

Our Sympathy to
 The family and friends of Archie Mabe,
 The family and friends of Donna Scott

Prayer Concerns
 Sandy Colson, Ray & Judy Cox, Octavia Edwards, Wesley Fishall,
 Tara Fulp, Lola Mabe, Larry Mabe, Melissa, Ashley Pulliman
 Louise Shelton, E.G. Spencer, Phil Stevens, Gary Tucker

Birthdays
 February 12 - Betty Pendleton, February 15 - Jessica Amos,
 February 18 - Hunter Overby

Church Calendar

Monday, Feb. 13	7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women— Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 15	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Light Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Take the Flag —small group study, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thursday, Feb. 16	9:00 a.m.	Northern Stokes Food Pantry Open
Sunday, Feb. 19	8:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men’s Breakfast / Meeting—Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Assembly
	9:50 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday, Feb. 21	9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Terrific Tuesdays Together
Wednesday, Feb. 22	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8:00 a.m.	Transport food from Second Harvest Food Pantry to Northern Stokes Food Bank
	6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	Children’s Church
	6:00 p.m.	Light Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Take the Flag —small group study, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb. 26	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Assembly
	9:50 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship

Announcements

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—The February meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13 in the church Fellowship Hall.

UNITED METHODIST MEN—All men are invited to join us for breakfast on Sunday, February 19 at 8:00 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE—Please mark your calendar and join us on Wednesday, March 1 as we open our observance of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

SANCTUARY WINDOWS FUND—It’s not too late to make a donation to the Sanctuary Window Refurbishment Fund. Either write “Stained Glass Windows” on the memo line of your check or use one of the Pew Envelopes for your donation.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH—The first *Children’s Church* for 2017 will be on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Children’s Church* will gather on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month through May (our summer schedule will be announced at a later date.) Your help is needed through meal preparation, assistance on Wednesday evenings, identifying children in the community, and in prayer for the program. Please contact Laura Wilson or Sarah Lawson for questions and volunteer opportunities.

S.H.A.R.E.—Snow Hill Area Relief Effort donations are needed. Please make checks out to Snow Hill Area Relief Effort and place in the collection plate.

SNOW HILL WIFI— Network: SnowHillPublic-guest,
 Password: Welcome

Save the Dates

Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

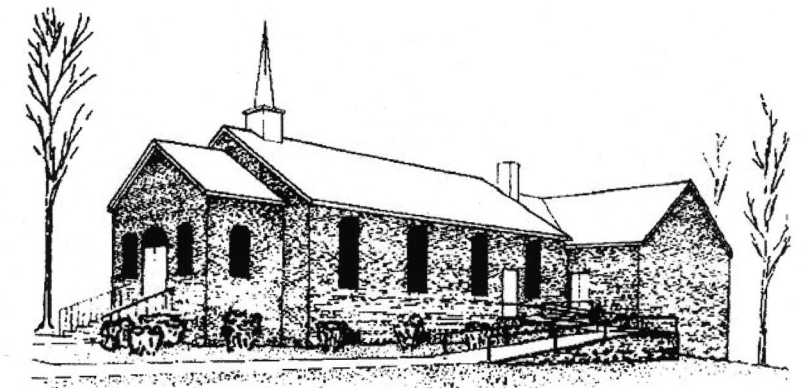
Thursday—April 13, 7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 14—Good Friday Requiem—
 Greensboro or Winston-Salem

Sunday—April 16 Easter Sunrise Service—Delta UMC

10:50 Easter Worship

**SNOW HILL
 UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH**



**FOLLOW JESUS, MAKE DISCIPLES,
 TRANSFORM THE WORLD**

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

**REV. DR. PATRICIA SPICER
 PASTOR**

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN WORSHIP

Sunday, February 12, 2017 Liturgical Color—Green

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME We welcome all who have gathered to worship this morning. We ask visitors to please complete a visitor card, located in the pew card holder, and drop it into the offering plate.

† **GREETING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
I Love You Lord Laurie Kline
May we all be in a spirit of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude and as the acolyte brings in the light of Christ to light the candles upon the altar.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT *Jesus, Name Above All Names with*
O, How I love Jesus Medley arr. Mark Hayes

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Mr. Kent Amos—Liturgist
(Leader) True happiness comes from following God's Way.
(People) Our only delight comes in walking with Christ.
Let us praise our Maker by fixing our vision upon the Lord.
We will offer our praise through faithful action.
Let us worship God! Amen. *Based on Psalm 119*

† **OPENING HYMN** *Love Divine All Love's Excelling* No. 384

† **COLLECT**
Oh God, Your love has called us here, for all love finds its source in you. The perfect love that casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ever new. O God of love, inspire our life, reveal Your will in all we do. Join every person gathered here in mutual love and love for you. Amen.

† **GLORIA PATRI**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30: 15—20
This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING 1 Cor 9: 16-31
Here ends the reading of the epistle. Amen.

ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love* USA Folk Hymn

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5: 1—12
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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SERMON *The Heart of the Matter* Dr. Spicer
Sermon Text: *I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life.*
Deut. 30: 19

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Based on Psalm 23
You, O God, are our Shepherd. You provide everything we need. You let us rest in green meadows and lead us beside quiet streams.

You renew our strength, and guide us in ways that bring honor to Your name.

Even when we walk through difficult valleys, we will not fear, for you never are far away—protecting and comforting, guarding and guiding every step we take.

You prepare a feast for us in the presence of our enemies. You welcome us as friends and lavish your blessings on us.
We know that your goodness and unfailing love will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives, and that after our lives here are over, we will spend eternity in your presence.

CONCERNS FOR OTHERS
Prayer Quilts: Velena Odell, Ashley Pulliam

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS
THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Gordon
† **THE DOXOLOGY** No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Al-le-luia.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN *Gift of Love* No. 408
† **BENEDICTION**
† **POSTLUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven
Please remain standing as the Light goes out into the world.

† *Please stand as you are able*

Participating in today's service: Kent Amos—Liturgist, Cindy Roberts—Choir Director, Jennifer Amos—Pianist, Keith Bullin—Organist

Lenten Spiritual Growth Study: Heighten your observance of Lent through this study of Max Lucado's *He Chose the Nails*. This five week study will begin on Wednesday, March 8. *Linger on the hill of Calvary. Rub a finger on the timber and press a nail into your hand. Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow. Allow the tools of torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart.*

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