



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...

May. The month of the Ladies Banquet, college graduations, Mother's Day celebrations, Homecoming at Shiloh, & Memorial Day cookouts. Normally.

May 2020 will not be normal. At least through May 22, no more than 10 people can gather together, & even then it is best if a face mask is worn. All church activities are still cancelled or postponed.

But it has me wondering: Is this "new normal" (now called the "new abnormal") the way God wants us to live? Scripture seems to tell us that, as Christians, we are called to live a lifestyle that is different from the rest of the world. Jesus warned us that others would not understand our "peculiarity." And what was he referring to?

- **Our hope.** Because of Christ's resurrection, we have hope. Hope for a better future, a better life, & a life that is eternal. It is hope that looks beyond our circumstances to the possibilities of God.
- **Our power.** Because of the Holy Spirit's indwelling, we have power. I don't know how often we tap into it, but the very power of God dwells within us. In faith, may we step out beyond our own capabilities & rely on God.
- **Our joy.** Because we have been adopted into God's family, we have joy. Not a passing or emotional happiness, but a deep & lasting joy. Joy because we have a new family name – Christian. (This list is not meant to be exhaustive.)

A virus, even the deadly pestilence that is coronavirus, is still just a virus. Jesus said: *I tell you, my friends, don't be terrified by those who can kill the body but after that can do nothing more.* (Luke 12:4) And Paul said: *We are confident, & we would prefer to leave the body & to be at home with the Lord.* (2 Corinthians 5:8) I am not saying the virus is not serious business; it is. But we needn't be fearful of anything, even death. That is what this Easter season is all about. Sisters & brothers, in these abnormal times, may we be peculiar people, living with hope, power & joy! And may the world notice!

I'll see you at the "peculiar" place – soon!

Dave

May Ministry

Financial Counters: Gerald & Judy Sink

At press time, all May activities have been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak . If this situation changes, we will do our best to notify everyone.



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March Stewardship Report

Birthdays & Anniversaries**May**

4: Henry Sink Jr.
 7: Tyler Hege
 8: Daniel Cope; Lindsay Everhart
 10: Randall Berrier; Brad Eagle
 11: Morgan Nelson; Kristen Potts
 12: Spencer Thomas
 13: Randall & Carolyn Berrier
 14: Dale & Kim Swicegood
 15: Kane Williams
 16: Chris & Julia Kiger
 17: Becky Leonard; Bob Bruton;
 Nicole Kelley

21: Ryan Nunn; David & Natalie
 Walser
 22: Aaron Chapmon
 23: Kyleigh Michael
 24: Alec Bishop
 26: Henry Jr. & Nancy Sink; Wayne &
 Diane Sink
 28: Frank Mock
 29: Andrew & Emily Cope
 31: Randy Bayliff; Kim Cope

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund – 2020 Operating
 Budget: \$211,146.16
 Needed Weekly - \$4,061.00

April (thru 4/29):
 Receipts: \$14,226.61

Family Life Center – Loan Balance
 (3/31) \$321,246.16`

Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00

April (thru 4/29):
 Receipts: \$3,257.00

In Memory Of (thru 4/29).....**Family Life Center**

Betty Barney by Tony & Cheryl
 Shoaf, by Martha Hege,

Lula Michael by Tony & Cheryl
 Shoaf

Luther Davis by Martha Hege, by
 Tom & Fran Copley

Donald Fern by Lena & Rich
 Johnson

Bob & Betsy Butts by Jerry &
 Carmel Ritchie, by Gary &
 Cynthia Michael

Ruby Bayliff's birthday by Randy
 & Pattie Bayliff

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Betsy Butts by Darrell & Becky Koonts

In Memory Of (thru 4/29).....**Cemetery Fund**

Luther Davis by Betty Koonts

In Honor Of (thru 4/29).....**Family Life Center**

Myrtle Hege's birthday by Jane
 Elmore, by Odell & Linda Miller

In Honor Of (thru 4/29).....**Cemetery Fund**

Peggy Davis by Betty Koonts

Leon & Nancy Swicegood by Betty
 Koonts



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: The family of Betsy & Bob Butts; Janet Miller & Darrell Koonts on the passing of their brother Bayne; Roy Cope & family on the passing of his sister Linda; Mark Sink; Nancy Swicegood & family on the passing of her sister Betty; Tyler Hege; Susan Koontz & family on the passing of her father; Linda Hanes; Linda Miller & family on the passing of her brother-in-law Jimmy Leonard; our homebound members; Chloe Greer ; Wanda Sink & family on the passing of her aunt Mary Ann Fritts

