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June 2023 Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR

Nothing Ordinary about “Ordinary Time” this Summer!

The late Winter/Early Spring of the Church Year is a time filled with Church Festivals and Commemorations! We move from our Christmas celebrations to the Day of Epiphany, and then quickly to Ash Wednesday, the Lenten Season, Holy Week, and then – the “Queen of all Festivals” – Easter Day. From there, it’s a short step to Pentecost Sunday and the Holy Trinity. But then – the Summer arrives and the Church Festivals come to a close. Our paraments turn to green and REMAIN green throughout the three months of Summer.



Our Episcopal Brothers and Sisters refer to the Season after Pentecost (the Lutheran term for this time) as “Ordinary Time” – it’s a time when the Church focuses on the Ministry and Teachings of Jesus. This year our Gospel Reading for the Summer Season will be from St. Matthew.

This “Ordinary Time” can feel like a break from the High Holy Festivals of Christmas/ Easter/Pentecost. But it’s not an ordinary time at all. During this Summer Season we will follow Jesus in His Ministry as Matthew describes it. For St. Matthew, Jesus is the Promised Messiah who comes to fulfill the Jewish Law in all that He says and does. In addition to following Matthew, we’ll be reading through St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans during this Summer, which is probably the Letter Paul is most remembered for – and his Letter that was most beloved and studied by Martin Luther.

And so I invite you to seek God in the ordinary rhythm of the Church Year this Summer. Immerse yourself in the worship life of the church, and in the fellowship we’re able to share together as we enjoy these Summer months. As usual at Kimball Memorial, there are always opportunities to seek God’s presence and peace through prayer, learning, and service.

I am excited to step into this Season with you – and to be met by God’s presence and power in the Sundays of June, July, and August. ***Peace and Love, Pastor John***

A Reminder That Your Church Never Goes on Vacation!



WE ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER THAT OUR FINANCIAL NEEDS are great during the summer months...and especially so since so many families are traveling during June, July and August. Please consider making your pledge current if at all possible...and consider making a “summer gift” to the congregation to help during this season. Lights, Air Conditioning, needs for our Summer Mission Trip and Agape Day Camp, are all needed during the summer months. Thank you for prayerfully considering these needs, and giving to keep our congregation strong!

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Church Office hours

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

Worship

8:30
Contemporary

11:00
Traditional



Endowment Committee News

The Endowment Committee has set up two **workshops** to provide information and answer questions on how to leave a lasting benefit to both your church and your community! Mark your calendars now for the dates of **June 27th** at 7pm and **June 28th** at 10:30am to attend one of the workshops.

A TAX SAVING WAY TO HELP THE ENDOWMENT FUND

If you are 70 1/2 years old and older, you can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as your church and/or the ministries you specify without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of any value \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit, and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference at Kimball! This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA Charitable Rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short.

Why Consider this Gift?

- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- If you are required to take minimum distributions, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your RMD obligation.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

It is critical to let us know of your gift, because many popular retirement plan administrators assume no obligation to notify a charity of your designation. The administrator also will not monitor whether your gift designations are followed. Your regional gift planner, Stephanie Burke with the ELCA Foundation Services, would love to thank you for your generosity and talk with you about your intentions to ensure that they are followed. And, as always, please feel free to reach out to the Endowment Committee if we can help!

North Carolina Synod Assembly Meets in Greensboro



We are so thankful for David and Donna Taylor who are attending the NC Synod Assembly as Kimball Memorial Delegates for 2023, along with Pastor John and Deacon Liz. This year's Assembly will be held in Greensboro, and will be a traditional business session with annual reports from the Bishop and others. There will also be elections held for Synod and Church-wide positions. We'll keep you posted on events in the July issue of the Newsletter.



Congratulations to Our Graduates!!!

Our High School Graduates:

Abby Carpenter graduating from Northwest Cabarrus High School and will attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Aleigha Christy graduating from West Craven High School and will attend Craven Community College.

Ella Ramsey graduating from Northwest Cabarrus High School and will attend Greensboro College.

