



Kimball Communicator

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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FROM THE PASTOR

THIS YEAR I'M THANKFUL FOR



A wonderful trip this fall to Denmark with my wife and daughter – a beautiful country, wonderful people and a chance to spend good, quality time with the family * Reformation Sunday – when we pull out the Red Paraments, sing wonderful Lutheran Hymns, and confirm wonderful Lutheran Youth. It's always a special day. * Trips to Philadelphia – a city I've come to love and appreciate (I felt the pain of the Phillies this fall!) * Pretty fall days in the South (even though it's supposed to feel a lot like summer as I'm writing this article!) * That feeling you get when you pray – and you just know that everything is going to be "all right". You can't manufacture that feeling, but when it comes it's real and unmistakable. * Basset Hounds – our old gal Penelope will soon be 13 – really old for a Basset Hound. But she still manages to get around for a daily walk and, like her master, is rarely off her food! They are the noblest of Breeds! * Sunday nights with our Youth – we have great young people in this congregation and Sunday evenings are a rare opportunity to sit and eat and talk and pray with them in the midst of their busy schedules. * Our wonderful staff – Liz and Keith help me in my ministry so much. Gail was such a joyous asset to me and to this congregation (we hope she's enjoying her retirement!) and Don has been a blessing to me and to Kimball Church as well – Don will be retiring the end of this year and will be greatly missed. We spend so much time with our co-workers – it's wonderful when they are co-workers AND friends! * A forecast for cold/possibly snowy weather this winter. Pastors do NOT like snow or ice on Sundays – but Monday through Friday is still lots of fun! * Pizza – with any kind of crust you can think of, all the way (hold the anchovies, please), preferably enjoyed with friends in front of a television with a football game on the tube (no, NOT a Panther or Packer football game – I said I wanted to enjoy it!) * Each of you – and all you mean to me and our congregation with your loyal support and steadfast love.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and thanks so much for being who you are!



8:30 am
Contemporary

11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube

STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,
Senior Pastor

Liz Fisher, *Deacon*

Keith Sutton,
Parish Administrator

Dr. Don Simmons,
Music Director

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus

Mabel Brown,
Parish Worker Emerita

PASTOR JOHN BEGINS NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK



The Gospel of St. Mark will be the Gospel of choice for the new Church year, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (December 3rd). To prepare for this, Kimball Memorial's Fall Bible Study will focus on Mark's Gospel – on three **TUESDAYS** of November (November 14, 21, and 28) Pastor John will base this Bible Study on the wonderful book by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine entitled: *“A Guide to the Good News of St. Mark”*. In this study, with each session lasting about an hour, we'll focus on John the Baptist, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration and several of Jesus' most notable stories and parables. The coffee will be on each Tuesday morning...and we may even have some “treats” to enjoy as well! In addition, we will be live streaming the classes, and posting them to our website each Tuesday afternoon. We hope you'll join us for our study of the first – and the shortest – of the Gospels!

THANKS AND THANKSGIVING LUNCH

The Youth and Families of Kimball invite you to our Thanks and Thanksgiving luncheon. It will immediately follow our ONE (10:00 am) worship service on November 19th. Please help us to plan by making a reservation using this form or completing the online form by scanning the QR code below.

Menu:

- Ham or Turkey with all the trimmings
- Mashed potatoes with gravy
- Green beans
- Yams
- Rolls
- Plenty of Desserts
- Tea or Coffee

Donations will be gladly accepted. Our children and youth will be helping to serve the meal. We do hope you'll plan to join us! Register using the insert in the bulletin or by scanning this QR code.



CONFIRMATION

It was our pleasure to confirm five of our young people – four on Reformation Sunday and one on November 5th. These young people have completed two years of Confirmation classes in our local cluster and a week of Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge with Deacon Liz and Pastor John. They are:

Von Blocker – grandson of Kimball Memorial Member Lisa Stirewalt

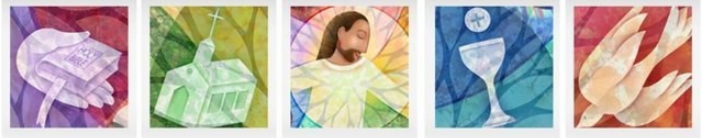
Gracie Matheny – daughter of Milton and Sherri Matheny and granddaughter of Kimball Memorial Members Jerry and Pat Beam

Taylor Murph – daughter of Nathan and Kathryn Murph and granddaughter of Kimball Memorial Members Mike and Kathy Hunter

Abbey Schmitt – daughter of Trevor and Susan Schmitt and loved and supported by Kimball Members and relatives Lisa and Kayell Schmitt

Paul Smith – son of Lauren and Craig Nichols and grandson of Kimball Memorial Members Danny and Susan Sloop.

We rejoice with these families at this special time in their lives, as they affirmed their faith and became adult members of our congregation.



