KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081

FROM THE PASTOR

AMAZING GRACE



During the 2009 Christmas Season, a flat tire forced the driver of a sleek limousine to pull onto the shoulder of a busy New Jersey Highway. The chauffeur stood by the stranded car hoping someone would see their predicament and stop to help.

At last, a passing motorist offered assistance. The stranger was pleasant and knowledgeable. Upon completing the dirty job of changing the tire, the good Samaritan was thanked profusely by the chauffeur.

Then a darkened window rolled down in the limo and the occupant asked what he could do to repay the favor.

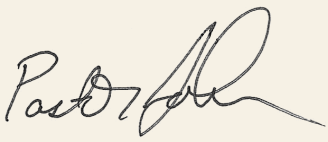
"Just send my wife a big bouquet of flowers." With this cordial comment, the volunteer handed the passenger a card with his wife's name and their address.

Two weeks later a gorgeous bouquet of orchids arrived at the designated address with a card, signed by one of the wealthiest couples in the USA, that read simply: "We paid off your home mortgage."

In this month of the Reformation, it's good for us to remember that Martin Luther rediscovered an important truth about grace…namely that it is amazing and it is true! Luther once wrote:

> *"You may say, I should gladly believe in grace if I were St. Peter or St. Paul – pious and holy. But I am entirely too great a sinner to be saved by Christ. Not true!!! Look at the words – 'God so loved the world'. 'The World' does not mean just St. Peter or St. Paul alone…but the entire human race together. <u>No one is here excluded.</u> God's Son was given for all humans. Take hold of your nose, I beseech you, to prove to yourself that you are a human being also and that God loves you…just as he loves the Saints in heaven!"*

It's my prayer for you in this beautiful fall season that the beauty of the gospel might be rediscovered by each of us. This truly is **GOOD NEWS!** (Romans 8:38-39)





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SERVICE TIMES

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

8:30 am
Contemporary
11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube
@kimballlutheranchurch6

STAFF

Rev. John Futterer
Senior Pastor

Deacon Liz Fisher,
Youth & Family

Keith Sutton
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Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus



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

Join us each Sunday at 10:00 am for 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!

AUTUMN GATHERING

Sunday, November 1 at 3:30 pm



OUR AUTUMN GATHERING DATE HAS CHANGED – the date is now Sunday, November 1st at 3:30 pm. We're still meeting at the home of Tyler and Hannah Wiethorn (865 Ketner Farm Road in China Grove). There will be games and activities (ping pong, cornhole, pumpkin painting, etc.) and a delicious supper served – including s'mores for desserts. The whole congregation is invited – please join us! Sign up on the Kimball Connection on the back of the announcement insert in the bulletin or scan the QR code below for this event.

————Scan to Register



OCT 11—CROP Hunger Walk

Kimball is hosting this year's Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk! We will serve lunch and need plenty of volunteers to help welcome walkers and support this important ministry fighting hunger in our community and around the world. Youth and families are encouraged to participate!

OCT 18—Middle School Confirmation

Our sixth and seventh-grade Confirmation students will travel to St. Martin Lutheran Church in Concord. Please meet at Kimball at 12:15 pm and bring $10 for lunch. We plan to return to the church by 4:20 pm.

OCT 22—Samaritan's Table

Our youth will cook and serve the Samaritan's Table meal. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors—and a great way for students to earn service hours. Come ready to work, serve, and share God's love! Meet at 3:30 and we will finish by 5:30 pm.

OCT 28—KMLC Annual Fall Festival

Join us for an evening filled with games, crafts, dinner, fellowship, and a whole lot of FUN! We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy to help make the evening extra sweet. Donations may be dropped off at the church. High school and middle school youth are encouraged to arrive at 4:30 p.m. to help set up. Bring the whole family and invite your friends and neighbors! The Festival will be from 5:00-7:00 pm



Annual Stewardship Sunday

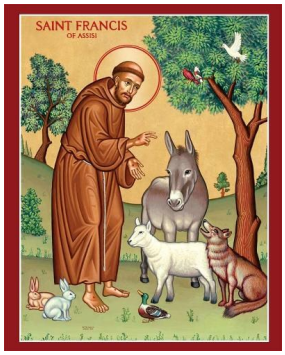
Mark your calendars now for November 22nd, with the Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, Emily Hartner, as our guest preacher for the one 10:00 am worship service. Following worship, our Youth and children will be sponsoring a Thanks and Thanksgiving luncheon in the Commons. We hope you'll plan to join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



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

It's with great joy that we welcomed **Janet Buck** into membership during the month of September, as she joined us by Transfer. Janet is a native of western Pennsylvania, and it shows in her strong support of Pittsburgh Sports Teams – the Penguins, Pirates, and Steelers! She also enjoys bowling (she was bowling recently in the Senior Games of NC when a fall sidelined her with a broken arm,) and she loves to crochet. She was Baptized and Confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Brentwood, Pennsylvania, but has lived in the south much of her life – being employed by Atrium Cabarrus as an Obstetrics Nurse until her retirement. Janet has grown children and grandchildren, and was sponsored by Deacon Liz, who remembered Janet from when her granddaughter was a student at our preschool.

