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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service

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From Pastor Mike....

February is often seen as a special month due to the 14th day being designated as Valentines Day. It would seem that hundreds of dollars are spent purchasing the appropriate gift to convince one's "special" friend that they are indeed the "love of one's life". It would also so seem that to fail to purchase kitschy gifts of red and white and chocolate covered treats can also get one in deep trouble with that certain special someone. I think there is nothing wrong with bestowing gifts and treats as a way to convey feelings of love and caring on the special people in your life. In fact, I am in favor of the trading of chocolate covered candies and carefully chosen trinkets that have sentimental value as a way of expressing one's love and compassion. I wholeheartedly support the loving and appreciative gestures and enjoy trying to find simple gifts that convey deep meaning and sentimental love. My concern is that I feel these gestures and efforts should be spread out over the whole twelve months and not just once a year on a designated day. To limit the sharing of feelings of love to one day is a grave misjustice. I feel people need to know they are loved and appreciated everyday and the expression of that love needs to be continual and ongoing. We all need to feel appreciated and surrounded with love on an ongoing basis. The healing properties of love and support are needed to combat the slings and arrows that often accompany living in the real world.

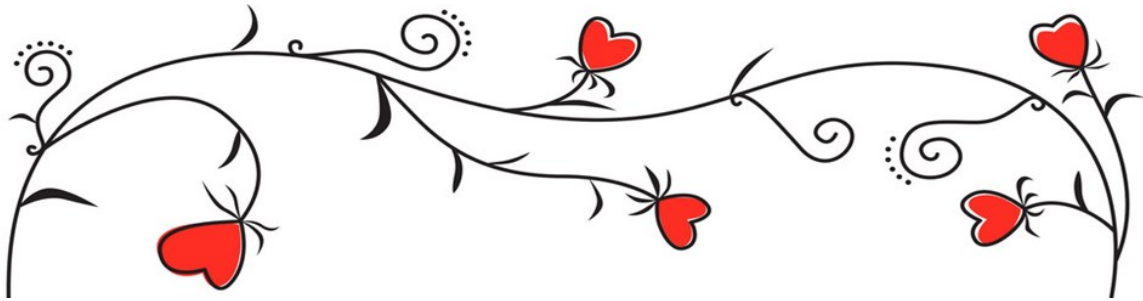
One of the scriptures that I appreciate so much is found in Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." The central idea of this verse is that as a believer I am constantly and consistently founded on and surrounded by God's love. It is not there once in a while or on a special occasion, but it is the very foundation of all that I do and am. It is the very fiber and being in which I live and breathe. It is the absolute promise of God's presence in my life and the proof of His guidance and power over me. God's love is the reality I live in and the power that moves me through life as I strive to serve Him and share his grace and mercy with others. His love is real and present whether I can feel it or not and does not depend on my actions or inactions. God's love is an expression of who God is and the promises that He has made to His disciples. This verse tells me that God's love surrounds me and envelopes me in whatever endeavor or adventure that comes my way. I never have to wonder or try to ascertain whether His love is real and present because He has promised it to me. I can relax in His love and KNOW He is present with me.

So, on this Valentines Day, give your gifts and share your sweets with those who are dear to you. It will help them know and feel your love for them and make them feel special. But always remember the way God loves us and live that out everyday by sharing His love in the way we love and care for others.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Auburn Lance, AMC Baptized member, was married to Evan Roy on January 11, 2025 in Thomasville. Auburn is the son of inactive AMC member, Rob Lance, and the granddaughter of active AMC member, Bert Lance-Stone. Our best wishes are with the newlyweds.

- Vicki Fletcher, AMC member, was honored at the COAT Board Meeting January 14, 2025 for her many years of service as a board member. She was presented with a plaque. In addition to being a member of the board, Vicki spent many hours at the COAT location on North Main Street as a volunteer. When the COAT retail store closed, Vicki again spent many hours moving the contents of the store to the COAT food location. Vicki was on the AUMC Outreach Team as the COAT Representative for the years 2022 and 2023. Vicki took the food AMC members donated to COAT during the time she was our COAT representative. Thank you Vicki for your many years of commitment and dedication to this vital outreach mission in the Archdale and Trinity communities. We congratulate you on your deserved recognition.



