



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor.... This year I'm thankful for:

- My daughter, who seems to have really found her home in Philadelphia. Yes...it's a little further away than I'd like, but it's an easy plane ride up for a visit. Being her father is pure Grace...much better than I deserve!

- Our Church Staff – it's wonderful when the people you work with and the people you like to be with are one and the same!
- Recovery after a bad fall right at the beginning of 2024 – three months with no driving, restrictions on duties and activities (all covered by the staff – see above) very good therapists and a loving wife who encouraged me and supported me. Today...I'm doing pretty well!
- Eating a hot dog, making a 'smore, playing a little ping pong and throwing around a football – not a bad way to spend a Sunday afternoon in October: That was our Autumn Gathering!
- A church that reaches out in Love when times are hard in our State: Health Kits, Quilts, and Flood Buckets put together, and money donated – over \$9,000 so far – THANK YOU doesn't begin to cover it
- The start of college basketball season, when everybody dreams of March Madness and secretly believes their team has a chance at a national championship
- My wife, Anne: Every. Single. Day.
- My big brother, Bill – who taught me to love three things: EVERY sport there is (I first learned about Pele and the World Cup in 1970...years before soccer had a footprint here in the South – thanks to my brother!), Carolina Beach Music – i.e. Major Lance, the Coasters, the Drifters, Maxine Brown, Ernie K-Doe, and all the others), and humor – how GOOD it is to laugh and enjoy life...Thank you, Bill!
- Thanksgiving through New Year's Day – different now that so many family members have passed and ALWAYS busy...but a time filled with laughter and food and football and a few hours of rest – my goodness, the years seem to go by faster, don't they?
- Each of you...as you make my life and the life of my family so very good in this place. I wish for you and yours a very blessed Thanksgiving Season!

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

Embracing "**Amazing Grace**" and Giving Thanks for God's Infinite Gift

The hymn "**Amazing Grace**" has long held a cherished place in our hearts, symbolizing comfort, redemption, and God's boundless love. Written in 1772 by John Newton—a former slave trader transformed by his faith—the hymn is a testament to the power of grace. Each verse reflects Newton's journey from darkness to light, offering a powerful reminder that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy.

The hymn's universal message of forgiveness and hope has made it a global anthem of faith. Across generations and cultures, "**Amazing Grace**" resonates, transcending boundaries and touching lives deeply. In its simplicity and profound truth, it speaks to the grace we all experience: lifting us from despair to joy, from brokenness to wholeness.

As we enter November, a time to reflect on gratitude, I am especially thankful for God's grace—the space that bridges the black and white, revealing God's loving presence. Recently, this grace was brought to life through a remarkable story. A few months ago, I received a message through our church's Facebook page from a woman who had discovered an old Bible and wanted to return it to its rightful owner. She had gone to great lengths, researching the family tree and even locating a newspaper clipping about the original owner. Her dedication led her to Kimball Memorial, and she reached out to us, knowing the Bible once belonged to a member of our congregation.

This small yet profound act of grace is where we find Jesus—a reminder that God is constantly revealing signs of love, often when we least expect them. It is in these moments, these glimpses of grace, that we witness the wonder of "**Amazing Grace**."

At Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church, "**Amazing Grace**" continues to be a beloved part of our worship. As we sing it, let us remember that grace is more than a line in a hymn—it's a daily gift. May it renew our spirits and inspire us to extend compassion, love, and understanding to those around us. In every verse, may we hear a call to embody that grace, becoming instruments of God's love in the world.

Deacon Liz

AUTUMN GATHERING A BIG SUCCESS!

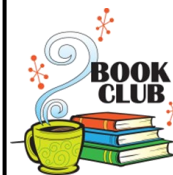


Our thanks to Wayne and Andrea Miller and their family for hosting our first Autumn Gathering in October! The Millers made us so comfortable and welcome...and the setting was just beautiful. We so appreciate the Hesley and Wiethorn families who helped prepare the meal, and all our folks who helped with pumpkin painting and s'more roasting. A great time was had by all – pictures of the event are on our Facebook Page!

GENEROUS HEARTS

We have received very nice notices from our Bishop, Tim Smith, and our North Carolina Synod Disaster Relief partners, thanking us for our quick and wonderful response to the terrible hurricane and floods in western North Carolina. Thus far, our church has contributed 15 quilts, 204 Health Kits, 16 Flood Buckets, and over \$9,000 in monetary contributions...not to mention the winter coats that have already been taken to Grace Lutheran Church in Boone, and the two huge collections now in the Commons which WILL be taken in just a few weeks. The note from the Bishop read, in part: "Saints of Kimball Memorial, your generosity in the face of such deep need is truly an inspiration and a Blessing!"

KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS



BOOK CLUB

Friday Night Book Club

Date: Friday, November 1st - 6:30 pm

Host: Pattersons

Food: Pattersons, Thackers

Book: *The Final Round* By: Earnest Dempsey



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation will meet every Sunday during November at 10:00 am.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL

We have a new Sunday School Class for our High School/Middle School Youth Group. The class begins each Sunday at 10:00 am, and will meet in the Library. Pastor John will be the primary teacher.

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.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor for our weekly Bible Study. All are welcome for this informal time of study and discussion - each Wednesday at 10:00 am. For more information please call the Church Office.

November Facilitators:

- 11/06 Pastor John Futterer
- 11/13 Deacon Liz Fisher
- 11/20 Pastor Joe Tallent
- 11/27 Class Led



HS/MS Youth

November 10th HS/MS Youth Dinner and Devotions

Join us for Dinner and Devotions on Sunday November 10th at 4:45 pm. We will enjoy good food and great fellowship together.

Confirmation Nov 10th @ Mt. Zion in Richfield

Our MS Confirmation group will meet at church on Sunday November 10th at 12:15 pm for lunch and Confirmation at Mt. Zion, Richfield. Please make sure your child brings \$10 for lunch. We are also in need of an extra driver, if you are able to drive, please text Deacon Liz or Pastor John.

November 17th @ 10:00 am- Advent Wreath Making

Our Kingdom Kids and our 3-5th grade groups will make Advent Wreaths for the Advent Season. We would love anyone who would like to participate to sign up by November 10th to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone.

November 24th Thanks and Thanksgiving

The Youth and Families of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church invite you to our Thanks and Thanksgiving meal on Sunday November 24th at 11:30 am. We will have Turkey, Ham and all the fixings as we gather to celebrate our Stewardship Sunday. We are very thankful to our congregation for all they do for us! If you would like to help, please call Deacon Liz, Melissa Little or Lauren Nichols and arrive at 9:30 am.

Children's Christmas Play Practices Nov and Dec

We are very thankful to Emily Clamser, Mary Lee Blackwelder, and Shannon Risgby for helping with our 2024 Children's Christmas Play. We would love to have every child participate if they can and will have rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. If you are not available for practices and would still like to help, please text Deacon Liz and she will send you the songs and scripts for you to practice at home. Our program will be on Sunday December 15th at 10:00 am.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
2-Nov	John & Leigh GLASS	39
3-Nov	Spencer & Sydney FALLS	6
5-Nov	Darin & Craig PEAY	10
14-Nov	Ryan & Natalie KEITH	9
21-Nov	Andrew & Helenita BELL	34

PRAYER REQUESTS

MILITARY

- Christopher Bame (California)
- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Utah)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Chris Overcash (NC)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson, Robin Ballard, Andy Ballard, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sylvia Binion, Becky Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Brenda Brown, Florence Calandra, Emily Clamser, Jean Davis, Mary Dorton, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Teresa Erwin, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, Leigh and John Glass, Todd Haley, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Eric and Jenny Jones, Pr. David and Diana Keck, Wilma Keller, Tony Lippard, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Nathan and Kathryn Murph, Taylor and Kaylee Murph, John Pendleton, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Betty Ritchie, Blake Robinson, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy and Cliff Scott, Betty Shaver, Roger Sizemore, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Gaye St. John, David and Donna Taylor, Sarah Teumer, Debbie Troutman

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Triece / Bettie Overcash

MORNINGSIDE OF CONCORD Gaye St. John

SPRING ARBOR OF ALBEMARLE Mary Dorton

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

AT HOME Jean Davis / Louise Propst

NOVEMBER

Happy Birthday

01-Nov	Barry CHRISTENSON
	Shannon RIGSBY
02-Nov	Sabrina BENNET
	R. E. CAUTHEN II
	Anna RICH
	Gary SWANSON
05-Nov	Sharon MEENDERING
	Debbie TROUTMAN
10-Nov	Bob BOYNTON
	Rosalie HARTMAN
	Huyla JACKSON
15-Nov	Amelia BARTON
	Doris TEUMER
16-Nov	Fran GARVER
	Nathan MURPH
17-Nov	Donna LAMBERT
	Joseph TALLENT
18-Nov	Alice LLOYD
20-Nov	Kathy SCOTT
22-Nov	Nevina CHRISTY
	Kathy HUNTER
23-Nov	TJ BLACK
24-Nov	Dana HINSON
	David KECK
25-Nov	Suzanne REID
27-Nov	Emily BUTTNER
	Joe SAULLO
	Tanner TRIECE
28-Nov	Jeffrey KISER
29-Nov	Betty SHAVER

