



Shiloh United Methodist Church

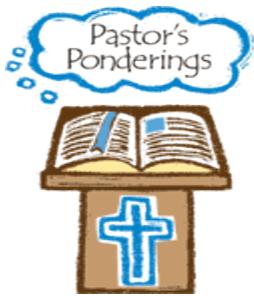
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OUR MISSION

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...

The great tragedy today is not so much that our society is still divided along racial, cultural, & class lines, but that God's people, the Church, are even more deeply divided. This disunity is Satan's most powerful tool for crippling the influence of Christianity. That is why Jesus prayed that his believers might be one in order to overcome the world. When we are one, we will overcome. When we are not one, we will be overrun.

Our tendency to divide ourselves along racial lines is one of the problems we face in achieving unity. Our love for each other demands that we break down these barriers, just as Jesus broke down the traditional divide that existed during his time on earth when he stopped to talk with the woman at the well (John 4). When we come together in unity, unbelievers will see that Christianity is not a secret & that God alone can remove centuries of misguided beliefs & traditions. Only then will our unity affect our nation not only on a personal level, but in families, churches, & communities.

As was the case in Samaria after Jesus witnessed to the woman at the well & she in turn witnessed of him to her entire community, oneness across racial lines is the greatest evangelistic introduction to the presentation of the gospel that we could ever broadcast. John 4:39-41 tells us: *Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me everything I've ever done." So, when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, & he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word.*

One of the greatest evangelistic results occurred simply because Jesus took the time to engage & connect with another person from a different background than his own. He even ended up spending a couple days with the Samaritans. He had just met them. People from these 2 cultures didn't even talk to each other. They didn't drink from the same cup. But when Jesus met them, he ended up hanging out for the weekend!

Achieving true racial harmony doesn't mean ignoring the very differences that make us interesting. I am not suggesting we all need to follow one pattern to be unified. Our cultural uniqueness is not a bad thing. Jesus did not renounce his Jewishness, trim his beard, & adopt Samaritan slang. Unity does not mean uniformity. Unity means embracing diversity & leveraging a variety of strengths. Jesus gave us a model of the intentional way we are to regard unity, as well as the depth of engagement we are to have in cross-racial relationships. Jesus showed value & esteem to an entire group of people through respect & relationship. As his disciples, we are to do the same.

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

Dave

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October Ministry

Financial Counters: Janet Miller & Becky Koonts



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

2: Jeff Manning
3: Milenda Bruff
6: Dwayne Chapmon; Gary & Debbie Leonard
7: Ronnie Hanes
9: Shiloh Sink
10: Thomas Johnson
12: Eric Leonard
14: Dale Swicegood; Smith Leatherman; Bennett & Milenda Bruff
17: Bryn Michael

19: Lillie Ann Stewart; Linda Miller
21: Amy Manning
23: Billy & Cathy Berrier
24: Darrell Koonts
25: Jane Elmore
26: Tracie Everhart
27: Nancy Swicegood; Linda Blankenship
28: Judy Sink
30: Gary Michael; Tony Shoaf
31: Bryan Kelley

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund – 2020

Operating Budget:
\$211,146.16
Needed Weekly - \$4,061.00

September(thru 9/27):

Receipts:\$11,314.00

Family Life Center – Loan Balance

(8/31) \$305,973.42

Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00

September (thru 9/27):

Receipts: \$2,585.00

In Memory Of (thru 9/27).....

Family Life Center

Karla Essick by Virginia Weisner

Joetta McGee by Clifton & Janet Snyder & family; by David & Jaime Swicegood; by Janet Miller & John Jones; by Shiloh UMW; by Wayne & Diane Sink; by Darrell & Becky Koonts; by Jerry & Carmel Ritchie

Jaime Swicegood's mother by Virginia Weisner

In Honor Of (thru 9/27).....

Family Life Center

Carmel's birthday by Jerry Ritchie
Brenda Bruton by Jerry & Carmel Ritchie



Members in Nursing Homes

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: Mark Sink; Bill Adams; Randall Berrier; Steve Fritts; Myrtle Hege; Evelyn Hunt; Bob Bruton; Steve Fritts; Gloria Brooks; Penny Canady; Jaime Swicegood & family; Tom Copley & family; Nicole Kelley & family; our homebound members; to forgive as we are forgiven; to claim our faith as our own

Family & Friends: The family of Luella Ketner; Randall Clement; family of Ricky Johnson; Rev. Greg Jones; David & Jeannie Raiford; Genie Garino; family of Joretta Davis; Jim Tighe; Anita Hunt; Dan Sykes; the family of Rev. Greg Jones & also the congregation of Delta UMC ; an end to civil unrest; all who have COVID & all who work to bring healing & a cure; all first responders; for civility in all election campaigns; for confidence & peace in life & in death

Praises: October birthdays & anniversaries; a new roof on the sanctuary; that Christianity is a personal faith; our new members –John Jones, Danny & Geraldine Byerly; Pete & Gloria Brooks; Peggy Davis’ healing; that Evelyn Hunt’s sinus surgery went very well &she is already feeling better; that we have a personal God; the change of seasons – welcome to Autumn; our living & forgiving Savior

*230 2# bags of corn meal have been brought in for Crisis Ministry thru 9/27. Thanks!

