



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...

When people think of Christmas, they mostly think of gifts. But those gifts are given & received because of the Greatest Gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord, born as a baby in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem so long ago. While he himself is THE GIFT, he comes bearing gifts with our names on them that we need to treasure & share.

Among the gifts he brings are forgiveness, presence, hope, peace, love, grace, & joy. We will look at each of these gifts through our worship in Advent & Christmas. They are extremely valuable gifts. They are gifts to be treasured. They are gifts to be shared. And they are gifts that no one can take from us unless we let them.

As we await the coming of the Christ-child in the manger, may we all make the time to thank God for these wonderful gifts, to contemplate on the mystery of these gifts (& God's great love that provides them), & renew our life in these special gifts.

By the way, Shiloh is gifting you in two special ways this Advent. First, the Children's Committee is presenting a children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 19, during the worship service. The program, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, will tell the story of Christmas from a unique perspective. I hope you will attend & enjoy the children giving the message.

Then on Christmas Eve, we will gather at 8:00 PM to celebrate Christ's birth. The message will be "What a Difference a Baby Makes!" We will also share in Holy Communion.

We hope you will enjoy these heartfelt gifts of the season as together we give thanks for the greatest gift of all – Jesus.

I will see you at the "gifting" place on Sunday!

Dave

Financial Counters for December

Gerald & Judy Sink

DECEMBER**Birthdays & Anniversaries****December**

1: Abigail Johnson
 2: Ben Williams
 3: Craig Canady, Jerry Evans
 5: Aidyn Bishop
 6: Max Koonts Jr.
 12: Conner Hanes; Mike & Tracy Nunn
 17: Shannon Snider
 18: Ronnie & Kay Hanes

19: Jeff & Amy Manning
 20: Jeremy Hanes
 22: James Hodge
 25: Andrew Sink
 26: Geraldine Byerly
 27: Michael Cope
 29: Debbie Leonard; Teresa Koonts
 30: Cathy Berrier

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund- 2021 Operating Budget \$194,846.00

Needed Weekly \$3,747.00

November , including October 31, (thru 11/28):

Receipts: \$21,033.05

Family Life Center – Loan Balance (10/31) \$272,749.47

Needed Weekly \$1,044.00

November, including October 31, (thru 11/28)

Receipts: \$5,345.00

**In Memory Of (thru 11/28, including October 31).....****Family Life Center**

Lula Michael by Franklin Michael

My Mom by Ronald Michael

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Keith Barney by Dad & Mom

Carol Phillips by Levi & Virginia Barney

In Memory of (thru 11/28, including October 31).....**General Fund**

Jeanette Hege by Brent & Gretchen Hege

Lonnie Hege by Brent & Gretchen Hege

Myrtle Hege by Brent & Gretchen Hege

In Honor Of (thru 11/28, including October 31).....**General Fund**

Bob & Shirley Bowers by Brent & Gretchen Hege

Martha Hege by Brent & Gretchen Hege

In Honor Of (thru 11/28, including, October 31).....**Family Life Center**

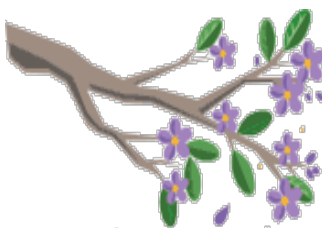
Our First Responders by Ronald Michael

Lucy & Henry Duran by Rick & Penny Canady

Billy & Cathy Berrier's 50th

Anniversary by Larry & Judy Michael
Rick & Penny Canady, Dave & Sheryl Kelley, & the United Methodist

Women by David & Jaime Swicegood



**Paying
Tribute**

Prayer Requests & Praises

Members in Care Facilities

Grayson Creek

Old US Hwy 52

Lexington, NC 27295

*Doris Leonard

Members & Friends in the Military(Active & Reserves)

LIEUT. Morgan Cope



Members: Rick Canady; Becky Koonts; Mark Sink; Gene Walser; Steve Fritts; Randall Berrier; Brenda Waitman; Carmel Ritchie; Gloria Brooks; our homebound members; to witness for Christ without fear; to know God's vision for Shiloh; to patiently wait with hope for our returning Savior

Family & Friends:

Stacy Sink; Charles Smith; Scott Benfield; Colin Shoaf; Steven Kelley; Inna Cecil; Landy Roberson; Jackie Perryman; Jeff Ivey & family; Bailey Hunt; Sherri Clodfelter; Jessica Hanes; the family of Tony Hartley; Jeff Jones; the family of Larry Swicegood; Steven Kelley; all with COVID & their medical teams; for Christians to have a renewed love for God & the Church; all who die without faith in Christ; that the Church will faithfully offer God's forgiveness to all; an end to violence in the world

Praises: Our December anniversaries & birthdays; that we have no need to fear – anything; Christ our King; our saints that have died in the past year – *Myrtle Hege, Jeanette Hege, Donese Sink, Melvin Michael, Jane Moore, Deedie Evans; Hollis Papale; Jesus'* desire that we live with our eyes wide open to see the least, lost, and last; Christ's promised return; Thanksgiving family gatherings ; time to prepare spiritually for Christmas; the joy & light of Christmas decorations

Food Pantry News

West Davidson Food Pantry served 214 people in October. Thank you for supporting the only food bank in Reeds. This month you are invited to make donations directly to WDFP for their Christmas dinners.

