



# 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   | Fri       | Sat       |
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| <b>7</b><br>3:00 pm:<br>Youth  | <b>8</b><br>7:00 pm: Boy<br>Scouts                | <b>9</b><br>7:00 pm: Cub<br>Scouts                | <b>10</b><br>6:00 pm:<br>Sundaes on<br>Wednesday<br>6:30 pm:<br>Youth | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14</b><br>6:00 pm:<br>Vacation Bible<br>School                                    | <b>15</b><br>6:00 pm:<br>Vacation Bible<br>School | <b>16</b><br>6:00 pm:<br>Vacation Bible<br>School | <b>17</b><br>6:00 pm:<br>Vacation Bible<br>School                     | <b>18</b><br>6:00 pm:<br>Vacation Bible<br>School | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21</b><br>7:00 am:<br>UMMen<br>3:00 pm:<br>Youth<br>5:00 pm:<br>Church<br>Council | <b>22</b><br>7:00 pm: Boy<br>Scouts               | <b>23</b><br>7:00 pm: Cub<br>Scouts               | <b>24</b><br>6:00 pm:<br>Sundaes on<br>Wednesday<br>6:30 pm:<br>Youth | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> |
| <b>28</b><br>3:00 pm:<br>Youth   | <b>29</b><br>7:00 pm: Boy<br>Scouts               | <b>30</b><br>7:00 pm: Cub<br>Scouts               |   |   |           |           |
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## From Dave's Desk...

Happy Fourth of July! Actually known as Independence Day, it is a time to celebrate our national independence from England & the king's rule. We are thankful for & remember those who over 240 years ago were willing to fight for freedom. We honor those who made great sacrifices to remove us from the British Empire & foreign taxation.

But for those of us who are Christians, it is an odd day. We celebrate a day of *independence*, yet weekly (& hopefully daily) we acknowledge our total dependence on God. As believers, we know that everything we have is God's; we are simply stewards. As believers, we profess that God is the creator of all things & ruler over all things – including our lives. We confess Jesus as Lord – a profession that we are under His control!

So let us celebrate our democratic form of government. Let us celebrate the freedoms we have in America & the lack of governmental control in our lives. But let us never forget that we are not truly *independent*; we have a Lord & Savior who loves us & guides us in all things! And may God bless America!

Within this newsletter you will find reflections on Annual Conference from your delegates, Odell Miller, & myself.

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

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## July Ministry

**Financial Counters:** Bill & Libby Adams

**Greeters:** Cheryl Shoaf & Janet Miller

**UMM Cooks:** Thomas Johnson, Gerald Sink, Randy Bayliff

### July 7

Nursery: Emily Cope  
 Children's Church Asst.: Cynthia Michael

**July 14:** Nursery: Tonya York  
 Children's Church Asst: Brandy Michael

**July 21:** Nursery: Cynthia Michael  
 Children's Church Asst.: Volunteer needed

**July 28:** Nursery: David & Jaime Swicegood  
 Children's Church Asst.: Tonya York





## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### July

1: Henry Mitchum  
 2: Doug & Kim Cope  
 5: Austin Hodge; Roy & Treva Cope  
 7: Kristin Eagle; Kristie Hubacher  
 8: Mike Nunn  
 10: Cameron Hunt  
 11: Alan & Brandy Michael  
 13: Stacy Sink; Andy Woolgar  
 14: Janet Miller  
 20: Odell & Linda Miller  
 21: Stacy & Shiloh Sink  
 22: George Barney  
 24: Ethan Beal; Jack Kelley  
 25: Bill Adams; Billy Berrier  
 28: Cheryl Shoaf  
 30: Donese Sink; Mark Sink  
 31: Greg & Shelley Carlton



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

**Family Life Center – Loan Balance**  
 (5/31) \$360,189.23  
 Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00

**June (thru 6/23):**  
 Receipts: \$13,235.00

**June (thru 6/23):**  
 Receipts: \$2,892.00

### In Memory Of (thru 6/23)....

#### **Family Life Center:**

**Lu Kelley** by Adult Bible Studies Class, by Bill & Libby Adams, by Willing Workers Class, by Roy & Treva Cope, by United Methodist Women

