



# KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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## FEBRUARY

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Dear Colleagues,

February invites us into a season of love, reflection, and the gentle anticipation of Lent. Love, after all, is the greatest gift we are given, and Epiphany continually reminds us that it is a light meant to be shared. In our ministries we live in a beautiful both/

and: we give of our time, energy, and hearts, and at the same time we receive God's love in return. I often remind our young people that everyone in our congregations—member or visitor alike—are “our people,” and that we, in turn, “our their people” meaning we belong to them. God calls us to connect not only our congregations to one another, but also to the wider community, loving our neighbors with the same grace and tenderness Christ shows us.

As the wonder of Epiphany still lingers, Lent draws near, inviting us into holy reflection on the great sacrifice Jesus made for each of us. It is a season to remember God's immense love and to follow Christ's example as we seek to be shaped more fully in God's image. With our children and youth, we often speak of Lent as a time to pause, to say “I'm sorry, and I'll do it differently the next time” and to mean it—to turn our hearts back toward God and to live differently because of that grace.

One of my favorite passages to share during this season, especially with children and families, comes from Micah 6:8: “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

It beautifully captures the heart of Lent in words young and old can hold onto—loving kindness, seeking what is right, and walking gently with God.

As ministers, many of us teach the rhythm of the church year with songs, colors, and stories, helping even our youngest learners discover that each season carries its own promise. As you enter this holy season of Lent, may you be renewed by God's love, encouraged by the communities you serve, and assured that the Holy Spirit walks with you in every classroom, sanctuary, fellowship hall, and neighborhood.

Peace and blessings on your upcoming Lenten journey.

With love and reflection,

*Deacon Liz Fisher*

## SERVICE TIMES

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

**8:30 am**  
**Contemporary**

**11:00 am**  
**Traditional**

**Online On YouTube**

### STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,  
*Senior Pastor*  
Liz Fisher, *Deacon*

Keith Sutton,  
*Parish Administrator*

Brian Sevison,  
*Music Director*

Tim Patterson,  
*Treasurer*

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,  
*Pastor Emeritus*

# ADULT *Sunday* SCHOOL

## THE TABLE CLASS

You are invited to the Table Sunday School class as we explore our faith in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet in the far left corner upstairs in the education wing at 10:00 am.

## THE JOE GRIBBLE CLASS

The Joe Gribble Sunday School class meets every Sunday in the Joe Gribble Classroom in the educational wing at 10:00 am.



## Faith Formation

### FAITH FORMATION VOLUNEERS

Children's Faith Formation has started back, please join us in the Youth Room for the opening at 10am each Sunday morning, we will have an opening, snacks, our bible story and a craft. We hope you can join us. We are also still looking for folks who can teach, if you are willing please see Deacon Liz or Hannah Weithorn or scan this QR code to sign up to help.





## JOY GROUP VALENTINE'S LUNCH


Thursday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> in the church commons. We would LOVE for you to join us if you are available on Thursday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

am We will have sandwiches and salads. Please sign up on the board and sign up to bring a dish to share.




-  **LYO (LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION) ASSEMBLY** February 27—March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. Deacon Liz will send out all the information about what to pack and details of the weekend by Sunday February 1st. We will meet at the church on Feb 27th at 4:45 pm. Bring \$10 for dinner and we will have dinner at the church before we head out, then we should return Sunday during the 11:00 am service. This is one of our youth's favorite events and we look forward to sharing pictures with the congregation.

-  **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** Join us on February 8th in our 8:30 or 11:00 am worship services for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth will be collecting a "Noisy Offering" for this event as well as collecting food for our local CCM food pantry. Help us in helping our community!

-  **CONFIRMATION** Sunday February 8th at First Lutheran in Albemarle. Our confirmation students will meet at the church at 12:15 pm and head to First Lutheran, Albemarle. We should return by 5:00 pm for pick up in the church parking lot

-  **KINGDOM KIDS • LENTEN KITS and LUNCH** Sunday Feb. 15th @ 12:15 pm Join our Kingdom Kids and 3-5th graders in the fellowship hall for Lunch and putting together Lenten kits for our 40 day Lenten journey. We hope you can join us.

-  **HS/MS BOWLING** Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00—3:00 pm Our youth will go bowling on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> since we cancelled due to weather conditions in January. The cost is \$10 and we will meet at Foxfire Lanes. Parents you can pay in cash or with Tithely and you may want to send your youth with a little extra money for a snack. Pick up will be at 3:00 pm.

