



**Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church**  
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**Kimball Communicator**

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January 2023 Newsletter

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## FROM THE PASTOR:

### *Moving forward into a New Year*

John Wooden, UCLA's legendary basketball coach, born in Hall, Indiana, knew the rigors and compensations of farm living. His father, a rural mail carrier, made a lasting impression on young John. Upon graduation from High School in Centerton, Indiana, Joshua Hugh Wooden gave his son this written creed: "Be true to yourself; make each day your masterpiece; help others; drink deeply from good books, especially the Bible; make friendship a fine art; build a shelter against a rainy day; pray for guidance, make time for church, count and give thanks for your blessings every day."

This is good advice for any day and age, but perhaps more particularly at this time in the world's history, and at the start of a New Year. This year - having come through one more difficult year, our New Year celebrations may be more thoughtful and reflective. Much has happened during these last 12 months - and past three years - in our country and in our world. But the values and beliefs that shape our lives have NOT changed, and never will. In this new world, we can be thankful that we yet live in a free republic; that we have a government (which can be maddening!) but does strive to be responsible and fair; that there are women and men (firefighters, police officers, EMT's doctors, nurses, military personnel, teachers, and so many others!) who work and sacrifice for the health, safety, protection, and care of us all; that love and justice is always stronger than fear and division; and - most importantly - that we have a gracious and merciful God who will always be with us.

Holding on to these truths, and knowing that God holds on to us, let us enter this New Year with grateful hearts, a joyous spirit, and confident lives!

***Peace and Love,***  
***Pastor John***



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### Church Office hours

Mon.-Thurs.  
 8am-4pm  
 Fri. 8-12

### Worship

8:30  
 Contemporary

11:00  
 Traditional



## One Service 10am on December 25th and Jan. 1, 2023

This Holiday Season, Christmas Day and New Year's Day are on Sunday, and so we will celebrate with ONE WORSHIP SERVICE on both of those Sundays, at 10:00 AM. Both Sundays are in the liturgical Christmas Season, so we promise you that they will feature familiar carols and Holy Communion. We'll remind you in bulletins and phone trees about the unusual schedule, and do hope you can join us on those Sundays. A nursery is provided for both.

## Winter Bible Study~ Cinema, Coffee & Conversation

Join Pastor John on January 18th and 25th; February 1st and 8th for a Winter Bible Study centering around Short Films - 15 - 30 minutes, with connection to the Bible, conversation and hot coffee (or water/juice/tea) for those crisp winter mornings. The studies will be held at 10:30 in the morning on those Wednesdays, and will last about an hour in length. Because of copyright laws, we won't be broadcasting these on live stream or on our website - but we hope you'll join us in person, if available. Pastor John is keeping the titles of the short films a "secret", but each will be entertaining, thoughtful, and meaningful. Call the Church Office or speak to Pastor John for more information. There will be reminders each week in the Bulletins.



## New Council Members & Officers Welcomed for the New Year

It's with great joy that we will welcome newly elected council members this month. **They are:** Paula Brandle, Ben Hesley, Kim Kane, Melissa Little, Terry Steinert, and Donna Taylor, Officers (Executive Committee) for 2023 are: President - David Sloan; Vice-President - Donna Taylor; Secretary - Heidi Lee; Assistant Secretary - Melissa Little; Treasurer - Laura Abernathy. We are so thankful for the service of retiring council members Mike Abernathy, Keith Garver, Shane Little, and Lori Whitcomb, and we look forward to a most successful and full year with our parish leadership for the New Year.

## Tuesday Night Book Club January 17th 6:30pm

Home of: Lisa Dunlow  
Book : *Sooley* By: John Grisham



## Endowment Fund Announces Generous Gift in Year #1



ENDOWMENT FUND

At our annual congregational meeting, Endowment Chair Huyla Jackson announced a most generous gift to our Endowment Fund, which was just established in 2022. Having set terms for the Board, approving an investment policy, and organizing workshops, the Board was pleased to announce an anonymous gift from donors to the Endowment. Here is an excerpt of a letter from those donors: "...It is my hope that Kimball will remain a successful & vibrant church for many decades to come. The church has always been extremely important to the people of Kannapolis and it's important for all of us to do as much as we can to continue this wonderful legacy. For this reason, we have chosen Kimball as a recipient organization for our Charitable Trust. Our Trust will leave a legacy gift to Kimball in the amount of (currently) between \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year into perpetuity. To achieve this, our Trust has set aside approximately \$1,000,000 to fund the gift. This gift may be used for any of the three areas that the Endowment Fund supports: Youth Ministries, Community Outreach, or Scholarships." We are so grateful for this lovely gift and gifts of any amount are welcomed & appreciated. Upcoming workshops for the Endowment will be announced soon.

