



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
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5 5:00 pm: Board of Directors	6 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts 7:00 pm: UM Women	7 7:00 pm: Cub Scouts	8 6:00 pm: Sundaes on Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth	9
12 3:00 pm: Youth 4:00 pm: Outreach 5:00 pm: Church Council	13 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts	14 7:00 pm: Cub Scouts	15 6:00 pm: Sundaes on Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth	16 4 pm: Poor Man's Supper 7:30 pm: District Disaster Rebuild Team Meeting
19 7:00 am: UM Men 3:00 pm: Youth 3:00 pm: Church Council Orientation and Planning Session	2 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts	2 7:00 pm: Cub Scouts	22 6:00 pm: Sundaes on Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth	23
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From Dave's Desk...

Happy (calendar) New Year! (We celebrated a new church year on December 1.) Perhaps more importantly: **Merry Christmas!** January 1 is the 8th day of Christmas. Let's see, what is it? "Eight maids a'milking." Sort of a strange gift, but if you've got the cows, they must be milked! It seems Christmas preparations begin earlier & earlier each year (not for me necessarily – see the December newsletter), but then we are in a hurry to have Christmas over & move on with life. I'm glad the children don't return to school until January 6 (the Epiphany of Christ on the church calendar) this year. They will get a chance to enjoy their gifts & decompress from the hustle & bustle of the holiday. I know many of you working parents don't agree; I understand the stress of getting childcare.

This year's changeover seems especially important. We are beginning a new decade – the 20's – (or is it ending the old decade?), it is an election year (ick!), & years that end in "0" just seem to carry extra weight. *My hope & prayer for all of you is that it will be especially blessed!*

With January come a few important events. Our new Leadership Team will be installed on Sunday, 1/12, during the worship service. Our Leadership Orientation & Planning Session will be held on Sunday afternoon, 1/19. (The weather make-up date is 1/26.)

The beginning of a new year seems to be an appropriate activity for the church. Some folks take on new responsibilities of leadership, some give theirs up, & it is a good time to begin new ministries. We will begin our substance abuse ministries in earnest this month. It is appropriate because the Christian faith is all about change. It is about turning in a new direction (toward God). It is about leaving the past behind & looking forward with hope, grace, & love. Let's all pray & work to make it so!

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

Dave

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January Ministry

Financial Counters: John & Tonya York

Greeter: Roy Cope

UMM Cooks:

Jerry Ritchie, Jonathan Sink, Jerry Ritchie Jr, Dave Kelley

January 5:

Acolytes/Crossbearer:
Amelia Bruff, Lucy Duran,
Hunter Hanes
Nursery: Karissa & Cathy
Children's Church Asst.:
Laura Duran

January 12:

Acolyte/Crossbearer:
Eli Bruff, Henry Duran,
Nursery: Brent & Kelly
Smith
Children's Church Asst:
Milenda Bruff

January 19:

Acolytes/Crossbearer:
Amelia Bruff, Hunter
Hanes, Lucy Duran
Nursery: Jaime & David
Swicegood
Children's Church Asst.:
Volunteer needed

January 26:

Acolytes/Crossbearer:
Amelia Bruff, Lucy Duran,
Hunter Hanes
Nursery: Alan & Brandy
Michael
Children's Church Asst.:
Volunteer needed





Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

1: Eddy Koonts
 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; Rebekah Manning;
 Matthew Swicegood
 27: Roy Cope

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund – 2020 Operating
 Budget: \$211,146.16
 Needed Weekly - \$4,061.00
December (thru 12/29):
 Receipts: \$18,232.55

Family Life Center – Loan Balance
 (11/30) \$340,262.12
 Needed Weekly - \$1,044.00
December (thru 12/29):
 Receipts: \$5,442.00

In Memory Of (thru 12/29)....

Family Life Center:

Lula Michael by Roy & Treva Cope; by Jerry & Carmel Ritchie; by Noel & Jean Leatherman; by Rick & Penny Canady; by Craig & Elaine Swope; by Rayvon Michael family; by Franklin Michael; by Ronald Michael (loving mother and wife); by Virginia Weisner; by Leon Swicegood family; by Janet Miller; by Franklin Michael; by Bill & Libby Adams; by Shiloh UMW; by Bob & Brenda Bruton
Coney Leonard by Shiloh UMW; by Bill & Libby Adams, by Mark & Cathy Johnson; by Darrell & Becky Koonts
Robert Miller by Janet Miller
Scott Miller by Janet Miller
Lonnie Hege by the Martha Hege Family
General Fund:
John & Hazel Hanes by Virginia Weisner
Coney Leonard by Mark & Cathy Johnson

In Honor of (thru 12/29)....

