

Stokesdale United Methodist Church

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost – September 3, 2023

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

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WELCOME	Pastor Ed McKinney
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	"On Holy Ground"
GREETING	
HYMN OF PRAISE	"Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
RESPONSE	"Here I am, Lord" UMH 593
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Exodus 3:1-15
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Mike Turner
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 16:21-28
SERMON	"Who Am I?"
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS	
PASTORAL PRAYER	
TITHES & OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY	"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" and "Festive Praise" by Handbell Choir
DOXOLOGY	
THE LORD'S PRAYER	
SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP	
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION	
HYMN OF DEDICATION	"The Summons" TWFS 2130
BENEDICTION	

Worship Service Streams Live at 11:00 AM

ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE – Stokesdale United Methodist Church | ON OUR WEB-SITE – www.StokesdaleUMC.org

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 \$ 174,997	Expenses \$ 190,151	
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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 3, 2023

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 a 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

On Thursday, Sept. 7th, the Missions Committee has scheduled a work day at the Mission Response Center in Terrell, NC. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am to carpool and expect to be back around 3:30 pm. **All are invited, and anyone who is interested in going should contact Misti Ridenour at mlridenour@triad.rr.com or 336-306-2140.**

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. Hold off bringing any donations to Stokesdale UMC until further notice. Please pray for a solution to this challenge.

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 in the Fall on 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.

Vet's Coffee (Breakfast)

Friday, September 8th @ 8:30am. Come join us at Bethel UMC for a cup of coffee and some fellowship. All are welcome! For more information contact Bethel United Methodist Church 336-215-3141.

IN MEMORY OF Ruth Thomas: *a donation was received from Bonnie Mills.*

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EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY	10AM 11AM	Sunday School Worship Service
MONDAY	LABOR DAY	OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY	Noon 1PM 7PM	Word & Table Al Anon GSM Board Meeting (SUMC)
WEDNESDAY	6PM 7PM	Handbell Practice Choir Practice
THURSDAY	8AM	Missions Team – Mission Response Center (work day)
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

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Prayer Sheet – September 3, 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	David Westmoreland	Rob Coles
Bill Preddy	Edith Beasley	Rylie Cole
Bob Simpson	Emily Walthall	Shawn Monroe
Bobby & Rachel Gauldin	Gayle Williams	Shirley Gourley
Brian Landreth	Gene Tiesler	Stephen Hubbard
Carmen Wilmer	Gwen Comer	Todd Southard
Carol Martin	Jacob Shore	Tommy Huff
Cathy Parker	Julie McCormick	Tommy Smith
Chris Southern	Linda Osborne	Tony Wilcox
Cindy Farrand	Pam Clinard	Vartkes Ajemian
Colon Idol	Patrick Cahill	Yorkie York

Others:

Lori McKenzie	Amanda Edmundson	Robbie Dailey
Donna Takase	Kaylene Peeples	Jack Southard
Banna Latham	Sandra Dix	Bobby Gauldin
Jeff Fink	Lynn Campbell	Brothers and Sisters in Maui
Yorkie York	Lu Ann Royal	Billie Brewer
Dave Connors	Clint Blackburn	Mary Irons
Tim Isley	Linda Parrish	Shirley Friddle
Jerry Coble	Students, Teachers and Faculty returning to school	