



# ARCHWAYS



# May 2026

**Archdale Methodist Church**  
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## WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

## STAFF

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## ***From Pastor Mike....***

Many of you know that my wife, Cathy, recently fell and broke her femur requiring surgery to repair the broken bone. While at the hospital, she was also diagnosed with lung cancer. She has returned home and is now recovering from the fall and subsequent surgery. While her leg rehab is going well, she is also now undergoing chemotherapy for her cancer. This is a complicated and time-consuming process. It involves many trips to the doctor, clinics, and labs, as well as time to rest and recover following treatment rounds. It has become apparent to me that she needs my time and presence during this process. I have recently asked the Staff Parish Relationship Committee, as well as the North Carolina Annual Conference, to approve a "leave of absence" for me for three months. This has been approved and will begin on May 11, 2026. The S.P.R.C. has also agreed to cover my salary and benefits during this transition period. This was not the way I had envisioned my pastorate ending at Archdale Methodist Church but I believe it is the best thing for me and my wife at this time. This will allow me to have time to take care of her and tend to her needs during her treatments. This "leave of absence" will also give me time to decide if I want to pursue another pastorate or enter into full-time retirement. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this church and help it find its way through the transition into the Global Methodist denomination. I will continue to lift this church up in prayer and hope you would continue to pray for me and my wife as we face this journey.



The Staff Parish Relations Committee will host a reception for Pastor Mike Lee on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, doughnuts and orange juice will be served. Join us as we fellowship with Pastor Mike before he begins his leave of absence.

## **OUR CHURCH MEMBERS WE LOST IN APRIL**

**VICKI FLETCHER PASSED AWAY APRIL 9, 2026 AT HER HOME UNDER THE CARE OF HOSPICE, HER FAMILY AND CAREGIVERS. VICKI CAME TO ARCHDALE METHODIST FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION ON APRIL 1, 1990. VICKI AND HER FAMILY WERE REGULAR IN THEIR ATTENDANCE. SHE LEFT ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH FOR A PERIOD OF TIME WHEN SHE ATTENDED NEW COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCHDALE BEFORE RETURNING IN EARLY 2016.**

**VICKI JOINED THE GEORGE ELDER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 08-28-2016 WHERE SHE BECAME A DEDICATED MEMBER. VICKI TAUGHT THE CLASS ONE SUNDAY EACH MONTH FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS. SHE DEVELOPED A STRONG BOND WITH CLASS MEMBERS WHO CARED DEEPLY FOR VICKI.**

**VICKI BECAME VERY INVOLVED WITH MANY ASPECTS OF STEWARDSHIP AT AMC. SHE WAS A CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER FROM 01-01-2017 THROUGH 12-31-2023. SHE CHAIRED THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE FROM 01-01-2017 – 12-31-2021. SHE IMPLEMENTED A NEW PLAN FOR MAKING SURE WE HAD SAFE SANCTUARY BACKGROUND CHECKS PERFORMED. THIS BEGAN 03-20-2018.**

**HER INVOLVEMENT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAFÉ BEGAN 01-01-2017 AND THIS BECAME A TRUE PASSION FOR VICKI. DURING THE PANDEMIC VICKI MADE SURE FAMILIES WERE WELL FED WITH THE MEALS ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DRIVE-THRU. SHE ALWAYS GREETED THOSE AT THE DRIVE THRU WELCOMING THEM AS THEY RECEIVED MEALS. ONCE INSIDE AGAIN SHE CONTINUED HER STRONG FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL THE REGULAR ATTENDEES. SHE WORKED BOTH TEAM A & TEAM B FOR ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH.**

**VICKI WAS THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON FROM 01-01-2018 – 12-31-2020 WHICH ALSO PUT HER ON OTHER COMMITTEES, I.E. FINANCE & CHURCH COUNCIL. SHE SERVED TWO YEARS ON THE OUTREACH TEAM. SHE WORKED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AS AN OFFICE VOLUNTEER FOR 5 YEARS. SHE SERVED AS A FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL ASSISTANT AS WELL AS A BEREAVEMENT FOOD VOLUNTEER.**

