



Shiloh United Methodist Church

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OUR MISSION

Shiloh United Methodist Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ who delight in His worship, who nurture His people and who advance His kingdom.



From Dave's Desk...

I don't know about you, but I enjoy those TV commercials that show professional football players being brought face-to-face with their mothers. Big, strong players who can run over people, tackle people, & are muscular & powerful suddenly become meek in the presence of their mom.

When my own mother was alive, I couldn't get away with anything in her house. If I started to disagree with her on something, she would quickly remind me who was in charge.

Meekness is not weakness. Meekness recognizes who is in charge. And for those of us who grew up with strong mothers, we always knew who was in charge!

Unfortunately, we rarely see meekness in the character of our culture. Rather, pride & arrogance open the door for people to act & speak in ways that are filled with disrespect, dishonor, & disunity. The political realm is just one area where this attitude shows up. Pride drives wedges in relationships, groups, political parties, families, churches, & even nations.

Which brings me to Christmas. The Son of God came into the world, yet there was *no place* for him (Luke 2:7). Shepherds in the fields around Bethlehem were told, *your savior is born today... He is Christ the Lord* (2:11). And where did the shepherds find him? Not in a palace or even a humble house. They found Jesus in a manger, in a stable. In other words, in the lowliest of places. The savior of the world came in meekness. Being meek or humble does not mean being wishy-washy. It does not mean being indecisive. Nor does it mean being walked on by others. Rather, meekness refers to strength under control.

Humility ought to be our response to our identity under God. When we allow His will & His kingdom to govern our thoughts, words, & actions, then unity will result. Because God is a God of unity. It is only when we allow our own pride to usurp his rightful place in our hearts & minds that disunity is allowed to thrive.

I'll see you at the "humble" place on Sunday!

Dave

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December Ministry

Financial Counters: Gerald & Judy Sink

Birthdays & Anniversaries**December**

- 1: Abigail Johnson
 2: Ben Williams
 3: Craig Canady; Jerry Evans
 5: Aidyn Bishop
 6: Max Koonts Jr.
 12: Conner Hanes; Mike & Tracy Nunn
 17: Shannon Snider
 18: Ronnie & Kay Hanes
 19: Jeff & Amy Manning
 27: Jonathan Sink; Tyler Hunt
 20: Jeremy Hanes
 22: James Hodge
 25: Andrew Sink
 26: Geraldine Byerly
 27: Michael Cope
 29: Debbie Leonard; Teresa Koonts
 30: Cathy Berrier

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT****General Fund – 2020 Operating**

Budget: \$211,146.16

Needed Weekly - \$4,061.00

November (thru 11/22):

Receipts: \$10,910.00

Family Life Center – Loan Balance

(10/31) \$305,879.11

Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00

November (thru 11/22):

Receipts: \$3,893.00

In Memory Of (thru 11/22).....**Family Life Center**

Bob Bruton by Janet & John Jones; by Darrell & Becky Koonts; by Tom & Fran Copley; by WFBH-Lexington Medical Ctr. Rehab Service Dept.

Linda Hanes by Brenda Bruton; by Janet & John Jones; by Hanes Asphalt Paving Construction; by Donald & Joan Lowder; by Phillip E. Duggins; by the Willing Workers Class; by Joanne U. Hanes; by Red Velvet Cupcakes (c/o Judy Butler)

