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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service

MINISTERS

The Congregation

STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Mike Lee
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Harold Shives

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From Pastor Mike....

In June of 2023 when I left Archdale United Methodist Church, I was faced with two major decisions. One decision revolved around trying to find a job so I could pay my bills and provide for my family. The other was that I needed to find a denomination within which I could continue my ministry. I realized that for the first time in over sixty years, I was without denominational standing or opportunity to minister. This was the beginning of a journey to secure credentials and support so I could continue to live my call to be a pastor/minister.

As I began this journey, I built off of the foundational belief that relationships and connection are vital to each Believer. Christianity, in my opinion, should be defined as a transforming relationship with God through Jesus Christ's action on the cross and His resurrection, and then empowered by His Holy Spirit. This relationship with God changes every relationship in my life – family, other believers, friends and acquaintances, and others in my community and society. It is through my connection with God, and Him working in and through me, that He can reach and bring, grace, mercy, and love to bear in their lives. Without that connection to God, I am nothing and I can do nothing. It is imperative, in my way of thinking, for me to be connected to a church of believers who understand this as our call to discipleship. There I find support, help, hope, and like-minded believers to live out my faith and to grow in Christlikeness. Plus, Jesus called me to minister, "in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth." (Acts 1:8) I personally can't go to all those places but the call from Jesus still remains. The only way I can fulfill my mission is to work in conjunction with others who are around the world. I need a denomination that I can work through and help support others who are already involved in this vital work of the ministry.

After reading and researching several denominations that espouse and are founded on Wesleyan thought and concepts, I realize there were few options available in this area. The largest conservative orthodox denomination was the fledgling Global Methodist Church. I read and studied their doctrinal stance, their church polity and policies, and asked questions of their members. While I felt the GMC was a good fit for me and was a place where I could find ministry opportunities, it was not until I attended their Annual Conference in the fall of 2023 that my decision was made to join them. I had the opportunity to worship with members of the GMC and hear their testimonies of God's work in their lives. I heard the leaders share their vision for this new denomination and felt I had found a home. It was during this conference that I was ordained as an Elder in full connection. I am thankful that God gave me the opportunity to learn, study, and explore my connections and truly feel like the Global Methodist Church is where I need to be.

We currently have a Study Group at Archdale Methodist Church that is reading, studying, and asking questions about our church's denominational stance. In the near future, this group will present the church membership with opportunities to better understand and discuss the GMC. I ask you to pray for this team and pray for our church that we might find the best possible place for our ministry and our continued growth as disciples. I feel we can continue to be and grow stronger as a force for love, mercy, and grace here in our community and unto the uttermost parts of the world.



Roy Catlett, Debbie Dean, Charles Dobbins, Mandy Forrester,
Jack Hensley, Wayne McGavic, Jo Parker,
Betty Roach, Jackie Stroud

Our Homebound Members are very important members of our congregation.

We would like to remind them they are remembered and thought of.
If you would like to send them a birthday card, thinking of you card, or give
them a call, this would mean so much to each of our Homebound Members.

July 2 Betty Roach

Piedmont Crossing
100 Hedrick Dr., Rm 302
Thomasville, N 27360

OUR CONDOLENCES

- We express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mary Jean Smith who passed away May 21, 2024 at Abbott's Creek Center in Lexington. Her daughter and son-in-law, **Carol and Ryan Hanes**, are AMC members, as well as AMC members, **Dr. Katie Hanes-Romano and Andrew Hanes** who are her grandchildren. Their spouses are Dr. Victor Romano and Megan Hanes. She is also survived by daughter-in-law Jane Goodman Smith and grandchildren, Rachel Smith, Natalie Sahloff and five great-grandchildren, Audrey, Duncan, Emmy, D. J., and Grayson, Her service was held on Saturday May 25, 2024 at Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale with Rev. Mike Lee officiating. Burial followed at Floral Garden Park Cemetery.
- Our sympathy goes to the family of Mary Hauser Cagle who passed away June 14, 2024 at 100 years old. Her daughter, **Raye Love-Martin**, is an AMC member. Mary's grandson, **Joel Love**, is also an AMC member. Mary's family includes Raye's husband, Joe Martin and Raye's granddaughter, Ally Love. Other survivors include Mary's son, Ken Cagle and wife Judy, grandson, Ken Cagle, Jr. and wife Heather. Her great grandchildren include Alex Cagle, Jordan Culler and Trey Culler and wife, Sara and her great-great grandson, Ivy Culler. Her funeral service was held at 2pm on Tuesday, June 18th at Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale with Rev. John Sides officiating. Her committal service followed at Floral Garden Memorial Park Cemetery.
- AMC member, **Rae Askew**, lost her brother, Jerry Metzler, June 19, 2024 in Arizona. He is also the uncle of **Donna Ballas** and **Norman Askew** and he is the great Uncle of **Jared and Mariah Askew** who are all AMC members. Other survivors include Jerry's wife, Dottie, Norman's wife, Denise, and their son, Seth. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to this family.