**VICKI BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ARCHDALE METHODIST WOMEN AUGUST 9, 2021. SHE ENJOYED THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE METHODIST WOMEN AND APPRECIATED THE MISSION OF THE METHODIST WOMEN.**

**SHE WAS THE CHURCH'S REPRESENTATIVE TO COAT (COMMUNITY OUTREACH OF ARCHDALE TRINITY) AND WAS SO SUPPORTIVE OF THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF COAT. SHE SERVED MANY YEARS AS A COMMITTED BOARD MEMBER AND SHE VOLUNTEERED HER TIME WITH THE THRIFT STORE AND ALSO AT THE COAT LOCATION. COAT RECOGNIZED VICKI FOR ALL HER LOVE AND SUPPORT OF COAT.**

**SHE IS SURVIVED BY MANY FAMILY MEMBERS ALL OF WHOM ARE LISTED IN HER OBITUARY ON THE CUMBY FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICE WEBSITE.**

**HER SERVICE WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 AT 3PM IN THE CHAPEL OF CUMBY FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICE IN ARCHDALE WITH REV. SCOTTY SELLERS OFFICIATING.**

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## **OUR CHURCH MEMBERS WE LOST IN APRIL**

Marilyn Holtham passed away April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at her Carolina Pines Apartment. Her care under Hospice was less than 1 week. Her out of state children were with Marilyn at some time during her final week along with other family members. Marilyn became an AMC member on January 19, 1997 joining from St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Ithaca, New York.

Marilyn was an AMC staff member being the Director of Lay Ministry where she conducted new member classes determining the spiritual gifts of prospective members as well as other responsibilities. Her work also involved working with current church members to establish their spiritual gifts. She was gifted with counseling, teaching, administration and bringing out the gifts in others that members were unaware of.

She was a devoted member of the Friendship SS Class where she was a teacher for many years and had also served as President and Vice President of the class. She participated in the many activities within the class, socials, making chicken pies, and more. She also taught the George Elder SS Class blessing both classes with her lessons.

Marilyn became a Stephen Minister at AMC 05-19-2013 and served many years in this ministry role. She served as Chairperson (2022-2023) of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (2020-2023) which also led her to be members of other committees-Church Council for 3 years and Finance Committee for 2 years. She served on the Nominations Committee for several years.

Other ways she contributed to leadership and stewardship roles were: Children/Youth prayer partner, Bible study, Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network, Front Porch caller, nursery worker, Bereavement Food volunteer, Igniting Ministry Team, Love Feast participant, Vacation Bible School, Witness Team member, worship leader (3 years), Worship Team Committee and the Discernment Committee in 2023.

An article in the May 2021 AMC Archways featured Marilyn's involvement with the Methodist Women which began in 2001 in the Evening Prayers Circle. She attended the AMW Spring Retreat at Lake Tillery in 2005 and was the recipient of the Special Recognition honor in 2005. She transitioned to the Morning Fellowship Circle in 2012 and became the chairperson and continued in this role through 2016. She served 3 years on the AMW Nominations Committee. The two circles combined in 2017 when it became known as the Tuesday Morning Circle. Marilyn Co-Chaired this circle beginning in 2017 for a few years. She also held other mission roles in the Methodist Women.

Marilyn's obituary and service arrangements were not available at the time of the May newsletter deadline.

***Remember the Fletcher and Holtham families with your thoughts, prayers and other remembrances as we have lost two devoted women who truly led by example as believers in their Lord and Savior.***

Hello Spring Archdale Methodist families. April showered us with lots of fun and worship right into May. May is flowering the kids with lots more fun, service, worship and sunny surprises. On May 3rd the kids will meet in the Art room of the children's wing. We will continue our surprises for our precious mother's in celebrating Mother's Day May 10th. Kids will also meet May 17th in the theater room of the children's wing right next door to the Art room for a special music 🎵 fruit of the Spirit. We will also continue our scripture challenge and an exciting game of bible bingo. We have lots of summer ☀️ fun in the Son planned for the kids so be sure to look for announcements 😊 📌

### **COAT Sunday, May 24**

**COAT needs: baked beans, pinto beans, small bags of rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles and coffee**



### **Stephen Ministry**

"Bear One Another's Burdens" - What does this mean to us? Here are a few "One Another" Bible passages from the New Testament:

John 15:12 - "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you,"

Romans 15:7 - "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Galatians 6:2 - "Carry each other's burden, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Ephesians 4:2 - "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:32 - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

1 Thes. 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

Hebrews 10:24 - "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

James 5:16a - "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."

