



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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SERVICE TIMES

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

8:30 am
Contemporary

11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube
[@kimballlutheranchurch6062](https://www.youtube.com/@kimballlutheranchurch6062)

STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,
Senior Pastor

Liz Fisher, *Deacon*

Keith Sutton,
Parish Administrator

Brian Sevison,
Music Director

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus

Mabel Brown,
Parish Worker Emerita

This is Christ's church.

There is a place for you here.

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person--questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.



KIMBALL MEMORIAL WELCOMES NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR JANUARY 1

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.



KIMBALL LUTHERAN CHURCH SET TO COMPLETE

'BE THE LIGHT' CAMPAIGN

In our third and final year of this campaign, our church hopes to complete the "Be the Light" Campaign for Lutheran Services Carolinas. This campaign has as it's main goals:

- To strengthen the number of Foster Families in North Carolina
- To Expand ministries to Children and Youth in state custody who have been diagnosed with significant mental health issues
- To create two new Group Homes in North Carolina to specifically treat Adults with traumatic brain injuries
- To create a Children Endowment Fund to provide help and assistance for children in Foster Care in North Carolina

We are over 2/3 of our way toward fulfilling our goal for this appeal - and we are targeting January as a special appeal month for this program. You'll find envelopes for the appeal in the bulletins each of the four Sundays in January...please help us reach our goal for this important appeal of our North Carolina Synod.



Faith Formation

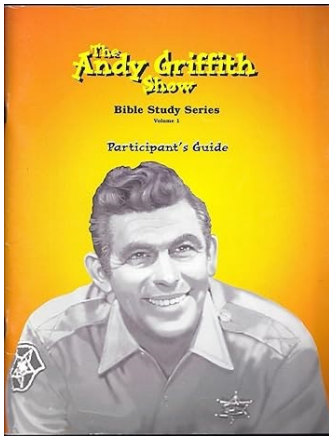
FAITH FORMATION (KINGDOM KIDS/3-5TH GRADES)

January 7, 14, 21, and 28

10:15 am-10:45 am Faith Formation
in Sunday School Class

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL ENJOY THE MAYBERRY BIBLE STUDY

For the first six Sundays of the New Year - January 7 - February 11, the Young Adult Sunday School Class will study the Bible via the popular Andy Griffith Show. The class meets upstairs near the nursery, and will be led in this 6 week class by Pastor John - who has squandered far too much of his life watching the Andy Griffith Show. He'll show 6 of the most popular episodes - one each Sunday - and all promise to have a deep meaning...and will be enjoyable to watch and discuss. If you consider yourself a "young adult", we hope you'll join them. Classes begin at 10:00 AM each Sunday morning and conclude by 10:45 - a nursery is provided for small children and Sunday School for older children during this time!



JANUARY YOUTH CALENDAR

January 20th

Charlotte Checkers Game



Meet at Kimball at 12:30...lunch in Charlotte and then to the Charlotte Checkers/Toronto Marlies match. Return to Kimball Memorial early evening. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes lunch and your ticket to the hockey game. Guests are welcome! Please have money in by January 14th. Call Liz or the Church Office for more information.



January 28th — Confirmation

(Please note the change in date) Confirmation at Calvary Lutheran in Concord. Please meet at Calvary at 2:15 for the start of the class at 2:30. Please drop your child off at Calvary and Deacon Liz and Pastor John will provide transportation back to the Church for that day's Youth Supper and Program.

January 28th

Youth Dinner and Program

We will have dinner, devotions and games. Please call Deacon Liz or the Church Office for more information.

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Dinner Provided

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH PROGRAM
For Middle and High School Students

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Day	Name	Yrs.
11	Tanner & Jacqueline Triage	10
18	David & Marsha Morrison	49
24	Laura & David * Pennell	26

PRAYER REQUESTS

MILITARY

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

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 and Shelly Farris, Liz Fisher, Fran and Keith Garver, Prebble Henrickson, Todd Haley, 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, Cliff and Kathy Scott, Betty Shaver, Roger Sizemore, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Mary Jo Snipes, Gaye St. John, Sarah Teumer, Randy Triage, John Troutman

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



01-Jan	Kathryn Murph
02-Jan	Ashley Matson
03-Jan	Iris Keith
06-Jan	Travis Butcher
08-Jan	Diana Saullo, David Kiser, Phillip Wise, Darin Peay
10-Jan	Tom Kilby
11-Jan	Laura Fisher, Brayden Yount
12-Jan	Phillip Troutman
14-Jan	Frankie Bogutsky
15-Jan	Miller Lamberth
16-Jan	Andrew Ballard, Nicholas Bronson
17-Jan	Prebble Henrickson
18-Jan	Larry Anderson, Melissa Little, Dave Young
19-Jan	Janis Ridenhour, Linda Hunsuck
19-Jan	Gavin Carpenter-Stirewalt, Briton Christenson
22-Jan	Jim Fisher
23-Jan	Tyler Ramsey, Gwyn Hoke
25-Jan	Aileen Triage, Dalton Hardy
27-Jan	Ben Ballard
28-Jan	Blake Larsen
29-Jan	Natalie Keith, David Taylor
30-Jan	Jennifer Young