Kamden Ridgell graduating from East Rowan High School and will attend Rowan/Cabarrus Community College.

Kara Voelker graduating from Jay M. Robinson High School and will attend Central Piedmont Community College.

Our College Graduate:

Savannah Hott graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor's Degree. **A Scripture Verse for Our Graduates:** *"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed"* **Proverbs 16:3**

Kimball's Book Clubs

Tuesday Night Book Club July 11th @ 6:30pm



Home of : Laura Abernathy
Food: Prebble, Mary Jo, Diana
Book: What's Mine and Yours
by: Naima Coster

Friday Night Book Club-July 21st @ 6:30 pm

Host: Brandles Food: Brandle, Garver
Book: Ordinary Grace
by: William Kent Krueger

Greetings From Your Church Council.



- ◆ Our Church-wide Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th. Congregational help is appreciated and encouraged to make this event a success!
- ◆ There will be a Graduation Recognition Service on July 31st during the Fifth Sunday, combined service at 10 am.
- ◆ There is a new plan in place with our janitorial service for monthly maintenance, which will include the full mopping of the Commons and the Fellowship Hall. This will occur on the Saturday which follows the 1st Sunday of the month. If you are planning on the use of these facilities during the monthly cleaning, please let the Gail at the Church Office know.
- ◆ The Columbarium pre-sale of niches has been very successful, as 25 niches have been sold thus far. If anyone is still interested in purchasing during this pre-sale, please let the Columbarium Committee know as soon as possible.
- ◆ Through the month of April, the financial situation remains strong and stable. We continue to be blessed by the congregation by their giving which has allowed us to maintain our programming both within the church and outside in the community. However, for most months in 2023 the church has failed to receive sufficient offerings to meet its operating budget. Staff and committees are doing a great job controlling spending, but we have been forced to use some of the reserves we have accumulated for just this type of event. Thankfully, the church did receive a very large one-time donation recently with which we were able to replenish the reserves and catch up on our projections. With the summer months approaching, which has historically been a low offering part of the year, we ask that you prayerfully keep Kimball in mind as you make summer plans. Please consider making an additional summer gift to our General Fund at some point during the next three months. Your gift will be important, and greatly appreciated!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER KIMBALL PASTOR Palmer Clemmer, who received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Lenoir-Rhyne University at commencement in May. Palmer is a 1974 graduate of L-R, and was the first "co-pastor" of KMLC, from 1978 - 1981. We are so happy for Pastor Clemmer and his wife, Cindi at this very nice honor!

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER



PROGRAMS

HS/MS Parent Meeting will be Sunday June 4th at 10am in the Fellowship hall, we will have a meeting to go over our Summer Camps as well as information we need for our HS Mission Trip coming up in July.



Kairos Campfirmation & Lutheridge Camp 2023

Four of our youth will enjoy a week at Lutheridge, our Lutheran camp near Asheville, **June 18-23rd**. The week is known as Campfirmation and is the conclusion of two years of Confirmation study. During the week, our students will spend much of their morning on creative Bible Studies, and most of their afternoon involved in traditional Lutheridge Camp activities. We'll enjoy an afternoon retreat to the mountains one day and numerous opportunities to meet other campers and leaders from all over North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Florida.

Deacon Liz and Pastor John will be attending this week, and assisting with Kairos Please pray for our four youth attending Kairos this year: Von Blocker, Gracie Matheny, Taylor Murph, and Abby Schmitt. Paul Smith has completed his Confirmation studies, but is on a family vacation during Campfirmation week, and will attend next Summer. All five of these young people will be confirmed this fall on Reformation Sunday Morning – October 29th, at one worship service at 10:00.

In addition to Kairos, we will be bringing 9 of our youth to other programs, and we'll be taking 14 children with us from GW Carver Elementary. Jon Todd and Jodie Hott will be serving as Adult Leaders for this group of young people.

Later in the Summer, Hope Russell and Bryana McDonald will be serving as Lutheridge Adult Leaders for another group including youth from Kimball.