Bible Study Schedule

Our Advent study for this year is *Advent of the Savior* by Cindy Bunch. It is part of the Life Guide Bible Study series. The classes are on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center. We finish by 8:00. The sessions are:

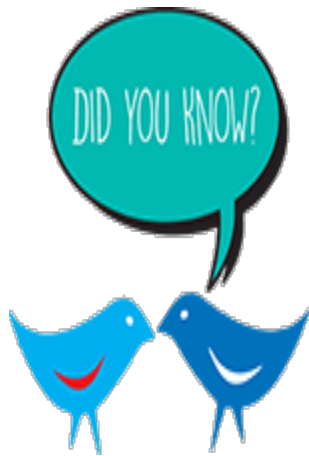
December 1 – To Us a Child is Born (Isaiah 9:1-7)

December 8 – Waiting & Hoping (Luke 1:1-25, 57-80)

December 15 – Nothing is Impossible (Luke 1:26-56)

December 22 – Divine Interruption (Matthew 1:18-25)

December 29 – Season of Wonder (Luke 2:1-20)



Children's Christmas Celebration

'Twas the Night Before Christmas will be presented during worship on December 19. It will tell the Christmas story from a different perspective & will include songs of the season. There will be a covered dish meal after Worship. A visit with Santa may be possible this year!

Christmas Eve Worship

We will hold our annual service of candlelight & Holy Communion at 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve. The message will be "What a Difference a Baby Makes!" This is a great time to invite your friends, family, & neighbors to church with you.

Contribution Deadline

The deadline for financial contributions to be credited to 2021 will be Sunday, December 26. Any funds received afterward will be deposited in 2022.

December UMW meeting

The United Methodist Women will meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 7th, for a Christmas covered dish dinner. All ladies are invited to attend.



In November, The District Disaster Rebuild Team continued to help fulfill the constantly growing need for safe access to homes in our communities.

On November 3rd, nine team members met at a home off of Gumtree Road to recover a previously installed handicapped ramp. The group then followed Odell Miller to his house and helped unload the ramp for storage until it might be needed in a future installation. This project took about two and one half hours to complete.

On November 15th, a previously recovered ramp was used in installing a 20 ft. handicapped ramp at a home in the Holly Grove area. Seven team members were present and the project took about one and one half hours to complete.



277 2 pound bags of corn meal have been donated through November 29th by Shiloh members for delivery to First Hope Ministry (formerly Crisis Ministry). Thanks to everyone for your generosity and thanks also to Bill & Libby Adams for faithfully collecting the corn meal each Sunday and delivering it to First Hope in downtown Lexington.

The Love Offering for December will be for the Adult Shelter and Genesis House of First Hope Ministry (formerly Crisis Ministry).

This year, although the Outreach Committee requested twenty names for the Angel Tree, we only received six names. Since we received so few, the committee members decided to take care of the names given this year. If anyone is interested in making a donation to the committee funds, that is always welcome.

The committee will be feeding the unsheltered homeless community again on Thursday, December 2nd. We will be serving turkey, fresh crowder peas (thanks to Carolyn Berrier & Libby Adams for these), potato salad, a nice dessert, and bottled water. – *Sheryl Kelley*

The final profit amount from the Outreach Silent Auction in October was \$3,279.75. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way!



Christmas Program



The Children will be presenting the play “ ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas” during the 10:00 Worship service on Sunday, December 19th.

Please bring your favorite covered dish to share during a time of fellowship in the Family Life Center following the service. Dessert will be provided. There will also be a special visitor during the meal!

Make plans to join us for a time of love and laughter during this blessed Christmas season. – *Children’s Committee*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT OCTOBER 31, 2021

General Fund

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Month Ending	10/31/21	13,719.97	12,281.84
Year To Date	10/31/21	157,374.43	130,438.31

Family Life Center

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Month Ending	10/31/21	4,174.00	4,522.20
Year To Date	10/31/21	69,112.00	49,397.00

Utilities:

Utilities-Church	1366.29
Utilities-Parsonage	142.70
Garbage	61.89
Water	13.50
Parsonage Phone	69.95
Church Phone	182.77

Borrowed Funds - \$272,749.47