Family & Friends: Luella Ketner; Gary Leonard; Joey Cilluffo; Louise Coleman; Gail Apruzzi; Wayne Walser; all suffering from COVID-19; first responders; Sarah, McKenzie, Megan, Taylor & all who are treating Covid-19 patients, all essential workers; teachers, students, & school staff; residents & staff at Alston Brook

Praises: April birthdays & anniversaries; good health; to believe that Jesus is who Scripture says He is; the birth of Eli William Cope, son of Andrew & Emily Cope; our community of believers; technology that allows us to connect & worship remotely; Jesus' resurrection from the dead; faithful givers; that Jesus is always present with us; the life of Betsy Butts

*93 2# bags of corn meal have been brought in for Crisis Ministry thru 4/26/20. Thanks!

*The Lord continues to provide willing workers and protection for the Disaster Rebuild Team. A handicapped ramp was installed on April 2nd near Winston-Salem and then a previously built ramp was recovered for future use. On April 21st a handicapped ramp was installed near Welcome. Following that installation, the group drove to the central Davidson area and installed a ramp that Odell had constructed at home, utilizing some of the wood from the ramp that was recovered on April 2nd.

The annual UMW Ladies' Banquet has been re-scheduled for August 31st. Of course, this date is also subject to change as we go forward in dealing with Covid-19.



A Story of Faith

Building on the Past, Experimenting for the Future

Haw Creek Commons was born as a what-if. “Rather than closing the congregation completely, what happens if we partner & see if revitalization can come through this process?” explained Rev. Luke Lingle, leader with the Missional Wisdom Foundation. “Recognizing that whatever the new thing is that we’re doing here, it builds on the past.”

Tours start in the archive room. This is a foundational principle, not just logistics. This patch of land near the Haw Creek has been the home of a congregation since the 1800’s. In a small room filled with artifacts from Bethesda UMC’s almost 200-year history, the message is that where we’ve been is just as important as where we’re going.

When conversations between Bethesda, the Missional Wisdom Foundation & the WNCC began, 13 people were on the church roll. After meeting once a month for a year, they decided to embark on an experiment.

Today, about 45-50 people are part of Bethesda’s worshiping community & 25 people currently use the space here for their work, ranging from artists & therapists to caterers & creatives. Desiree is an artist using space here as a studio. She came to Haw Creek Commons through the community garden before the building was even finished. She works with beeswax that she puts through printing & painting process. Her art is on display in several of the meeting rooms alongside wooden tables made from the church’s pews, another tie to the history of this space.

The experiment that became Haw Creek Commons centers on an idea that people gather in community primarily in 4 ways – around work, around food, around children, & around affinities or hobbies. The new space reflects that. A coworking space & commercial kitchen fill the basement. A natural playground & path connect with the neighboring elementary school. And spaces around the campus are allocated for groups like a quilting club, beekeepers & gardeners.

Throughout the whole building, there is a sense of returning to the simplicity of our roots, to the core of what matters, & brings us together in community, as a way to create new spaces for the future.

– By Melissa McGill

Food Pantry News

West Davidson Food Pantry served **553** people in March. The number of food insecure people around us continues to grow each day because of COVID-19 restrictions & closings.

You are encouraged to continue to bring 2 lb. bags of cornmeal to the church. Bill & Libby Adams are being very faithful in delivering them to the pantry.

