



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081



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FROM THE PASTOR

Marking Milestones in Ministry at Kimball Memorial on September 20th



This year our lead clergy are celebrating milestones in their ministries: Our Pastor Emeritus - the Rev. Dr. David Keck - came to Kimball Memorial in 1976, and was here for 18 years. In 2017, he became our Pastor Emeritus, and has been (along with his wife, Diana) such a welcome presence in the life of our congregation. This summer, Pastor John Futterer celebrated his 40th year of ordained ministry in the Lutheran Church, being ordained in the old Lutheran Church in America in 1986, and called to Kimball Memorial as a co-pastor with Pastor Keck. Pastor John and Anne came back to join us again in membership and service September 1st, 2016. Deacon Liz Fisher is celebrating her 15th year with us as our Minister of Word and Service. Deacon Liz has worked hard over her time here to strengthen our ministry with children, youth, and our older adults. We are very grateful for her ministry here! We rejoice to celebrate these milestones (and to give thanks for Pastors Susan Bame and Joseph Tallent, and their ministries in our community!)

To help mark these milestones, we've invited Pastor Richard Graf, a former interim pastor who was here when Kimball Memorial celebrated its 100th anniversary. Pastor Graf worked closely with the planning committee on the year-long celebration. We'll enjoy having Pastor Graf (PG) and his wife Shirley with us again on September 20th, as he'll be preaching at both the 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Services.

A Special Brunch will be held between services to highlight these important ministry milestones in the life of our congregation. We hope that you'll join us for worship and fellowship that day, as we look back in ministry...and look forward with Hope and Promise!

Peace, Power, and Love...



8:30 am
Contemporary
11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube
[@kimballlutheranchurch6](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkimballlutheranchurch6)

STAFF

Rev. John Futterer
Senior Pastor

Deacon Liz Fisher,
Youth & Family

Keith Sutton
Parish Administrator

Brian Sevison
Music Director

Tim Patterson
Treasurer

Howard Bentley
Financial Administrator

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 KICKOFF

Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 am

Join us as we kick off a new year of Faith Formation! Children and families will gather in the upstairs Sunday School classroom to reconnect, learn, and grow together in faith. We are excited to begin another wonderful year!



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

Beginning on Wednesday, September 2nd, Kimball Memorial will resume our regular Wednesday Morning (10:00 am) Bible Study after a Summer hiatus. There will be a variety of subjects studied during this year, and some special sessions for Advent and Lent. All members and friends are invited to join us each Wednesday for a time of Prayer, Study, and Fellowship. Most often, members of the class who are available will join together for lunch at a local restaurant following the class.

These classes are about an hour and a half in length, and are perfect for adults, no matter what your knowledge of the Bible might be. We do hope you'll take some time to join us - beginning on Wednesday, September 2nd.



YOUTH DATES

Sept. 13 @ 10:00 am

High School & Middle School Parent Meeting

Parents of all high school and middle school youth are invited to join us as we review our fall schedule, upcoming activities, and opportunities for youth to get involved. We look forward to an exciting fall together!

Sept. 13 @ 12:30 pm

High School & Middle School Lunch at Los Arcos

All high school and middle school youth are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship at Los Arcos! Come hungry and enjoy an afternoon of good food, laughter, and time together.

Sept. 20 @ 4:00 pm

Youth Dinner & Health Kit Service Project

High school and middle school youth are invited to join us for dinner and a hands-on service project! Together, we will pack health kits for people in need while enjoying food, fellowship, and time together.

Sept. 20 @ 2:30—4:00 pm

Confirmation Class at Kimball

Confirmation students will gather at Kimball for an afternoon of learning, conversation, and growing together in faith. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool

Our Preschoolers return on Tuesday, September 8th, and we are so excited to welcome them back for another year of learning, laughter, and love!

As we prepare for the start of the school year, we need your help. A Wish List will be posted in the Narthex. Included this year is an Amazon Wish List which allow you to easily purchase a needed item.



Amazon Wish List Link

<https://gwplgzf.s.gy/my-link>



CONFIRMATION AT KIMBALL MEMORIAL

We were so pleased to confirm six of our young people on August 30th, after they had completed confirmation studies in our local cluster and attended a week of Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge. They are:

Addilyn Carpenter	Knox Christenson
Skyla Hardister	Adriana Mazzaro
Leam Neely	Hank Schmitt

The Confirmands were joined by family and friends for this special day and enjoyed a meal together with their family following the Worship Service. We rejoice with our newest adult members and their families at this joyous time! Austin Ketchie will be confirmed at a later date.



