



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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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



THANK YOU!

The staff of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church wishes to thank our members and friends for the very generous Holiday Bonuses presented to us at morning worship on Sunday, December 28th. As Pastor, it is indeed a privilege to work with you in doing the ministry of Christ's Church in this place. At a time when so many congregations are struggling in so many different ways, Kimball Memorial's mission and ministry for all ages is strong and faithful. The staff wishes all our members a very Happy New Year, and God's Richest Blessings in 2026. Thank you!



Faith Formation

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

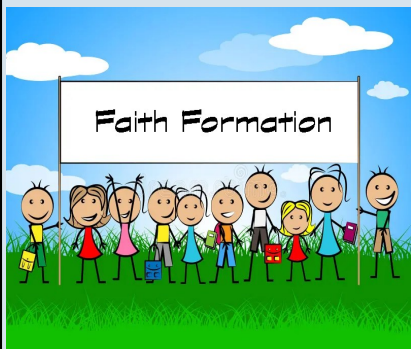
THE TABLE CLASS

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 VOLUNEERS



Help pass along your faith to the children of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church. We are working on signups for volunteers for 2026. Scan this QR code to help. It will

not only be a blessing for our children but for you as well! Sign Up Now!



Get ready for an unforgettable weekend of faith, fun, and community as youth from across North Carolina gather for LYO Assembly 2026, **Friday, February 27 - Sunday, March 1**, in Greensboro!

The theme this year is **Keeping Up with the Lutherans: The Church Has Left the Building.**

This year's theme, chosen by the LYO Board, invites us to explore what it means to live out our baptismal promises in today's busy, distracted world. Together, we'll dive deep into how God calls us to be the Church for real—not just inside the walls of our congregations, but in our schools, our neighborhoods, and everywhere we go. Join us for worship, service, laughter, learning, and a powerful reminder that following Jesus isn't about keeping up with the world—it's about keeping up with God's call.

Information for signing up has been sent to all Middle and High School parents. If your child would like to attend, and you have not gotten back to Deacon Liz, please do so as soon as possible. The cost is \$100 with a \$20 deposit due by Sunday, January 11th, and the balance due by Sunday February 1st. Please see Deacon Liz if you have any questions.



- **Jan. 7 College Aged Youth Dinner** 6:00 pm at Los Arcos. We will meet at Los Arcos. The Church picks up the tab for wise women and men returning for the Holidays...join us to get updated on how your friends from church are doing. Deacon Liz and Pastor John are our hosts.

- **Jan 11 Confirmation at Kimball** from 2:30-4:00 pm Please join us at Kimball Memorial at 2:30 pm for the first Confirmation Class of 2026. Pick up by parents is at 4:00 pm.
- **Jan. 25 HS/MS Bowling** Our High School and Middle School Youth will go bowling on Sunday, January 25th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Drop off at Foxfire Lanes (225 Security Street in Kannapolis) at 1:00 pm and pick up is at 3:00 pm at Foxfire. Cost of bowling is \$10, which includes two games and shoes. Bring extra \$ if you want snacks/games. Sign up sheet is in the Commons.



TIME AND TALENT FORMS

Time and Talent Forms are still available from the ushers. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve at Kimball Memorial during the upcoming year.

Completing the forms helps in scheduling and makes sure that we utilize your gifts in ministry. Thank you!

COMMITMENT CARDS

If you have not yet turned in your Commitment Card for 2026, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Additional cards are available each Sunday from the Ushers or from the Church Office. **THANK YOU** for your support of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church!

2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar for 2026 is up in the narthex for your use. Please use the chart to reserve flowers on Sundays for the upcoming year. Thank you!

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!



JOY GROUP

The JOY Group will meet for lunch at Stag & Doe on January 22nd at 11:30 am. We hope you can join us there. There will be a sign up so that we can make reservations.

KIMBALL MEMORIAL BOOK CLUBS

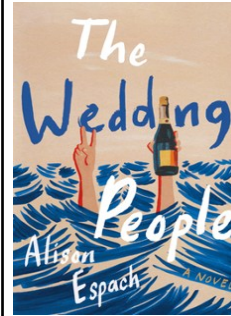
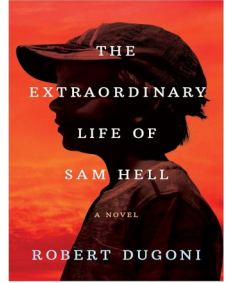
Tuesday Morning Book Club