Memorials

In Memory of Bruce Webb

Given by:

Gary & Marcia Guffey

Johnny & Nancy Lassiter

Edward & Carolyn Lawrence

Sharon Carpenter

Gary & Cathy Hunt

Carol Hanes

Rae Askeu

Doug & Wendy Harmon

Donna & Hubie Streetman

In Memory of Mary Jean Smith

Given by Peggy Johnson

Happy Birthday!

07/01 Abbie Ambrose
07/01 Ken Swanner
07/02 Betty Roach
07/03 Lou Lamphear
07/03 Pete Sarmiento
07/04 Jason Allen
07/04 Matt Gaskey
07/05 Barry Collins
07/05 Joel Love
07/06 Palmer Kimmons
07/06 Betty Rader
07/07 David Boyd
07/07 Margaret Brannon
07/07 Doug Harmon
07/07 Steve Smith
07/08 Lizzie Smith
07/09 Kim Aspley
07/10 Paul Sechrest
07/12 Jack Hensley
07/12 Angele Johnson
07/12 Raye Love-Martin
07/13 Cameron Moser
07/14 Kathy Brown
07/14 Jason Dunlap
07/15 Reagan Davis
07/15 Don Spell
07/16 Amy Dabbs
07/17 Eddie Causey
07/17 Jack Poetzinger
07/17 Kevin Renn
07/18 Rick Frazier
07/18 Angie Glascock
07/18 Mark Walker

07/20 Betty Lambert
07/21 Camden Gentry
07/21 Julia Johnson
07/22 Vicki Butler-Morris
07/23 Tanya Gallimore
07/23 Donna Johnson
07/23 Kristie Rodgers
07/25 Vicki Causey
07/25 Leslie Lowe
07/26 Chad Blossom
07/27 Blair Parker
07/28 Jennifer Stevens
07/29 Peter Thomas
07/29 Thomas Reagan
07/29 Fred Turner
07/30 Gregory Brannon
07/30 Wyiet Russell
07/31 Chance Kennedy



Frequently asked questions about Stephen Ministry:

- Why the Name Stephen? The name *Stephen* comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6.

- Are Stephen Ministers Counselors: Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care -- not to give advice or counsel.



HOME-MADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Do you like home-made ice cream? The Archdale Methodist Women are hosting an ice cream social on Sunday evening, July 21, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have an ice cream freezer, please bring it with your favorite flavor of home-made ice cream to share with others. If you do not have a freezer, you can bring either store bought ice cream or a dessert to share. We look forward to a good turnout. It will be a good time to meet folks you do not know or get to know others better.

No program is planned – just good ice cream and fellowship!

The Church Office will be closed on
Thursday, July 4th & Friday, July 5th



Save the Date

Administrative Council Meeting
Sunday, July 28th at 4pm in the
George Elder Classroom

Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
06/02/2024	\$4,552.00	\$105,012.52	\$124,990.58	22	73	96
06/09/2024	\$3,525.00	\$108,537.52	\$130,671.97	23	75	98
06/16/2024	\$2,470.00	\$111,007.52	\$136,353.36	24	72	104
06/23/2024	\$8,621.00	\$119,628.52	\$142,034.75	25	80	108
06/30/2024	\$2,686.00	\$122,314.52	\$147,716.14	26	81	100

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in June: \$770.00
Received to date: \$3,810.00