KIMBALL MEMORIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund	September	Year to Date
Income	44,495.25	391,638.78
Expenses	49,673.33	393,897.12

NOVEMBER SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
3-Nov	David Sloan	Darian Miller	Delaney Little	Tim Patterson	Patrick Little
10-Nov	Lisa Robinson	Tim Patterson	Ellis Brooks	Howard Bentley	Patrick Little
17-Nov	Hannah Wiethorn	Sarah Harmon	Asa Russell	Shane Little	Patrick Little

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
3-Nov	Kathy Hunter	Huylla Jackson	Rory Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Patrick Little
10-Nov	Pastor Joe Tallent	Tony Lippard	Connor Keith	Taylor Murph	Patrick Little
17-Nov	Sally Peterson	Jerrold Smith	Reagan Cauthen	Nathan Carpenter	Patrick Little

10:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
24-Nov	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Tyler Wiethorn	Tyler Nichols	Ben Hesley	Patrick Little

Greeters	Jim / Ann Fisher	Ben & Whitney Hesley
Council Assistants	Todd Haley / David Sloan	Heidi Lee / Kim Kane
Healing Prayer	Jane Falls	Lindsay Daugherty
Communion Prep	Fran & Keith Gaver	Tim & Huylla Jackson

Tellers	Judy Sloan / Frankie Bogutsky
Slide Prep	Kim Kane

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
06-Nov	Pastor John
13-Nov	Deacon Liz
20-Nov	Pastor Joe
27-Nov	Class

FLOWER CALENDAR	
3-Nov	Troutman
10-Nov	Paulette Peeler
17-Nov	Travis/Amy Black
24-Nov	Mike Hunter



“Joyful Living/Joyful Giving”

Stewardship Theme for 2025

Commitment Sunday is
November 24th

Intent cards and letters will be mailed to all members/friends of the congregation in the coming weeks as our Stewardship Campaign for 2025 kicks off. As we see the growth of our community and church, the theme for this new year focuses on God’s calling to embrace Joy in all that we do. We’re reminded of this in St.

John 15:11, as Jesus tells us: ***“I have said these things to you so that Joy will be in you and your Joy will be completed.”***

In this coming year we will focus on the many things that make us Joyous – first, an emphasis on helping Lutheridge, our wonderful camp in the Mountains near Asheville. Members of Kimball Memorial have been attending and working in this camp since it’s very beginning, 75 years ago. After the devastating hurricane of this year, Lutheridge needs OUR help to bring back some Joy. We’ll hear more about this appeal in the new year. We also find great Joy in our building, and we want to spruce up our educational building – making it more attractive to guests and more comfortable for members. And finally, we want to continue to reach out to our growing number of children and youth, ensuring that members and friends can enjoy Lutheridge, summer retreats and mission trips here at home and in other places, and monthly and weekly activities. We hope you’ll help us reach these goals.

We’re asking members to bring their commitment cards to worship on Sunday, November 24th (ONE service at 10:00 AM!), as we’ll welcome Stephanie Burke, the NC Synod Regional Gift Planner and a gifted artist. Following worship, we’ll also be treated to a delicious Thanks and Thanksgiving luncheon that day, provided by the youth families of our church, and served to us by our children and youth. We’ll have the opportunity to bring these commitment cards forward on that Sunday morning as we make financial promises and commitments to our church for the coming year. Remember – your Joyous generosity makes everything possible!

Please let us know if you haven’t received a letter and intent card by November 17th, and we will make sure you get one ASAP. We do hope that you’ll plan to join us for this time of celebration and commitment as we look forward to a year of Joyous Living, which leads us to Joyful Giving!



BLESSING BOX NEEDS

Please place your items in the back Youth Room at the end of the hall near the back door.

- Pasta (any kind)
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Shelf Milk***
- Fruit and pudding cups
- All varieties of chips
- Canned chicken and tuna
- Beanie weenies
- Assorted drinks and snacks
- Canned beans, veggies and fruit
- Applesauce
- Water
- Lance crackers
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Brushes
- Diapers



JOY GROUP BREAKFAST

J.O.Y. Group will meet at the China Grove Family House for breakfast on Thursday, November 7th at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited. Signup sheets are in the Commons and Narthex. Join us as we give thanks for good food and fellowship.

LWR HEALTH KITS

Thank you to all that supported the LWR Health Kit ministry sponsored by the Joe Gribble Sunday School class. We collected and assembled 203 health kits. These will be distributed to help families affected by Hurricane Helene.