Our partnerships with Lutheridge/Lutherock and Camp Agape have been in place for years, and we value our relationships with both of these wonderful organizations within our North Carolina Synod. Watch for pictures and other information about camp on our Facebook Page this Summer.

June Anniversaries

1	Chris & Ariel Overcash	5
1	Sarah & Scott Harmon	4
4	Cliff & Kathy Scott	39
6	Nancy & Jim (V) Demeny	59
9	Mike & Amy Miller	33
10	David & Diana Keck	62
12	Georgeann & Jeff (V) Sapp	30
14	Jim & Ann Fisher	48
15	Adam & Hope Russell	10
18	Jacob & Dawn Hardy	12
19	Keith & Fran Garver	47
20	Tim & Fran Patterson	31
24	Milton & Sherri Matheny	28
24	Shane & Melissa Little	17
26	Randy & Debbie Tiece	42



June Birthdays

1	Laura Abernathy
2	Randy Rigsby, Jennifer Bennet
3	Chloe Small
4	Brandi Morgan
5	Kim Kane, Fantashia Neal
6	Patrick Little
7	Ava Farris, Connie Long, Cody Myrick
8	John Randle
9	Sean McCombs, Tim Patterson
12	Lauren Nichols, Melissa Fisher
13	Juanene Savage
14	Amy Miller
15	Carter Brown, Savannah Hott, Toyoko Fukumoto, Greg Carr, Steven Poole, Joel Tuopaeh
16	Ariel Overcash
17	Miriam Castor
18	Palmer Robinson, Hyland Fisher
20	Kara Hardister, Jerrod Smith, Amanda Cauthen
21	Christy Beaver (V)
22	Mark Dearmon, Lori Whitcomb, Kyler Black
23	Jeffrey Brock, Becky Brantley, Whit Whitley, Jr.
24	Gracie Matheny, Fran Patterson, Kevin Gordon
26	Spencer Falls
27	Brian Hunsuck
28	Terry Steinert
29	Diana Keck
30	Luna Hardistar

Homebound Members

Caremoor

- Aileen Tiece
- Bettie Overcash

Landings of Cabarrus

- Leonard Barlow

Crescent Heights Senior Living

- Mary Dorton

Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

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 (Utah), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Preston Mays (MD) Chris Overcash (NC), Christopher Bame (California), Mike Peterson (Virginia), Keith Lee (NC)

Kimball members: Sylvia Binnon, Mabel Brown, Brenda Brown, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Mike Hunter, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Joyce Mallernee, Dianne Marlin, Mike McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Cliff, Kathy, & Devon Scott, Betty Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Gaye St. John

June Worship Assistants

LECTORS

8:30am

4 Scott Harmon
11 Fran Garver
18 Darian Miller
25 Tim Patterson

11:00am

4 Pat Tallent
11 Darla Steinert
18 Lindsay Daugherty
25 Jerrod Smith

Healing Prayer Ministers

8:30 am Debbie Troutman

11:00 am Anne Futterer

Greeters

8:30 am Patrick &
Delaney Little

11:00 am Pat Moser

ACOLYTES

8:30am

4 Delaney Little
11 Palmer & Asa Russell
18 Riley Dodson
25 Addison Fisher

11:00am

4 Rory & Lucas Hesley
11 Liza Lee
18 Knox Christenson
25 Reagan and John Cauthen

PROJECTION (Video)

8:30am

4 Randy Price
11 David Taylor
18 Howard Bentley
25 Debbie Troutman

11:00am

4 Nathan Carpenter
11 Heidi Lee
18 Abby Carpenter
25 Gavin Carpenter

SOUND (Audio)

8:30am

4 Shane Little
11 Keith Garver
18 Eric Storey
25 Rick Teumer

11:00am

4 Abby Carpenter
11 Keith Lee
18 Gavin Carpenter
25 Abby Carpenter

Worship Assistants

8:30am

4 David Sloan
11 Donna Taylor
18 Ela Ramsey
25 Cooper Hinson

11:00am

4 Tony Lippard
11 Whit Whitley
18 Nicholas Bronson
25 Robin Ballard

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 Paula Brandle/Karan Whitley

