



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	Sat
1 3:00 pm: Youth 5:00 pm: Board of Directors	2 4:30 pm: Shiloh Seniors trip to Christmas Tree Lady home 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts	3 6:00 pm: UMWomen at Penny's home 7:00 pm: Cub Scouts	4 6:00 pm: Sundaes on Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth	7
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22 10:00 am: Christmas Program within Worship Service 3:00 pm: Youth	23	24 8:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	28
29 3:00 pm: Youth	30	31		



From Dave's Desk...

Allow me to begin with an apology: I'm not ready for Christmas! Sorry! With the store decorations & holiday advertisements beginning earlier & earlier, I have largely ignored them until now. I know Thanksgiving was as late as possible, but I simply have not prepared. Even the Advent wreath lighting caught me off guard!

Oh, I can make excuses: Sheryl being ill for a few days, along with Bryan's unexpected foot surgery; packing for our trip to Texas to see our granddaughter & her family; the excitement & preparations for our new home; etc. But these would simply be excuses. I have allowed myself to be distracted.

Which might be the reason the Christian church developed a season of Advent in the first place. It might have been that early Christians were so wrapped up in their everyday lives, that the celebration of the birth of our Savior came almost as an afterthought. For whatever reason, the church created a 4-week season of preparation for Christmas. (Advent means "coming.") This year it begins on December 1.

I'm hoping I will begin to get into the "Christmas spirit." I'm hoping I will get busy & purchase the few gifts I need to. I'm hoping I will begin to appreciate the music & decorations, the lights & special activities. I probably will; I have 4 weeks, after all.

I hope you will slow down & enjoy the special church activities this December:

- The Shiloh Senior Christmas celebration on Monday, 12/2.
- The Children's Christmas Program & covered dish on Sunday, 12/22.
- The Candlelight & Communion service at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, 12/24.

I promise you this: when they come around, my heart will truly be in them!

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

Dave

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December Ministry

Financial Counters: Janet

Miller & Becky Koonts

Greeters:

Jerry & Carmel Ritchie

UMM Cooks:

Gerald Sink, Thomas
Johnson, Randy Bayliff

December 1:

Acolyte/Crossbearer: Eli
Bruff, Henry Duran

Nursery: Kelly Smith

Children's Church Asst.:

Brandy Michael

December 8:

Acolytes/Crossbearer:

Amelia Bruff, Lucy

Duran, Hunter Hanes

Nursery: Ashlee Nelson

Children's Church Asst:

Milenda Bruff

December 15:

Acolyte/Crossbearer:

Eli Bruff, Henry Duran

Nursery: Lillie Ann

Stewart

Children's Church Asst.:

Laura Duran

December 22:

Acolytes/Crossbearer:

Amelia Bruff, Lucy Duran,

Hunter Hanes

Nursery: David & Jaime

Swicegood

Children's Church Asst.:

Volunteer needed

December 29:

Acolyte/Crossbearer:

Eli Bruff, Henry Duran

Nursery: Brandy Michael

Children's Church Asst.:

Cynthia Michael





Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

- 1: Abigail Johnson
- 2: Ben Williams
- 3: Craig Canady; Jerry Evans
- 5: Jerry Bishop; Aidyn Bishop
- 6: Brian Norman; Max Koonts Jr; Allyson Battaglino
- 10: Brian & Jennifer Norman
- 12: Conner Hanes; Mike & Tracy Nunn
- 16: Lorre Young
- 17: Shannon Snider
- 18: Ronnie & Kay Hanes
- 19: Franklin & Lula Michael; Jeff & Amy Manning
- 20: Jeremy Hanes
- 22: James Hodge
- 25: Andrew Sink
- 27: Michael Cope
- 29: Debbie Leonard; Teresa Koonts
- 30: Cathy Berrier

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund – 2019 Operating Budget: \$207,133.00
Needed Weekly - \$3,983.33

Family Life Center – Loan Balance (10/31) \$342,882.71
Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00

November (thru 11/24):
Receipts:\$16,864.00

November (thru 11/24):
Receipts: \$2,697.00

In Memory Of (thru 11/24)....

Family Life Center:
Lonnie Hege by Jeff & Catherine Bowers
Coney Leonard by Virginia Weisner
My mother, Lula Michael, by Ronald Michael

In Honor of (thru 11/24)....

Family Life Center:
Brent & Gretchen Hege by Jeff & Catherine Bowers, by Bob & Shirley Bowers
Rev. Dave Kelley's birthday by Rick & Penny Canady
Darrell Koonts by Rick & Penny Canady

General Fund:
Coney Leonard by LaRue Leonard Cline; by Nancy L. Baker; by Mr.& Mrs. Kent Leonard & Family; by Dolores Martin; by Betty Koonts

Cemetery Fund:
Ellis Berrier's birthday by Mary S. Berrier

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: Franklin and Ronald Michael and all of the family upon the passing of Lula; Martha Hege; Betsy Butts; Bob Bruton; Mark Sink; Linda Hanes; Peggy & Luther Davis; Betty Barney; Clyde Hunt; Sheryl Kelley; our homebound members; to serve Christ & share the Gospel; to respond faithfully to God's direction regarding the opioid crisis; to never get discouraged in doing good

Family & Friends: Bob Butts; Bayne Koonts; Luella Ketner; Donald Fern; the family of Ann Schaefer; Dorcus Mock; Carolyn Beeson; Randy Gobble; Jeff Benfield; Betty Benfield; Amy Smith; Angela Bostic; Bryan Kelley; JB; the family of Joshua Bocanegra; the family of Norma Hulin; Terry Hall; all affected by the opioid crisis; the safety of all school students & staff

Praises: November birthdays & anniversaries; Stephen Owens cancer-free; A successful buffet breakfast on 11/2 & a successful Poor Man's Supper on 11/21; all Veterans – especially the members of Shiloh; all who worked the Suppers and Breakfasts this year; Dr. Steiner Ball's presentation on the opioid crisis; responses to the opioid epidemic; God's encouragement to do what is right

*The Love Offering for December will be for the Angel Tree kids.