Joe Gribble Sunday School Class

THANK YOU!

It is with a grateful heart that I express my appreciation to Pastor John,

Deacon Liz, and those that sent cards, made calls, visits, and especially the prayers during the loss of my son, Tom Ballard. How blessed I am to have a church family that is so loving and caring. God Loves You and So Do I!

Betty Ritchie



COUNCIL COMMUNICATOR

- On October 20, there will be a congregational fellowship event called "Autumn Gathering" at the home of the Millers in China Grove at 4:00 pm. The gathering will include food and outdoor activities. Sign-ups will begin next week.
- We will have a Food Drive in October to coincide with Crop Walk.
- Crop Walk will be hosted by Kimball on October 13. See Bob Boynton for details if you're interested in walking or donating!
- Stewardship Sunday is November 24 and Kimball will have Stephanie Burke from the Synod as a guest speaker
- The August P and L statement is on the board in the hallway for all to view. We will continue to post these for the congregation to view quarterly.
- Kimball finances have a year-to-date deficit at the end of August of just over \$8, 000, even though year to date expenses are \$22,000 below expected budget. A member from finance plans to provide more details in the next few weeks.
- Committees and teams should be working on their 2025 budget proposals, due end of September.

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 3, 2024



Rejoicing in that great company of sinners made saints by your grace. O Lord, lift members of the faith community that is Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church, who have, during the past twelve months, inherited the joys you have prepared for all those who love you.

Judy Ferguson	December 2, 2023
Judi Hill	December 7, 2023
Mabel Brown	February 10, 2024
Whit Whitley	April 18, 2024
Jim Peeler	May 27, 2024
Earline Snipes	July 5, 2024
Sandra Stanwick	August 23, 2024
Conrad Sloop	October 22, 2024

IMPORTANT—SUNDAY MINISTERS

We deeply appreciate your commitment to serving at Kimball, and we understand that life can bring unexpected challenges, especially on Sunday mornings. If you find out ahead of time that you are unable to fulfill your scheduled service, please reach out to the church office at your earliest convenience. Your proactive communication is invaluable to us, as it helps ensure a smooth and uplifting worship experience for everyone involved. To keep you informed, we will send multiple emails regarding your schedule, and you can always find the current and next Sunday's schedule included in the Take-Home-Announcements, on the website or in the monthly newsletter. Thank you for your dedication and service here at Kimball.

INVITATION TO SING



Have you ever felt that irresistible urge to let your voice soar like an eagle, only to find yourself ensnared in the whirlwind of daily life? If so, now is your opportunity to break free and embrace the joy of music! Circle **November 6** on your calendar. As we begin our journey of preparing for the Advent and Christmas season, we would be absolutely thrilled to have you join us. If you would like to only sing during the Advent/Christmas season, that is perfectly fine.



DONATE BLOOD

Donors Receive

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
Wednesday, November 6
2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood Six Reusable Cups**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **42421**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.



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NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 6:30p Book Club at Patterson's	2
All Saints 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Christmas Play Practice 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal	4	5	6 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	7 9:00a JOY -China Grove Family Rest. 5:00p Samaritan's Table	8	9
Pentecost 25 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Christmas Play Practice 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal 12:15p Lunch and Confirmation 4:45p Youth Dinner & Devos	11	12	13 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	14 5:00p Samaritan's Table	15	16 1:00 p Commons-Daugherty Party
Pentecost 26 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 10:00a Advent Wreath Making for Kingdom Kids/3 rd -5 th 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal	18 6:30p Preschool Board Meeting	19 10:00a Bingo-Coltrane Life Center	20 10:00a Bible Study 3:00p Carolina Value Pet (Cats) 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	21 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	22 12:00p – 5:00p Carolina Value Pet	23 10:00p – 2:00p Carolina Value Pet
Christ the King 10:00a Combined Worship 11:15p Thanks & Thanksgiving Lunch	25	26	27 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	Thanksgiving 28 5:00p Samaritan's Table	29	30



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Funeral Meal Teams

The Funeral Meal teams need volunteers that are willing to prepare and/or serve funeral meals. Many members of the current teams are no longer able to assist, and additional help is needed so that we can continue this important ministry of serving families that have lost a loved one. Please prayerfully consider this ministry and let Keith in the church office know if you can help.



ADVENT WREATHS

Kingdom Kids and 3-5 Graders will be making Advent Wreaths on Sunday morning, November 17th, between worship services in the Commons. Invitations have been sent out on-line...please mark your calendars for this chance to create Advent Wreaths for the home in this upcoming preparation time for Christmas.