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Our Mission Statement – As joyful followers of Jesus Christ, we welcome and care for all people. We boldly proclaim the Good News, share our faith, and love God by serving others.

Our Statement of Welcome – Accepting those who Christ has already accepted, Kure Memorial Lutheran Church affirms that all people, regardless of race, national origin, sexual orientation, or economic status, are unconditionally welcome to our community of faith and are invited to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has gone and the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)



As I write this, the ceilings are in the final phase of being replaced in the north building of our church campus, which includes the offices and one of our preschool rooms. It is a project that has been desperately needed and talked about for at least a couple of years. Some of you may have noticed many of the tiles were broken, several had literally fallen to the floor and many were tacked up with wood strips to hold them in place.



So, over the last week, the ceilings were demolished, and new sheetrock was installed, sanded and painted. I must say, it was a pretty messy project! And I really wasn't looking forward to the process! Because it required a lot of work to sort through and pack up items in my office...which I thank God for all those who helped with that task! It was a painful process, but deep down I knew it was for the best.

And of course, the result is well worth it. We have fresh new ceilings that look great and should last for many years to come! I invite you to stop by to check them out! This is part of what our offerings help to fund, keeping our facility maintained so we can keep our ministry going and do the work God is calling us to do!

Back to the point of this story...this ceiling project reminds me of us. We are broken people. And depending on the day, sometimes more than others. We struggle. We are hurt. We make mistakes. And as a result, we try to put patches over the hurts we have. We try to mask the mistakes we make to try to hold our lives together. Sometimes there are things in our lives that just seem to be falling in all around us. And trying to deal with it all can get a little messy.

And then we realize we need to make a change. Maybe it's because we realize we can't fix things on our own. I'm a good one to wrestle with things on my own for way too long before I realize God is there for me! Because we need God to turn our lives around...to help us...to direct us in a new direction. And quite often he puts people in our lives to encourage us and help us along the way. And you know...that process can be painful. It can be frustrating...but the outcome when God is working in our lives is so worth it. As God takes the brokenness of our lives and fills us with his grace, mercy, love and compassion giving us confidence to navigate our struggles, comfort us in our hurts and guide us in our lives of faith...making us a new creation!



Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

Youth Ministries:

We have youth group on Sundays after fellowship time from 11:30-1:00! We invite all middle schoolers and high schoolers to join us, and their friends! We start youth group with some fun high energy games, then have a discussion in the youth room. We end youth group sharing lunch together and just hanging out!

Thank you to the students that were able to help shop for school supplies for the students at Carolina Beach Elementary school! Check out the photos!



Family Ministries:

Our next big event is this month! On Sunday, September 29th from 2:00-3:30 we will be having a Fall Family Ministries event at the church! We will have fall themed games like pumpkin ring toss, bobbing for donuts on a string and pumpkin tic tac toe! We will also have fall themed snacks and crafts. Children of all ages, including their family and friends are invited to join; these games aren't just for the little ones- teens, young adults and adults are more than welcome and encouraged to come!

****For this fall event we need pumpkin donations! We need pumpkins of all sizes- small ones to be used for painting that the children can take home with them, and medium and larger sized ones for our games and photo area!**

Erica

Please join our facebook groups!!!

KMLC Youth Group Facebook Group Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/50299013976/>

KMLC Children's Ministry Group Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422595784747944/>

Sunday School for children and adults is starting up on Sunday, September 8! We will be back in session for some fun, interactive learning for the **children ages 3 through grade 5!** The children will leave worship following the children's time for some faith exploration and then return to the sanctuary during the passing of the peace and for the remainder of the service. **Adults will meet in the library**, the room off of the fellowship hall beginning at 9am for conversation and faith exploration of our own! We will begin the year with a look at the Book of Acts. I hope you will join in the conversation. We will learn more about the early church as well as what it means for us and what our role is in the church today! Below is the outline for our 7 week study:

9/8: Week 1: Power to Change the World

Acts 1:1 thru 2:41

9/15: No Sunday school

9/22: Week 2: The Early Church

Acts 2:42 thru 4:31

9/29: Week 3: People God Uses

Acts 4:32 thru Acts 8:40

10/6: Week 4: People God Uses...That We Would Not Expect!

