



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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Sat
1 3:00 pm: Youth 5:00 pm: Board of Directors	2 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts 7:00 pm: UM Women	3 7:00 pm: Cub Scouts	4 6:00 pm: Sundaes on Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth	5	7
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15 7:00 am: UM Men 3:00 pm: Youth	16 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts	17 7:00 pm: Cub Scouts	18 6:00 pm: Sundaes on Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth	19 4:30 pm: Poor Man's Supper 7:30 pm: District Disaster Rebuild Team Meeting	21 5:00 pm: Missions Auction Meal 6:00 pm: Missions Auction
22 3:00 pm: Youth	23 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts	24 9:25am; Shiloh Seniors leave for tour of new Sheriff's Dept. followed by lunch at Sunrise Restaurant 7:00 pm; Cub Scouts	25 6:00 pm: Sundaes on Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth	26	28
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From Dave's Desk...

I love March. In addition to usually ushering in spring (despite an occasional snow!), it contains my favorite holiday: St. Patrick's Day. (I guess with a last name like Kelley, that shouldn't be much of a surprise.) Over the years, my appreciation has grown beyond the corned beef & cabbage and green beer (never been a fan of the beer!).

I appreciate that it is one of the few holidays that actually celebrates a Christian saint – Patrick was a 5th century missionary & bishop in Ireland. Born in 385, at the age of 16 Patrick was kidnapped in England & taken to Ireland where he was forced to work as a shepherd. For 6 years he was a slave, & during this time he came to faith in Christ. In a vision, God told him to flee to the coast where a ship would be waiting. He did & it was, & it took him back to England where he became a priest. He then returned to Ireland to evangelize the pagans. Legend says that “thousands” came to faith by his preaching & witness. Patrick died on March 17, 461. The celebration of Patrick's life has grown significantly over the years, & for a long time the major celebrations were outside of Ireland. That is not so true anymore.

I wonder how many folks who will don green on March 17 realize that they are celebrating a Christian evangelist. I'll bet many of them would be shocked! This year, when you see someone wearing green on March 17, greet them with, “Praise the Lord!” And let me know their reaction. And remember, on St Paddy's Day, everyone is Irish!

I'll see you at the “evangelism” place on Sunday!

Dave

P.S. – Elsewhere in this newsletter is information about our Lenten Bible study. This is a great time to join the Wednesday study.

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March Ministry

Financial Counters:

Rodney & Cindy Sink

Greeters: Billy & Cathy Berrier

UMM Cooks:

Tom Copley, Henry Mitchum, Roy Cope

March 1:

Acolytes/Crossbearer:
Amelia Bruff, Hunter Hanes, Lucy Duran
Nursery: Ashlee Nelson
Children's Church Asst.:
Cynthia Michael

March 8:

Acolyte/Crossbearer:
Eli Bruff, Henry Duran,
Nursery: Brent & Kelly Smith

Children's Church Asst:
Lillie Ann Stewart

March 15:

Acolytes/Crossbearer:
Amelia Bruff, Hunter Hanes, Lucy Duran
Nursery: Lillie Ann Stewart
Children's Church Asst.:
Brad Eagle

March 22:

Acolyte/Crossbearer:
Eli Bruff, Henry Duran,
Nursery: David & Jaime Swicegood

Children's Church Asst.:
Milenda Bruff

March 29:

Acolytes/Crossbearer:
Amelia Bruff, Hunter Hanes, Lucy Duran
Nursery: Alan & Brandy Michael
Children's Church Asst.:
Volunteer needed



Birthdays & Anniversaries**March**

1. Jessica Chapmon
 2: Greg Carlton
 6. Kay Hanes
 13: Sauni Johnson; Mae Houck
 15: Rodney & Sheryl Shoaf
 17: Christine Hunt
 18: Myrtle Hege; Faith Kiger
 20: Pat Tetter; Kendall Thomas;
 Brandon Bauguess

