



Archdale Methodist Church  
11543 N. Main Street  
Archdale, NC 27263

Website: [www.archdalemethodistchurch.com](http://www.archdalemethodistchurch.com)

ARCHWAYS



august  
2026

Office Phone: 336-431-7111  
E-Mail: [AMCoffice@northstate.net](mailto:AMCoffice@northstate.net)



[www.facebook.com/ArchdaleMC](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdaleMC)

#### WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am  
Sunday School

10:45 am  
Worship Service

#### MINISTERS

The Congregation

#### STAFF

##### **Pastor Emeritus**

Harold Shives

##### **Choir Director**

Norma Kennedy

[hakennedy@hotmail.com](mailto:hakennedy@hotmail.com)

##### **Children's Ministry**

##### **Coordinator**

Joanna Hollifield

[jezraj@yahoo.com](mailto:jezraj@yahoo.com)

##### **Office Administrator**

Sidney Pace

[AMCoffice@northstate.net](mailto:AMCoffice@northstate.net)

## **GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**August 30, 2026 – September 6, 2026**

**Johannesburg, South Africa**

Rev. Kari Howard, North Carolina GMC Conference Superintendent, has requested ongoing prayers for the upcoming GMC annual conference. She and The Prayer Committee of the General Conference invite you to participate through prayer in preparation for the 2026 General Conference. Your prayers are to empower the Lord's work through the Global Methodist Church, as we unite around the theme The Beauty of Holiness. This offers an excellent opportunity for us to continue to demonstrate our collective dependence on the Lord's empowerment to fuel our movement.

Clergy and laity will gather from around the world to share in fellowship, worship, and decision-making as we shape the future of the Global Methodist Church. The GMC General Conference unites clergy and lay delegates worldwide for prayer, worship, and decision-making. It serves as a vital time for spiritual renewal and discerning God's will together.

This historic decision marks the first time the denomination's General Conference will be held on the African continent. It is a powerful affirmation of the Global Methodist Church's commitment to being a truly global movement.

A new Bishop will be selected to fill Rev. Jeff Greenway's role. Pray for our brothers and sisters in our Area Committee on the Episcopacy, ACE 8 as we work together, sharing our next bishop. The conferences are Allegheny West, Heartland, Kenya, Malawi, North Carolina, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Rev. Dr. Tom Mabry from Shady Grove Methodist Church is among those being considered. A total of 24 nominees are being considered for the 9 Bishops who will serve the various areas.

The North Carolina Delegate to the Conference in South Africa includes the following:

Clergy: Kari Howard, David Banks, Andy Lambert, Tim Reaves, Connie Stutts, Dalma Cribb, Tom Mabry, Earl Bradshaw, Cory Oliver, John Howard, Jr., John Woods, Jonathan Jefferies

Laity: Heather Grabbs, Beth Woods, Mack Parker, David Spivey, Greg Grabbs, Jeff Brotherton, Shirley Davenport, Teresa Auten, Ken Waters, Nancy Johnson, Carolyn Hindel, Lizann Creef-Meekins

*"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone..." (1 Timothy 2: 1)*



## **Stephen Ministry**

You do not have to be a Stephen Minister to help support the program. First and foremost, pray. Prayer is essential for Stephen Ministry since we rely on God's help to do the ministry he calls us to do. Your prayer support is very important. What can you pray for? Pray for our pastor, Stephen Leaders, and Stephen Ministers as they work to minister to people in need. Pray for care receivers. The names of the actual care receivers are confidential, but the Holy Spirit knows who they are. You can pray that God works through their caring relationship with their Stephen Minister to bring love and healing into their lives in whatever their situation may be. Pray for all Stephen Ministry congregations, that the same loving and caring that is changing lives in our congregation will continue in the thousands of other Stephen Ministry congregations and expand to even more congregations.

Be the eyes and ears of Jesus. You can also be aware of caring ministry needs. You can be the eyes and ears of Jesus. When you notice a need for care -- perhaps a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, or a relative -- talk to that person, let him or her know you care, tell him or her about Stephen Ministry, and then bring the need to the attention of our Stephen Leaders.

Support Stephen Ministry -- not just in your prayers, but in your thoughts, words, and actions. Understand the importance of this ministry, and respect the confidential nature of caring relationships.

### **From the Trustee Committee:**

I'm sure as a member of AMC, you are aware that the Trustees are responsible for the proper maintenance and safety of all the church properties from the church buildings to the columbarium as well as the parsonage and commercial property. These responsibilities include the safety and convenience of the members of AMC, protecting the church from liability matters, and controlling the usage of our properties by outside groups for various reasons.

You may also be aware that due to issues such as insurance, changing laws, and technology advancements, changes must be implemented that sometimes are being questioned by our members. In the interest of transparency, we encourage you to bring questions you have to the Trustees and we will make every attempt to address them.

We continue to appreciate your support and we will be reviewing some recent issues such as signage on our properties, background checks for those working with our youth, and others.