Bible Study in May

I appreciate the many of you who are joining in on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom for our study. For May, we are looking at various psalms & taking a *Journey from Despair to Delight*. The study is by Tommy Hagle. Here are the May Psalms & topics:

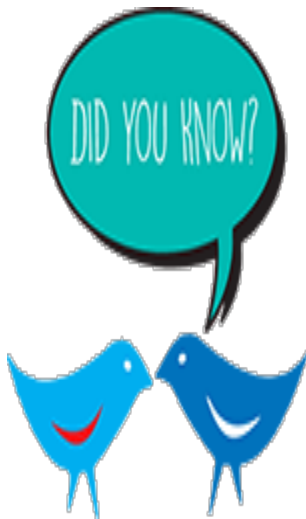
May 6: Psalm 8:1-9	Who Am I & Why Am I Here?
May 13: Psalm 11:1-7	When You Are Discouraged
May 20: Psalm 19:1-14	How God Speaks to Us
May 27: Psalm 23:1-3a	Defeating Despair (Part 1)

The link to join us is:

<https://zoom.us/j/96743093184?pwd=dklVY2ZxWTJCRkQ5V3AzY3NTYkRkZz09>

Meeting ID: 967 4309 3184

Password: 169325



Outreach Committee News

During the month of May the Outreach mission is Alpha Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles will be available on the porch of the Family Life Center May 4 through May 7, 11:00 to 2:00. Be sure to sign out your bottle on the accompanying sheet. The bottles are due back by May 30. You may fill them with cash or a check. (Make your check payable to Shiloh UMC, with “Alpha” on the memo line.)

While we are suffering through this Pandemic, our Outreach Committee has stayed busy. A lady in the community needed assistance with her mortgage payment and we were able to help her. A lady was in need of firewood for her home and we were able to provide it for her (we had gotten her name from Touching Davidson County with Love and thanks go to Janet Miller & John Jones for picking it up and delivering it to her home). I know she was very grateful.

Thanks go to Bill & Libby Adams for continuing to help keep Crisis Ministry stocked with corn meal at this time.

I have contacted Pastor’s Pantry to see what they may have a need for at this time, but I have not heard back from them.

If you are aware of a need, the Outreach Committee would be happy to help. –*Sheryl Kelley*

Shiloh Seniors

The May outing has been cancelled due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

News on Graduates

Cameron Hunt will graduate from West Davidson on June 13th. He plans on attending Davidson County Community College in the Fall.

Joshua Sink is graduating from Covenant College in Tennessee. He has moved to Georgia. He has been hired by the fire department and is currently doing on-the-job training to be a medic with the fire department.

Jansen Sink is graduating from Davidson County Community College. He plans to transfer to N.C. State and major in business.

Elissa Sink is graduating from Union Grove Christian School. She plans to attend Johnson University in Tennessee and major in psychology.

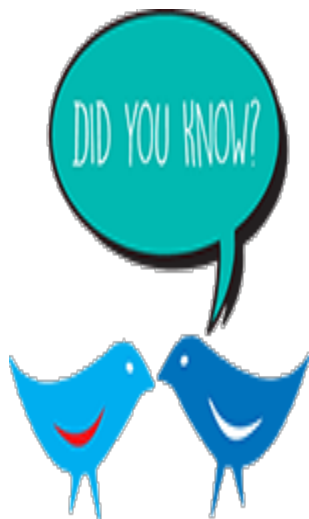
Josiah Sink is graduating from a Christian School in Japan and plans to attend Appalachian State. He plans to major in Biology

Faith Kiger is graduating from Davidson County Community College on May 8th with a degree in Aquarium Science

Aaron Chapmon will be graduating from West Davidson High School

Andrew Sink will be graduating from West Davidson High School

Coral Beck will be graduating from North Davidson High School



High School Graduates Celebration

You are invited to honor our **high school seniors** on Sunday afternoon! The seniors will be on the steps of the church at 4:00 PM. You are invited to drive through the parking lot, horns honking. Signs, decorations, cards, etc. are welcome, but will have to be shared from a distance. Let's let our seniors know how much they mean to us!

Let Pastor Dave or Randy Bayliff know if you have a 2020 graduate.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT MARCH 2020

General Fund

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Month Ending	03/31/20	12,782.00	11,725.56	
Year To Date	03/31/20	38,062.71	38,425.46	6,862.00

Family Life Center

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Month Ending	03/31/20	3,510.00	4,522.20
Year To Date	03/31/20	18,424.14	20,653.55

Utilities:

Utilities	1,940.83
Phone	137.80
Garbage	59.81
Water	13.50
Parsonage Phone	79.36
Parsonage Utilities	169.29

Borrowed Funds - \$321,246.16