Family Life Center:

Brent & Gretchen Hege by Homer & Linda Curry; by Martha & Tyler Hege
Rick & Penny Canady by Virginia Weisner
Craig & Stefanie Canady by Virginia Wiesner
Birthdays of Craig Canady, Deacon Canady, Trace Canady by Rick & Penny Canady
Adult Bible Studies Class teachers by Janet Miller

General Fund:

Janet Miller by Roy & Treva Cope
Jane Elmore by Kenneth Elmore

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: Betsy Butts; Bob Bruton; Mark Sink; Linda Hanes; Peggy & Luther Davis; Betty Barney; Clyde Hunt; Darrell Koonts; Bob Bowers; Sandi Fern; Roy Cope; our homebound members; to serve Christ & share the Gospel; that we would share with others the gift of Christ; to share God’s revelation in Christ

Family & Friends: Bob Butts; Bayne Koonts; Luella Ketner; Donald Fern; Dorcus Mock; Carolyn Beeson; Randy & Greg Gobble; Jeff Benfield; Betty Benfield; Amy Smith; Fred Mock; Angela Bostic; Robbie Harrison; the family of Kenneth Myer; Gary Leonard , all who are touched by violence, especially children; Jeff & Regina Barlow; Ronnie Hobbes; the marriage of Lindsay (Everhart) & Adam Mills, the church shooting in TX

Praises: December birthdays & anniversaries; safe travel over the holidays; the faithful “elves” who always beautify our sanctuary at Christmas; a successful BBQ sale – profit was \$2,800! THANK YOU, Billy & Cathy Berrier, for all of your efforts! that we have a savior, Christ the Lord! Our children & Children’s Committee; Gerald Sink & Rev. David Raiford for serving on 12/8; our Angel Tree recipients; Christmas; the joy & innocence of children; God’s direction in our lives

*The Love Offering for January will be for the Sextons – missionaries to Japan.

* 272 2# bags of corn meal and 45 2# bags of sugar were brought in for Crisis Ministry in 2019. Thanks! Thanks also to Bill & Libby Adams for faithfully collecting these each week and taking them uptown!

*The Disaster Rebuild Team had another busy month in December! On 12/2 they built a handicapped ramp in Lexington. On 12/12 they traveled to Denton to build a ramp. On 12/16 they built another ramp near Thomasville and on 12/30 they went to Winston-Salem to recover a previously built ramp that will be reused in another ramp(s) in 2020. Our awesome God continues to faithfully provide the workers and the money for this ministry that helps so many people in so many ways!



Food Pantry News

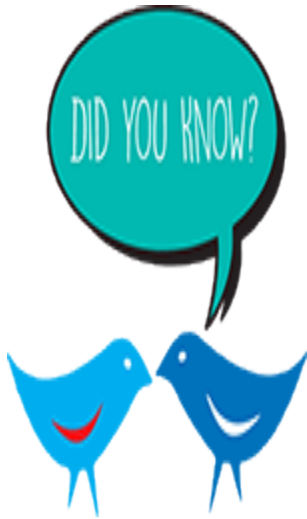
West Davidson Food Pantry served **746** people in November. Year-end is a good season for non-profit income; folks give more at the end of the year. So why not give a financial gift to WDFP in the first quarter of this year? I know shortly after the new year finances can begin to be strained.

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

Bible Study in January

We will begin *Answers to Tough Questions: Defending What You Believe*, by Jeremiah Johnston on January 8. It can be hard to live out our faith in the midst of a culture of confusion, but every follower of Christ should carefully consider why they believe what they believe. Discover how to defend your faith & point to The Answer – Jesus Christ.

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.



Ministry 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 (available in the foyer) & place it in the offering plate.

The new ministries will begin to crank up this month.

Shiloh Seniors

2020 outings planned thus far: January 30 – lunch at the Classic Restaurant in Denton; February 25 – Lunch at Keaton's Barbecue in Cool Springs, possibly followed by a visit to the Shiloh General Store in Hamptonville.

A Story of Faith

The Light Within You

“It’s beautiful, isn’t it?”

I put down my camera & turned toward the voice. A man sat in the grass, with an old bicycle propped up next to him. He gestured toward the brick church building housing the Haywood Street Congregation & repeated his words.