## Memorials

In Memory of Joe & Ollie Bouldin  
Given by Larry & Jo Carol Dobbins

In Memory of Charles Dobbins  
Given by:  
Larry & Jo Carol Dobbins  
Brenda Euvillo to the Archdale  
Methodist Women

In Memory of Vicki Fletcher  
Given by:  
Archdale Methodist Women  
Hoyt & Kay Nichols  
Lou & Dixie Lamphear

In Memory of Marily Haltham  
Given by:  
Archdale Methodist Women  
Sharon Carpenter  
Hoyt & Kay Nichols  
Mary & Rebecca Kidd  
AMC Friendship Class  
Carole Webb

## Honorariums

In Honor of Raquel Alvaran  
Given by:  
Bobbie Finch  
Linda Game  
Mary & Rebecca Kidd

**Thank you...**

**Tom Anderson would like to thank Archdale Methodist  
Church for all the cards, calls and prayers he has  
received.**

# Happy Birthday!

05/03 Gary Brock  
 05/03 Ronald Fletcher  
 05/03 Sydnie Stewart  
 05/03 Amanda Wentz  
 05/03 Sarah Yow  
 05/04 Jill Connor  
 05/04 Wesley Hodgin  
 05/04 Heather Mann  
 05/04 Cade McKinney  
 05/04 Daniel Peele  
 05/04 Larry Sechrest  
 05/04 Amanda Sellers  
 05/06 Ashton Harmon  
 05/07 Shirley Cecil  
 05/08 Damian Milligan  
 05/09 Carol Hanes  
 05/09 Will Huffman  
 05/09 LuAnn Spain  
 05/10 Sarrah Horne  
 05/10 Terri Boles  
 05/10 Lauren Huthmaker  
 05/10 Liam Lanier  
 05/10 Cathy Lee  
 05/10 Haley Mazoo  
 05/10 Emily Rose  
 05/12 April Kennedy  
 05/12 Kevin Stewart  
 05/13 Burt Casper  
 05/13 Robert Knotts  
 05/13 Harold Shives  
 05/13 Jaxson White

05/15 Bobbie Finch  
 05/15 Gavin Prince  
 05/16 Cindy Clodfelter  
 05/16 Kim Everhart  
 05/17 Gladys Suggs  
 05/18 Graham Dysinger  
 05/18 Judah Hollifield  
 05/18 Kay Nichols  
 05/19 Joe Colclough  
 05/19 Gayle Powell  
 05/19 Brandon Smith  
 05/20 Stephanie Hedrick  
 05/21 Wayne Jarrell  
 05/21 Priscilla Simonenko  
 05/21 Amy Walker  
 05/22 Steve Huffman  
 05/22 Zachary Huffman  
 05/22 Linda Justice  
 05/25 Zane Blossom  
 05/25 Auburn Lance  
 05/26 Gary Guffey  
 05/26 Lindsay O'Connor  
 05/26 Don Ross  
 05/27 McKenzie Barefoot  
 05/28 Ellie Beck  
 05/29 Darrell Gates  
 05/29 Phillip Hollifield  
 05/29 Sandy Rains  
 05/29 Debbie Robertson



## Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance	Facebook
04/05/2026	\$9,652.01	\$59,311.01	\$79,884.84	14	73	107	8
04/12/2026	\$1,376.00	\$60,687.01	\$85,590.90	15	68	78	9
04/19/2026	\$2,320.00	\$63,007.01	\$91,296.96	16	72	94	12
04/26/2026	\$3,337.00	\$1,830.00	\$97,003.02	17	68	75	12

### Capital Improvements Fund

Given in April: \$665.00  
 Received to date: \$1,830.00



COME HELP US CELEBRATE!!

5/31/2026 after the church service  
in the fellowship hall

100 yr Anniversary for the  
Methodist Women Organization

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month of May

It's a Covered Dish Affair  
Please bring your favorite dishes!