Linda & J.H. Hanes Jr. by Clay, Tina, Matt, & Will Essick

Reid & Ruby Bayliff by Randy & Pattie Bayliff

Luther Davis by Peggy Davis

Lula Michael by Franklin Michael

In Honor Of (thru 11/22).....**Family Life Center**

Brenda Bruton by Darrell & Becky Koonts

Gerald & Judy Sink by Darrell & Becky Koonts

Jane Elmore's Birthday by Kenneth & Rhyne Elmore

In Honor of (thru 11/22).....**General Fund**

Linda Hanes by Tom & Fran Copley

In Memory of (thru 11/22).....**Boy Scout Troop 221**

Bob Bruton by William & Lucille Leatherman



Members in Care Facilities**Grayson Creek**

Old US Hwy 52
Lexington, NC 27295
*Doris Leonard

Alston Brook

4748 Old Salisbury Road
Lexington, NC 27295
*Donese Sink

Mallard Ridge

9420 N. NC Hwy 150
Clemmons, NC 27012
*Jeanette Hege
*Myrtle Hege

**Members & Friends in the
Military(Active & Reserves)**

LTJG Morgan Cope

Members: Darrell Koonts; Gary Leonard; Mark Sink; Myrtle Hege; Martha Hege; Megan Everhart; Larry Towery; our homebound members; to use our God-given talents wisely & fully; to respond to the needs around us; to live a thankful life; to stay alert for Christ's coming; to live as a child of God

Family & Friends: Randall Clement; Tim Everhart; all who have coronavirus & all who seek to heal & care for them; Rev. Brian Crady; Rev. David Robinson & family; Timothy Sexton; Barbara Bean; Debbie Huggins; Treva Winstead & family; Wayne Allman; family of Brenda Grubbs; our nation's mental health & all health care workers; hospice ministries; safety for all holiday travelers

Praises: December anniversaries & birthdays; the lives of our saints; the cloud of witnesses cheering us on; being a child of God; a gift-giving God; safe & free elections; all of your cooperation in making safe worship services possible; all veterans of our armed forces; Jesus, our King of kings; a Savior who is returning; our abundance of blessings; knowing the answer to the one question on the final exam; a new Christian year; for the holy days in our lives; that Christ will come again

As many of you may know, we are not able to have the Angel Tree this year, due to Covid, and also the fact that not many are out shopping, and if they ordered anything from Amazon, they may not receive the items ordered in time to have them available by the due date of December the 9th. Instead, the Outreach committee will be making a donation to the Angel Tree program, and we are collecting donations from the congregation to help with this ministry as well. God bless each of you this Christmas season, and we pray that the Lord will keep you all healthy & safe from this virus. - *Sheryl Kelley*

267 2# bags of corn meal have been brought in for Crisis Ministry thru 11/22. Thanks! Thanks also to Bill & Libby Adams for faithfully collecting and delivering the corn meal!

The District Disaster Rebuild Team installed a handicapped ramp in Thomasville on 11/2, utilizing materials from a previously reclaimed ramp.



Food Pantry News

West Davidson Food Pantry served **326** people in October. Watch for news on the WDFP Christmas Dinner offering.

Advent Bible Study

This month we will conclude our Advent study, *The Case for Christmas: Evidence for the Identity of Jesus*, by Lee Strobel. The remaining sessions include: “A Mind-Boggling Proposition” & “The Prophetic Fingerprint.” The study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom. We finish by 8:00. (The Zoom link is sent out on Wednesdays.)

Note: We will **not** meet on December 2.

Grief Support

For anyone who has lost a loved one, “Surviving the Holidays” on Sunday, December 13, at 5:00 PM in the Family Life Center may be helpful. We will discuss survival tips around the holidays, ways to remember someone, & how Christmas gives us a reason for hope.

Friends & family are welcome. Face masks & social distancing will be required.

Christmas Candlelight & Communion

We will celebrate Christmas with our annual Candlelight & Communion service at 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve. The message will be “Unbound”.

Hurricane Response

It is never too late to respond to the devastation experienced by the gulf states after this year’s series of hurricanes. Make your check to Shiloh & put UMCOR on the memo line. Every penny received goes directly to relief efforts. Thank you!

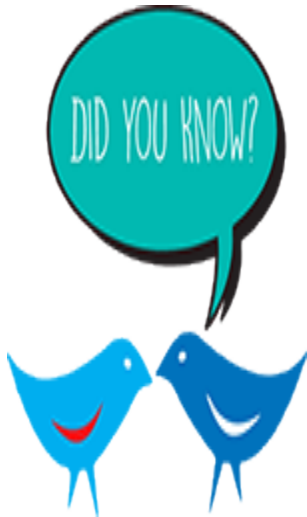
Children’s Christmas Program

Our Children’s program this year will be, as you might expect, different. The children will tell us the biblical Christmas story at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 20. There will also be lots of Christmas music. You won’t want to miss it!