11:00 Bob Boynton/Terry Steinert

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 Tammy Stearns & Friend

11:00 John & Anne Futterer

MONTHLY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday
Bob & Peggy Pergola

A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



What you need:

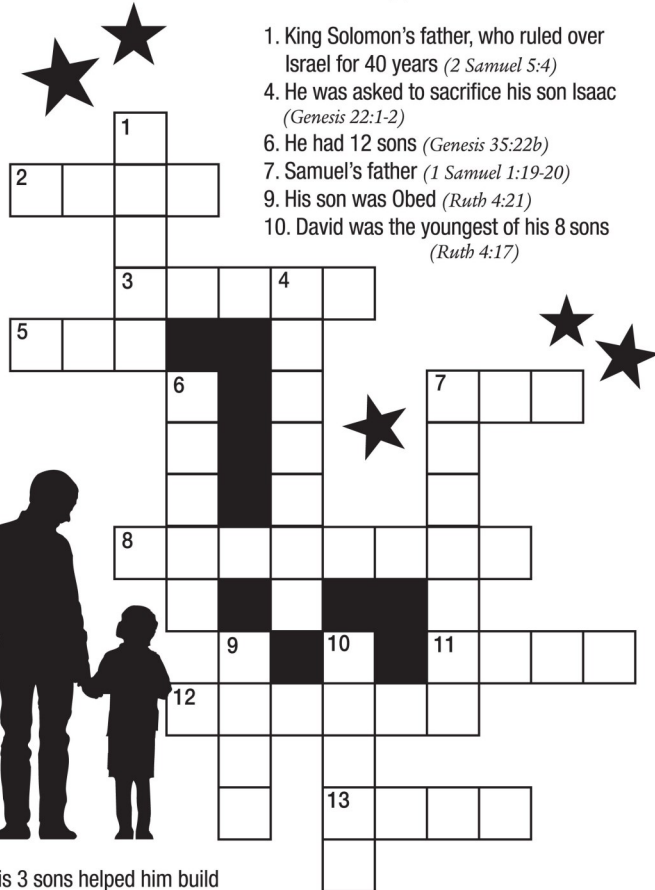
- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.

Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers. Use the references for help, if needed.



1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (*2 Samuel 5:4*)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (*Genesis 22:1-2*)
6. He had 12 sons (*Genesis 35:22b*)
7. Samuel's father (*1 Samuel 1:19-20*)
9. His son was Obed (*Ruth 4:21*)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (*Ruth 4:17*)

2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (*Genesis 6:10*)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (*Genesis 27:30*)
5. The Father of our Lord (*Ephesians 1:3*)
7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (*1 Samuel 2:12*)
8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (*2 Samuel 9:6*)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (*Genesis 4:25*)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (*Matthew 1:20-21*)
13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (*2 Samuel 9:6*)

Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul, 9. Boaz, 10. Jesse; ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli,

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2023				1 11:00 AM Executive Council meeting 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	2 NC Synod Assembly-Greensboro	3 NC Synod Assembly-Greensboro
4 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS meeting reviewing Summer camps and Mission Trip 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells	5	6	7 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	8 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Property Team	9	10
11 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 10:00 AM Faith Formation and Parents/Young Adult SS 10:00 AM Columbarium meeting & sign up-FH 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells	12	13	14 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	15 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Council Meeting	16	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells <i>Campfirmation & Summer Camp</i>	19 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting-Library <i>Campfirmation & Summer Camp</i>	20 10:30 AM Coltrane L. I.F.E. Center Bingo <i>Campfirmation & Summer Camp</i>	21 <i>Summer Begins</i> 3:00 -6:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only-KAC 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice <i>Campfirmation & Summer Camp</i>	22 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru <i>Campfirmation & Summer Camp</i>	23 Noon-5:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC <i>Campfirmation & Summer Camp</i>	24 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC
25 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells	26	27 7:00 PM Endowment Workshop	28 10:30 AM Endowment Workshop 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	29	30	