## Honoring Two Important Kimball Members



We are excited to honor two amazing women who have done important things in the life of our congregation. We'll be honoring **Mabel Brown** as "Parish Worker Emeritus" January 29th at our one worship service at 10:00 AM, with a reception to follow. We shared an article in the November Newsletter about Mabel, but she'll be honored for her years of service as a strong worker with our children, youth, scouts, and educational programs at Kimball. We were to honor Mabel in November, but we had postpone it until the end of January, 2023.

In late December, we honored **Sudie Foil**, a long-time member, as she received a Certificate of Appreciation and a beautiful pin from Lutheran World Relief, in thanksgiving for her generosity and leadership over the years with our Kimball Quilting Program. We also dedicated a beautiful funeral pall (especially for use with funeral services where cremains are present). This pall was given by Sudie to the Glory of God, and it was received gratefully by our congregation.



## Kimball's Pipe Organ Refurbished and Back in Action

As you surely noticed if you attend the 11:00 Worship Service, the pipe organ at Kimball Memorial has been out of commission for several months now. The instrument has been undergoing an upgrade and refurbishment with the keyboards, pedalboards and several "sounds". I'll quote here from our organist and music director, Don Simmons, for the rest of this story: *"Our organ console is quite old, dating back to the pastorate of Pastor Martin Luther Ridenhour (Grandfather of our Joe Gribble!). The Moller instrument was purchased and installed in 1934 - some pipes were upgraded at a later date, but the keyboards and pedalboard were not. And so after many years of steady use, the keyboards were loose and noisy, and some key surfaces were broken, chipped or missing. The pedalboard had deep grooves worn into them, making them unpredictable to play. But the action on the keyboards and pedalboard is now excellent - more pleasurable to play and more accurate. In addition, the organ builders were asked to swap out the reed stop on the organ. The reed stops provide color and power on the organ, and I believe we now have a reed stop that is fuller and richer - once it settles into its new home! Additionally, we will have the chimes on the organ operational. I am grateful to the church and the council for its willingness to make these important upgrades. It has required some patience on everyone's part to see it through. But it will make the instrument a more fitting medium to supplement and enhance our worship!"* We want to thank Don for sharing his expertise and opinions with us and the organ builders as these repairs were made. We look forward to many years with this fine instrument as we move into the future!

### Kimball Memorial Lutheran PreK



We have had a wonderful 1st part of our school year!! As we wrapped up this year we did so with 43 students and an additional 2 that will start at the first of the year! We have be blessed with an amazing staff, wonderful families and of course our amazing young people! As we go into 2023 we continue to share the love of God with our students as we learn in the classroom, enjoy chapel each Thursday and continue to love and grow through play! We are thankful to our congregation for your continued love and support!

## YOUTH & PROGRAM MINISTRY



### HS/MS Youth Hockey Game, Saturday January 21st

We will be heading to see the Charlotte Checkers on Saturday Jan. 21st. We will meet at the church at 1:00pm to go have lunch then head to the game at 4pm. Cost for this event is \$20 for lunch and the game.



### MS Confirmation Sunday Jan. 29th

We will meet at the church at 12:30pm to head to lunch then to Mt. Zion in Richfield. Cost of lunch is \$5 and we should return to Kimball by 4:45pm. Please let Ms. Liz or PJ know if you can't make it.

### Kingdom Kids & 3-5 Alive will meet on Sunday Jan. 22nd at 12:15pm-1:30pm



Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grades will meet on Sunday Jan. 22nd at the church for lunch and games. You can sign up on Sign up genius which will be posted on our website and our Facebook page by Jan. 1st.



### Children's Sunday School will take a break for the Christmas Holidays

We will take a hiatus for the holiday season and we will return in Feb as Ms. Liz will be in the Holy Land until Jan. 15th.

### J.O.Y. Group will meet for Soup and Sandwiches on Wednesday Jan. 18th



Joy Group will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 11:30am in the Commons. We will have Soup & Sandwiches with Devotions. We would love for a group to stay so that we can plan our Schedule for 2023.