January 6th 10:00 am

Location: Church Parlor

Book: The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell

Refreshments: Donna Taylor



Tuesday Evening Book Club

January 13th 6:30 pm

Host: Frankie Bogutsky

Book: The Wedding People By: Alison Espach

Refreshments: Susan Sloop

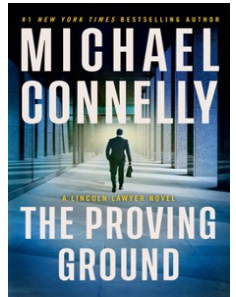
Friday Evening Book Club

January 23rd 6:30 pm

Host: David and Judy Sloan

Book: The Proving Ground By: Michael Connelly

Food: Taylor's



LUTHERIDGE APPEAL

In 2025, our Congregation Council unanimously approved a Kimball Memorial Appeal to aid/assist our Lutheran Camp near Asheville, Lutheridge, in a campaign to renovate existing facilities and build new facilities to make the camp more attractive for year-round ministries and activities. The council approved a \$50,000 goal for our congregation, which spans 2025 and 2026. Many of you pledged and have contributed to the appeal and we sent \$29,342.65 to Lutheridge in 2025. We hope that you will continue to support this appeal to help us meet our goal of \$50,000. The amount you pledged/contributed will appear on your 2025 Giving Statement.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
01/11	Tanner & Jacqueline TRIECE	12
01/24	Laura & David PENNELL	28

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Triece

MORNINGSIDE Betty Shaver

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

PRAYER REQUESTS

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busted, 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, 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, Diana Keck, Wilma Keller, Sarah and Skylar Kempf, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Grace Marcus, Dianne Marlin, Sherri Matheny, 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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/01	Kathryn MURPH
01/02	Colson BRADFORD
	Ashley MATSON
01/03	Iris KEITH
01/08	David KISER
	Darin PEAY
	Diana SAULLO
	Elizabeth SCHRIVER
	Philip WISE
01/10	Tom KILBY
01/11	Brayden YOUNT
01/12	Phillip TROUTMAN
01/14	Frankie BOGUTSKY
01/15	Miller LAMBERTH
01/16	Nicholas BRONSON
	John TROUTMAN
01/17	Prebble HENRICKSON
01/18	Larry ANDERSON
	Melissa LITTLE
	Dave YOUNG
01/19	Gavin CARPENTER-STIREWALT
	Briton CHRISTENSON
	Linda HUNSUCK
	Janis RIDENHOUR
01/22	Jim FISHER
01/23	Tyler RAMSEY
01/25	Dalton HARDY
	Harrison WOODLE
01/27	Ben BALLARD
01/28	Blake LARSEN
01/29	Natalie KEITH
	David TAYLOR
01/30	Jennifer YOUNG

Happy
Birthday

JANUARY 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

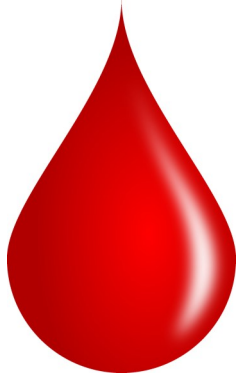
8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	PROJECTION
4-Jan	Paula Brandle	Emily Clamser	Skylar Kempf	Jack Smith	Nathan Carpenter/ Patrick Little
11-Jan	Lauren Nichols	Jack Smith	TJ Black	Patrick Little	Nathan Carpenter
18-Jan	Scott Harmon	Ava Ramsey	Lucy & Charlie Miller	Andy Robinson	Nathan Carpenter/ Patrick Little
25-Jan	Shane Little	Tim Patterson	Delaney Little	Rick Teumer	Nathan Carpenter

FLOWER CALENDAR	
4-Jan	Troutman
11-Jan	Natalie Keith
18-Jan	Georgann Sapp
25-Jan	Open

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	PROJECTION
4-Jan	Gracie Matheny	Anne Futterer	Liza Jane Lee	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
11-Jan	Tim Jackson	Alexis Nichols	Maydin Kohlmeier	Leam Neely	Nathan Carpenter
18-Jan	Sally Peterson	Bob Hill	Alyssa Nichols	Colby Miller	Leam Neely
25-Jan	Lindsay Daugherty	Owen Whitcomb	Aubrey Gregory	Bo Phongsa	Tiffany Winn

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Melissa Little/ Doris Teumer	Joyce Mallernee/ Pat Moser
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon/ Rob Roginski	Kara Hardister/ Ben Hesley
Healing Prayer	Peggy Lynch	Joyce Mallernee
Communion Prep	Debbie & Jessica Troutman	Ryan & Kara Hardister
Tellers	Randy & Amy Price	
Slide Prep	Kim Kane	

	7-Jan	14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan
Wednesday Bible Study	Pastor John	Deacon Liz	Class	Pastor Joe



2026 BLOOD DRIVES

OneBlood is a not-for-profit community asset responsible for providing safe, available and affordable blood to more than 200 hospital partners and their patients throughout most of Florida, parts of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina.