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Sarah's Song Coming, coming in September! Kimball is presenting, in conjunction with First Presbyterian, an original musical called Sarah's Song. Sarah's Song is the story of Sarah and Abraham and their journey from Harran to Canaan. Along the way their life's stories are interwoven with God's call on their lives. God's call on Abraham to leave his home in Harran, their journey into Egypt and their final destination in Canaan serve as a backdrop for the promise to Abraham to make him the father of nations. And God's long-awaited promise to Sarah to be Isaac's mother, beginning her lineage, a mother of kings. It is an original work created and written by Kay and Don Simmons. We are looking for a number of props, set, and costume items which you may have. If you have any of the items listed below, please see Don or Kay, they only want to use them and then will return them at a later date, following the presentation. Please try to notify one of the following people: Don or Kay Simmons, Mike McCombs or Bob Boynton. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

- Shofar
- Jewish Prayer Shawl
- Ornate communion table height and length tables (2)
- Torah scrolls (2)
- Ornate bench- no back
- Country bench no back
- Chaise
- Persian-look rugs, (2) ar. 7x 9, and 8 x 10
- Stools, any height (4).
- Card table
- Regular size clothes chest- gold, silver, or ornate,
- Various size cloth
- leather-look carry bags, no apparent logos, for 'we're moving' scene (5),
- Large clear plastic jar
- Realistic look toy frog
- Artist easel (1)
- brushes (3-5, 1 large)
- Medium size woven square baskets (2),
- Small ornate side tables, (3 T) (silver, gold, or white, outdoor 'scrolly' type, one country)
- Old time fountain or quill pen without a feather
- Small clay-look tablet
- Any ancient-look hair implements: 'hair iron', crimpers, hand-held mirror
- Small satin pillow
- Artificial (or real) potted flowering bushes (4),
- Play coins- *numerous* for stacks, gold and silver,
- Shoulder sack to hold loaves of bread,
- Small clay, wooden, or stone 'gods' to be hand-held (Large, rough cut chess pieces may work) – (7)
- Large artificial palm frond,
- Pottery/ look dish for dates, medium size
- pottery/ look cup
- Fabric: Gold and Silver lame', Satins, vibrant and bright colors for sashes
- Belts
- some headpieces
- Polyester navy for card table covering
- Netting, ('veil material ') light purples and pink color groups,
- Large ornamental buttons: 'pearls', and 'gems'
- Artificial flowers



Blessing Box News

Greetings Brothers and sisters in Christ. Charley and I just want to take a moment to bring you up to date on the blessing box activity. Through the wonderful generosity of so many of our members this project is proving to be a great success. Since the installation of the box we have been able to establish a well-stocked pantry which is very much needed as the box is being well visited by persons in our community with great needs. We have also asked for volunteers to step forward to help stocking the box and we are very grateful for the response. With this additional help, we are stocking the box twice a week and have plenty of room for more volunteers. This is a great opportunity for parents with younger children to teach them the blessings that can be received by serving others in need. If interested in helping please contact Alex Storey to discuss training and scheduling. (980-521-1135 or aebarna@gmail.com). For all others please note that to continue this service we must continue to be dependent on your generosity. Please check the bulletin each week for an updated list of needs to keep our pantry well stocked. Donations can be placed in the pantry located in the educational building in the back corner (old Joe Gribble class). We also have a designated fund so donations can be marked "Blessing Box" on your offering envelopes. We have volunteers who do shopping and these funds are used for this. Most of all, please accept our gratitude and thanks for all you have done as a congregation to date. Matthew 25:40 Peace, **Alex & Charley Storey**

PS- This is how we know we are making a difference: An index card was found in the Blessing Box

"Thank you so very much. This box is truly a blessing and was found by us at just the perfect moment on our journey past. God bless you. Thank you and it is appreciated"