Address: 2110 Applegate Drive in Concord 28027
Phone: (704-796-1248)
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THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS is coming up on Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 pm in the grassy area behind our playground. (In case of rain, we'll move into the KAC). Please make sure that your pets are leashed or in crates – for their comfort and for the pastors' protection!!! This service is very brief and is celebrated whenever October 4th falls on a Sunday, as the commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi – the patron saint of animals. We hope you'll join us!

October Schedule

- **Oct 22** 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
- **Oct 23** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **Oct 24** 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Carolina VALUE PET CARE



Reformation is upcoming on Sunday, October 25th, as we will celebrate the beginnings of the Protestant Reformation and God's continuing care of all our churches. We hope you'll be present on that Sunday… and that you'll remember to wear **RED** as a sign and symbol of the fire of the Reformation!

CROP WALK



The Cabarrus County CROP Walk for World Hunger will be held at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 11th, beginning at 2:00 PM. Our Youth will be soliciting your pocket change (and any other gifts you'd like to make!) at both worship services on October 11th, and will be walking in the CROP Walk. Any others who would like to walk are certainly welcome to join us! Please note that Kimball's collected monies will be evenly split between CCM (our local food bank) and Lutheran World Relief – which provides hunger assistance around the world. We certainly hope that you'll plan to give as you are able. **Thank you!**



KIMBALL FALL FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting canned food for our Fall Food Drive on each Sunday in October. We will be donating items to CCM and stocking our own Blessing Box. We are the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Blessing Box items needed are located on the last page of this newsletter.
CCM items needed are: Soup, Canned vegetables, Beans, Rice, Pasta, Peanut butter, Tuna.

October Anniversaries

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
10/07	Craig & Lauren Nichols	9
10/14	Danielle & Logan Walker	4
10/19	William & Carol Crotsley	35
10/20	Tim & Huyla Jackson	53
10/20	Hunter & Holden Patterson	3
10/22	Logan & Danielle Walker	4
10/24	John & Mary Lee Blackwelder	6
10/25	Chris & Jennifer Ridgell	29

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 Triece
Avante of Concord Dianne Marlin



October Birthdays

10/01	Wyatt HAMILTON
	Robert PERGOLA
10/02	Teresa ERWIN
10/03	Frankie OVERCASH
10/04	Sally PETERSON
	Easton SCHRIVER
10/05	Beth GRIBBLE
	Liam GUY
10/06	Paula BRANDLE
10/08	Randy TRIECE
10/09	Joel DODSON
10/10	Betsy ELLINGTON-BOYNTON
	Mike MCCOMBS
10/13	Manisengphet BROWN
	John GLASS
10/17	Rick TEUMER
	Kara VOELKER
10/18	Morgan GUY
	Sylvia SLOOP
10/19	Dianne MARLIN
	Jack SMITH
10/21	Christopher BAME
	Darian MILLER
10/22	Kerrie DILL
	Skylar KEMPF
10/23	Brenda BROWN
10/25	William HENRY
	Shane LITTLE
10/27	Brad HUNSUCK
	Melissa KEMPF
	Lisa ROBINSON
	Judy SLOAN
	Blaine WHEATLEY
10/29	Dylan BROCK
10/30	Jenny JONES
10/31	Heidi LEE
	Sarah TEUMER

OCTOBER 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

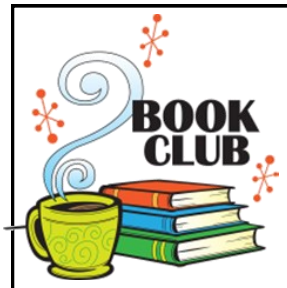
8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
4-Oct	Emily Clamser	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Skylar Kempf	Delaney Little	Andy Robinson	Scott Harmon
11-Oct	Sarah Harmon	Donna Taylor	T J Black	TBD	Patrick Little	Delaney Little
18-Oct	Scott Harmon	Sarah Harmon	Asa Russell	Palmer Russell	Andy Robinson	Gavin Carpenter
25-Oct	Diana Bentley	Paula Brandle	Riley	Sire	Liz Fisher	Sarah Harmon

FLOWER CALENDAR	
4-Oct	Available
11-Oct	Available
18-Oct	Available
25-Oct	Troutman

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
4-Oct	Gracie Matheny	Bob Hill	Rory Hesley	Lucas Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
11-Oct	Tony Lippard	Sally Peterson	Maydin Kohlmeier	Isaiah Gregory	Gavin Carpenter	Isaiah Gregory
18-Oct	Bob Boynton	Bob Boynton	Aubrey Gregory	Harmony Gregory	Gavin Carpenter	Colby Miller
25-Oct	Rosalie Hartman	Needed	Emma Messenger	Carson Messenger	Gavin Carpenter	Harrison Woodle