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Caremoor

- Aileen Triage, Bettie Overcash, Mabel Brown

Spring Arbor of Albemarle

- Mary Dorton

Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

At their home

- Earline Snipes, Jean Davis, Louise Propst

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



LECTORS

8:30 am

7 Paula Brandle
14 Scott Harmon
21 Tim Patterson
28 Ava Ramsey

11:00 am

7 Michele Nichols
14 Bob Boynton
21 Nicholas Bronson
28 Sabrina Bennett

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 am

7 David Sloan
14 Jodie Hott
21 Darrian Miller
28 Donna Taylor

11:00 am

7 Anne Futterer
14 Joe Tallent
21 Ben Hesley
28 Alexis Nichols

SAMARITAN'S TABLE

04 Sally Peterson
11 Pastor John Futterer
18 Bob Boynton
25 Pat Tallent

ACOLYTES

8:30 am

7 Riley Dodson
14 Addison Fisher
21 Delaney Little
28 Asa and Palmer Russell

11:00 am

7 Liza Lee
14 Rory Hesley
21 Connor Keith
28 Harrison Woodle

HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

8:30 am Debbie Troutman

11:00 am Lindsay Daugherty

GREETERS

8:30 am

Melissa Little / Doris Teumer

11:00 am

Alice Lloyd / Shirley Miller

MONDAY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday
Randy and Amy Price

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 am

Debbie and Jessica Troutman

11:00 am

Tim and Huyla Jackson

PROJECTION (VIDEO)

8:30 am

7 Randy Price
14 David Taylor
21 Debbie Troutman
28 Mickey Brandle

11:00 am

7 Nathan Carpenter
14 Alexis Nichols
21 Gavin Carpenter
28 Tiffany Winn

SOUND (AUDIO)

8:30 am

7 Rick Teumer
14 Keith Garver
21 Patrick Little
28 Tim Patterson

11:00 am

7 Abby Carpenter
14 Liz Fisher
21 Nathan Carpenter
28 Bo Phongsas

SLIDE DEVELOPER

Kim Kane

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Donna Taylor
Melissa Little

11:00 am Tom Ramseur
Ben Hesley



**Epiphany Supper and
Celebration**
Sunday, January 7th
6:00 pm

Please join us for an evening of good fellowship as we gather together with our Church Family on Sunday evening, January 7th at 6:00 pm, for a supper and celebration of Epiphany. In addition to the meal, we'll "put away the carols" for another year AND enjoy a "Three Kings Cake" for Dessert – with prizes given to the "Royalty who bring forth the Gold" included in the traditional cake. It will NOT be a late evening, but it will be a FUN evening of food, celebration and joy as we usher in the five week Season of Epiphany. Please join us!

Kimball Lutheran Church
J.O.Y. Group

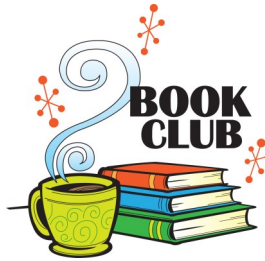


J.O.Y. Group
January 24

January 24th JOY Group- Soup and Sandwich lunch at church- Join us for a soup and sandwich lunch and devotions at church. We will also meet following our meal to plan for our upcoming year, we hope you can attend.

Operation Christmas Cookie

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



**KIMBALL
BOOK CLUBS**

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Date: January 16, 2024 10:00am
Place: Church Parlor
Host: Prebble and Donna
Book: *White Lake* by Susan Almond Todd
Special Guest: Author Susan Almond Todd from Matthews will be our guest author for the meeting. Please join us for this special event!

TUESDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

Date: January 9, 2024
Host: Fran Patterson
Book: *The Secret Love Letters of Olivia Moretti* by Jennifer Propst
Food: Fran and Jodi
Everyone is welcome!

FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Date: January 19, 2024
Host: David and Judy Sloan
Book: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick
Food: Taylors and Sloans
Everyone is welcome!



GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL!

- We thank Tony Lippard and Karan Whitley for their four years of service on the church council.
- We welcome Sally Peterson and Tom Ramseur joining the council for 2024-2025 term.
- Council officers for 2024:
 - President – David Sloan
 - Vice President – Donna Taylor
 - Secretary – Sally Peterson
 - Asst. Sec – Heidi Lee
 - Treasurer – Mickey Brandle
- Council members will be installed on January 7.
- Thanks to the Joe Gribble class for donating items and assembling the Christmas treat bags.
- Kimball had a great year, and we are looking forward to an even better 2024, as we serve our community, each other, and worship and praise God in response to all that our Lord has abundantly given to and for each of us.

