



# KIMBALL'S WEEKLY NEWS

December 17, 2023



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Rejoice always,” begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. “All God’s children got a robe,” go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God’s party.

## STAFF GIFTS

Offerings for staff end of year gifts will be received Sunday. Checks should be payable to Kimball Lutheran and earmarked for “Staff Gifts.”

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Jon Todd and Jodie Hott to the Glory of God and in honor of Bryana and Garrett McDonald's 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on December 12<sup>th</sup> and also in memory of John John Pendleton.

## THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

### 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

### Monday 12/18

- 6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting

### Tuesday 12/19

- 10:30 am Bingo at Coltrane Life Center

### Wednesday 12/20

- 3:00 pm Carolina Value Pet (Cats only) until 6:00 pm
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble

### Thursday 12/21

- 5:00 pm Samaritan’s Table

### Friday 12/22

- 12:00 pm Carolina Value Pet (until 5:00 pm)

### Saturday 12/23

- 10:00 am Cookie Packaging
- 10:00 am Carolina Value Pet (until 2:00 pm)

### Sunday 12/24

- 10:00 am Combined Worship (4th Sunday of Advent)
- 5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship
- 11:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship (special music begins at 10:30 pm)

### Monday 12/25 - Wednesday 12/27

*Church Office Closed*

## 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 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 1<sup>st</sup>. His first Sunday on the keyboard/organ will be on January 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 are in the bulletin.

## BAPTISM

It was with great joy that we baptized Charles James Newton this past weekend. Charlie is the son of Jay and Kaitlyn (Kilby) Newton and younger brother of Cohen. His maternal grandparents are Kimball Memorial Members Tom and Tammy Kilby. We pray God's richest blessings upon Charlie and his family!

## 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**.

## 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.

# 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  
Prebble Henrickson  
Bob Hill and Family  
Teresa Erwin  
Tim and Huyla Jackson  
David and Diana Keck, Sr.  
Eric and Jenny Jones  
Steve and Peggy 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  
Sharon Atten  
Kelly Bamm  
Hans and John Bengston  
DeBerry and Judy Blackwelder  
Dennis Blackwelder  
Margaret Blackwelder  
Beth Bobrek  
Tommy Brown  
LeeAnn Buckwell  
A. R. and Shelly Campbell  
Baby Cohen  
Family of Jacob Cole  
Tim Cox  
Todd Craven  
Mike Davis  
Ben Davenport  
Lisa Duplisen  
Gene Ellington  
Will Fesperman  
Rev. Michael Frye  
Skyler Gagnon  
Tommy Graves  
Angie Griffin  
Judy Harmon  
Jeff Hearn  
Pastor Mike / Theresa Leatherman  
Phyllis Lee  
Charles and Suzanne Lent  
Liz, Pat, Megan, Kendall  
Pam North  
Paul Parker  
Denise Pegram  
Rebecca Poston  
Gene and Lora Rector  
Gary Ritchie  
Gerri Ruane  
Darlene Scanga and Family  
Schiferl Family  
Allen, Marsha, and Travis Scott  
David Shippel  
Deanna Shue  
Helen Sides  
Madison Snipes  
Allison Tice  
Ken Upright  
Natale Valdez  
Brenda Watts  
Henry Wiley  
Joann and Albert Wingler  
Zack, Ronnie, AC

## MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, 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)

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all my Kimball family for the prayers, cards, texts and memorials during the past weeks. It's incredibly hard to lose two of the dearest people in my life, but my faith and your thoughtfulness is helping me through. Many thanks for your kindness and support.  
*~Huyla Jackson*

## HOSPITALIZED

**Lisa Dunlow** - Atrium Cabarrus  
**Prebble Henrickson** - Duke University  
Eye Center (dismissed)  
**Buddy Christie** - Gateway Surgical Clinic  
(dismissed)

## OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of life-long Kimball Memorial Member Judi Hill, who departed this life on December 7th. Funeral services were held here at Kimball Memorial on this past Wednesday. Please keep husband, Bob and daughter, Deborah and other family members in your prayers during this holiday season.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday here at Kimball Memorial for Judy Ferguson of our congregation. We lift up Judy's family and friends with our prayers during this holiday season as well. In all things - we remember our trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Risen Savior.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 17, 2023

### LECTORS

8:30 am Sharon Brothers  
11:00 am Heidi Lee

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Tim Patterson  
11:00 am Tony Lippard

### ACOLYTES

8:30 am Palmer and Asa Russell  
11:00 am Austin Rigsby

### 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 Howard Bentley / Rick Teumer  
11:00 am Milton Matheny / Kendra Nichols

### TELLERS

Bob Boynton / Jim Harris

REGISTER OF  
ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

December 10, 2023

Attendance 140

GENERAL  
FUND \$ 13,210.64



### YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

HS/MS Progressive Dinner and Gift Exchange will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>. 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!!

### RETIREMENT RECEPTION

After faithfully and beautifully serving our congregation since 2015, our Director of Music, Don Simmons, will be retiring on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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!



## 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!*

## DECEMBER 24 SCHEDULE



**10:00 am** One Worship Service - 4th Sunday in Advent



**5:00 pm** Family Christmas Eve Worship

**10:30 pm** Special Music Begins

**11:00 pm** Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS 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!

## KIMBALL STAFF

**Rev. John Futterer, Senior Pastor**  
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**Deacon Liz Fisher, Minister of Word & Service**  
[youth@kimballchurch.org](mailto:youth@kimballchurch.org)

**Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator**  
[churchoffice@kimballchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@kimballchurch.org)

**Dr. Don Simmons, DSM, Music Director**  
(Chancel Choir / Handbells) and Accompanist  
[musicdon2@yahoo.com](mailto:musicdon2@yahoo.com)

**Rev. Dr. David Keck, Pastor Emeritus**  
**Mabel Brown, Parish Worker Emerita**