



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday 12/10

- 8:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Joe Gribble Sunday School Class
- 9:45 am Christmas Program Music
- 10:00 am Faith Formation / Young Adult SS
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 12:15 pm Confirmation departs for lunch/Albemarle
- 6:00 pm Christmas Cantata

Wednesday 12/13

- 11:30 am JOY Fellowship Lunch
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble

Thursday 12/14

- 5:00 pm Samaritan's Table
- 7:00 pm Property Committee

Saturday 12/16

- 9:00 am Treat Bags –Preparation
- 10:00 am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal

Sunday 12/17

- 8:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Children's Christmas Program
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 5:00 pm HS/MS Progressive Dinner / Gift Exchange

OUR PRAYERS OF LOVE AND SYMPATHY

are extended to the family and friends of long-time Kimball member, Judy Ferguson, who departed this life on December 2nd. Funeral services will be held here at Kimball Memorial this coming Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 pm. Visitation with the family will take place immediately following the service, in the Church Commons; and to Lori Whitcomb and her family at the death of her father, Jeffrey Holcomb, on December 4th. Funeral services were held this past Friday in Kannapolis. For the families and friends of all who have passed away, we remember our Christian hope in the Resurrection to life eternal, made real through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

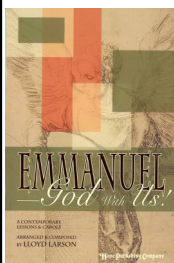


It's with great joy that the Executive Committee and the Congregation Council - with assistance from the Worship and Music Committee - announce the hiring of Brian Sevison as the new Music Director of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church.

Brian is a native of northeast Pennsylvania, living "out in the country" within sight of his home church, a United Methodist Congregation. Brian graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education at a wonderful ELCA Lutheran School, Susquehanna University. While in college, Brian directed the University Handbell Choir, served as the University Choir Manager/Librarian, and was the Music Director at the UMC Susquehanna Conference Camp - Camp Penn - in Waynesboro, PA. During his college years, he also served as a substitute organist for Lutheran, Presbyterian, UMC, and UCC congregations in both Pennsylvania and, later, North Carolina.

He moved to North Carolina and became a music teacher in the Rowan County Schools, currently serving at Erwin Middle School in Salisbury. He has just been named the Choral Director of the Salisbury-Rowan Choral Society, and will join us at Kimball Memorial coming from First United Church of Christ in Salisbury. Brian lives in Salisbury, and will officially begin his duties here with us - playing our organ and directing the choir at our 11:00 Service; participating fully with the 8:30 choir; and directing our Handbell Choir - on January 1st. His first Sunday on the keyboard/organ will be on January 14th. Brian will be with us at our congregational Epiphany Celebration on Sunday, January 7th at 6:00 pm, where we will have an opportunity to meet and greet him as we enjoy good food and fellowship. We hope you'll join us for this night together as a church family - sign-ups will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



Join us this evening at 6:00 pm for a special Christmas Cantata at Kimball entitled, "Emmanuel, God With Us". This wonderful performance will feature the choirs of Kimball, First Presbyterian, and Mt. Hermon, along with guests from the Piedmont Choral Society. A nursery will be provided. Reception following in the Commons.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

All names will remain on the prayer list for only 2 weeks, unless resubmitted.

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson
Jerry Beam
Becky Brantley
Brad Brothers
Sharon and Doug Brothers
Brenda Brown
Mabel Brown
Buttner Family
Florence Calandra
Jean Davis
Mary Dorton
Lisa and Eddie Dunlow
Teresa Erwin
Caleb Falls
Ava Farris
Shelly Farris
Judy Ferguson
Liz Fisher
Fran and Keith Garver
Leigh Glass
Todd Haley
Judi and Bob Hill
Teresa Erwin
Tim and Huyla Jackson
David and Diana Keck, Sr.
Eric and Jenny Jones
Steve Lynch
Ed MacTaggart
Dianne Marlin
Margaret McCombs
Taylor and Kaylee Murph
Hunter and Holden Patterson
John Patterson
Marty and Perriann Payne
John Pendleton
Louise Propst
Andy, Lisa, Grace, and Blake
Robinson
Joe Saullo
Juanene Savage
Kathy and Cliff Scott
Betty Shaver
Roger Sizemore
Conrad Sloop
Earlene Snipes
Mary Jo Snipes
Gaye St. John
Sarah Teumer
Randy Triage
John Troutman
Betty Walker

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Dana Absher
Fay Absher
Sharon Atten
Kelly Bamm
Teresa Beaver
Hans and John Bengston
DeBerry and Judy Blackwelder
Dennis Blackwelder
Beth Bobrek
Tommy Brown
Baby Cohen
Family of Jacob Cole
Tim Cox
Todd Craven
Mike Davis
Ben Davenport
Gene Ellington
Will Fesperman
Rev. Michael Frye
Skyler Gagnon
Tommy Graves
Angie Griffin
Judy Harmon
Jeff Hearn
Jennings Family
Joanne Kellerman
Pastor Mike / Theresa Leatherman
Phyllis Lee
Charles / Suzanne Lent
Liz, Pat, Megan, Kendall
Barbara Love
Pam North
Paul Parker
Denise Pegram
Rebecca Poston
Quinn Family
Gary Ritchie
Gerri Ruane
Darlene Scanga and Family
Schiferl Family
Allen / Marsha / Travis Scott
Jerry Sellers
Brenda / Deanna Shue
Madison Snipes
Gary Stuart
Allison Tice
Ken Upright
Natale Valdez
Brenda Watts
Joann and Albert Wingler
Barbara Wise
Zack, Ronnie, AC

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busted, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (California)
- Dustin Gatz (Serbia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Mike Peterson (Virginia)
- Chris Overcash (NC)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

OUR PRAYERS, BEST WISHES, AND LOVE are sent to Kimball member, Keith Lee and his family, who has retired as a Sergeant in the United States Army this past week. We thank Keith for his years of service in the military, and are proud of him as he reaches this important milestone in his life!