- 1 in 3 of us will need a blood transfusion.
- A single blood donation can save 3 local lives. Whole blood is separated into three individual components, platelets, red cells & plasma.
- Cancer, transplant and trauma patients, and patients undergoing open-heart surgery require platelet transfusions to survive.
- Anyone in good health, at least 16 years old, and at least 110 pounds may donate whole blood every 56 days.
- The number one reason donors give blood is because they want to help others.

2026 Schedule – Mark Your Calendars!!

- January 14, March 11, May 13, July 15, September 16, & November 18.
- They are all 8-10 weeks apart, so you can donate at each one. All drives for this year will once again be on The Big Red Bus!

Prior to Donating

- Drink plenty of fluids in the days leading up to your donation to ensure you are hydrated.
- Eat a nutritious, balanced meal that includes iron-rich foods to help maintain your iron levels.
- Please consider donating a life-saving pint of blood. The pain is temporary, but the gift can last a lifetime... contact Doris Teumer at 704-305-0761 or at dmteumer@yahoo.com You can also sign up at oneblood.org

CHURCH COUNCIL



REPORT TO CONGREGATION--SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

The 2025 Council held their last meeting and the Council officers elected for 2026 are:

- **President:** Sally Peterson
- **Vice President:** Scott Harmon
- **Secretary:** Kim Kane
- **Assistant Secretary:** Melissa Little

Today is the last day to make donations towards the Kimball Staff's Christmas gifts. The Children's Christmas Pageant will be held this afternoon at 5 pm. Please come out and support the children and the directors who have all worked very hard to put on the production.

The Council voted to purchase a 6 person Professional Assistive Listening System to assist those who may have difficulty hearing the service. We will have more information as soon as these have arrived.

Committee updates:

- Kathy Roginski and Laura Pannell have been appointed to be on the Endowment Committee.
- Donna Taylor, Tammy Sterns and Craig Nichols will replace Mickey Brandle, Karan Whitley and Tim Patterson on the Columbarium Committee as they rotate off effective December.
- Thank you to all new and old committee members for your commitment and service.

We are thankful to the Cannon Foundation who selected Kimball again this year to be a recipient of a Cannon Grant.

The general fund offerings for the month of November were \$39,959.23 against a budget of \$42,916 which created an income deficit for the month of \$2,957 against the budget.

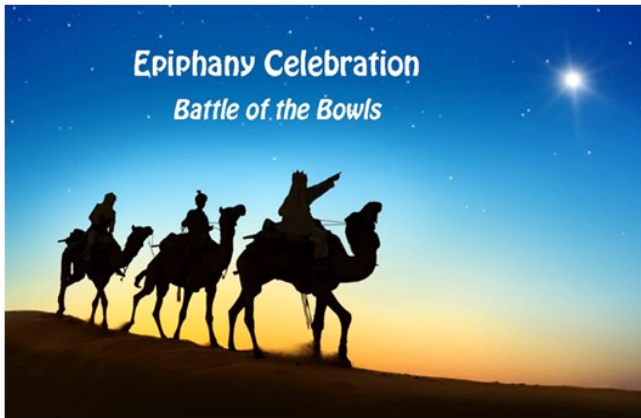
The Council would like to thank all outgoing members and welcome all new members for 2026.

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 5:00p Samaritan's Table	2	3
Christmas 2 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	5	Epiphany 6 10:00a Book Club-Parlor	7 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p College Dinner 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	8 5:00p Samaritan's Table	9	10
Baptism of Our Lord 11 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 2:30p Confirmation @ Kimball 5:30p Epiphany Dinner	12	13 5:30p Executive Council 6:30p Book Club-Frankie Bogutsky	14 10:00a Bible Study 2:30p Blood Drive 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	15 5:00p Samaritan's Table	16	17
Epiphany 2 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	19	20 10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo	21 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	22 3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	23 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic 6:30p Book Club-Sloan	24 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Epiphany 3 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 1:00 – 3:00p HS/MS Bowling	26 10:30-11:30a Senior Food Program Distribution	27	28 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	29 5:00p Samaritan's Table	30	31

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION DINNER

January 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR UPCOMING EPIPHANY celebration and soup/sandwich supper...on Sunday evening, January 11th at 5:30 PM. Included in the festivities will be the "putting away" of the Carols for another year, and a special 3 Kings Cake for dessert. Please let either Emily Clamser (910-612-5522) or Whitney Hesley (704-796-9337) know if you plan to make soup. We hope that you'll join us - a nursery is provided!

Sign up on reservation form in the bulletin.

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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