PLAYING THE RIGHT TUNE

Lutheran faith, divided loyalties, and the American Revolution

In this Living Lutheran article, Jonathan M. Boynton, pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA., reflects on Lutherans during the American Revolution. Jonathan, who grew up at Kimball, is the son of Bob and Betsy Ellington-Boynton.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/living-faithfully/playing-the-right-tune/>



ADULT MYRTLE BEACH TRIP

Nov. 9-11

All rooms at The Beach Cove Resort are oceanfront. The price includes two breakfasts and dinners at the Original Benjamin's and Joe's Grill. Additionally, we will enjoy two shows: The Carolina Opry and the Legends Theatre.

Cost is \$274 per person with double occupancy.

Checks should be made to KMLC and designated for Adult Beach Trip. So, choose your roommate and sign up today for Christmas Shows, delicious food, shopping, and wonderful time with friends at the beach. Registration deadline is October 1st.

EGG CARTONS & GROCERY BAGS

Feeding Kannapolis Hunger is in need of 12ct egg cartons and plastic grocery bags. They use these items for their monthly food giveaway at Second Presbyterian. You can leave these items at the top of the ramp. If you have any questions about this ministry, contact Bob Boynton.



Annual Stewardship Sunday

Mark your calendars now for November 22nd, with the Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, Emily Hartner, as our guest preacher for the one 10:00 am worship service. Following worship, our Youth and children will be sponsoring a Thanks and Thanksgiving luncheon in the Commons. We hope you'll plan to join us!

September Schedule

- Sep 24 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
- Sep 25 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- Sep 26 10:00 am—2:00 pm



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
06-Sep	David & Sheila Goodnight	41
08-Sep	Tim & Lynette Hemler	27
14-Sep	Anna & Jonathan Rich	3
17-Sep	Anna Gribble & Matthew Clark	4
20-Sep	Nathan & Kathryn Murph	18
22-Sep	Dolph & Taren Myrick	47
24-Sep	Greg & Lori Whitcomb	21

PRAYER REQUESTS

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Bonnie Adair, Sylvia Anderson, Susan Bame, Jerry and Pat Beam, Howard and Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Robin Ballard, Pat and Jerry Beam, Sydney Bradford, 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, Ryan, Luna, and Skyla Hardister, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Tim and Huyla Jackson, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, Wilma Keller, Sarah and Skylar Kempf, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Grace Marcus, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Andrea, Wayne, Pat Moser, Murph Family, Betty Ritchie, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy Scott, Roger Sizemore, David Sloan and Family, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Jean Tatarka, David and Donna Taylor, Rick Teumer, Debbie Troutman, Gary Yount

MILITARY

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

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Tiece

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01	Jacob HARDY
	Randy PRICE
09/02	Eric JONES
09/03	Ame GUY
	Alexis NICHOLS
09/04	Bryana MCDONALD
	Paulette PEELER
09/05	Grace MARCUS
09/06	Allen BRANTLEY
	Gary YOUNT
09/07	Mickey BRANDLE
	David GOODNIGHT III
	Lori WOODLE
09/08	Sandy BARTON
	Doug BROTHERS
	Taylor MURPH
	Hunter PATTERSON
	Tom RAMSEUR
09/09	Jennifer BUTTNER
09/11	Kathleen GRIBBLE
	Lucy GRIBBLE
09/13	Keith LEE
09/14	Lucy MILLER
	Alyssa NICHOLS
	Paul SMITH
09/15	Ashlyn CHRISTY
09/19	Ben HESLEY
	Natalie LEWIS
09/20	Mary Jo SNIPES
09/22	Liam HESLEY
	Cathy YOUNG
09/23	Brad BROTHERS
	Jeannie LEWIS
	Karlee STANWICK
09/24	Travis BLACK
09/26	Lydia DILLON
	Charlotte FISHER
	Gavin JOYCE
	Christina ROLAND
09/28	Sylvia ANDERSON
09/29	Jon Todd HOTT
	Andy ROBINSON JR.
09/30	Riley DODSON
	Liz FISHER
	Peggy LYNCH
	Hope RUSSELL