# Ash WEDNESDAY

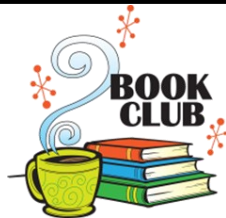
*Remember that you are  
dust and to dust you shall  
return.*

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

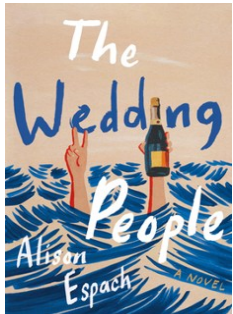


## WORSHIP AT 6:30

The Lenten Season begins in mid-February this year, with Ash Wednesday coming on February 18<sup>th</sup>. We will offer a worship service of confession, repentance, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 6:30 in the evening, and special music will be provided. A nursery is provided for this evening service...friends are welcome to attend. We hope you will join us!



## KIMBALL MEMORIAL BOOK CLUBS



### Tuesday Morning Book Club

February 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

**Location:** Church Parlor

**Book:** The Wedding People By:  
Alison Espach

**Leader:** Donna Taylor

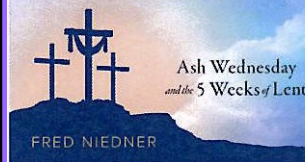
**Refreshments:** Jenny Jones

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

It's with great joy that we welcomed Isabelle Onalee Kratzsch into membership in January via the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Isabelle was born on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to Megan and Philipp Kratzsch. Other family members who were here for the Baptism include Grandparents Lisa Phillips, Bill Phillips, Katja Kratzsch, and Olaf Kratzsch. Isabelle's Godparents are Paige Wilson and Hunter Simmons. We were so pleased to celebrate with family, friends, and church family as Isabelle was Baptized – our first Baptism of 2026!

## DYING HIS DEATH LIVING HIS LIFE

SERVICES FOR LENT



## WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES *Dying His Death/Living His Life*

On Wednesdays during Lent for this year we will be reminded that we are buried with Christ in His death so that we might live with Him in His Resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come.

Each day affords us a chance to die to Sin and Live for Christ. In word and song during this Holy Season, we will contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross, so that we might receive the fullness of New Life in Jesus. We hope that these services will strengthen your faith in Christ as you journey through this Lenten Season.

### The dates and themes for 2015 are:

- February 25 – *Dying to Pride/Living for Others*
- March 4 – *Dying to Greed/Living for the Treasures of Heaven*
- March 11 – *Dying to Doubt/Living by Faith*
- March 18 – *Dying to Turmoil/Living in Peace*
- March 25 – *Dying to Judgment/Living in Grace*

Here is some important information to keep in mind for this year's Lenten Schedule.

- This year, we'll return to meals prior to the service! Lenten Meals will be served on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:15 in the Commons. Different groups in the church will be preparing and serving these meals. Sign-ups will be in the bulletin each week...deadline to sign up is Tuesday morning at 10:00 am.
- Lenten Worship Services begin each evening at 6:30.
- A nursery is provided for all our evening Lenten Services.
- We will sing the old, familiar hymns that folks enjoy so much during our Lenten Services. Our Liturgy will be the beautiful and familiar Holden Evening Prayer.

**Please make plans to join us for these services!!!**



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
02/08	Dave & Cathy YOUNG	57
02/09	Lena & Harry GILLON	52
02/13	Dale & Maria BROWN	33
02/23	Tom & Tammy KILBY	41

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**CAREMOOR** Aileen Tiece

**MORNINGSIDE** Betty Shaver

**AVANTE OF CONCORD** Dianne Marlin

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (Georgia)
- Sinatra Dreisbach (Nevada)
- Mason Hott (Georgia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Chris Overcash (North Carolina)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

### KIMBALL MEMBERS

Bonnie and Lonny Adair, Sylvia Anderson, Susan Bame, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sherri Bennett, Howard and Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Robin Ballard, Pat and Jerry Beam, Allen Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Florence Calandra, Bretta Dodson, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Betsy Ellington-Boynton, Teresa Erwin, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Sudie Foil, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, John Glass, Todd Haley, Kara, Ryan, Luna, Skyla Hardister, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Tim and Huyla Jackson, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, David and Diana Keck, Wilma Keller, Sarah and Skylar Kempf, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Grace Marcus, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Andrea, Wayne, Colby, Gus Miller, Heather and Charlie Miller, Pat Moser, Murph Family, Betty Ritchie, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy Scott, Betty Shaver, Roger Sizemore, David Sloan and Family, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Jean Tatarka, David and Donna Taylor, Debbie Troutman, Betty Walker, Gary Yount