If your child or grandchild would like to participate, please let *Milenda Bruff* know ASAP.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Lillie Ann and David Stewart’s daughter Samantha. She and Kelly Curl will be getting married on December 5th. Blessings to them on their special day!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT OCTOBER 2020

General Fund

| | | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Unpaid</u> |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Month Ending | 10/31/20 | 10,817.00 | 12,409.70 | |
| Year To Date | 10/31/20 | 143,302.24 | 125,355.48 | 24,353.00 |

Family Life Center

| | | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expense</u> |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|
| Month Ending | 10/31/20 | 3,563.00 | 1,461.32 |
| Year To Date | 10/31/20 | 43,207.14 | 41,758.05 |

Utilities:

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|---------------------|--------|
| Utilities | 927.37 |
| Phone | 178.39 |
| Garbage | 59.32 |
| Water | 13.50 |
| Parsonage Phone | 80.04 |
| Parsonage Utilities | 58.88 |

Borrowed Funds - \$305,879.11 (no change – interest only pymt)

NOTE: THE CONFERENCE HAS WAIVED THE HEALTH/PENSION PREMIUMS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE (\$1,666.66 MONTHLY) THE PREMIUMS WILL BEGIN JULY 1, 2020.

FAQs About the WCA & General Conference

(This is the first in a series of articles to keep you informed of what is happening in the worldwide UMC & Shiloh's relationship to it.)

What is the WCA?

The Shiloh Church Council voted to become a member of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) in February. The WCA connects spirit-filled, orthodox churches, clergy, & laity who hold to Wesleyan theology. It is an association of individuals & congregations who share a common understanding of our Wesleyan doctrine & a desire to become a vibrant, faithful, growing 21st century church. The WCA is dedicated to helping traditional local churches align with a new, global Methodist church focused on worshiping & praising God, introducing people to Jesus Christ, helping them become fully devoted disciples, & enabling them to be makers of disciples themselves.

Thought it was settled?

The 2019 special General Conference narrowly adopted the Traditional Plan. In the weeks that followed, resistance & disobedience to the order & Discipline grew. As a result, we are now a Church bitterly divided. As the debate progressed, 3 constituencies emerged: *Traditionalists* who have a high view of Scripture, its authority & interpretation, & who uphold the Church's historic definition of marriage & ordination standards; *Centrists* who also claim a high view of Scripture, but believe competing teachings on these matters can co-exist in one Church; & *Progressives* who, as a matter of justice, believe the Church must liberalize its sexual ethics in teachings on marriage & its ordination standards.

The Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace

A mediated negotiation was begun & a Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace through separation was announced in January. Progressives & centrists are not willing to leave the UMC. Thus, if traditionalists genuinely want this conflict to end, then we will have to separate. If adopted, the Protocol's implementing legislation will allow local UM churches the opportunity to align with a new Church without the threat of losing their property & assets in costly legal battles with their annual conferences.

Why the WCA?

“The WCA, for all practical purposes exists to organize the local UM church until a New Methodist Movement is birthed into existence.” Thus, the WCA will eventually pass the torch of leadership on to a new Evangelical Methodist Movement. – *Wayne Sink, Shiloh Delegate to WCA*

Mrs. Pumpkin's Frozen Foods Fundraiser for FLC



Wednesday, 12/2, is the last day to place orders for chicken pies, chicken pot pies, baked spaghetti, or cream cheese brownies for pickup on 12/12. Call Wayne & Diane Sink at (336) 250-9941 to place your order. Prices range from \$12 to \$16, with profits going towards the Family Life Center debt. This sale is especially important since our Poor Man's Supper FLC fundraisers have had to be put on hold since 2/20 and our planned Boston Butt fundraiser for 12/20 has had to be canceled.