“This place is beautiful. This is my family.”

I learned that his name is Eric & that he’s been on & off the streets for years. He has an apartment nearby but found a home at Haywood Street long before that. He grew up in Charlotte. He asked where I go to church, & while he hasn’t been in our sanctuary, he has gone to an AA meeting there. I commented on how small the world is. Eric looked into my eyes & said, “No. It’s not.” He’s right. The community of Haywood Street is a little out of my comfort zone. I encountered God in Eric’s story – his hospitality, his love for his church family, his grief for a beloved friend & even in his tattoo of a weeping Jesus.

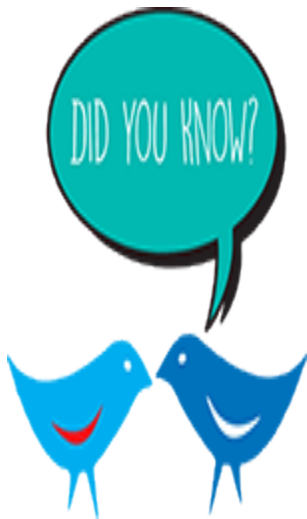
The Haywood Street Congregation is God’s extravagant grace in the midst of poverty. One particular ministry is a far cry from the typical soup kitchen with rushed lines & Styrofoam, the Downtown Welcome Table is a multi-course lunch with stoneware plates, waiters, & white-cloth tables adorned by vases of flowers. The food is prepared by volunteers from one of the 50 partner restaurants.

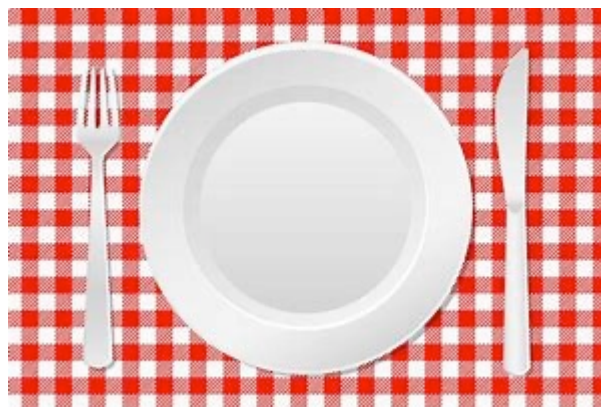
It would be easy to romanticize this mission & “the poor” it serves. But the truth is the most beautiful part, if you look close enough. Real relationship is messy, it is hard & it can often be ugly. But it is also holy. It’s about seeing the humanity & honoring the dignity of each person who walks on the campus, whether they are unhoused or shooting up in the bathroom, or even if they are privileged, coming face-to-face with their own poverty perhaps for the first time.

– 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*





POOR MAN'S SUPPER

SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH

HWY. 150, REEDS

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

4:30 THRU 7:00 PM

Good News Crew

A Puppet Ministry of Tyro United Methodist Church

Presents: "Go Tell the World"

AT SHILOH UMC

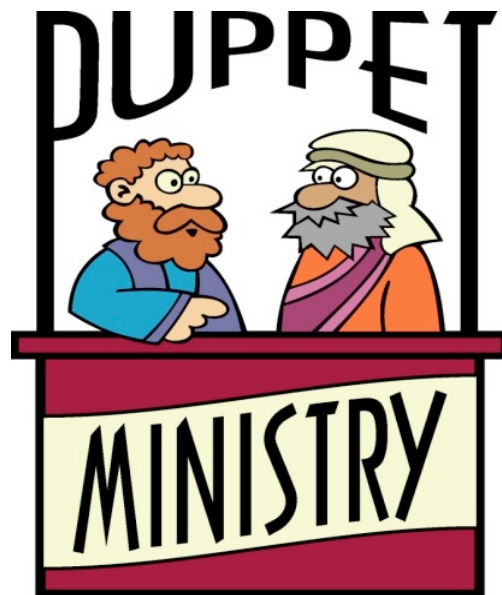
HWY. 150 IN REEDS

FEBRUARY 9, 2019

\$10 FOR BOTH MEAL (6:00) & SHOW (7:00)

Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Drink, & Dessert

CALL (336) 239-4820 or (336) 596-0236 FOR TICKETS BY FEB. 2



The Good News Crew is a Puppet Troupe from Tyro United Methodist Church. This group brings the good news of Christ Jesus in a fun and innovative way that captures the hearts of young and old alike. Special lighting effects, unique props, black light puppetry, and drama enhance their presentation.