OUR CONDOLENCES

- **BILLY JOE THORNTON, MAXINE SECHREST BROTHER-IN-LAW, PASSED AWAY JANUARY 4, 2025. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE, GLENDA CONNOR THORNTON, WHO WAS MAXINE'S SISTER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, PAMELA BISHOP, STEPDAUGHTER, WENDY QUEEN AND GRANDCHILDREN, GARRET AND IRELAND FOLEY. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2025 AT GRACE CHURCH IN HIGH POINT NC.**

- **RUTH KISSINGER, MOTHER OF SHARON CRIST, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025 AT BROOKDALE OF MEDINA SOUTH AT THE AGE OF 99. SHE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY HER SONS, RICHARD, DENNIS, SCOTT AND BRIAN MURRAY, HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, KATHY MURRAY AND STEPDAUGHTERS, BEVERLY HEWIT, NANCY HOSKINSON AND MARGARET CAVALLARO AND STEP DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, INGRID KISSINGER. SHE HAD 18 GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. SHE HAD ONE BROTHER, GENE ZIGLER WHO SURVIVES HER.**

RUTH'S SERVICE WAS HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 AT 11AM AT SEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CRESTON, OHIO WITH PASTOR BOB MEYER OFFICIATING. BURIAL FOLLOWED IN SEVILLE MOUND HILL CEMETERY.

MAY THE MEMORIES OF THESE LOVED ONES LIVE WITHIN THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO KNEW THEM.

Memorials

In Memory of H. Leon Reddeck

Given by: Hershel & Teena Reddeck

In Memory of Martha Shives

Given by: Allen & Janet Shives

Honorariums

In Honor of Elizabeth Walters

Given by Mary Kidd

In Honor of Rebecca Kidd

Given by Mary Kidd

In Honor of Harold Shives

Given by: Allen & Janet Shives

Mark Your Calendars for Bible Study!

Starting Thursday, February 20th
at 10:30am, Pastor Mike will have an
8-week study on "The Letter of James",
every Thursday at 10:30am in the
Community Room.



Happy Birthday

02/01 Gene Hiatt
02/01 Kathryn O'Connor
02/02 Christy Allen
02/02 Nita Coltrane
02/02 Sandy Foster
02/02 Linda Haithcock
02/02 Melinda Peele
02/02 Stephanie Tickle
02/03 Bo Paschal
02/04 Donna Mollenkopf
02/04 Amy Sellers
02/04 John Stewart
02/06 Dorothy Creech
02/07 Liz Dorman
02/07 Zach Krpejs
02/07 Trey Moser
02/08 Carole Boyd
02/08 Connor Gardner
02/08 Tina McKinney
02/09 Greg Allen
02/09 Devin Du
02/09 Latisha Kish
02/09 Tammy Pittman
02/09 Madeline Work
02/10 Ed Lawrence
02/10 Gail Lawson
02/11 Rachel Jackson
02/11 Beth Todd
02/12 Hugh Presswood
02/13 Leah Du
02/13 Kameryn Walden
02/15 Michael Fedler
02/15 Alex Sheeley

02/16 Spencer Mann
02/16 Nicholas Owens
02/16 Kathryn Romano
02/17 Chuck Liebscher
02/17 Melissa Smith
02/17 Shirley Snow
02/17 Spencer White
02/18 Shiloh Hollifield
02/18 Sherry Sechrest
02/18 Jennipher Swanner
02/19 Sharon Carpenter
02/20 Kenzie Mann
02/20 David Warren
02/21 Tim Kennedy
02/21 Jessica Stevens
02/25 Angelica Conroy
02/26 Michelle Felder
02/27 Justin Rose



Thank you!

The Friendship Class would like to say a big "thank you" to the following teachers for teaching the Friendship Class in 2024, Blain Alwan, Marilyn Holtham, Gary Hunt, Norman Askew and Kay Nichols. Also, we look forward to each of you teaching our class again this year, 2025.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

We can all help make Archdale Methodist Church a more caring place with a bright smile, a sincere greeting, a warm hug, a word or encouragement. As you greet people on Sunday mornings, let them know how much you care. And remember, when you meet someone with extra needs, tell them about our Stephen Ministry. If your life or that of someone you know has shifted out of balance, consider Stephen Ministry. Call Peggy Johnson, 336-259-9841, or Greg Mollenkopf, 336-870-1330.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Our next Lunch and Learn will be Wednesday, March 19, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Following a light lunch, our program will be about the history of Archdale, NC (not Archdale Methodist Church). The presenter will be Dan Warren, a well-known local historian. Put March 19 on your calendar and come enjoy hearing about the beginning of Archdale, NC.

Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
01/05/2025	\$2,592.00	\$2,592.00	\$5,253.04	1	61	80
01/12/2025	SNOW	\$2,592.00	\$10,506.08	2		
01/19/2025	\$3,958.00	\$6,550.00	\$15,759.12	3	68	89
01/26/2025	\$5,077.00	\$11,627.00	\$21,012.16	4	70	83

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Jan: \$175.00

Received to date: \$175.00