24. Virginia Barney; Scott Hege;
 Landon Greer
 27: Kevin Koonts
 28 : Kelly Smith; Scott Kelley
 29: Libby Adams
 30: Peggy Davis
 31: Leah Leonard

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund – 2020 Operating
 Budget: \$211,146.16
 Needed Weekly - \$4,061.00
February (thru 2/23):
 Receipts:\$11,749.00

Family Life Center – Loan Balance
 (1/31) \$334,351.77
 Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00
February (thru 2/23):
 Receipts: \$3,710.00

In Memory Of (thru 2/23)....**Family Life Center:**

Lula Michael by Franklin Michael,
 by Norbert & Florence Snider
Dorcas Mock by her friends at the
 gym, by D.C. Rivenbark Jr, by James
 & Maxine Waitman, by Linda &
 Odell Miller, by Virginia Weisner, by
 Jerry & Carmel Ritchie, by Noel &
 Jean Leatherman, by the Leon
 Swicegood family, by Todd & Tracie
 Everhart, by Bob & Brenda
 Bruton, by Jim & Becky Brown, by
 Darrell & Becky Koonts
Donald Fern by Bob & Brenda
 Bruton, by Jerry & Carmel Ritchie, by
 Darrell & Becky Koonts, by Rick &
 Penny Canady
Doug Elmore by Jane Elmore
Ruby Bayliff by Linda & Odell Miller,
 by Bill & Libby Adams, by Jerry &
 Carmel Ritchie, by Jane Elmore, by
 Bob & Brenda Bruton, by Willing
 Workers Class, by Rick & Penny
 Canady; by Becky Leonard, by Adult
 Bible Studies Class, by Jo Eagle; by
 United Methodist Women, by
 Ronald Michael, by Virginia Weisner,
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In Memory of (thru 2/23)....**Family Life Center:**

Ruby Bayliff by Wayne & Diane Sink, by
 Darrell & Pat Hedrick, by Chris & Leslie
 Eagle, by Tammy & Gary Michael, by
 Darrell & Becky Koonts, by Noel & Jean
 Leatherman
Luther Davis by Odell & Linda Miller, by
 Darrell & Becky Koonts, by Rick & Penny
 Canady, by Roy & Treva Cope
Reid & Ruby Bayliff by Randy & Pattie
 Bayliff

In Memory of (thru 2/23).....**General Fund:**

Lonnie Hege by Myrtle Hege, by Jeanette
 Hege
Ruby Bayliff by Steve & Joyce Fritts

In Honor Of (thru 2/23).....**Family Life Center**

Linda Dellinger by Dorcas' friends at the
 gym
Janet Miller & John Jones by Darrell &
 Becky Koonts, by Odell & Linda Miller



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: Betty Barney (& George), the family of Ruby Bayliff; Linda Miller; the family of Donald Fern; Bob Bruton; Mark & Wanda Sink; Linda Hanes; Peggy Davis and family upon the passing of Luther; Clyde Hunt; Darrell Koonts; Sandi Fern; Rick Canady; Anthony Everhart; the Hodge family; our homebound members; to trust the Biblical witness

Family & Friends: Bob Butts; Bayne Koonts; Luella Ketner; Bobby Grubb; Donald Spry; Steve Kelley; Connie & Nelson McMahan; Randy & Gregg Gobble; Bill Swicegood; Edgar Craven; Mike Crestwell; all grandchildren; God's guidance in the elections

Praises: February birthdays & anniversaries; a successful Buffet Breakfast on 2/1 and Poor Man's Supper on 2/20 (in the snow); the life of Ruby Bayliff; the life of Luther Davis; our Comfort Committee; Boy Scout Troop 240 & Cub Scout Pack 240; Ronnie Hobbs; the growing light of Christ in the world; our transfigured savior; that our God is a God of life & blessings

*The Love Offering for March will be the Missions Auction.

*The Outreach Committee will meet at 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 8th, to finalize plans for the upcoming Missions Auction and meal. See the flyer included in this newsletter for more information on the meal and auction.

