane Preddy | Lucille Friddle | Rev. Steve Joyce |
| Judy York | | |

Our Servicemen:

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| Chris Beck – Air Force | Jon Belote – Army |
| Chris Seagraves – Air Force | Kellen Pearson – Air Force |
| Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force | Mike Tumlin – Army |
| Craig Rush II – Army | Robert Massingale – Army |
| Gehrig Hopper – Air Force | Roger Rich – Army |
| Jay Christopher – Navy | |

On-Going:

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| Angela Holt | Emily Walthall | Rob Coles |
| Bill Preddy | Gayle Williams | Rylie Cole |
| Bob Simpson | Gene Tiesler | Shawn Monroe |
| Bobby & Rachel Gauldin | Gwen & Ray Comer | Shirley Gourley |
| Brian Landreth | Jacob Shore | Stephen Hubbard |
| Carmen Wilmer | Jeanne & Bill Knight | Todd Southard |
| Carol Martin | Julie McCormick | Tommy Huff |
| Chris Southern | Kevin Spradling | Tony Wilcox |
| David Westmoreland | Linda Osborne | Vartkes Ajemian |
| Dock Coleman | Pam Clinard | Yorkie York |
| Edith Beasley | Patrick Cahill | |

Others:

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| Winnie King | Sandy Freeman | Tommy Price |
| Lori Tuttle | Tim Isley | Eldridge Goine |
| Carol Martin | Shirley Friddle | Murray family |
| Jen W. | Gwynn Shelton | Mary West family |