Thanks also to Bill & Libby Adams for helping to keep this ministry going!

The District Disaster Rebuild Team has installed two handicapped ramps so far in September. On September 2, one was built in Lexington and on September 21, a very long and involved one was also built in Lexington. The Lord continues to provide bountiful funding and willing workers for these projects that help so many people have safe access to their homes.



Food Pantry News

West Davidson Food Pantry served **1106** people in August. Do not forget the “first Sunday” offering for WDFP. And thank you for helping to feed your neighbors.

Bible Study in October

We have begun a brand-new study, *Living by Faith*, by Kelly King. In this study we look at 6 women of the Bible & how each overcame unique challenges by ‘living by faith.’ The October topics are:

October 7: Deborah: Encouraging Faith Judges 4:1-9; 5:1-5

October 14: Hannah: Faith That Prays 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 9-11, 17-18, 26-28

October 21: Abigail: Intervening Faith 1 Samuel 25:2-3, 14-17, 23-28

October 28: Poor Widow: Faith That Gives Luke 12:13-21; 21:1-4

Charge Conference Rescheduled

The business portion of Charge Conference has been moved to Sunday, November 8, at 5:00 PM in the Family Life Center.

No Fall Festival

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, this year’s Fall Festival has been cancelled. We look forward to a great festival in 2021.

Trinity Quartet Returns!

The gospel group Trinity Quartet will be here on Sunday, October 4, to provide a music-filled worship experience. If you missed them before, you will definitely want to be here. A love offering will be taken. (This service will not be recorded.)

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 11.

Hurricane Response

This has been a highly active hurricane season! Unfortunately, the gulf states have been hit at least 3 times. If you want to help those who have been affected (many churches have sustained significant damage), I encourage you to do so through UMCOR. Every dollar goes to relief work; there is no overhead deducted. Make your check to Shiloh & put UMCOR on the memo line. Thank you! – *Pastor Dave*

Thanks

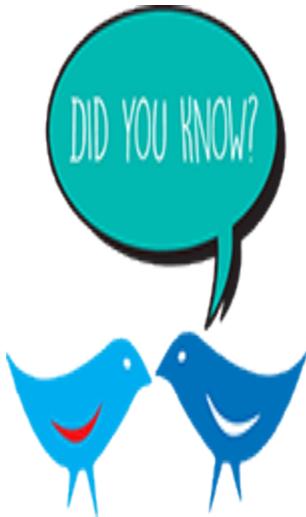
Our thanks to all who contributed to Shiloh in memory of our brother, Bayne. He would have appreciated each remembrance. – *Darrell and Becky, Janet and John*

Rose Garden Plaque

Thanks to Judy Sink for donating a new sign for the Memorial Rose Garden. It is beautiful. Check it out! – *Sheryl Kelley*

Sunday School Class

The Adult Bible Studies Sunday School class has begun meeting in the Family Life Center at 9:00 AM each Sunday morning. Seats are at least six feet apart and masks are required when not seated. Self-serve coffee is available in disposable cups, but no sausage biscuits will be served (sorry!). Members of other adult classes are welcome, but no child care will be available. Lesson quarterlies are available in the secretary’s office. – *Randy Bayliff*





The outreach committee had an amazing turn out and contributions for our Silent Auction. As of September 30th the total raised is \$3,787.00. The Lord truly blessed us with an event we all could enjoy during the Pandemic. Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who donated items, bid so generously, made donations, and helped in other ways. With this Missions Auction being the outreach committee's only source of funds for contributions to the many missions that Shiloh support, each of you are helping spread the Gospel and share Jesus' love in Japan and Russia, as well as here in Davidson County.

In October we usually help with the Fall Festival, but unfortunately this year we are unable to have this event.

If there is a need in the community, please let a member of the committee know.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 2020

General Fund

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Month Ending	08/31/20	14,403.33	14,961.87	
Year To Date	08/31/20	121,165.30	99,725.07	19,377.00

Family Life Center

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Month Ending	08/31/20	6,977.00	1,697.54
Year To Date	08/31/20	37,059.14	38,785.27

Utilities:

Utilities	1936.69
Phone	140.49
Garbage	58.49
Water	13.50
Parsonage Phone	79.99
Parsonage Utilities	98.73

Borrowed Funds - \$305,973.42

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