

KUMC DECEMBER 2023 News

Pastor's Note – December 2023

“...and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...”

Isaiah 9:6

The names listed in *Isaiah 9:6*, are just a few of the many names that are attributed to Jesus. All the names have special meaning, and truly each one describes what kind of king that Christ is, and what kind of kingdom he brings. It is hard to imagine a kingdom so perfect, where everyone is equal, and everyone is at peace. Human kingdoms and empires at best may have experienced some great years, but all man-made kingdoms have fallen. The closest kingdom, although only in classic literature, that comes close to what Jesus' describes as the Kingdom of God is Camelot for the stories of King Arthur. However, like actual kingdoms, Camelot eventually fell apart as well. However, unlike kingdoms and empires that are built with human hands, Jesus' kingdom is indestructible, and has and always will withstand the test of time.

Sunday, November 26 in Christ the King Sunday. It is a Sunday that marks the kingship of Jesus, and it marks the end of the church year. On Sunday, Dec. 3 the church calendar will start over as we begin the Advent season. Throughout Advent we will hear the familiar songs of the season and listen to the words of the nativity and birth story of Jesus. Though we are transferring back to a the time of Jesus' infancy, the names and the kingdom that is associated with Jesus remain for the prophet Isaiah wrote these words many years prior to Christ's coming to earth. This was a way to prepare the people in ancient days for what kind of king the promised Messiah was going to be when he arrived. Even though the events of these stories took place centuries ago on the other side of the world, the words still ring true for us each year during this season.

So, I encourage you to come and experience the kingship of Jesus Christ and allow this season to fill you through all your five senses. Come and be a witness with us at Kenova United Methodist Church as we celebrate the kingship of Christ and his miraculous birth. Join us each Sunday throughout Advent at 11am and Christmas Eve at 7pm and/or 9pm. All are welcome and Merry Christmas!

Rev. Andrew

In Memory Of

MEMORY OF JIM RICHARDS

- By Mike & Emily Stacy (Pastor Jim Richards Mem. Endowment)
- By Alice Stanley (Pastor Jim Richards Mem. Endowment)

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JACK RIGGS

- By Jeff & Becki Chaffins (Backpacks and Caring & Sharing)
- By Rob & Robin Armstrong (Endowment)
- By Louise Wood (Backpacks)

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ATHA MILLS

- By Rob & Robin Armstrong (Endowment)

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DAVID E. ROSS AT CHRISTMAS

- By Judy Ross (Caring & Sharing)

In Honor Of

GIVEN IN HONOR OF FRANK HATTEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

- By Bob & Sharon Sparks (Preschool)
- By Linda Boshell (Preschool)

GIVEN IN HONOR OF ANDREW COLVIN

- By Sam & Prudy Colvin (Wounded Warrior Project)

GIVEN IN HONOR OF SAMUEL COLVIN

- By Sam & Prudy Colvin (Wounded Warrior Project)

In Deepest Sympathy
is extended to...

... **Joy Agee & family** in the loss of her father, **Charles Cantrell**.

... **Larry Robinson & family** in the loss of his brother, **Gary Robinson**.

THANK YOU ...

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your kind words, prayers, cards, food, and flowers during the loss of my Dad. You made a very difficult time a little easier. I ask for your continued prayers. We love our church family so very much. You're all so very special and appreciated.

Joy and Vince Agee

Thanks so much for your generous donations of undies to the Ebenezer Outreach Center. Undie Sunday is always a fun way to give back, and KUMC is always so generous.

Thank you.

Thank you to the M&Ms Women's Group for hosting the "Brunch Sunday Meal on October 29, 2023. The meal was delicious.

Thank you to Mary Leighton for her leadership in the Shoebox Ministry, **thank you** to the helpers who assembled and packed the shoeboxes, and **thank you** to all who donated items for the shoeboxes or money for the postage. Due to your generosity, 106 children will be blessed.

Thank you, Lisa Cornwell, and Mary Leighton, for your support with the audio/visuals in our worship service.

To give time to prepare for the Sunday morning Worship service, please provide announcements or slides for the sanctuary screens to Lisa Cornwell by Wednesday evening.

Mission Statement

In the Love of Jesus Christ,
We Reach ...

UP in Worship & Prayer,
OVER in Discipleship & Care,
and OUT in Witness & Service

Please note:

- No Committee Meetings in Dec.
- No Vision Team Meeting in Dec.
- No Newsletter for January

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP and/or BAPTISM?

