



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...

Happy Dependence Day! No, that's not a typo. (I had to enter it 3 times to override spell-check!) I know we kick off this month by celebrating Independence Day, as we rightly should. We are only a free, independent nation because of the courage of our Founding Fathers & the millions who have served in our military ever since.

And I do enjoy the freedoms of living in America, especially the freedom to gather for worship. There are nations all around this world where that is not possible. In fact, it could get you killed. So, I **do** enjoy our freedoms.

But it does bother me when churches & Christians seem to think that America is the Promised Land, that Americans are "the chosen people," & that our independence is the greatest gift God could possibly give. I respectfully disagree with all 3 notions.

I have been to the Promised Land. I have seen where the patriarchs & matriarchs of our faith lived & interacted with God. I have walked where Jesus walked, seen the place where he died, was buried, & rose from the dead. I have stood on the mount where Jesus ascended into heaven. It truly is a God-blessed place. And it isn't America.

I have had conversations with some of God's chosen people (the Jews, despite their refusal to accept Jesus as Messiah). They have a special heritage, a special lineage, & a deep connection to the God we worship. They also feel a special connection to the Promised Land.

And I don't know about you, but most of the time I would much rather be dependent on God than independent. Independence, in its fullest definition, is what causes America to be in the shape it is in. "Do your own thing; you're not the judge of me; just do whatever feels right." No thank you! I'll take the word of God, the example of Jesus, & the guidance of the Holy Spirit, please!

So, I will fly the flag on July 4, grill out, & thank God I live in the USA. But for the rest of the month, I'll celebrate my dependence on the God who loves me & has redeemed me from my sin. I hope you will too.

I'll see you at the "dependent" place – *on Sunday!*

Dave

July Ministry

Financial Counters: Bill & Libby Adams



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Birthdays & Anniversaries**July**

1: Henry Mitchum
 2: Doug & Kim Cope
 5: Austin Hodge; Roy & Treva Cope
 7: Kristin Eagle; Kristie Hubacher
 8: Mike Nunn
 13: Stacy Sink; Andy Woolgar
 14: Janet Miller

20: Odell & Linda Miller
 21: Stacy & Shiloh Sink
 22: George Barney
 24: Jack Kelley
 25: Wanda Grubb
 28: Cheryl Shoaf
 30: Donese Sink; Mark Sink
 31: Greg & Shelley Carlton

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

Operating Budget:
 \$211,146.16
 Needed Weekly - \$4,061.00
June (thru 6/23):
 Receipts: \$10,545.01

Family Life Center – Loan Balance

(5/31) \$315,207.92
 Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00
June (thru 6/23):
 Receipts: \$2,843.00

In Memory Of (thru 5/22).....
Family Life Center

Bayne Koonts by Butch & Barbara Foster
Keith Barney by Mom & Dad
Ted & Perlie Cole by Levi & Virginia Barney
Kim Miller's Father by Levi & Virginia Barney
Betsy Butts by Shiloh UMW
Betty Barney by Shoaf Precast

In Honor Of (thru 5/22).....
Family Life Center

Mark & Wanda Sink by Randall & Carolyn Berrier
Mickey Barney by Mom & Dad

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; Virginia Weisner; Bill Adams; Mary Berrier and family upon the passing of her sister Joan; Blaine & Ashlee Nelson's foster son Braxton; Brent Smith; Crystal Tysinger; the reopening team; our homebound members; to give Jesus our first allegiance; to grieve in a Godly way; for a safe return to in-person worship; to be known as a Christian

Family & Friends: Luella Ketner; Gloria Brooks; all suffering from COVID-19 and all who are treating them; all who work for a cure for COVID-19; for racial justice; William Hanes; Crystal Hunt; the family of John Smith; the family of Malinda Walser; Luka Clodfelter; Tommy Poag; all police officers & first responders; John Pinnell; Scott & Brenda Kelley; Dennis Wilt

Praises: July birthdays & anniversaries; VBS preparation & the volunteers making it happen; all who made online worship possible, especially Todd & Tracie Everhart; Sheryl Kelley's improvement in her sciatic nerve and her safe travel; our faithful God; the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; our giftedness through the Spirit; our return to worship in the sanctuary

*160 2# bags of corn meal have been brought in for Crisis Ministry thru 6/24. Thanks, and thanks to Bill & Libby Adams for keeping this ministry going!