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01	Jeff MATSON
02/02	Reagan CAUTHEN
02/03	Robin BALLARD
	Chris OVERCASH
	Pat TALLENT
02/04	Randy SNIPES
02/05	Silvia BINNON
	Franklin MYRICK
	Rosalea MYRICK
02/06	William SLOOP
02/07	Lou BARLOW
	Heather MILLER
	Leam NEELY
02/08	Elizabeth BRYANT
	Aleigha CHRISTY
	Scott HARMON
02/09	Lily FISHER
	Dean HINSON
02/11	Justin YOUNT
02/12	John FUTTERER
	Shane JOYCE
02/14	Sudie FOIL
02/16	Becky PETERSON
02/19	Kaylee MURPH
	David SLOAN
02/21	Sam FALLS
	Karan WHITLEY
02/22	Austin RIGSBY
02/23	Gabriel KEITH
	Kim VOELKER
02/26	Anne FUTTERER
	Sherry JOHNSON
02/28	Trae BENNET III
	Amy PRICE

Happy  
Birthday



# FEBRUARY 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

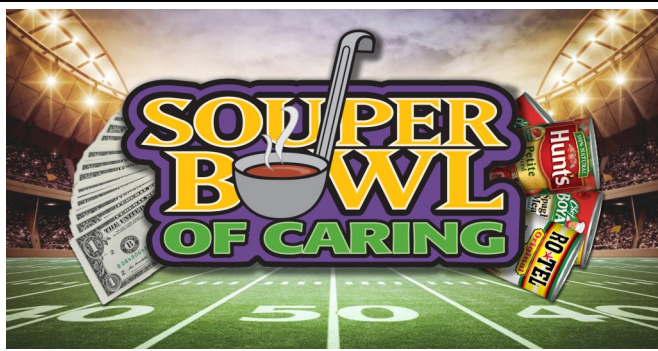
8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	PROJECTION
1-Feb	Fran Patterson	Liz Fisher	Delaney Little	Nathan Carpenter	Patrick Little
8-Feb	Rob Roginski	Tim Patterson	Lucy & Charlie Miller	Nathan Carpenter	Addi Carpenter
15-Feb	Hope Russell	Mary Lee Blackseider	TJ Black	Nathan Carpenter	Jack Smith
22-Feb	Shane Little	David Sloan	Skyler Kempf	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter

FLOWER CALENDAR	
1-Feb	Triece
8-Feb	Troutman
15-Feb	Available
22-Feb	Natalie Keith

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
1-Feb	Sally Peterson	Liz Fisher	Liza Jane Lee	Rory Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
8-Feb	Tony Lippard	Ben Hesley	Maydin Kohlmeier	Austin Ketchie	Gavin Carpenter	Colby Miller
15-Feb	Kim Kane	Huyia Jackson	Leam Hesley	Lucas Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter
22-Feb	Jerrold Smith	Owen Whitcomb	Anniston Wheatley	Blaine Wheatley	Gavin Carpenter	Austin Ketchie

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Mickey & Paula Brandle	Ben & Whitney Hesley
Council Assistants	Rick Teumer/ Emily Clamser	Sally Peterson/ Sydney Bradford
Healing Prayer	Sydney Bradford	Lindsay Daugherty
Communion Prep	Jim & Susan Harris	Sydney Bradford/ Joan Croote
Tellers	Jim & Susan Harris	
Slide Prep	Kim Kane	

	4-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb
Wednesday Bible Study	Pastor John	Deacon Liz	Rob Roginski	Pastor Joe



## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS UPCOMING ON FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Kimball Memorial will be participating with many other churches across the USA in the Souper Bowl of Caring, a food drive that is held on Super Bowl Sunday and which raises food and collects money for local Food Banks. Our monies/food at Kimball Memorial is given to CCM, which is a local food distribution point. Canned goods are especially prized during this winter month – with soup a favorite. Also needed are canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, and canned beans. Financial gifts are also appreciated – checks may be made to Kimball Memorial, and designated CCM Souper Bowl. Your food items may be left in the Commons, and they will be taken to CCM during the week after the Big Game. THANK YOU for your offerings which are much appreciated!