2024 Congregation Council

- Bob Boynton
- Paula Brandle
- Todd Haley
- Ben Hesley
- Kim Kane
- Heidi Lee
- Melissa Little
- Sally Peterson
- Tom Ramseur
- David Sloan
- Terry Steinert
- Donna Taylor

2024 Congregational Officers

President David Sloan
 Vice President Donna Taylor
 Secretary Sally Peterson
 Assistant Secretary Heidi Lee
 Treasurer Mickey Brandle

NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received during the Month of January. If you are interested in membership at Kimball Memorial, please speak to Pastor John. Thank you!

TIME AND TALENT FORMS

If you have not completed your 2024 Time and Talent form they are still available from the ushers. Please prayerfully consider when and how you might share your talents and abilities with the church in the coming year. Thank you!

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. Thank you!

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2023 Annual Report for Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church will be assembled and distributed during February. If you work with a committee or ministry team, please submit your report to the church office no later than January 21st. Thank your for your ministry and your help in putting this report together!



Upcoming Church Year Dates

January 6	Epiphany
January 7	Baptism of Our Lord
January 14-February 4	Season of Epiphany
February 11	Transfiguration
February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 18	Lent Begins

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

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



FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned chicken
- Macaroni & cheese, pasta (other than spaghetti), rice
- Other canned meats (hash, chili, vienna sausages, etc.)
- Canned corn, peas, carrots, potatoes, and mixed vegetables
- Pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, soup, and shelf stable milk
- Any kind of canned beans (baked, chili, kidney, etc.) except pintos
- Any canned fruit (mixed, pears, pineapple, etc.)
- Diapers

As always, they especially seek low sodium, no sugar-added, and whole grain items. Currently, they have plenty of: tuna, green beans, canned tomatoes, pinto beans, spaghetti, and canned peaches.

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

TAUGHT & CAUGHT



“My mother made a little box and kept it by the phone. She would write down every single organization she gave to,” shared Laurel Suggs. “She included when, how much, and what for. She was an original Lutherock person in 1997 – a charter member of Ridge Rock Builders.”

Arthur and Laurel Suggs learned generosity from their parents and grandparents. “Generosity is taught” she shared. “And it is caught,” Arthur finished.

As members of St. Paul’s Lutheran in Columbia, SC, it was important to the Suggs to leave a legacy of generosity as others in their family had done. “We met Stephanie Burke, the ELCA Gift Planner by Zoom at the start of Covid,” Laurel shared. “She helped walk us through some creative ways to leave a legacy well, and I am so glad we met with her.”

“St. Paul’s is an engaged community of believers. The church has a long history of being good stewards,” shared Arthur. “We have been ministering on the corner of Bull and Blanding for 125 years. We want to make sure that the work of the saints that came before us can continue. That is one of the reasons we wanted to include St. Paul’s in our charitable estate plan, and why we needed Stephanie to help us.”

“Meeting with the gift planner gave us the education to do it right,” shared Laurel. “She held our hand all the way through the process. She made it a pleasure – something that isn’t easy to do – she made a pleasure. She helped us look at all our options and make the right decision for us. We all have a legacy. We have a desire to do something positive for future generations to come.”

Laurel and Arthur have shared the process with their children who are both married adults. “Now that the paperwork is in place, we feel like we have accomplished something.”

Through a partnership with the ELCA Foundation and the South Carolina Synod, our Regional Gift Planner is available to help members of our congregations like the Suggs leave a comprehensive charitable estate plan. The Gift Planner is available to help our members navigate all the complicated options and make the best plan for them. Through the generosity of our members, the work of the church will live on for generations to come.

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2	3 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice	4 5:00p Samaritan's Table	5	6
Baptism of Our Lord 7 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 6:00p Epiphany Dinner	8	9 6:30p Book Club @ Fran Patterson	10 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice	11 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Property	12	13
Epiphany 2 14 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 2:30 pm Confirmation	15 6:30p Preschool Board Meeting	16 10:00a Book Club @ Church	17 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice	18 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	19 6:30p Book Club @ David and Judy Sloan	20 12:30p Youth trip to Charlotte for lunch and hockey.
Epiphany 3 21 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship	22	23	24 11:30a J.O.Y. Lunch 3:00p Blood Drive 3:00p – 6:00p Carolina Value Pet (Cats) 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice	25 5:00p Samaritan's Table	26 12:00p – 5:00p Carolina Value Pet	27 10:00p – 2:00p Carolina Value Pet
Epiphany 4 28 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship	29	30	31 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice			



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2024 YEAR OF THE ENDOWMENT

In May of 2022, Kimball embarked on a new opportunity to move forward with service to our community by establishing an Endowment Fund for our congregation. Kimball has a long history—over 100 years—of serving the needs of the people in Kannapolis and Cabarrus/Rowan counties. We have been especially strong in the areas of community outreach, youth activities both within and outside our church walls and we have a history of providing scholarships for deserving young people to attend summer camps, colleges, graduate schools and for theological education. This legacy of help and service is one of the many things that marks Kimball as a strong and caring part of our community and our NC Synod.

Watch for more information and how YOU can help make 2024 the Year of the Endowment!