### Bible and Brew Friday Jan. 20th

We will gather at Liz's house on Friday Jan. 20th at 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

### Friday Night Book Club-January 27th



Home of: Howard and Diana Bentley  
Book: **Black Cake**  
By: Charmaine Wilkerson



A fantastic, wonderful "thank you" to our cookie bakers, packers, and deliverers who participated in the Operation Christmas Cookie this year. Fifty-eight boxes of cookies were assembled and distributed this Christmas, bringing blessings to those who have to work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



### January Anniversaries

1	Tom & Brenda Brown	56
11	Tanner & Jacqueline (V) Triage	9
18	David & Marsha Morrison	48
24	Laura & David (V) Pennell	25

### January Birthdays

1	Ty Woods, Joshua Anderson (V), Kathryn Murph
2	Ashley Matson
3	Iris Keith
5	Leonard Barlow Jr.
6	Travis Butcher
8	David Kiser, Phil Wise, Darin Peay
10	Tom Kilby
11	Laura Fisher, Brayden Yount
12	Phil Troutman
14	Frankie Bogutsky
15	Miller Lamberth
16	Nicholas Bronson, Andy Ballard
17	Prebble Henrickson
18	Larry Anderson, Melissa Little, Dave Young
19	Janis Ridenhour, Gavin Carpenter-Stirewalt, Linda Hunsuck
22	Jim Fisher
23	Tyler Ramsey, Gwen Hoke
25	Dalton Hardy, Aileen Triage
27	Ben Ballard
28	Blake Larsen
29	Natalie Keith, David Taylor
30	Jennifer Young

### Homebound Members

#### Brian Center-Lincolnton

- Eleanor Foil

#### The Laurels

- Shirley Helms

#### Caremoor

- Aileen Triage
- Bettie Overcash

#### Landings of Cabarrus

- Leonard Barlow

#### Crescent Heights Senior Living

- Mary Dorton
- Anna Richter

#### Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

#### Brookdale Concord Parkway

- Doris McCarn

#### At their home

- Jane Ritchie, Earline Snipes, Mabel Brown

**Prayer Page**-Have someone in need of some prayer?  
Add them to our prayer page!

**Military:**, Andrew Smith (Arizona), Chris Kirchner (Missouri), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Preston Mays (MD) Chris Overcash (NC), Christopher Bame (Germany), Mike Peterson (Bahrain), Keith Lee (NC)

**Kimball members:** Mabel Brown, Tom & Brenda Brown, Norris Dearmon, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Shirley Helms, Louise Jackson, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Joyce Mallernee, Doris McCarn, Mike McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Louise Propst, Anna Richter, Cliff, Kathy, & Devon Scott, Betty & John Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Gaye St. John, Rick, Doris & Sarah Teumer



**January Worship Assistants**

**LECTORS**

**8:30am**

8 David Sloan  
15 Laura Abernathy  
22 Lauren Nichols

**10:00 am**

1 One Worship Service  
Many people

29 One Worship Service  
Mike Abernathy

**11:00am**

8 Mary Dorton  
15 Heidi Lee  
22 Tony Lippard

**ACOLYTES**

**8:30am**

8 Delaney Little  
15 Charley Storey  
22 Rily Dodson

**10:00 am**

1 One Worship Service  
Leam Neeley and Von Blocker

29 One Worship Service  
Lucy Miller

**11:00am**

8 Tyler and Alyssa Nichols  
15 Knox Christenson  
22 Carter Myrick

**Healing Prayer Ministers**

**8:30 am** Lauren Nichols

**11:00 am** Lindsay  
Daugherty

**PROJECTION (Video)**

**8:30am**

8 Randy Price  
15 David Taylor  
22 Howard Bentley

**10:00 am**

1 One Worship Service  
Abby Carpenter

29 One Worship Service  
Tony Lippard

**11:00am**

8 Heidi Lee  
15 Alexis Nichols  
22 Kendra Nichols

**SOUND (Audio)**

**8:30am**

8 Shane Little  
15 Abby Carpenter  
22 Rick Teumer

**10:00 am**

1 One Worship Service  
Keith Garver

29 One Worship Service  
Eric Storey

**11:00am**

8 Keith Lee  
15 Barry Christenson  
22 Abby Carpenter

**Worship Assistants**

**8:30am**

8 Paula Brandle  
15 David Sloan  
22 Tim Patterson

**10:00 am**

1 One Worship Service  
Liz Fisher

29 One Worship Service  
Joe Tallent

**Worship Assistants**

**11:00am**

8 Bob Boynton  
15 Darla Steinert  
22 Anne Futterer

**COUNCIL ASSISTANTS**

**8:30** Donna Taylor/Melissa Little

**11:00** Tony Lippard/Ben Hesley

**COMMUNION PREPARERS**

**8:30** Fran & Keith Garver

**11:00** Liz Wise & Robin Ballard

**MONTHLY TELLERS**

**9:00 am** each Monday  
Randy & Amy Price

# TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

## What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



## What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
  - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
  - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
  - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
  - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
  - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
  - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story — and the snack — with a friend!



# Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

*Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.*

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
God made wild animals and livestock.						○ _ _ _ _
God said, "Let there be light."						_ _ _ _ ○
God gathered the waters under the sky into one place.					○ _ _ _ _	
God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky."						_ _ _ _ _ ○
God created plants and trees.						_ _ _ _ _ ○
God separated the light from the darkness.		○ _ _ _ _				
God made the water teem with living creatures.						_ _ _ _ _
God made the sun and moon.					○ _ _ _ _	
God made birds fly above the earth.						_ _ _ _ _
God made stars.				○ _ _ _ _		
God created mankind in his own image.						_ _ _ _ _

God \_aw all tha\_ he \_ad ma\_e, an\_ \_t was ve\_y g\_od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

Answer: sixth, first, third, second, third, first, fourth, fifth, fourth, sixth; God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>January 2023</b>						
1 10:00 AM One Worship Service	2 Church office closed	3 Liz out until Jan. 15th	4	5 11:00 AM Executive Council Meeting  5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	6 <i>Epiphany</i>	7
8 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast (this month) 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	9	10	11 2:30-6:30 PM Blood Drive	12 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	13	14
15 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office is closed	17 10:30 AM Coltrane L. I.F.E. Center Bingo 6:30 PM Book Club at the home of Lisa Dunlow	18 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM J.O.Y. Group Soup & Sandwiches	19 7:00 PM Council Meeting  5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	20 6:30 PM Bible & Brew at the home of Liz Fisher	21 1:00 PM HS/MS Youth meet at the church to go to lunch then a hockey game
22 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells grade lunch & games at the church	23	24	25 10:30 AM Bible Study 3:00 -6:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only	26 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	27 Noon-5:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care 6:30 PM Book Club at the home of Howard & Diana Bentley	28 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care
29 10:00 AM One Worship Service 12:30 PM meet at the church for lunch then on to Confirmation @ Mt. Zion-Richfield	30	31				



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL – DECEMBER MEETING



- Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The following items were approved: the 2023 budget, the nominated council members who are: Paula Brandle, Ben Hesley, Kim Kane, Melissa Little, Terry Steinert and Donna Taylor, and the approval was given for a Columbarium Ministry at Kimball. Huyla Jackson also shared an Endowment Report for 2022.
- New officers for the 2023 council were elected at the council meeting on Thursday night.  
 President: David Sloan    Vice President: Donna Taylor    Secretary: Heidi Lee  
 Assistant Secretary: Melissa Little
- The organ has been repaired.
- Gifts have been delivered to the 48 Carver Elementary School angels. Thank you to all who adopted angels to provide Christmas gifts for these children.
- The goal of \$85,000 to repave the church parking lot has been fulfilled. The repaving will begin soon.
- This year we will be reinstating the Christmas Cookie Project. Inserts were placed in the bulletins to sign up to participate in the project.
- We will be donating all the offerings from the Christmas Eve Services to CCM and the Blessing Box Ministry.
- December 18<sup>th</sup>, we continued the tradition of handing out treat bags at the end of both services.



**OneBlood** is a not-for-profit community asset responsible for providing safe, available and affordable blood to more than 200 hospital partners and their patients throughout most of Florida, parts of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina.

- ~ 1 in 3 of us will need a blood transfusion.
- ~ A single blood donation can save 3 local lives. Whole blood is separated into three individual components, platelets, red cells & plasma.
- ~ Cancer, transplant and trauma patients, and patients undergoing open-heart surgery require platelet transfusions to survive.
- ~ Anyone in good health, at least 16 years old, and at least 110 pounds may donate whole blood every 56 days.
- ~ The number one reason donors give blood is because they want to help others.

**FYI** In 2022, here at Kimball we collected 98 whole blood units – that’s 294 lives saved!! In addition to that, 10 double units were collected – that’s awesome!

### **2023 Schedule – mark your calendars!**

January 11, March 15, May 10, July 19, September 20, & November 22

They are all 8-10 weeks apart, so you can donate at each one. All in the Fellowship Hall. **Be sure to eat lots of iron-rich foods to get that iron up!!**

**Please** consider donating a life-saving pint of blood. The pain is temporary, but the gift can last a lifetime... contact Doris Teumer at 704-305-0761 or at [dmteumer@yahoo.com](mailto:dmteumer@yahoo.com) You can also sign up at [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org)