Please contact Rev. Andrew Tennant (304-672-0723) or the Church office (304-453-1112).

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN can

be submitted as follows:

- Please call **Pam Wood @ 304-544-2243 Church office @ 304-453-1112**
- Email **Charles Shumaker at kumcprayers@gmail.com**

YOUTH NEWS

The KUMC Youth would love to replenish their supplies for the Blessing Box. For the upcoming Advent season, we are asking each church family to create a donation box at home. Each day you will add an item to the box from the suggestion list. These boxes will be brought to church on Christmas Eve.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX. ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO THE KUMC BLESSING BOX.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

Weekly Opportunities

Please join us for our various ministry opportunities. Feel free to invite your friends and family.

Sundays at 9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages

Sundays at 11:00 am – Worship (Sanctuary) with Children’s ministry – NOAH’S ARK (2-PK); *Kids Own Worship* (K - 5th Grade)

Live Streaming of our worship service on our Facebook page.

Sundays at 5:45 pm – Middle School Youth and High School Youth (Youth Room at the Gathering Place)

Sundays at 6:00 pm – Children’s Ministry (Children’s Area)

Mondays at 6:30 pm – Cub Scouts (Scout Building)

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (Scout Building)

Wednesdays

On-line book study with Pastor Andrew – Posted on Facebook

6:00 pm – Bible Study (Wesleyan SS room)

7:11 pm – Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

8:00 pm – AA meetings (GP)

Additional Opportunities

Saturday, December 2nd, Men’s Breakfast @ 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us, bring a friend, and enjoy delicious food and fellowship. The guest speaker will be Pastor Tom Baisden from Ceredo UMC.

Saturday, December 2nd, Feed the Need 5 Miler Run/2 Mile Walk for the Backpack Ministry at the First Baptist Church of Kenova. On-site registration begins @ 8:00 am. Race @ 9:00 am.

Cost: \$30.00 if pre-registered by December 1st; \$35.00 Day of Race **Registration forms** are available for the Run/Walk in the narthex.

Sunday, December 3rd, Holy Communion 1st Sunday of Advent Good Samaritan Special Offering

Monday, December 4, KENOVA MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING SERVICE @ 7:00 P.M. The service begins in our sanctuary with special music provided by the C-K Alumni Band and ends at the memorial tree next to the post office.

Tuesday, December 5th Revised Date @ 6:00 pm M&Ms

Women’s Christmas Covered Dish Dinner, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the wonderful fellowship. Ham and drinks will be provided. All women are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

**Thursday, December 7th
@ 6:00 pm Spectrum of
Worship Santa / Nativity Scene
at the Gathering Place.**

**Sunday, December 10th
2nd Sunday of Advent
Good Samaritan Offering**

**Sunday, December 10th @ 11 am
Chancel Choir Cantata with
Praise Band in the sanctuary**

**Tuesday, December 12th
@ Caring and Sharing
Meal Prep Day**

**Tuesday, December 12th, Good
Samaritan Dinner @ 6:00 pm at
the First Baptist Ceredo**

**Wednesday, December 13th,
Caring and Sharing meal
completion and delivery.**

**Wednesday, December 13th,
KUMC Children’s Live Outdoor
Nativity @ 6:00 pm in the side
yard of the church.**

**Thursday, December 14th,
Chancel Choir Christmas Party
@ 6:00 pm at Dusty’s Garage**

**Sunday, December 17th,
3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Monday, December 18 – Friday,
December 22, Secret Santa @
Gathering Place**

**Thursday, December 21st,
Spectrum Ministry Support
Group Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the
Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, December 24th,
4th Sunday of Advent
with Songs of the Season
during the Worship Service**

**Sunday, December 24th
Children’s Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service @ 7:00 pm**

**Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service and Holy
Communion @ 9:00 pm**

Monday, December 25th

Merry Christmas

**Monday, December 25th -
Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, December 26th -
Church Office Closed**

**Monday, December. 25th
through Mon., January 1, 2024,
No Preschool – Christmas
Break**

**Sunday, December 31st, Brunch
Church Service @ 11 am in the
Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, December 31st New
Year’s Eve Service**

Monday, January 1, 2024

Happy New Year

**Monday, January 1, 2024 -
Church Office Closed**

Giving Opportunities

General Budget Offering:

To support the church and its expenditures.

Special Offering:

Good Samaritan Offering:

This special offering supports our local Good Samaritan Center which serves many families in our community.

