

## **KUMC DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter**

### **Have you heard?**

#### **KUMC Memorial Giving Tree:**

Make a \$500 donation in honor of or in memory of someone by purchasing a leaf on the Memorial Tree. All monies will go to the Building Fund for needed updates and maintenance to the existing building.

#### **Laser Engraved Christmas Ornament Fundraiser:**

Purchase a beautiful laser engraved Christmas Ornament featuring the church. The cost of each ornament is \$20 with \$10 covering the cost of the locally made ornament and \$10 going to the Digital Sign fund. To order an ornament, sign-up on the form located at the table by the front door. Payment will be due when the ornament comes in.

#### **Digital Sign fund:**

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we received a small grant from the Western County Grant Team to use towards the purchase of a new Digital Sign for the front of the building. If you would like to donate, please note Digital Sign on the memo line of your check.

#### **Kenova UMC Bible/Hymnal Drive:**

We are looking at replacing the Bibles and Hymnals in our pews. The total cost for a bundle (one pew Bible & one Hymnal) is \$40. Please let us know if you would like to purchase a bundle or two.

#### **Mission Opportunity: Living Hope High School**

There is a need to provide sponsorships for African students to attend High School. Sponsorships are available through donations of \$55.00 per month or \$660.00 per year. See Prudy Colvin for additional information and details on how you can be a part of this mission opportunity.

#### **Fundraising Opportunity:**

The M and M's Women's Group is selling Rada Cutlery to support missions and church projects. The Rada products make excellent gifts. If interested, check out our Facebook page or talk to Prudy Colvin. The link for this fundraiser is

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=8185619.be231c2>

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*In Memory Of*

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF HOPE WALTERS**

- By Wesleyan Sunday School Class (Bereavement)

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TAMMY WALTERS**

- By Wesleyan Sunday School Class (Bereavement)

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF LINDA DUTY**

- By Sheila & Benjy Mosley (Training Station)

- By Emily & Mike Stacy (Preschool)

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*In Honor Of*

**GIVEN IN HONOR OF ANDREW & MADELINE COLVIN**

- By Prudy & Sam Colvin (Native American Ministries)

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*Our Deepest Sympathy* is extended to...

... **Kenny Walters & family** in the loss of his mom, **Hope Walters**  
and in the loss of his sister, **Tammy Walters.**

... **The family of Priscilla McGlone.**

... **Sally Streets, Jack Streets, Jr., Lori Muldoon, Juli  
Hutchinson & their families** in the loss of Sally's husband and  
Jack, Lori & Juli's dad, **Jack Streets, Sr.**

... **Dorothy Long & her family** in the loss of her husband,  
**Bob Long,**

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**THANK YOU**

The family of Hope Walters and Tammy Walters acknowledges  
with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

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Thank you all so very much for the food and cards. Your kindness  
& love are so appreciated, as well as your thoughts & prayers.

Thank you,  
Kenny & Richie

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Dear KUMC Church Family,

Thank you for inviting us to a wonderful day and worship experience as you celebrated 130 years of ministry. We were blessed personally by your warm greetings, hugs, and remembrances as well as your gifts and affirmation during the worship service. You can be sure that the KUMC Christmas Ornament will hang on our tree this year and I hope to enjoy some of the apple butter if my teenage grandson doesn't get to it first!

We were blessed also to see the church thriving and alive with ministries to each other, the community, and the world. We were grateful to witness your affirmation for your former pastors - and for your embrace and support of your present pastor and his leadership.

We rejoiced to see so many children present - a blessing many churches can only pray for - and the foundation of another 130 years of ministry (or more).

The only sad note was the faces we missed - but as Glory Way reminded us in one of their songs, it will only be for a while.

May the Holy Spirit continue to make your light shine bright for Christ and bring glory to your Father in heaven!

Love and Prayers, Lindsay & Carol Thorp

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Rev. Andrew and loving congregation,

What a blessing it was to be with you for the 130<sup>th</sup> celebration. We wish that we could have visited everyone, but we loved a lot of hugs and conversations. Rev Andrew did a wonderful service and made all of us "old pastors" feel welcome, and it was fun to be with them again.

The lovely reception snacks and conversations reminded us of the many wonderful events and meals we enjoyed over the years in that room. So please express our love and thanks to everyone for a wonderful day in our spiritual home church.

God's grace and peace be with you all,  
Bill and Ellie Miller

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## THANK YOU

Thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Hope you know how very much you're appreciated and what a difference you make.