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION (KINGDOM KIDS/3-5TH GRADES)
November 5, 12, 26

10:00 - 10:45 am Regular Faith Formation in the upstairs Sunday School

FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES

9:45-10:15 am Music with Darla for Christmas Program November 5, 12, 26

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



GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL!

- The Fall Festival was on Wednesday evening, Oct. 25 from 5-7 pm. It was a huge success with an estimated 175 attendees. Thanks to everyone who helped.
- The Crop Walk went well! We raised over \$2,750 dollars, as well as collected 145 pounds of food. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success!
- Mark your calendar for November 19th for our Stewardship Sunday, and Thanks and Thanksgiving Luncheon.
- A heating repair was necessary this month. The total bill was \$9,500 (rounded). This puts us at \$30,000 in AC/Heat repairs over the last couple of months. We have \$6,000 left in reserves to partially cover the new work. We welcome any contributions to off-set this new repair.
- Thanks and congratulations to Mickey Brandle, who is our new Church Treasurer for the remainder of 2023, and through 2024.
- If you are interested in being considered to serve on Church Council, please inform a current Council-member. Nominations are upcoming.
- We congratulate Don Simmons on his upcoming retirement, effective January 1st. Don has served Kimball well through sharing his talents in worship and music for over seven years. We wish him the best in this new chapter!

Peace and God Bless!



NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

November 9 @ 4:00 pm HS Students meet at church to cook for Samaritan's Table

November 12 @ 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm Lunch and Confirmation at Mt. Zion Richfield (pickup @ church at 4:45pm)

November 19 @ 11:00 am—1:00 pm Thanks and Thanksgiving Luncheon (Kingdom Kids, 3-5th and MS/HS Groups)

November 19 @ 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Bowling pick up Foxfire Lanes



ALL YOUTH and Parents are invited to help us with the Thanks and Thanksgiving Banquet. This will be a celebration for our church and our annual youth ministry fundraiser. This year we are raising funds to help with ELCA Youth Gathering, Day Camp and LYO.

A sign up sheet will be available for families to help us bring food.



Following Lunch on November 19th
1:00 pm-3:00 pm
Pick up at Foxfire Lanes (cost \$10)

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>
11/02	John & Leigh Glass	38
11/03	Spencer & Sydney Falls	5
11/05	Darin & Craig Peay	9
11/14	Ryan & Natalie Keith	8
11/17	Christopher & Christy Beaver	16
11/24	Jim & Paulette Peeler	50

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Anderson, Becky Brantley, 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, Judy Ferguson, Liz Fisher, Fran and Keith Garver, Todd Haley, Judi and Bob Hill, 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

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 01 Cameron Sawyer, Gracen Loggans, Shannon Rigsby, Barry Christenson
- 02 Sabrina Bennet, Conrad Sloop
R. E. Cauthen, Anna Rich
- 03 Kim Ellis, Stafford* Hamilton, Gary Swanson
- 04 Susan Castor
- 05 Debbie Troutman, Sharon Meendering
- 08 Tony Abernathy
- 10 Bob Boynton, Huyla Jackson
- 15 Amelia Barton, Doris Teumer
- 16 Fran Garver, Nathan Murph
- 17 Joseph Tallent, Donna Lambert, Antoliana Budna
- 18 Alice Lloyd
- 19 Emma Kiser, Lane* Falls, Addison* Barton
- 20 Kathy Scott
- 22 Nevina Christy, Kathy Hunter, David* Griffin
- 23 TJ Black
- 24 Dana Hinson, David Keck
- 25 Suzanne Reid
- 27 Emily Buttner, Joe Saullo, Mike Miller
Tanner Triage
- 28 Jeffrey Kiser
- 29 Betty Shaver



J.O.Y. GROUP

Southern Supreme Fruitcake

November 15

10:00 am-4:00 pm

J.O.Y. Fellowship will travel to Bear Creek, NC to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake & More, followed by lunch nearby. Join us for fun, fellowship, a tour of the factory, and a visit to the store. Who doesn't love a good fruitcake?

You may sign up on the posted sign-up sheets or by scanning the QR code below:



NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



LECTORS

8:30 am

5 Paula Brandle
12 Darian Miller
26 Shane Little

11:00 am

5 Pat Tallent
12 Lindsay Daugherty
26 Tony Lippard

10:00 am

19 Keith Sutton

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 am

5 Jodie Hott
12
26 Ella Ramsey

11:00 am

5 Jerrod Smith
12 Liz Wise
26 Nicholas Bronson

10:00 am

19 Joe Tallent

ACOLYTES

8:30 am

5 Connor / Gabriel Keith
12 Lucy / Charlie Miller
26 Palmer / Asa Russell

11:00 am

5 Austin Rigsby
12 Skyla Hardister
26 Rory / Lucas Hesley

10:00 am

19 Riley Dodson

HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

8:30 am Peggy Lynch

11:00 am Sherri Matheny

GREETERS

8:30 am Jenny Jones

11:00 am Tom Ramseur

MONTHLY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday

Judy Sloan / Frankie Bogutsky

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 am Fran and Keith
Garver

11:00 am Tim and Huyla
Jackson

PROJECTION (VIDEO)