Loose Change Offering:

The Good Samaritan Center

Shoe Box Ministry:

A list will be posted soon for 2024 donations.

Training Station/Preschool:

Sponsor a child with a scholarship @ \$125 per month or any size donation can be used for supplies.

“In Loving Memory Of” or “In Honor Of” donations can

be designated for any budget line-item or ministry, such as General Budget Fund, Backpack Ministry, Spectrum Ministry, Music, Children Ministries, Youth, Preschool, Caring & Sharing Ministry, Bereavement, Kitchen Fund, Apportionments, Pastor Jim Richards Endowment, Endowment fund, etc. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one.

Christmas for our Staff

Please join us in honoring OUR STAFF this Christmas Season with a monetary donation. Donations will be accepted through the 13th and presented on Sunday, the 17th. Please write “Staff Gifts” on your envelope and place your envelope in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued love and support.

*The Staff Parish Relations
Committee*

Research shows that people are more receptive to accept an invitation and attend church this time of year. Please check out the various ministries and opportunities in December and invite your family and friends.

*Merry Christmas
to all
and a
Blessed New Year.*



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Joe Ratcliff | 17 | Kelsey Plybon |
| | Ben Richards | | Chris Sanders |
| 2 | Zack Heaberlin | | Bob Sparks |
| | Mike Wheeler | 18 | Mike Dawson |
| 3 | Tim Edin | | Megan Price |
| | Berkley Elkins | 19 | Taylor Dean |
| 4 | Linda Boshell | 20 | Sandra Budden |
| | Joan West | 21 | Payton Conley |
| 5 | Alex Marinich | 22 | Donna Jones |
| 6 | Dee Childers | 23 | Dustin Dean |
| 7 | Don Money | | Cora McLean |
| 8 | | | Desmond McLean |
| 9 | | 24 | Carlie Ryan Kazee |
| 10 | JoAnn Hemann | | Lance Moore |
| | Pat Turner | | Mike Stacy |
| 11 | Caiden Conley | 25 | Bill Budden |
| | Linda Duty | | Nancy Dean |
| | Leslie Pack | | Braelyn Scarberry |
| 12 | Prudy Colvin | 26 | Allison Elkins |
| | Hayley Diamond | | Lauren Wolfe |
| 13 | Adam Tufts | 27 | Jennifer Edwards |
| 14 | Mary DeMoss | 28 | Tammy Gibson |
| | Maria Dorsey | 29 | Jessica Sandy |
| 15 | Faith Wilks | 30 | Steve Ball |
| | | | Deidre Farley |
| 16 | Jessica Baisden | | |

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2, 2016 | Tracey & Danielle West |
| 8, 1989 | Dwayne & Rhonda Castle |
| 12, 1991 | Kent & Lori Keyser |
| 14, 1985 | Kent & Carla Willis |
| 16, 2022 | Vincent & Kaitlynn Richards |
| 20, 1985 | Mike & Bev Edwards |
| 20, 1997 | Scott & Deidre Farley |
| 26, 1959 | Jack & Sylvia Jackson |
| 27, 1975 | Albert & Lugene Jarrell |
| 27, 1975 | Joe & Pam Smith |
| 30, 2017 | Charles & Brianna Davis |



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Bill Gibson	16	Adam Jones
5	Heather Acord		Karlee Fischer
7	Richie Mills		Brennen West
	Alice Stanley	20	Ashlee Hill
9	Peggy Osburn		Kaitlyn Maynard
	Jim West	21	Josh Brumfield
10	Alexandria Saunders		Carole Wagner
	Scott Stevens	24	Chase Hardin
	Nora Wood	25	Markai Chandler
11	Amy Jarrell	26	Max Crow III
	Kim Jeffers		Brenda Lyons
12	Becky Chambers		Bailey Swanson
13	Julie Harmon	28	Carson Mosley
	Neda McGlothlin	29	Tre` Cornwell
	David Riggs		Rachel Katzeff
14	Stacy Godfrey		Sonja Money
	Halle Phillips	30	Miranda Chaffins
15	Randy Wolfe		Sylvia Jackson
16	Angi Chaffins	31	Jeff Sanders
			Carol Smith
			David Workman



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

4, 2003	Billy & Kelly Rutherford
15, 1994	Don & Sonja Money
20, 1956	Jim & Liz Cole
23, 2021	Kyle & Karlee Fischer
26, 1989	Raymond & Johnna Aliff