

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 10, 2023

Week 8 of The Good Neighbor Experiment thru 11/20/2023

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Sharon Moon, Office Manager

WELCOME	Pastor Ed McKinney
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	"The King of Love"
GREETING	
HYMN OF PRAISE	"We Are the Church" UMH 558
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
RESPONSE	
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Deb Nadel
ANTHEM	"The Presence of the Lord"
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 18:15-20
SERMON	"What is the Sign?" by Pastor Ed McKinney
RESPONSE	"The Gift of Love" UMH 408 vs. 1
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS	
PASTORAL PRAYER	
THE LORD'S PRAYER	
TITHES AND OFFERING	
DOXOLOGY	
HYMN OF DEDICATION	"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" UMH 390
BENEDICTION	

Worship Service Streams Live at 11:00 AM

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

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 \$ 179,181	Expenses \$ 193,028	
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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.

Welcome to "The Good Neighbor Experiment!"

From now until November 20th, Stokesdale UMC will be examining how to live our Christian faith within the context of our neighborhood, the church's neighborhood and the neighborhoods where we live. Small groups will engage in labs that will test how we can live into being good neighbors. The Good Neighbor Experiment Sunday School Class is meeting in the first-floor classroom. For more information, contact Michael Hahn (michaelbradleyhahn@gmail.com) or Pastor Ed (pastored@stokesdaleumc.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Church Library

The Church Library is getting updated! We have extra books that will be available for anyone who can use them. **These free books will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 17th before and after Sunday School and Worship service.** The library has a variety of good books to choose from and they can be checked out after the 17th as well as the United Women in Faith reading list. For more information contact Kathy Hanko or Donna Friddle. Come and check out our library today!

Class of Andrew

"The Gospel of Mark: a beginner's guide to the good news" by Amy-Jill Levine is the new study the Class of Andrew (meeting in the Parlor) will begin next week. In 6 Sessions/ Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable stories and parables. The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this book as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. **Please join us for this study.**

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. Everyone, including the residents at Creekside like to have a little money in their pocket. Thank you for your support of all our Mission Projects!

Goshen Book Club

Next Meeting is Thursday, September 28th @ 5:30pm Location: Parlor Everyone is Welcome! Happy Reading!
Book of the Month: *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting September 12th @ 10:30am. Upcoming Meetings: September 26th, October 10th, October 24th
Contact Rev. Donna Friddle 336-427-4813 or Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney 336-643-4850 for more information.

GSM Food Pantry

Distribution Day: Saturday, September 30th @ 9am. Host: Stokesdale UMC. Good Samaritan Ministries Food Pantry is open last Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 10:30am. Stokesdale UMC provides bread, detergents, various hygiene items and food item each month. ****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 Committee

Next Meeting September 11th @ 7pm. We could use more members to share the work and the rewards we gain. Contact Jane Hartman 336-682-5381 or Mahalia McGee 336-312-4155 for more information. **Please consider joining today!**

Pocket Change Sunday

Coming up September 10th. Bring your change every 2nd Sunday. All donations go to the Children's Ministries.

Project Agape

BREAKING NEWS: The Project AGAPE Board is suspending all donation collections due to a lack of storage space both at the Mission Response Center in NC and Armenia. Please pray for a solution to this challenge. In the meantime, stay tuned for when we start collecting Christmas shoeboxes.

PPRC Meeting

Next Meeting September 26th @ 7pm Location: Parlor.

Quail Acres Mobile Food Market

Distribution Day: Friday, September 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.

Revelation Bible Study

"Of all the biblical writings, the book of Revelation is the most feared, misunderstood, misused, and abused." Thus, the Sunday Evening Bible Study group has requested a study of the book of Revelation beginning September 17th from 5 to 6 pm. Resources for this study will be: The Bible, Revelation: a 12-week study by Stephen Witmer. It will require reading the Bible along with the other resources. The study will be somewhat of a verse-by-verse study. Please plan to join this study by signing up in the narthex or emailing Rev. Dr. Allen Ridenour (allen.ridenour@outlook.com). The books can be ordered individually or for the group. The book will cost about \$7.00 to \$10.00 each. The books may be purchased from: christianbook.com, thriftbooks.com, abebooks.com, or betterworldbooks.com.

Senior Resources

Come join us Thursday, September 14th from 10:30am - 12pm Location: Fellowship Hall

Senior Resources of Guilford meets at SUMC on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:30 till 12:00pm.

**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: September 12th @ 1:15pm Location: Olympic Restaurant. Contact Elaine Christopher for more information.

United Methodist Men

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 17th @ 7:30AM. Location: Parlor. Contact Todd Thomas for more information.

IN MEMORY OF Ruth Thomas: *a donation was received from Jeanne Hardin-Richardson.*

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IN MEMORY OF Betty Shelton: *a donation was received from Carolyn & Randy Nelson*

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY	10AM 11AM 12-2PM 1-3PM	Sunday School Worship Service Youth Lunch Girl Scouts (First Aid training)
MONDAY	6PM 7PM	Girl Scouts Missions Meeting
TUESDAY	10:30AM Noon 1PM 1:15PM 7PM	Grief Group Word & Table Al Anon UWF (Olympic Restaurant) Trustees Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6PM 7PM	Handbell Practice Choir Practice
THURSDAY	10:30AM	Senior Resources
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

*Stokesdale United Methodist Church
Prayer Sheet – September 10, 2023*

Shut-Ins:

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

Our Servicemen:

Brandon Estrada – Army	Chris Seagraves – Air Force
Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force	Craig Rush II – Army
Chris Beck – Air Force	Mike Tumlin – Army
Jay Christopher – Navy	Roger Rich – Army
Robert Massingale – Army	Kellen Pearson – Air Force

On-Going:

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

Others:

Shirley Friddle	Dave Connors	Clint Blackburn
Billie Brewer	Judah Woody	Linda Parrish
Tim Isley	Jeanne Hardin-Richardson	