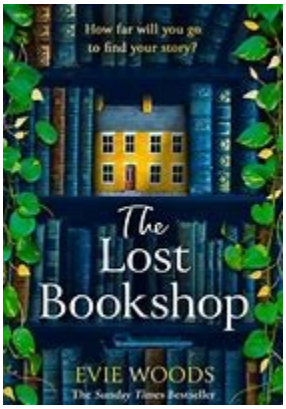
	1-Oct	8-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct
Samaritan's Table	St. Josephs Sally	Joe Gribble SS Pastor John	Bethel Bob	Kimball Youth Pat	Mt. Mitchell Pat

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Melissa Little/ Doris Teumer	Tom Ramseur/ Hannah Wiethorn
Council Assistants	Emily Clamser/ Melissa Little	Sydney Bradford/ Hannah Wiethorn
Healing Prayer	Debbie Troutman	Scott Harmon
Communion Prep	Jim & Susan Harris	Sydney Bradford/ Needed
Tellers	Keith & Fran Garver	
Slide Prep	Mary Lee Blackwelder	
Blessing Box	Kathy Hunter/ Murph Family	
Birthday Card Prep	Sarah Kempf	

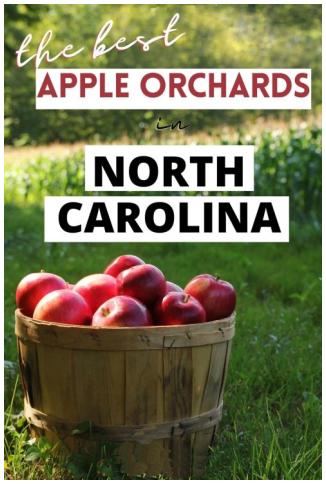


Kimball Memorial Book Clubs

Prebble's Book Club
Date: October 6 — 10:00 am
Host: Church Parlor
Refreshments:
Book: *The Lost Bookshop*
Author: Evie Woods



Tuesday Evening Book Club
Date: October 20— 6:30 pm
Host: Paula Brandle
Leader: Donna Taylor
Refreshments: Susan H
Book: *The Lost Bookshop*
Author: Evie Woods



JOY Fellowship

JOY Fellowship will head to the Mountains on October 19th, to enjoy the fall crop of Apples and to have lunch together. We'll leave Kimball at 9:30 and journey to the mountains to check out North Carolina Apples at one of the local orchards. After that, it's lunch at The Yellow Deli in Hiddenite, NC – with delicious soups, sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Lunch will be 'Dutch Treat'. We'll return to Kimball Memorial around 2:30 pm. Sign up sheets are in the Commons and the Narthex (and a Menu for the Yellow Deli is also in the narthex). We hope you'll join us for a fun day!

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Council would like to congratulate Pastor David Keck, Pastor John Futterer and Deacon Liz Fisher on each of their anniversaries this year. We are blessed to have such wonderful leadership guiding this congregation.

Faith Formation Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 27th.

Mark your calendars for some upcoming events:

- Preschool Sunday will be Sunday, October 4th at the 11:00 am service.
- Blessing of the animals will be on Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 pm.
- The Wiethorn Family will host the Autumn Gathering on Sunday, November 1st at 3:30 pm.
- The Annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, October 28th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

We will be welcoming five new members into the Kimball family in the coming weeks.

We are still looking for volunteers 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.

Our year to date income is $325,260 against our budget of $349,000.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



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.

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 5:00p Samaritan's Table Register Deadline for Adult Beach Trip	**2**	**3**
Pentecost 19 **4** 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship *Preschool Sunday* 3:00p Blessing of the Animals 4:00p Women's Bible Study	**5** 9:00a Tellers Count	**6** 10:00a Prebble's Book Club @ Parlor	**7** 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir	**8** 5:00p Samaritan's Table	**9**	**10**
Pentecost 20 **11** 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 2:00p CROP Walk 4:00p Women's Bible Study	**12** *Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples Day* Preschool-- Teacher Wrkdy	**13** 9:00a Tellers Count 10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo Preschool— Teacher Wrkdy	**14** 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir	**15** 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	**16** 2:00-3:00p Food Box Distribution	**17**
Pentecost 21 **18** 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 2:30p Confirmation-St. Martin's 4:00p Women's Bible Study	**19** 9:00a Tellers Count 9:30a JOY Group to mountains.	**20** 6:30p Tuesday Evening Book Club @ Brandle's	**21** 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Early Choir	**22** 3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) 5:00p Samaritan's Table	**23** 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic Preschool Field Trip to Dan Nicholas/ Amtrak	**24** 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Reformation **25** 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Faith Formation 11:00a Traditional Worship 4:00p Women's Bible Study	**26** 9:00a Tellers Count	**27**	**28** 10:00a Bible Study 5:00-7:00p Fall Festival 6:30p Early Choir	**29** 5:00p Samaritan's Table	**30**	**31** *Halloween* 





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