Thank you again.  
Trustee Committee

## **Say A Prayer**

Say a prayer in the morning when you rise to begin a new day,  
He will give you your daily bread.  
Seek Him first in all you do and say.  
Say a prayer at night when you lie down your head!

Call upon the Lord in the quiet place,  
Seek Him and He will draw near.  
Be still in the goodness of His amazing grace,  
His perfect love will cast away all fear!

Will you say a prayer for me as I pray for you?  
How good it is to pray for a sister or brother!  
With forgiveness, mercy and healing,  
Our faith and strength He will renew,  
As our prayers carry one another!

So say a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord God above!  
With grateful hearts give praise to your Creator and King!  
Thank Him for the blessings of His grace and Holy Love.  
From Him alone comes every good thing!

- Jonathan Hunt  
November 15, 2025



~ ~ ~ ~ ~

This poem written by Jonathan was set to music by AMC Choir Director, Norma Kennedy. Jonathan sang his poem as a song with Norma Kennedy accompanying him on the piano on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> as the Anthem. You may listen to the service of June 7<sup>th</sup> on AMC Facebook and hear Jonathan. It was a blessing to all who were in worship that Sunday.

## **ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

The continued review of the total membership following the mailing of letters in early March to reaffirm membership in Archdale Methodist Church as professing members is being provided with the following information:

Professing members at Archdale Methodist Church: 161

Full members withdrawn from membership due to no mailing address: 37

Full members whose membership was transferred to another Methodist Church: 3

Full member whose membership was transferred to another denomination: 1

Full members who responded and declined membership with AMC, a Global Methodist Church: 28

Full members who did not respond to any mailings and have been withdrawn as inactive members: 294

A withdrawn member may be reinstated if they make their request known.

Additional information required by the Global Methodist Church is to keep a list of baptized members (those who have not become a member of AMC). A list of those who have not joined AMC and attend worship and are under the love and care of the church are called constituent members and a record must also be maintained.

Baptized members: 57

Constituent members: 36

## **CHURCH RECORDS**

The SS classes, groups and committees information in the computer records of AMC have been updated based on the information currently known. Everyone should notify the church office when changes need to be made to keep our records updated and current.

This includes any new members to Sunday School Classes, groups, etc. or any other changes known that should be made to church records. Any groups or workers should also be provided.

Your attention to this request will be appreciated.

### Memorials

*In Memory of Linda Haithcock*

*Given by:*

*Shirley Cecil*

*George Elder SS Class*

### Honorarium

*In Honor of Kay Nichols, Gladys Suggs,*

*Norma Kennedy, Peggy Johnson, Mary Kidd,*

*Rebecca Kidd & Joanna Hollifield*

*Given by Eric & Shelby Buchanan*

### Back to School!

Archdale Methodist Church will be collecting school supplies for Archdale Elementary School through Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute to this worthy effort, containers will be placed in the Narthex and at the back entrance to the Educational Building to collect the items.

#### Archdale Elementary School Supply List:

- Black Expo markers
- Elmer glue sticks (white or purple only)
- Ticonderoga pencils
- Pack of pencil top erasers
- Crayola crayons (8 & 24 count)
- Colored pencils (12 count)
- Colored markers
- Highlighters
- Blunt/kid scissors
- Backpack (Kindergarten sized, no wheels)
- Ziploc bags (gallon, quart and sandwich size)
- Pencil box or pouch
- Skinny dry erase black markers or Pearl erasers
- Composition notebooks
- Plastic folders
- Wide-ruled lined paper
- Construction paper
- Headphones, Earphones or 4 earbuds  
(from Dollar Tree)



|       |                   |
|-------|-------------------|
| 08/01 | David Clausel     |
| 08/03 | Bob Dowling       |
| 08/05 | Henry Watson      |
| 08/06 | Jim Beverley      |
| 08/08 | Jessica Grove     |
| 08/08 | Lib Harris        |
| 08/11 | Rae Askew         |
| 08/11 | Denise Warren     |
| 08/12 | Tommy Reagan      |
| 08/13 | Dixie Lamphear    |
| 08/13 | Brian Staples     |
| 08/17 | Tommy Boles       |
| 08/19 | Sandra Hale       |
| 08/19 | Mark Hamilton     |
| 08/22 | Wayne Brewer      |
| 08/24 | Rhonda Sharpe     |
| 08/29 | Jack Hicks        |
| 08/29 | Jordan Hollifield |
| 08/29 | Karter Thompson   |
| 08/29 | Donna Kish        |
| 08/29 | John Kish         |
| 08/30 | Emmie Messner     |



|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| Aug 3  | Art & Dot Johnson        |
| Aug 8  | Gary & Cathy Hunt        |
|        | Hoyt & Kay Nichols       |
| Aug 10 | Bill & Debbie Coltrane   |
|        | Larry & Jo Carol Dobbins |
| Aug 11 | Ashton & Cassie Harmon   |
| Aug 16 | Gary & Marcia Guffey     |
| Aug 18 | Kevin & Tanya Work       |
| Aug 19 | Matt & Myndy Walden      |

\*Have a Birthday or Anniversary this month and don't see your name/ names...Please contact the church office so we can update our records.