8:30 am

5 Randy Price
12 David Taylor
26 Debbie Troutman

11:00 am

5 Nathan Carpenter
12 Alexis Nichols
26 Gavin Carpenter

10:00 am

19 Mickey Brandle

SOUND (AUDIO)

8:30 am

5 Rick Teumer
12 Keith Garver
26 Patrick Little

11:00 am

5 Abby Carpenter
12 Liz Fisher
26 Liz Fisher

10:00 am

19 Milton Matheny

SLIDE DEVELOPER

Kim Kane

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Todd Haley
David Sloan

11:00 am Heidi Lee
Kim Kane

Tuesday Morning Book Club

Date: November 7th 10:00a

Location: Church Parlor

Book: *Orphan #8*

by Kim van Alkemade

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Date: November 7th 6:30p

Host: Sally Peterson

Book: *Orphan #8*

by Kim van Alkemade

Friday Evening Book Club

Date: November 17th 6:30p

Host: Tim & Fran Patterson

Book: *Lessons in Chemistry*

by Bonnie Garmus



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 19TH ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

Just a reminder that letters and intent cards will be mailed very soon to all our members for our Stewardship Campaign for this year. Our theme is: ***“Lasting Legacy – Gifts that Change Lives”***. We’re asking that you bring these commitment cards with you for our ONE worship service on November 19th at 10:00. Please read your letters carefully, as they explain what our focus will be in this new year of Serving and Giving. A Commitment “tool” will be included in the mailing, and we

have high hopes that our members will step up a level in their giving for the new year. If you have any questions about our Stewardship goals or needs, please contact Pastor John for more information. We appreciate the strong Stewardship in this congregation – your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure. THANK YOU for your faithfulness to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ...and to Christ’s Church in this place!

PASTOR DELMER CHILTON IS OUR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY GUEST ON NOVEMBER 19TH



We’re so pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton to our pulpit on November 19th as our Stewardship Preacher for 2023. Pastor John quotes Delmer often in his own sermons...always beginning the quote by saying “My friend, Delmer...” Pastor Chilton – along with his friend Pastor John Fairless – produces a very popular weekly podcast for preachers known as *“Two Bubbas and a Bible!”* He has authored numerous books and articles about the art of preaching, and his sermons are strong, memorable, and – most of all – faithful to the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.


Delmer grew up on a farm near Mount Airy, North Carolina. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, completed his Master of Divinity degree at Duke University Divinity School, and did post-graduate work at our Southern Seminary in Columbia. Having previously served for five years as a United Methodist Minister, Delmer has pastored Lutheran congregations in North Carolina (including Lutheran Chapel in China Grove), Georgia, and Tennessee. He was the Chaplain and Continuing Education Director at the Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, and served as an Assistant to the Bishop in the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Delmer has been married to Deborah since 1974. They have two sons: Lowell is married to Kate and they are Lutheran Pastors serving in Albany, NY; Joseph is married to Crystal and they are attorneys working in Murphy, NC. Joseph and Crystal have one son, 5 year old Luke.

Since “Retirement,” Delmer and Deborah are living in Brasstown, NC, near Murphy. He has served several interims for Lutheran, Episcopal and Presbyterian congregations in the area. We rejoice to have him with us this year as our Stewardship preacher!

The Lectionary Lab
The official website of Two Bubbas and a Bible... come on in and set a spell!
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NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice	2 5:00p Samaritan's Table	3	4
All Saints Sunday 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Wrshp 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 9:45a Christmas Prog. Music 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	6	7 10:00a Book Club 6:30p Book Club	8 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice	9 4:00p Youth -Cook- ST 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Property	10	11
Pentecost 24 8:30a Contemporary Wrshp 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 9:45a Christmas Prog. Music 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 12:15p Lunch / Confirmation	13	14 10:30a Fall Bible Study	15 10:00a JOY to Bear Creek, NC 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice	16 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	17 6:30p Book Club	18
Pentecost 25 10:00a One Worship Service 11:15p Thanks and Thanksgiving Lunch 1:00p Youth Bowling at Foxfire Lanes	20 6:30p Preschool Brd Meeting	21 10:30a Fall Bible Study	22 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice 3:00p – 6:00p Carolina Value Pet	Thanksgiving 23  Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed 12:00p – 5:00p Carolina Value Pet	25 10:00p – 2:00p Carolina Value Pet
Christ the King 8:30a Contemporary Wrshp 9:45a Joe Gribble SS 9:45a Christmas Prog. Music 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	27	28 10:30a Fall Bible Study	29 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble Practice 2:30 – 6:30p Blood Drive – Big Red Bus	30 5:00p Samaritan's Table		



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