*We will be supporting the Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary for the month of July. At this time we are still hoping to have our Outreach Auction in September. We are just not sure if that will be possible or not. -*Sheryl Kelley*

*On May 31st, nine members of the District Disaster Rebuild Team, including three from Shiloh, traveled to Trenton, NC to put in the foundation for a house that will be built to replace one destroyed in past hurricane flooding. With God's blessings and help from the homeowner's son, the job was completed the morning of June 2nd. On June 18th, an old handicapped ramp was taken down at a home in the Holly Grove area and a new one installed. The group then went to the south Lexington area and took down a previously installed ramp which will be used in the near future. On June 23rd, another ramp was installed near Welcome.



Food Pantry News

West Davidson Food Pantry served **389** people in May.

Bible Study in July

Beginning July 15, Bible study will return to the Family Life Center! We will begin the study at 6:30 PM. Ice cream will not be served. We are finishing *Journey from Despair to Delight*. The study is by Tommy Hagle. Here are the July Psalms & topics:

July 1: Psalm 51	Getting Rid of Your Guilt (via Zoom at 7:00 PM)
July 15: Psalm 73	When Life Is Unfair
July 22: Psalm 95	How God Wants Us to Worship Him
July 29: Psalm 139	Searching for Significance

United Methodists Stand Against Racism

We recognize racism as sin.

We commit to challenging unjust systems of power & access.

We will work for equitable & equal opportunities in employment & promotion, education & training; in voting, access to public accommodations, & housing; to credit, loans, venture capital, & insurance; to positions of leadership & power in all elements of our life together; & to full participation in the Church & society.

What can you do?

Pray. We listen for the voice of Jesus in our private acts of devotion & our public acts of worship.

Connect. We begin our work by joining hands & hearts to journey side by side.

Show up. We seek to be present at the rally, to the pain of others, & for opportunities to use our voices for change.

Act. Jesus calls us not only to speak, but to join in the work of liberating the oppressed.

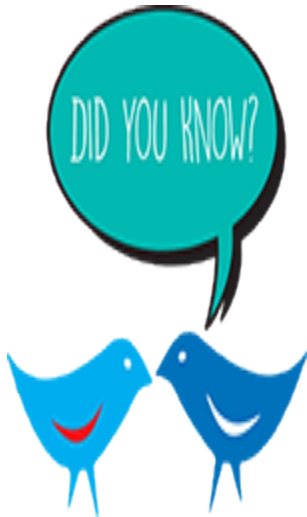
– from UMC.org

In-person Worship is Back!

Do not feel pressured to return to worship. If you have health issues, do not feel well, or are not comfortable sitting with a group of people, you are welcome to stay home. The worship service will be taped & put on YouTube & our website each week.

. Please know that worship will be quite different when we return, so please be patient & flexible.

I look forward to worshipping **with you** beginning July 5! – *Pastor Dave*
For the safety of everyone, please wear a “mask” to the worship service (one will be provided if you don’t have one) and practice social distancing (6 ft. apart) before, during, and after the service. The ushers will seat everyone and other precautions will also be taken



STEWARDSHIP REPORT MAY 2020

General Fund

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Month Ending	05/30/20	24,566.05*	18,072.41	
Year To Date	05/30/20	76,865.37	66,934.89	11,868.00

Family Life Center

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Month Ending	05/30/20	2,370.00	2,870.58
Year To Date	05/30/20	24,051.14	28,046.33

Utilities:

Utilities	775.34
Phone	136.51
Garbage	59.81
Water	13.50
Parsonage Phone	79.36
Parsonage Utilities	80.47

Borrowed Funds - \$315,207.92 *PAYROLL PROTECTION –\$ 12,700.00

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.