*38 2# bags of corn meal have been brought in for Crisis Ministry thru 2/23/20. Thanks!

*The Disaster Rebuild Team had a very busy day on February 4th. They installed a handicapped ramp on Brown Street in Lexington early in the morning and then traveled to Denton to install a metal ramp. On February 17th, they went to Creekwood Drive near Lexington and installed a ramp that was over 100 feet long and contained multiple landings and turns. The Lord continues to bless the team with willing workers and ample funds!



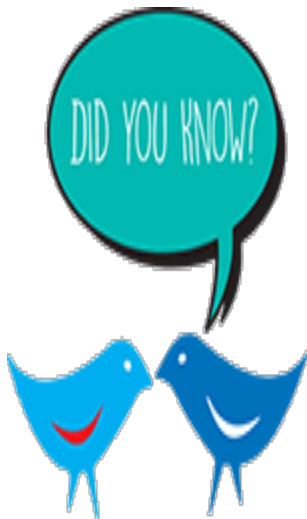
A Story of Faith

Are There Reasons for Separation Besides the Issues of Marriage & Homosexual Practice?

Unfortunately, yes. The church has been, & is especially now, divided on issues of Biblical authority & faithfulness to historic Christian & Wesleyan doctrine. Methodism historically & evangelicals in our modern day have affirmed the full authority of Scripture as the Holy Spirit-inspired interpretation of the mighty acts of God in history. The Bible is an indispensable part of God's revelation. The wisdom of the Church through the years (tradition), the work of the Holy Spirit in conversion (experience) & the Spirit-guided mind (reason) are the interpreters of Scripture. Orthodox Christianity believes the canon is closed. God is not revealing new Truth through secular culture or academic cleverness.

Unfortunately, parts of modern Methodism have seriously parted from this understanding of Biblical Truth that is pretty much agreed upon by almost all Christians of all cultures. The very word "progressive" suggests that some believe that new truth is being discovered that makes invalid truths that have been at the core of Christianity (& Methodism). These include teachings on Original Sin, the Incarnation, the Atonement, the Trinity, & the work of the Holy Spirit. These are the doctrines or truths John Wesley described as "essentials." These are at the heart of the gospel. Story after story is told of persons who tell of being raised in Methodist churches but who never heard the gospel & were never challenged to accept Jesus Christ as Savior. Our seminaries, our educational literature, our mission outreach have all been affected. Our modern thinking has exchanged the truth revealed through Scripture to convictions that arise from our own inner wisdom (& prejudices).

Because Methodism is known as broadminded & respectful of many different kinds of people with many different convictions, it has been able to live for years with these tensions. It has been a "big tent" under which we have been able to work together. But this is now becoming a big tent with no boundaries. With the revolution in traditional morals, especially as it relates to sexual revolution in the last 50 years or so, it is evident that the chasm between those who hold to the historic faith & those who would set aside historic faith for new understandings has widened to the point that it is almost as if we operate from 2 different faiths. Conversations & dialogues & listening to each other have not brought us any closer together. The church has been damaged by our infighting. Better to agree to separate & go our separate ways. – *Dr. Riley Case*



Food Pantry News

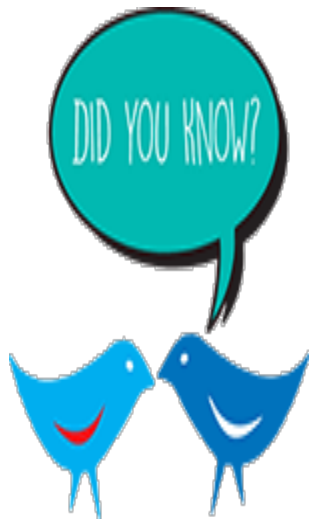
West Davidson Food Pantry served **746** people in January. There continue to be food insecure neighbors living all around us.

You help your neighbors by giving to the communion offering, buying something at the Outreach auction (March 21), supporting the UM Men, & by giving a designated gift. It is much needed help!

