



# 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...

August is typically the month of Back-to-School sales, “last minute” vacations & then saying good-bye as the kids go back to class. Except that little of anything in 2020 is typical. Well, one thing has not changed; we are truly in the “dog days” of summer. It is hot. It is humid. And you are blessed if the occasional thunderstorm does more than simply wet the ground.

So much of our lives have been disrupted by the pandemic. What semblance of normalcy there is isn't really “normal”. We are gathering for worship – but not worship like we are accustomed to. We can go out to dinner – but not like we are used to. Our children (or grandchildren) will start the school year on August 17 – but it will not be like school was last August.

So, I have been praying & thinking about 2020. Surely God has something He wants us to learn some lesson that we should be understanding in this year of the abnormal. And I believe it has been revealed.

I believe God is telling us to make changes as a church & as God's people. I believe God is trying to teach us to not be dependent on the “old ways” of doing things, & to embrace the new. We thank God for the technology that allows us to worship via YouTube or a website, but that technology can allow for other types of ministry too. Our ‘virtual VBS’ is a great example. And Jaime Swicegood has been using technology to conduct youth ministry as well.

If you have ideas for new ministry in this age of social distancing, please share it with me. I genuinely believe now is the time to try some new things, reach some new people, & become Jesus' hands & feet in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. And there is a biblical foundation: **Romans 6:4:** *Therefore we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life.*

I'll see you at the “new” place – on Sunday!

*Dave*

P.S. – THANK YOU for your flexibility & cooperation as we have restarted in-person worship. I know things are different – like where you sit! – and I appreciate you all SO MUCH!

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## August Ministry

**Financial Counter:** Cathy Berrier



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**August**

2: Diane Sink; Tom & Fran Copley  
 3: Virginia Weisner; Holly Leatherman  
 4: AvaQuinn Leonard; Zach Chapmon  
 5: Abby Carlton  
 6: Clark Adams; Smith & Holly Leatherman  
 7: Rick Canady; Sheryl Kelley; Brent & Kelly Smith

10: Becky Koonts  
 12: Natalie Walser  
 13: Billy Hunt  
 17: Teresa Thomas; Carrie Shoaf  
 23: Alan Michael; Eddy & Beverly Koonts  
 24: Jean Leatherman  
 25: Ruth Oliver  
 27: Caleb Bauguess; Kim Smith



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**General Fund – 2020**

Operating Budget:  
 \$211,146.16  
 Needed Weekly - \$4,061.00  
**July (thru 7/26):**  
 Receipts:\$14,147.00

**Family Life Center – Loan Balance**

(6/30) \$312,288.76  
 Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00  
**July (thru 7/26):**  
 Receipts: \$3,188.00

**In Memory Of (thru 7/26).....**  
**Family Life Center**

*Bayne Koonts* by Rick & Penny Canady, by David & Jaime Swicegood  
*Bob & Betsy Butts* by Rick & Penny Canady, by David & Jaime Swicegood  
*Joan Phillips* by Wayne & Diane Sink

**In Honor Of (thru 7/26).....**  
**Family Life Center**

*Penny & Rick Canady* by Virginia Weisner

**In Memory of (thru 7/26).....**  
**General Fund**

*Joan Phillips* by Tom & Fran Copley



### 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 & family upon the passing of her daughter in law Karla; Bob Bowers & family upon the passing of his mother; Bill Adams; Randall Berrier; Diane Snider; our homebound members; to live by God's word & Christ's guidance; to accept God's love; to live by the Spirit

**Family & Friends:** Luella Ketner; Dennis Wilt; Mickey Triplett; David & Jennie Raiford; all COVID -19 patients, those who treat them & those who are working on a cure & vaccine; Corbin Tysinger; the LeBaube family; Josiah Sink; our nation; unity of our nation, especially regarding racial issues; Wayne Allman; James Shoaf; Bob Hunt; Dave & Sheryl's neighbors Jeff & Cathy; all teachers, administrators, staff, students, parents, & grandparents as they prepare for the new school year

**Praises:** August birthdays & anniversaries, worshipping together again; our freedoms; God's words & Christ's example-our rules to live by; Vacation Bible School; a roof contract; the Spirit of life that resides within us; that Bible study can meet in-person again; our God who greets us in unexpected places; negative COVID test results; our children & grandchildren; that Scott, Brenda, & Emersyn Kelley made it safely through the hurricane; that God's love is a love that never quits; Donese Sink's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 7/31!

***\*191 2# bags of corn meal have been brought in for Crisis Ministry thru 7/26. Thanks, and thanks to Bill & Libby Adams for keeping this ministry going!***

\*July was a very busy month for the Disaster Rebuild Team. On 7/7, a handicapped ramp was built on Russell St. in Lexington using mostly reclaimed materials and then a ramp was reclaimed in Thomasville. On 7/13, a ramp was built on Shoreline Dr. at High Rock Lake. On 7/21, a ramp was repaired and extended on Redwine St. in Lexington, an iron handrail was installed in Lexington, and two 8ft. ramps were installed at the home of a young trampoline accident victim in Walkertown. On 7/23, a ramp was installed off of Pickett Rd. On 7/27, a ramp was built on Dykers Creek Rd. and two iron handrails were installed at a home near Welcome. The Lord continues to provide bountiful funding and willing workers for these projects that help so many people have safe access to their homes.



