



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...

It is hard to believe that I am writing a newsletter column for 2022 already. I have finally gotten used to writing 2021 on my checks & other dates! And yet, here we are.

It seems like just 12 months ago I was writing with anticipation & hopefulness about the year 2021. Vaccinations were beginning to rollout, the “Christmas surge” was slowly coming to an end, & there were signs that we might actually return to “normal.” And we all know how that has turned out!

Which makes me wonder: In an earlier column I pondered whether God is using the pandemic (& all of its subsequent side effects) to get our attention. Does God desire that we slow down, focus our attention on the important things in life – like family, faith, & loving others – instead of being constantly active, achieving, & on the move? If so, I think I know why the pandemic continues. **Because we have not learned the lesson!**

As we begin a new calendar year, may we do so deliberately, thoughtfully, & faithfully.

In 2022, may we have goals & a strategy for reaching those goals, both personally & as a church. May we live with a plan & a purpose for glorifying God. And may we work to make our families, workplaces, church & community the godly people & places they were made to be.

In 2022, may we consider the consequences of our words & actions before they happen. May we be *quick to listen, slow to speak, & slow to become angry*. And may we be attentive to the nudges of the Holy Spirit.

In 2022, may we be more intentional about the things of God. May we love God & serve others with purpose. May we share the gospel with others. And may we daily attend to the “ordinances of God” (prayer, Scripture reading, worship, fasting, Holy Communion).

Who knows where we may be this time next year!

I will see you at the “renewing” place on Sunday!

Dave

Financial Counters for January

Gerald & Judy Sink

JANUARY**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES****Birthdays & Anniversaries****January**

- 1: Eddy Koonts
 2: Denise Russell
 3: Gracie Leatherman
 4: Diane Snider
 7: Rodney Shoaf
 9: Rachel Carlton
 10: Gary Leonard; Brenda Forrest
 11: Betty Koonts
 12: Cindy Sink; Wendy Potts
 17: Brent Hege; Brian Hege
 18: Doug Cope
 21: Christy Dyson; Rick Harris
 23: Nick Nelson
 26: Kim Swicegood; Matthew Swicegood; Rebekah Manning
 27: Roy Cope

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund- 2021 Operating
 Budget \$194,846.00
 Needed Weekly \$3,747.00

December(thru 12/26):

Receipts: \$17,313.00

Family Life Center – Loan Balance
 (11/30) \$266,086.04

Needed Weekly \$1,044.00

December (thru 12/26)

Receipts: \$16,230.00

In Memory Of (thru 12/26)**Family Life Center**

Lula Michael by Franklin Michael
Henry & Donese Sink by Henry Jr. & Nancy Sink; by anonymous; by Henry Sink III

Argie & Edna Dickens by Henry Jr. & Nancy Sink; by Henry Sink III

Reid Bayliff's December Birthday

by Randy & Pattie Bayliff

Doug Elmore by Jane Elmore

Virginia Barney by Wayne & Diane Sink; by Jerry & Carmel Ritchie; by Janet Miller & John Jones; by Darrell & Becky Koonts; by Virginia Weisner

Cemetery Fund

Ellis Berrier, Clem & Edna Sink, Lewie & Flora Berrier by Mary S. Berrier

In Honor Of (thru 12/26).....**General Fund**

Bob & Shirley Bowers by Brent & Gretchen Hege

Martha Hege by Brent & Gretchen Hege

In Memory of (thru 12/26).....**General Fund**

Jeanette Hege by Brent & Gretchen Hege

Lonnie Hege by Brent & Gretchen Hege

Myrtle Hege by Brent & Gretchen Hege

In Honor Of (thru 12/26).....**Family Life Center**

Mark & Wanda Sink by Ronald Michael

Charles & Jane Dickens by Henry Jr. & Nancy Sink

Decan, Craig, Trace, & Stefanie

Canady's Birthdays by Rick & Penny Canady

David & Jaime Swicegood by Rick & Penny Canady

Children & leaders of the Christmas

Program by Janet Miller & John Jones

Ronnie & Kay Hanes' 50th Anniversary

By Ronnie & Kay Hanes



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: Craig Canady; Diane Sink; Becky Koonts; Mark Sink; Gene Walser; Randall Berrier; Brenda Waitman; Gloria Brooks; Virginia Weisner; Levi Barney & family upon the passing of Virginia; Todd & Tracie Everhart upon the death of their 17 year old dog; our homebound members; to live gracefully

Family & Friends: Linda Stroupe; Kaye Anderson; Brenda Kelley; the family of Brenda (beach friend of Penny & Virginia); John Ellis; Lynn Jones; the family of Bobby Cope; Teresa Brake; Gary Boger; the family of Frank Neese; Landy Roberson; Donald & Sheila Cope; Ardell Weaver; Wayne Allman; the Lopez family; Robert; Jerry Black; for a worldwide revival in 2022; all with COVID & their medical teams