**Lonnie Hege** by Cynthia & Gary Michael, by United Methodist Women, by Frank & Dorcus Mock, by Bill & Libby Adams  
**Alice Bruff** by Wayne & Diane Sink, by Bob & Brenda Bruton, by Jerry & Carmel Ritchie

**Genie Talkington** by Kent Miller, by Virginia Weisner, by Joni Wilson, by June Jeanlet, by Vonnie Baker, by Desiree Rogers, by Norma Flores, by Matie Evans  
**Hoy & Kathy Lanning** by Frank & Dorcus Mock

### In Memory of (thru 6/23)....

#### **General Fund:**

**Lonnie Hege** by Reeds Card Club  
**Lu Kelley** by Noel & Jean Leatherman, by Lonnie & Martha Hege  
**Genie Talkington** by City of Lexington  
**Kathy Lanning** by Martha Hege

### In Honor of (thru 6/23)....

#### **Family Life Center:**

**Martha Hege** by Cynthia & Gary Michael



**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)**

Justin Grubb  
Ensign Morgan Cope

**Members:** Darrell Koonts; Judy Michael; Betsy Butts; Bob Bowers; Bob Bruton; Mark Sink; Linda Hanes; Luther Davis; Jeanette Hege; Bennett Bruff & family; Nancy Swicegood; David Bauguess; Blaine & Ashlee Nelson; to have the power to witness; to worship our Triune God;

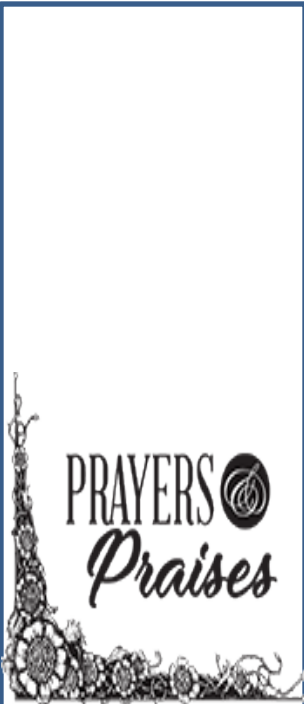
**Family & Others:** Bob Butts; Bayne Koonts; Luella Ketner; Judy Berrier; Eric Walser; the family of Brandon Davis; the family of Bryce Bates; those affected by flooding in NC & across the US; Jo McGee; Rev. Lori Bowen; Richard Scarponi; Paul Finger; Julie Leonard; Charles Queen; Ronnie Hobbes; Oak Grove UMC; results of annual conference

**Praises:** June birthdays & anniversaries; Darrell & Becky Koonts' 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary; your love & support to me and my family in the loss of my mother - *Pastor Dave*; Todd & Tracie Everhart's anniversary; Reeds 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation & pizza lunch; all the faithful dead-especially those who gave their lives for our nation; all of our graduates; the power of the Holy Spirit to witness; our Dads; safe travel; the Holy Spirit residing within us; God's faithfulness & kindness

\*The July love offering is for the Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary in Russia. Long-time Director, Sasha, has visited and thanked us for our continued support.

\*113 bags of corn meal have been donated for the Crisis Control Ministry this year through June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!!

\*The Disaster Rebuild Team had a very busy month of June. On 6/4, they recovered a previously installed ramp in Reeds & installed it in Lexington. On 6/12, they recovered a previously installed ramp near Tyro and then built a ramp in Welcome, using part of the recovered ramp. The other part of the recovered ramp was used in the construction of yet another ramp in Thomasville. On June 26, they extended the ramp that they had installed in Welcome on 6/12.



### ***Food Pantry News***

West Davidson Food Pantry served 511 people in June. Don't forget to bring 2 lb. bags of cornmeal to church. The collection box is in front of Pastor Dave's office.

You are making a difference in our local community when you give to the food pantry!

### ***Bible Study in July***

Our Bible study for the summer is the Gospel of Matthew. Each week we will work our way through the gospel. We will be using Douglas Hare's commentary as a guide.

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

### ***Koonts Scholarship Recipients***

Congratulations to the recipients of the Koonts Scholarships for 2019:  
*Karissa Berrier, Lindsay Berrier, Rachel Carlton & Ashley Johnson*

We wish all of you the very best in the future!



### ***A Story of Faith***

Stories of faith are important.