*Through 11/24, 245 2# bags of corn meal and 45 2# bags of sugar have been brought in for Crisis Ministry in 2019. Thanks!

*The Disaster Rebuild Team was very busy In November! On 11/1 they built a handicapped ramp in Linwood and also recovered a ramp. On 11/5, they used the recovered ramp in the installation of a ramp in Lexington. On 11/11, they built another ramp in Lexington & also recovered a ramp in Reedy Creek. On 11/14, they used a recovered ramp to build a ramp in Thomasville & also installed a handrail at another location. On 11/26, they recovered yet another previously built ramp near Reeds that will be used in an upcoming project. What a blessing this team is!!



Food Pantry News

West Davidson Food Pantry served **804** people in October. This year's Gospel Sing fundraiser brought in **\$25,620** to help feed hungry elementary school children on weekends! God bless all who contributed to this great cause!

You help those neighbors who are food insecure when you give to the food pantry.

Bible Study in December

We will continue our Advent study this month, *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine. This video-based study looks at the biblical texts surrounding the birth of Jesus. The sessions are: 12/4 – “The Promise of Potential”; 12/11 – “The Journey to Joy”; 12/18 – “The Gifts of the Gentiles.”

The study is on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center. Ice cream & toppings are served at 6:00. Advent is a great time to begin a Bible study.

Trip of a Lifetime

Churchland Baptist Church invites you to join them for a trip to the Holy Land. A journey following the footsteps of Jesus will change the way you read the Bible. The Holy Land is known as the “Fifth Gospel.” The trip will be November 16-25. Information sheets are outside *Pastor Dave's* office.

A group will also be going to the Ark Encounter in May 2020. Information sheets are also available for this trip.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are beginning to form teams in various ministries in order to respond to the opioid & addiction crisis in our community. It is not too late for you to join in! You can speak to *Pastor Dave* or fill out a response sheet & place it in the offering plate.

The new ministries will begin to crank up in January 2020.

Journey to Bethlehem

Once again this year, Tyro UMC will host a drive-thru experience of the birth of Jesus. It will be offered Saturday, 12/7, & Sunday, 12/8, 6:00 to 8:30 PM both nights. For more info, go to www.tyrojtb.com.

A Story of Faith

Redemptive Fellowship at “McChurch”

Comparisons between churches & fast food restaurants are usually disparaging – from criticism of a “have it your way” attitude that can undermine unity in worship, to the metaphor of grabbing spiritual fast food to the detriment of deeper discipleship – but for Rev. Chip Webb of Brookstown UMC in Pfafftown, the McDonald’s golden arches have become a symbol of redemption.

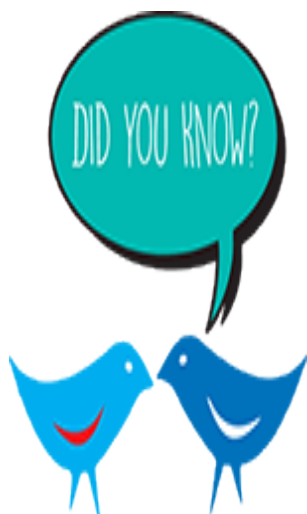
The Reynolda Road McDonald’s is an intersection of several different worlds – from Wake Forest students & faculty; to senior adults stopping on their way to & from doctor’s appointments; to transitionally homeless or marginally housed persons who frequent the nearby public library branch, live in subsidized housing adjacent to the library, or visit a food pantry down the street.

The Fresh Expression at McDonald’s mostly manifests as one-on-one relationships with those who seek shelter there. Webb frequents the space & 2 members of New Hope UMC go to McDonald’s daily looking for people to befriend.

The ministry is reaching out to people like Jennifer, who was transitionally homeless in 2017 & who eventually was housed, though the security of her public housing is threatened by a building buyout; & Bill, who was brutally beaten by local teenagers while living under a bridge & died later that year. Webb thinks that if a tiny house ministry had been up & running, it might have saved his life.

The next time you stop at a McDonald’s, remember the work Webb & others are doing in Winston-Salem, & take a closer look at whoever is inside – you might just find Jesus there. – by *Rev. Sarah Howell-Miller*

If you know of a story of faith, or want to share your own, contact me; this space is yours.
– *Pastor Dave*





On December 2 (*note new date*), the group will visit the home of Jeannie Harrison, best known as “The Christmas Tree Lady.” She spends months decorating her home for the holidays and decorates over 175 Christmas trees. Every room in her home will be decorated. Jeannie also has a room featuring 19 extensive Nativity scenes composed of more than 500 Fontanini figures that were handmade in Italy. After touring the home, there will be snacks served. There is no charge for the visit, but Jeannie encourages each visitor to bring one canned food item to be donated to the local food pantry. We will leave Shiloh at 4:30 and eat supper at Speedy Lohr’s Barbecue before visiting the tree display.

On January 30th, we will leave Shiloh at 11:00 am for lunch at the Classic Restaurant in Denton.

On February 25th, we will leave Shiloh at 10:45 for lunch at Keaton’s Barbecue in Cool Springs, possibly followed by a visit to the Shiloh General Store in Hamptonville.



BBQ'D BOSTON BUTTS
(SLAW, DIP, BUNS)
\$45

SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH
HWY. 150, REEDS
PICK-UP SATURDAY, 12/21
11 AM -2PM

Call (336) 596-0971 by 12/15
for Tickets