SEPTEMBER 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
6-Sep	Diana Bentley	Sarah Harmon	Skylar Kempf	Lily (Skylar's Cousin)	Andy Robinson	Delaney Little
13-Sep	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Tim Patterson	T J Black	TBD	Patrick Little	Scott Harmon
20-Sep	Fran Patterson	Pastor John	Charlie Miller	Lucy Miller	Andy Robinson	Sarah Harmon
27-Sep	Emily Clamser	Ava Ramsey	Palmer Russell	Asa Russell	Jack Smith	Paul Smith

FLOWER CALENDAR	
6-Sep	Harris
13-Sep	Troutman
20-Sep	Bronson
27-Sep	Hesley

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
6-Sep	Rosalie Hartman	Sally Peterson	Aubrey Gregory	Harmony Gregory	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
13-Sep	Michele Nichols	Jerrold Smith	Anniston Wheatley	Blaine Wheatley	Gavin Carpenter	Tony Lippard
20-Sep	Joe Talent	Deacon Liz Fisher	Colson Bradford	Wyatt Bradford	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
27-Sep	Ben Hesley	Scott Rolland	Maydin Kohlmeier	Lucas Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Isaiah Gregory

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Frankie Bogutsky/ Tammy Stearns	Tim & Huyla Jackson
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon/ Rob Roginski	Kara Hardister/ Bob Hill
Healing Prayer	Debbie Troutman	Sherri Matheny
Communion Prep	Melissa, Sarah & Skylar Kempf	Debbie Troutman
Tellers	Frankie Bogutsky / Judy Sloan 9/14-Keith Garver 9/28-David Taylor	
Slide Prep	Kara Hardister	
Blessing Box	Mickey & Paula Brandle	

	3-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep
Samaritan's Table	St. Josephs Sally	St. John's Pastor John	Table SS Bob	Christ Lutheran Pat



KIMBALL MEMORIAL BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday Morning Book Club

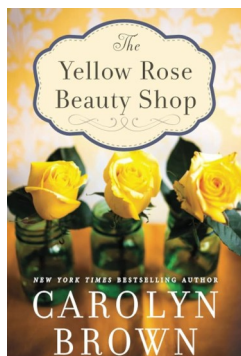
Date: September 1— 10:00 am

Host: Church Parlor

Refreshments:

Book: *The Yellow Rose Beauty Shop*

Author: Carolyn Brown



Friday Evening Book Club

Date: September 11— 6:30 pm

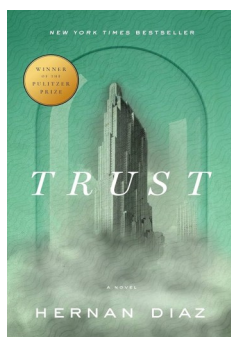
Host: Bentley's

Leader: Donna Taylor

Refreshments: Evans

Book: *Trust*

Author: Herman Diaz



Greetings from your Church Council,

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, August 30th at the joint 10am service. The item of business is the proposed bid to remodel all bathrooms in the educational building. It is important that we have a quorum to conduct the vote. If you have questions prior to the meeting you may reach out to Sally Peterson.

Another congregational meeting will be at a later date to vote on the proposed revised constitution that has been approved by the church council.

In addition to the congregational meeting we will celebrate 7 youth affirming their baptism and being confirmed.

A new Instant Church Directory is being introduced in addition to our current paper directory. This is an opt-in online directory and you choose whether or not to share your information. Copies of the opt-in form are available from the ushers and steps to download the app and sign in are in the Parish News. You may reach out to Mary Lee Blackwelder if you need help or have questions.

Volunteers are needed to assist with sound, projection, microphones and online worship streaming. No prior experience is necessary and training will be provided. Please see Deacon Liz if you would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities.

A new women's bible study will begin Sunday, September 13 at 4pm here at Kimball. Women of all ages are encouraged to come. The 10-week study will be based on the book, *Bad Girls of the Bible* and will be led by Mary Lee Blackwelder.

Our year to date income is \$282,337 against our budget of \$305,375.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

**VIEW OUR
CHURCH
DIRECTORY
ON YOUR MOBILE
DEVICE!**



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know your church family better.

Simply got to the App Store (Apple or Android) and download and install Instant Church Directory.