Bible Study in March

Our Lenten study this year is *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. This video-based study will include the topics: “Jerusalem: Risking Reputation,” “The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger,” “Teachings: Risking Challenge,” & “The First Dinner: Risking Rejection.”

The study is on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center. Ice cream & toppings are served at 6:00. Youth meet in the Youth Center 6:30 to 8:00.



UMCOR Sunday

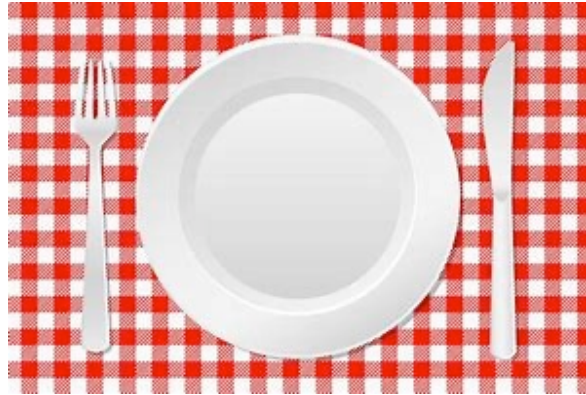
The 4th Sunday of Lent is always a special day. It is the day a collection is taken for UMCOR – the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This is the outreach & response arm of the denomination. The money received on UMCOR Sunday allows the committee to operate throughout the year without deducting administrative expenses from designated gifts.

When a disaster strikes or war breaks out, we often hear about the Red Cross or Samaritan’s Purse, but it is UMCOR & their associated partners that are usually the first to arrive & the last to leave. And, because of UMCOR Sunday, 100% of gifts for these events go to the problem area.

I encourage you to give generously on March 22. Simply mark your check or gift made out to Shiloh with “UMCOR Sunday.”

Birthday Celebration

The Hege family would like to invite you to celebrate Myrtle Hege’s 101st birthday on Sunday, March 15th, from 2:00 PM ‘til 5:00 PM. This party will be a floating event with light refreshments and great fellowship, held in the Shiloh UMC Family Life Center. In lieu of gifts, the family encourages you to make a donation to the Family Life Center fund in honor of Myrtle. No RSVP is necessary and the Heges are certainly looking forward to celebrating with family and friends for this special day.



POOR MAN'S SUPPER

SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH

HWY. 150, REEDS

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

4:30 THRU 7:00 PM



ANNUAL MISSIONS AUCTION

The Outreach Committee will be having an Auction to raise money for Missions.

The date and place will be: March 21st at Shiloh UMC

**The times: 5:00 for dinner, provided by our Youth
6:00 for the auction**

Please look through your goodies to see if you have items that we could auction off.

Homemade items or services (mowing or other yard work, window washing, etc.) are always popular items for the auction too.

If you have any questions, please call Sheryl Kelley at (336) 817-8446.

Arrangements will be made to pick up any items, if you need assistance



On Tuesday, March 24, we will leave Shiloh at 9:25 for a tour of the new Davidson County Sheriff's department. After the tour, Sgt. Holbrook will give a presentation on Senior Safety. Lunch will be at the Sunrise Restaurant in Thomasville.

On April 21, we will travel to Welcome to explore the RCR Museum. We will leave Shiloh at 10:10. The cost of the museum is \$5 per person. Lunch plans will be announced soon.

On Thursday, May 12, we plan to leave Shiloh at 10:00 to travel to Gold Hill. We will stroll along the wooden sidewalks of this restored 19th century gold mining town. The village has quaint shops in which you may wish to browse. Lunch will be at Mama T's.

Our annual Grandparent/Grandchild Day will be Thursday, June 11. This year we will meet at Stanley Koonts' off Andrew Sink Road. We will grill hot dogs and hamburgers for a Noon lunch. Bring your grandchildren, fishing gear, yard chairs, and a dessert, & enjoy the day.

Wayne & Diane