July sure was hot with excitement and worship as we Dived Deep into the love of Jesus at our VBS. A huge thank you to all our volunteers that helped make such a successful experience for our children. From Decorations to activities to the stories from the bible to the exciting music and the food that kept us energized. It truly takes a village and AMC family shows up for our children. We are so grateful for the impact you continue to make in leading our children on their spiritual journey with learning about the father, son and holy spirit. Our children got to dive deep into the mission for COAT and what it means to support our community. We are heading for August and all of the back to school fun. Missions from our children continue as we think about our neighbors and friends and many teachers that need our prayers and support for a successful start to the school year. We will be hosting a family fun night in the yard with a movie 🎬 and popcorn 🍿. We invite everyone to come with your yard chairs ready to for a devotional and movie that will surely warm your heart. Movie night will be August 9th. At 8pm as the movie will play on a screen like the drive in. Be sure to keep a look in the bulletin for updates. We are also going to take a field trip to Putt Putt on Main St in High Point on August 23rd at 4pm and follow up with milkshake and dinner at Cookout which is next door to Putt Putt. This will be a great time to reflect on our summer adventures and most importantly we will be praying over our children and teachers as the new year start. We are encouraging and equipping our children with the armor of God so they can share Jesus and fight against the devils schemes.

Prayerfully,  
Joanna Hollifield

Goodbye Summer!



### **ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH TELEPHONE MESSAGES**

A message is sent out weekly to provide information on services, meetings and other important information to professing and constituent members of Archdale Methodist Church. Other messages are also sent out occasionally to keep every one updated. The list of those now receiving calls has been updated. Please contact the church office at 336-431-7111 if you would like your phone number changed, your name added or eliminated. This allows the church to keep this list updated and current.

### **LOSS OF AMC PROFESSING MEMBER**

- **Linda Sheffield Haithcock** passed away July 21, 2026 at her home with her loving family there. She joined Archdale Methodist Church December 14, 1975. She was a member of the Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class for many years as her in-laws, B. W. and Alma Haithcock, were in this class and she and her late husband, Gary, participated in the class due to their strong family ties. Linda served as President and Vice President of this Sunday School Class for several years.

She transferred to the George Elder Sunday School Class July 1, 2018 where she enjoyed the fellowship and friendship of all. Linda was a Bereavement Food Volunteer at AMC. She had been inactive for some time as she suffered falls and other health conditions.

She is survived by her daughters, Kim Lester and husband Mike and Kristy Schrock and husband, Jon. Her grandchildren are Tyler Mastrongianakis and wife Torie, Ryan and Dylan Lester. Her twin sister, Brenda Mann, survives her along with her brother in-law and Brenda's husband, Jeff. Linda also had a special friend, Ted Fallenstein, who had attended SS class socials with her.

Linda's funeral service was held July 30, 2026 at 1pm at Cumby Family Funeral Chapel in Archdale with Rev. Roger Carmichael officiating. Burial followed at Guilford Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family covets your prayers and remembrances as they lost a very loving and caring family member.

### **COAT Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

COAT needs full sized boxes of cereal



### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch - August 30<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> the Friendship Class and Upper Reflection Class will have a salad & potato bar for the Church following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring your favorite dessert for all to enjoy!



## **2026 COLLEGE GRADUATE**

We are excited to celebrate **Madeline Work** on her recent graduation from the University of South Carolina, where she earned her Master of Mass Communications with a 4.0 GPA, after previously earning her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications. During her time at USC, Madeline was actively involved in campus leadership, serving as President of Delta Zeta, Vice President of New Member Education, and a University 101 Peer Leader. She also gained valuable professional experience through internships and by working part-time with LoudDoor, LLC throughout graduate school, where she developed skills in marketing, communications, and event coordination.

Following graduation, Madeline has been promoted to Director of Events at LoudDoor in Columbia, South Carolina. In her new role, she will plan and coordinate events across the country for the company's various brands. She is excited for this next chapter and is grateful for the love, encouragement, and prayers from her church family as she begins her career.

We are so happy for all Madeline has accomplished and the door opened for her in her career as Director of Events at LoudDoor. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

| Where We Were Last Month |                   |                                |                              |        |               |                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------------|--------------------|
| Date                     | Offering Received | Budget Amount Received to Date | Budget Amount Needed to Date | Week # | Sunday School | Worship Attendance |
| 07/05/2026               | \$4,793.00        | \$113,074.51                   | \$154,063.62                 | 27     | 60            | 72                 |
| 07/12/2026               | \$4,596.00        | \$117,670.51                   | \$159,769.68                 | 28     | 64            | 80                 |
| 07/19/2026               | \$1,758.00        | \$119,428.51                   | \$165,475.74                 | 29     | 63            | 71                 |
| 07/26/2026               | \$2,665.00        | \$122,093.51                   | \$171,181.80                 | 30     | 65            | 83                 |

### **Capital Improvements Fund**

Given in July:           \$525.00  
Received to date:   \$2,425.00