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

West Davidson Food Pantry served **371** people in June. Thank you for your donations!

### ***Bible Study in August***

Bible study has returned to the Family Life Center! The study begins at 6:30 PM. Ice cream will not be served. We are starting a new study, *I Am....* The study is by Van Dyke Church in FL. Here are the August Scriptures & topics:

August 5: NO class	Dave is on vacation
August 12: I am Handcrafted	Psalm 139:13-15, Exodus 4:10-13
August 19: I am Valuable	Luke 12:6-7, Genesis 1:27
August 26: I am Powerful	Ephesians 1:19-23; 3:14-21

### ***Sexual Abuse Claims in BSA Bankruptcy***

A one-page notice is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office which provides information about the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy case & the deadline to file sexual abuse claims by 11/16/2020. Survivors who were abused during their time in Scouting on or before 2/18/2020 are eligible to file a claim. Please read the notice for more information, or go to [www.OfficialBSAclaims.com](http://www.OfficialBSAclaims.com) or call 866-907-2721.

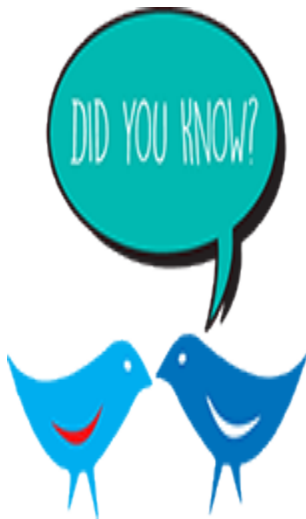
– Official BSA Claims Agent

### ***Virtual Annual Conference***

Our lay delegate, Wayne Sink, & I will be attending a virtual annual conference meeting on Saturday, August 8. Among the items to be discussed/voted upon are:

- Remember the 27 clergy who have died in the past year.
- Approval of the conference budget. The proposed budget, including general church apportionments, is \$15,989,745, a decrease of 11.7%.
- Approval of petitions pertaining to clergy retirement & health benefits. The church cost for retirement will remain at \$3,093 per church.
- Recognize 46 retiring clergy, including Nathan Snider.
- Approve the sale of 87.9 acres at Mount Shepherd Retreat Center to The Piedmont Land Conservancy.
- Approve the disaffiliation of 7 churches from the UMC, including 2 in our district (Hardison & Mt Pleasant).
- Approve the closing of 17 churches, including 1 church in our district (Hanes).

Please keep us in prayer as we conduct the business of the annual conference. – *Dave*





## SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE THE LOVE OFFERING FOR AUGUST

Reeds, Churchland, and Tyro Elementary are still in need of various school items, even though the children may not be actually attending classes at school at this time. I was told that they are in need of glue, crayons, and light colored construction paper. None of the schools will need backpacks at this time. They could also use copy paper, but I am sure that any supplies that we give them will be appreciated. Our Outreach committee will be going out to pick up some items, but if anyone would like to donate items, there will be a box located in the narthex to collect your donations – *Sheryl Kelley*



The Outreach Committee is hoping to have a Missions Auction in September, or possibly October. The committee will meet soon to determine how we can do this event in a safe way. We will be discussing other options as well – *Sheryl Kelley*

## *Stories of Faith*

### *Church in the Parking Lot*

When members of Snow Hill UMC began to ask what resources they had to offer their community, they were surprised by their simple answer: *their parking lot*. A year later, every Saturday morning their church parking lot is overflowing with people who are there to shop & sell at the Snow Hill Community Flea Market.

Snow Hill UMC, 20 minutes west of Asheville, is in a remote & rural corner of Candler that does not have many places for the community to gather. Members of the church first encountered the flea market community through their Abundant Harvest ministry that distributes fresh produce to their neighbors. When 2 nearby flea markets shut down due to property sales, they got the idea to host a market themselves.

Over the past year, members of Snow Hill, which averages 40 in worship, have connected with countless neighbors through the flea market – folks they never would have met otherwise. Very quickly, a sense of community formed. A member says, “We formed our own little community. We began to know the regulars by name, began to miss & worry about those that missed a week, & we prayed about their concerns.”

When asked what their church had learned over the past year, the pastor replied, “We learned that everyone has a story & we learned to strongly dislike rainy Saturdays.”

- From *Stories of Faith*, by Luke Edwards

**General Fund**

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Month Ending	06/30/20	10,545.01	11,234.45	
Year To Date	06/30/20	87,410.47	78,169.34	14,371.00

**Family Life Center**

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Month Ending	06/30/20	2,843.00	4,522.20
Year To Date	06/30/20	26,894.14	32,568.53

**Utilities:**

Utilities	1016.65
Phone	138.08
Garbage	58.49
Water	13.50
Parsonage Phone	79.99
Parsonage Utilities	70.23

**Borrowed Funds - \$312,288.76**

**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.**