Enter your email and select "Send Secure Sign-In Link." Check your email and click on Sign in to Instant Church Directory.

IMPORTANT: For your information to be included in the online directory, you must complete an opt-in form. Copies are available from the ushers.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lee Blackwelder.

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:00a Book Club— Church Parlor	2 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	3 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Peterson	4	5
Pentecost 15 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship	6 Labor Day  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	8 Preschool Begins 9:00a Tellers Count	9 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	10 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Futterer	11 6:30p Book Club at Bentley's	12
Pentecost 16 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Youth Parent's Meeting 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:30p Youth Lunch at Los Arcos 4:00p Women's Bible Study	14 9:00a Tellers Count	15 10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo	16 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	17 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Boynton 7:00p Church Council	18 2:00-3:00p Food Box Distribution	19
Pentecost 17 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Brunch-Honoring Clergy 11:00a Traditional Worship 2:30p Confirmation--Kimball 4:00p Women's Bible Study 4:00p Youth Dinner & Service Project	21 9:00a Tellers Count	22	23 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	24 3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Tallent	25 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	26 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Pentecost 18 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Faith Formation Kickoff 11:00a Traditional Worship 4:00p Women's Bible Study	28 9:00a Tellers Count	29	30 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir			



**BLESSING BOX
URGENT NEEDS
SEPTEMBER 2026**

- Canned Chicken, tuna, and potted meat
- Canned pinto, kidney, chili, black beans, etc
- Canned carrots and peas
- Canned spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles
- Bottled Water (4oz or 8oz)***
- Fruit cups
- Pudding Cups

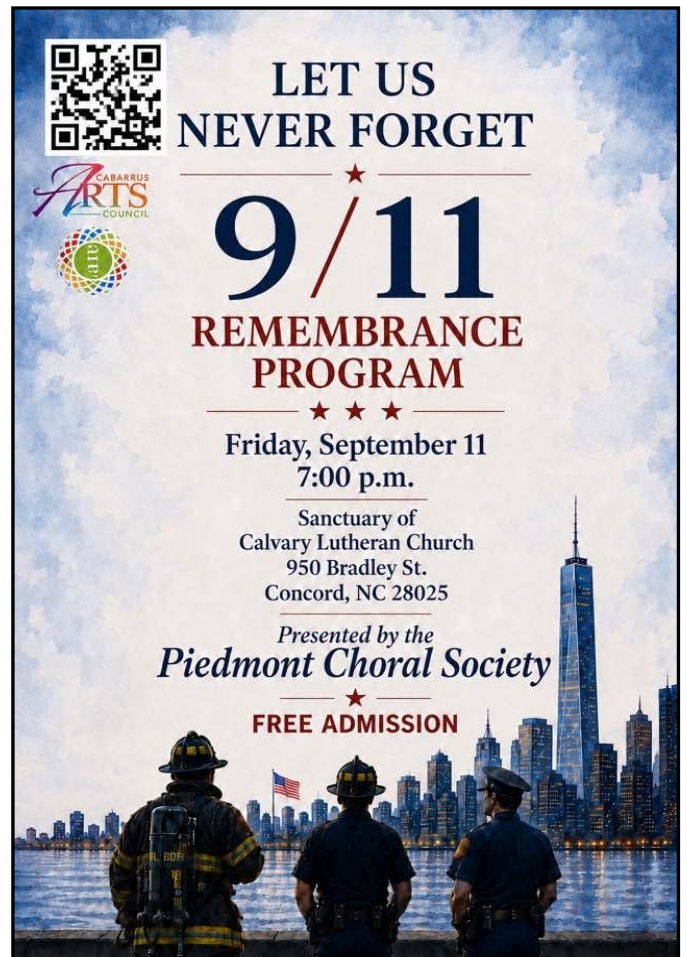
Please ensure all food items are sealed and within expiration date.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Top of ramp in designated bin or on the table in the Blessing Box room.

**FOR QUESTIONS
CALL, EMAIL OR TEXT:**

- Kara Hardister
980-622-8125
Karahardister82@gmail.com
- Church office



**LET US
NEVER FORGET**

9/11

**REMEMBRANCE
PROGRAM**

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Friday, September 11
7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary of
Calvary Lutheran Church
950 Bradley St.
Concord, NC 28025

Presented by the
Piedmont Choral Society

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FREE ADMISSION



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