HOSPITALIZED

Judi Hill - Hospice Care - Tucker House
Buddy Christie - Gateway Surgical Clinic (discharged)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The youth and families of Kimball invite you to our Christmas Program on Sunday December 17th at 10:00 am. We hope you can join us!

J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The J.O.Y. Fellowship luncheon is in The Commons at 11:30 am on December 13th. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex and Commons. Please join us for a catered BBQ lunch from the Field House.

GIFT CARDS

\$10 Grocery Store/Fast Food gift cards are needed for Samaritan's Table to hand out during the Christmas Season. You may bring these gift cards by the Church Office during regular business hours, or give them to an usher at a Sunday morning worship service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 10, 2023

LECTORS

8:30 am Lauren Nichols
11:00 am Kim Kane

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Cooper Hinson
11:00 am Jerrod Smith

ACOLYTES

8:30 am Lucy and Charlie Miller
11:00 am Connor and Gabriel Keith

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Paula Brandle / Karen Whitley
11:00 am Bob Boynton / Terry Steinert

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 am David and Judy Sloan
11:00 am Tammy Stearn

HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

8:30 am Peggy Lynch
11:00 am Joyce Mallernee

GREETERS

8:30 am Keith Garver
11:00 am Milton, Sherri and Gracie Matheny

PROJECTION/SOUND

8:30 am Shane Little / Patrick Little
11:00 am Tiffany Winn / Bo Phongsas

TELLERS

Bob Boynton / Keith Garver

REGISTER OF
ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

December 3, 2023

Attendance 138

GENERAL
FUND \$ 9,276.00

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED during the Month of December. If you are interested in membership at Kimball Memorial, please speak to Pastor John. Thank you!

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

After faithfully and beautifully serving our congregation since 2015, our Director of Music, Don Simmons, will be retiring on Sunday, December 31st. We'll enjoy a reception together following our one worship service on that date, as we wish Don and his wife, Kay Godspeed and Farewell as he begins his retirement. Please join us for this reception in the Commons as we thank Don for sharing his gifts and talents with us for these past nine years!

COMMITMENT CARDS

If you have not turned in your 2024 Commitment Cards, please do so as soon as possible. They are available from our ushers and can be placed in the offering plates, or you may bring them by or mail them to the Church Office. We would like all our cards to be returned by December 17th.



ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

Kimball provides a number of different options for our congregation to electronically present their offerings to the church.

BILL PAY – Most banks today offer a bill payment service with recurring feature. Individuals can set up their offering as a bill, and a check will be issued from that account and mailed to Kimball. The frequency of the check issuance and the amount of the check is determined by the individual and is easily changed.

TITHE.LY (through kimballchurch.org) – By going to our church website, individuals can present offerings through an electronic service provided by Tithe.ly. The offerings can be set up as a one-time event or as recurring. There is a charge for this service and the individual has the option of paying the charge, or the amount will be deducted from the offering when sent to Kimball. Electronic offerings set up by our previous provider, Vanco, will remain in place and the change to Tithe.ly will have no impact on these items. If you would like any more information about any of these options, or assistance in getting one of the options set up, please contact any member of the finance team, or the church office.

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

ITEMS WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF:

- Rice Krispie Treats / Little Debbie Snacks
- Canned Chicken
- Any kind of Chips
- Travel sized packs of Tissues
- Deodorant
- Combs/Brushes

RUNNING LOW:

- Diapers
- Canned Beans (Kidney, Black Beans, etc.)
- Plain Crackers / Saltines

WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF:

- Capri Sun
- Granola / Nutra-grain Bars
- Pudding
- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

Thanks!

Kara Hardister / Kathy Hunter

Please place your items in the old Joe Gribble Sunday School Classroom on the first floor of the educational



FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned chicken
- Macaroni & cheese, pasta (other than spaghetti), pasta sauce, rice
- Canned corn, peas, carrots, potatoes, diced tomatoes, and mixed vegetables
- Peanut butter and soup
- Any kind of canned beans (baked, chili, kidney, etc.)
- Any canned fruit (mixed, pears, pineapple, etc.)
- Shelf-stable milk
- Diapers

As always, they especially seek low sodium, no sugar-added, and whole grain items.

Currently, they have plenty of: tuna and spaghetti.

Please place your items in the containers on the ramp. Thank you!

602 lbs of food collected in November.



YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

HS/MS Progressive Dinner and Gift Exchange will be on December 17th. We will meet at the church at 4:45 pm. We love this event and are thankful for the members that will host us. Pick-up will be in the church parking lot at 8:30 pm. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift and the most interesting gets a PRIZE!!

Progressive Dinner



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Mabel Brown, Parish Worker Emerita