Praises: Our January anniversaries & birthdays; the life of Virginia Barney; the gift of Christian joy; the blessings of fellowship, worship, & service; Paul's directions for living; a blessed Christmas celebration; birth of Samuel Davis Cope on Christmas Day to Andrew & Emily Cope; engagement of Lindsay Berrier to Jeffrey Braddock- the wedding date hasn't been set yet; our children & their leaders for the wonderful Christmas program they presented; God's gift of peace; God's love for us through Christ; all faithful Servants; our call to love God & to love others always

Food Pantry News

West Davidson Food Pantry served 348 people in November. Thank you for supporting the only food bank in Reeds. Don't forget that the monthly communion offering (blue baskets) goes to feed those hungry in our community.

Bible Study Schedule

In January, we will conclude our Advent study, *Advent of the Savior*, by Cindy Bunch. The classes are on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the Family Life Center. We finish by Noon. The final session is:

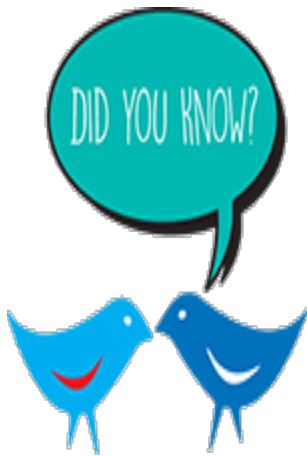
January 5 – In Search of the King (Matthew 2:1-18)

We will then start the new year with *Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working* by Craig Groeschel. We will learn how to break out of the rut of the normal & live according to God's grace & the truth of His Word. The sessions are:

January 12 – The God Kind of Weird (Luke 6:27-30)

January 19 – It's Time to Be Weird (Luke 10:38-42)

January 26 – Weird That Money Can't Buy (Luke 12:16-21)



Buffet Breakfast News

As of press time, we are making plans to resume our quarterly buffet breakfasts. Unfortunately, due to rising costs, we are going to have to increase the price. However, even at \$10 for adults the all-you-can-eat meal is a bargain! The first date of 2022 is Saturday, February 5. The breakfast is served 6:00 to 10:00 AM.

Leadership Installation

The leaders of Shiloh will be installed during worship on Sunday, January 9. That evening will be the first Church Council meeting of 2022 at 5:00 PM in the boardroom.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous support of Shiloh UMC during our second pandemic year. Because of your faithful giving, we ended 2021 with a surplus.

The church leadership team & community thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the ushers for their help in 2021. May God bless all in 2022. – *Ronnie Hanes*



On Monday, December 5th, 9 members of the District Disaster Rebuild Team assembled at a home in the Churchland area to complete a handicapped ramp that was started by the homeowner's son. He was unable to complete the ramp due to a leg injury, so the team was able to use what he had done and complete the project using new lumber that the homeowner had bought at the beginning of construction. It took the team about three hours to complete this 36 ft. ramp.

On Wednesday, December 29th, 9 team members, met at a home in the Reedy Creek area to install a previously recovered handicapped ramp in the carport. 3 team members had transported the assembled ramp and landing from storage to the jobsite on December 28th. It took about an hour and a half to retrofit the landing and ramp to the door from the carport into the house.



304 2 pound bags of corn meal have been donated from January 1 through December 26 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.

Happy new year to everyone, and may 2022 be a great year for all of you. The Outreach Committee will be feeding the unsheltered homeless again on January 6th. We will be preparing soup and crackers for them. We will be supporting the West Davidson Food Pantry for the month of January, as well as supporting Daniel Sexton in his ministry in Japan. The Outreach Committee delivered six bags of gifts in December to Tyro UMC for the Angel Tree children. Since we only received six names this year, members of the committee bought for the children. We hope to have an Outreach Committee meeting on January 9th at 4:00 PM.- *Sheryl Kelley*,

STEWARDSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 30, 2021

General Fund

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Month Ending	11/30/21	18,578.05	12,938.86
Year To Date	11/30/21	175,952.48	143,377.17

Family Life Center

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Month Ending	11/30/21	3,590.00	4,522.20
Year To Date	11/30/21	72,702.00	53,919.20

Utilities:

Utilities-Church	1435.54
Utilities-Parsonage	101.71
Garbage	61.89
Water	13.50
Parsonage Phone	69.95
Church Phone	183.77

Borrowed Funds - \$266,086.04



***BUFFET BREAKFAST WORKERS
NEEDED***

4 AM-11 AM

***PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING
OUT, EVEN FOR AN HOUR OR
TWO!***

**(OUR WORKFORCE HAS SHRUNK SOME
SINCE OUR LAST BREAKFAST 2 YEARS AGO)**