I love the local church – the communities of faith, taking care of each other, growing in discipleship together, serving as the hands & feet of Jesus in their communities. Enclosed in this space will be just a glimpse of what God is doing, throughout Western North Carolina.

A few years ago, I came across Hebrews 11 & it has since become what I consider my calling. This short chapter of Hebrews is basically a list of Biblical heavy hitters – names you'll recognize from Noah to Abraham & Sarah to Rahab. It tells the stories of what these heroes of our faith accomplished by theirs.

It goes on to say that their faith, their stories are incomplete without ours. It's important to learn about the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob through the Biblical accounts of their lives. But I deeply believe that we also need to learn about what the God of Riley, Eric & Paulette is doing today. You'll meet them & hear their stories in the months to come.

God is still at work, still calling ordinary people, like me & you, to act by faith. May the sharing of these stories encourage you, challenge you & renew your faith as they have mine. – *Melissa McGill*

*God had a better plan for us: that their faith & our faith would come together to make one completed whole, their lives of faith not complete apart from ours. - Hebrews 11:39-40 (The Message)*

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

### ***Lay Delegate Reflection on Annual Conference***

I consider myself to be evangelical or traditional regarding the Bible and accept the Word as God inspired. I accepted the Church delegate to the conference position again this year under those standards and was very optimistic when the General Conference decided to uphold the Traditional Plan. It was our job to elect ten delegates to the 2020 General Conference and ten to the Jurisdictional Conference, which will elect a new bishop, as Bishop Leeland will retire next year. All the delegates that were elected for both the General and Jurisdictional Conferences were very progressive. The regular business was taken care of with a vote on several petitions. Several of the petitions were in defiance of the Traditional Plan that the General Conference voted on in 2019. The actions of the Pastor who married the same-sex couple in Charlotte was not addressed. It is pretty evident that our Annual Conference is against the Traditional Plan and regardless of what the General Conference does it 2020, they will not abide by it. In my opinion, we, as the local church, need to decide where we stand and take appropriate actions. – *Odell Miller*

### ***The Pastor's Reflection on Annual Conference***

It has been a struggle for me to put into words my experience at conference this year. It was disappointing, at times disgusting, but also very eye-opening. In previous years, it seemed votes around progressive topics received about 30-40% in favor of the issue. This year it suddenly jumped to 55-65%. I'm not sure why. Maybe more folks have become comfortable expressing progressive views; maybe it was a reaction to February's General Conference; or maybe a lot of folks have chosen to leave the Bible behind & allow our culture to determine truth. If it is the latter, God help us all! The fact that all 46 delegates elected (counting alternates) were known to be progressives absolutely astounds me. In fact, I can't believe it.

This year's theme was "Trust & Obey." I can't say that we did either. Here are the 'highlights' of what we did:

- Approved a 2020 Conference budget of \$16,271,284, an increase of .65% & a District ministry budget of \$1,852,500 (no change).
- Set the church's cost for retirement benefits at \$3,093 – no change.
- Set the District Superintendent's salary at \$113,618; minimum salary for a local pastor at \$34,608 & \$43,260 for a full-time elder.
- We approved petitions to: eliminate gender discrimination in appointments, establish a child advocacy coalition at the conference level, modify the process to elect clergy delegates to General Conference, a petition that seeks to replace the Traditional Plan with a Jurisdictional Conference Plan, a petition to remove the 'incompatibility language' from the *Discipline*, & a petition that states that WNCC endorses UMC Next & the full inclusion of all persons in membership & leadership. All of the petitions passed by about 200 votes.
- Approved resolutions from the cabinet to close 23 churches. Only one was in our district.
- Celebrated the ministry of 39 clergy who retired, representing 941 years of service.
- Mourned the death of 84 clergy & clergy spouses at the Celebration of Life service.
- Licensed 40 new local pastors, commissioned 9 new provisional members, & ordained 1 deacon & 15 elders.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. – Pastor Dave







Currently, new Meals on Wheels volunteers are needed in the **Churchland, Cotton Grove, Denton, North Davidson, Pilot, Reeds, Reedy Creek, Silver Valley, Southmont, Tyro, and Wallburg** communities. Many of the meal routes are losing long-time, dedicated volunteers who are developing major health issues of their own. If you have two to four hours a month to spare and would like to enable a Senior to remain in their home, please call Jacob Gordon, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at (336) 474-2626