Thank you so much for the wonderful food you provided for the family of Angela Lyons Lockhart. You did make a big difference in our community and to us in our grief.

Love, The family of Angie Lyons Lockhart

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Kenova United Methodist,

The food you shared with our family during our recent loss was amazing. It was a tangible expression of the love of Christ. Thank you for your care for our family during this time.

In Christ, Whitney Lockhart-Anderson

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Please join us in welcoming **Michael Pancake** and **Dustin Cremeans**, as our new Co-Directors of the Music Ministry.

Please be sure and say Hi and know there's always room for YOU in our Chancel Choir.

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**Thank you** to each person who prayed, made monetary donations, purchased items, or helped pack our shoe boxes for the Christmas Shoebox Ministry.

This year we packed 152 shoeboxes, which is a church record. But more importantly, it means that 152 children will be blessed because of your generosity. Thank you!

We also want to thank **Mary Leighton** for her leadership with the Shoebox Ministry.

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## **Undie Sunday Update**

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.

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**Thank you** to **Stanley Wood** for the annual Veterans Slide Presentation which is a wonderful tribute to our Veterans.

To you our **Veterans**, we say **Thank you** for your service.

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**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday School @ 9:45 am, Worship Service and Holy Communion @ 11 am and Good Samaritan Center Special Offering.**

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Kenova Memorial Christmas Tree Service and Lighting @ 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)**

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Breakfast @ 9:00 am (Fellowship Hall). Come and enjoy good food and a guest speaker and special music.**

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday School @ 9:45 am, Worship Service @ 11 am and Good Samaritan Center Special Offering.**

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Caring and Sharing Meal Prep Day and Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Caring and Sharing meal completion and delivery.**

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, M&Ms Christmas Dinner (Covered Dish) (Fellowship Hall)**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday School @ 9:45 am, “A Preschool Christmas” presented by The Training Station @ 11 am. The 2-, 3-, 4-year olds will present a morning of songs and Christmas festivities with a reception following the service and a “Special Visitor”.**

**Monday – Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup> – Secret Santa activities at the Gathering Place. Details will be announced in the bulletin.**

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – KUMC Children’s Live Outdoor Nativity Play @ 6:00 pm in the side yard of the church.**

**Following the performance, there will be a “Special Visitor” in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 –**

**Closed - No Training Station Preschool due to Christmas Break**

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**DECEMBER CALENDAR continued**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve  
Children’s Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy  
Communion**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Merry Christmas**

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Brunch Church Service at 11:00 am  
(Fellowship Hall)**

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Eve Service**

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – Happy New Year**

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**Check the bulletin for weekly children and youth activities.**

**Wednesdays: Facebook on-line book study with Pastor Andrew  
Snack Supper @ 5:30 pm (Reservations by noon on Tuesdays)  
Bible Study - Wesleyan SS room @ 6 pm  
and Chancel Choir practice in the Choir room @ 7:11 pm**

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**Please note that the Church Office is closed on the following  
dates:**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> through December 27 – Christmas  
December 31<sup>st</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – New Year’s**

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**There will be no January 2025 newsletter, however, all our  
ministry opportunities will be listed in the Sunday bulletin  
which is posted on our website ([www.Kenovaumc.com](http://www.Kenovaumc.com))  
and posted on our Kenova United Methodist Church Facebook  
page.**

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

**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     |
| 20, 1985 | Mike & Bev Edwards      |
| 20, 1997 | Scott & Deidre Farley   |
| 27, 1975 | Albert & Lugene Jarrell |
| 27, 1975 | Joe & Pam Smith         |
| 30, 2017 | Charles & Brianna Davis |



## **JANUARY** **BIRTHDAYS**

4	Bill Gibson	16	Brennen West
5	Heather Acord	19	Jordan Rice
7	Richie Mills	20	Ashlee Hill
	Alice Stanley		Kaitlyn Maynard
9	Peggy Osburn	21	Josh Brumfield
	Jim West		Carole Wagner
10	Leland Maddox	24	Chase Hardin
	Alexandria Saunders	25	Markai Chandler
	Nora Wood	26	Max Crow III
11	Amy Jarrell		Brenda Lyons
	Kim Jeffers		Chaundra Maddox
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
	Adam Jones		Carol Smith
	Karlee Fischer		David Workman



## **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

4, 2003	Billy & Kelly Rutherford
15, 1994	Don & Sonja Money
20, 1956	Jim & Liz Cole
21, 1999	Dan & Angela Quaranta
23, 2021	Kyle & Karlee Fischer
26, 1989	Raymond & Johnna Aliff