## LUTHERIDGE DATES FOR 2026

A Chartered Bus will be leaving for Lutheridge on

Sunday afternoon, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Our group will return to Kimball Memorial the afternoon of June 26<sup>th</sup>. All children/youth of the congregation are invited to spend the week at Camp that week – Deacon Liz, Jodie Hott, Laura Pennell, and Pastor John will be at Lutheridge that week, with our young people. If you have questions about this week of camp, please contact the Church Office or Deacon Liz directly for more information. Scholarships are available to help defray the cost of camp, and Kimball Memorial also helps with the cost of Camp. We hope that your young people will join us! For information on Lutheridge, please go to [www.novusway.com](http://www.novusway.com).

# CHURCH COUNCIL



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL,

The Council held their first meeting of 2026.

- Volunteers are still needed for the children and middle/high school Faith Formation Sunday School classes. The lesson plan has already been completed and all materials will be provided before the date you sign up. If you need assistance signing up or have questions about the different roles needed, please reach out to Hannah Wiethorn or Deacon Liz.
- The hearing assistance devices have arrived and will be available soon. We were able to increase our purchase from 6 to 10 devices.
- The air conditioning/heater combo pack, that supports the commons area, is in the process of being replaced. Once the work on this unit is completed the cost will be approximately \$27,000.
- The grant for \$50,000 was received from the Cannon Charitable Trust and will be used to replenish reserves that have been used for HVAC repairs in 2025.
- With the large offering received in December, the church completed the year with a budget income over expense surplus of \$26,000.

The Council would like to thank you for your continued support of our ministries.



## February Schedule

- **February 19** 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
- **February 20** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **February 21** 10:00 am—2:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

During the Lenten Season our Wednesday Morning Bible Study will use Dr. Will Willimon's book, "*The Last Supper*" for our time together. Dr. Willimon is a retired Bishop in the United Methodist Church and he is the Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School. This study will focus on the Parables of Jesus - told by Our Lord on the road from Palm Sunday to the Cross. We hope you'll join us for this time together, and that you'll consider joining us for lunch following these sessions - always a good time! We hope to see you!

# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Epiphany 4</b> <b>1</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Peterson	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Epiphany 5</b> <b>8</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 2:30p Confirmation @ First Albemarle <i>Super Bowl Sunday</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00a Book Club- Parlor	<b>11</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Futterer 5:30p Executive Committee	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Transfiguration</b> <b>15</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Kingdom Kids/3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Lunch and Lenten Kits	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo 5:30p Shrove Tuesday Pancakes	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>18</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 11:30a JOY Valentine's Lunch 3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Boynton 7:00p Church Council	<b>20</b> 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	<b>21</b> 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
<b>Lent 1</b> <b>22</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 1:00 – 3:00p HS/MS Bowling	<b>23</b> 10:30-11:30a Senior Food Program Distribution	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00a Bible Study 5:30p Fellowship Meal 6:30p Lenten Worship 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Talent	<b>27</b> LYO-Greensboro Meet at 4:45p	<b>28</b> LYO-Greensboro Return on Sunday During 11:00 Worship





## WINTER WEATHER

### WINTER WEATHER POLICY AT KIMBALL MEMORIAL

Please remember that in the case of snow and ice on Sunday mornings, we will make a decision as early as possible regarding the cancellation of morning worship. This information will be sent out on our Phone Tree, posted to Kimball's Facebook Page and Website, AND included on weather cancellations at WSOC – TV (Channel 9) in Charlotte. Please use your own good judgment before venturing out on “bad weather” Sundays, and know that we will strive to keep you safe and informed!

### BLESSING BOX NEEDS

With the help from the Hardister, Hunter and Murph families, our Blessing Box is now being restocked multiple times each week, and we need your help to continue meeting the growing needs of our neighbors. Families, many of whom are regular visitors, depend on the items we provide. The need is great, and your donations help us share God's love in a tangible way. Current items needed.

- Bottled Water
- Canned Food: Veggies, Fruit, Beans, Tuna, Soups
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Small cans of spaghetti sauce
- Pasta noodles
- Individual bags of chips, pretzels, Cheetos, Doritos, Cheez-it's, etc.
- Lance Crackers
- Macaroni and Cheese Cups
- Cereal
- Soap / Deodorant / Lotion
- Diapers / Feminine products
- Blankets, Jackets, Cardigans



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