Acts 9:1-31; Acts 11:19-30

10/13: Week 5: Going Beyond Our Comfort Zone

Acts 10:1 thru 11:18; 12:1 thru 14:28

10/20: Week 6: Songs from Prison

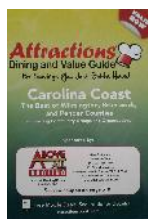
Acts 16:6-40; 17:16-34

10/27: Week 7: Trials and Storms

Acts 23:23 thru Acts 27:44

You are invited/encouraged to read the designated scripture passages assigned for each week prior to coming for our discussion, but if you are not able to, please come anyway! I also encourage anyone who is not planning on coming for our discussions on Sunday morning to read these passages as well! It will be a great way to stay connected!

Beach Worship for September... Invite your friends and neighbors and join us on the beach for a short, but meaningful service of prayer, music, bible reflection and Holy Communion. Children will love it too! So, along with your beach chairs or blankets, bring their sand toys and join us! Musicians for the month of September are: *September 4 - Sydney Maguire; September 11 - KMLC Praise Team; September 18 - John Shalanski; September 25 - Greg Blunt/Ladd Smith.* It all happens at the end of Ave. F in Kure Beach, 1/2 mile south of the Kure Beach Pier. As is our tradition, we will have a time of fellowship and snacks following our final worship of the summer, September 25 in the meeting room of the Kure Beach Faith Center. We hope you will plan to join us! Also...you are interested, you are invited to bring a dessert or snack to share! **Schedule change: We will meet at 7pm on September 4, but will move to 6:30pm beginning September 11 due to the sunset getting earlier.** Contact Pastor Dan with questions, 910-619-8979.



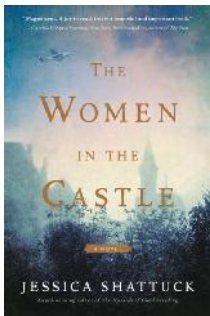
Attractions Books! 2020 Attractions Dining and Value Guides... are now available! We are selling them as a fundraiser for our next Costa Rica Mission trip coming up in the summer of 2020! Tell your friends and neighbors! Each book is \$25. We raise \$10 for each book we sell! And here is the best thing...just for supporting us through purchasing one...you can save so much \$\$ at so many restaurants, stores and other attractions in the area! Thank you for your support!

Costa Rica Mission Trip 2020: The dates have not been set yet, but we are in the very beginning stages of planning! This will be our fourth trip since 2015. If you are interested in going or learning more about it, please contact Pastor Dan! 910-619-8979.

We are gearing up for another session of Faith Explorers, our confirmation ministry with a parent/student meeting on September 8 after worship. Our families with students in middle and high school have been notified, but I don't want to miss anyone! On September 8, we will discuss how the ministry will work, our schedule and a brief outline of what we will cover over the next year and a half. Please let Pastor Dan know if you and your youth plan on attending or are interested in participating, but are not able to attend.

Woman's Bible Study & Outreach Group: We will resume on Tuesday **September 9th at 9:30AM** in the church library. We will be catching up on and finishing our study of Proverbs. All are welcome, so please join us!

September Beer and Hymns... Will take place on Sunday, September 15, beginning at 6pm at Good Hops in Carolina Beach! Hope to see you there!



The Book Club is currently reading *The Women in the Castle*, by Jessica Shattuck. We will be meeting on **Monday, September 23rd at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the book. The discussion is open to everyone, so if you are interested, please join us for some great conversation and food.

The Women in the Castle, tells the story of three women, and their children, who take refuge in the ruins of a Bavarian castle at the end of World War II. The women are war widows – war resistance widows, really – whose husbands paid with their lives for the July 1944 plot against Adolf Hitler. Shattuck says the story has its roots in her childhood. "My mother was German, so I grew up going to visit my grandparents in the summers, and I also grew up with a very strong sense of shame about being half German. ... I loved going there and I loved my grandparents, but I also knew there was a very dark history, and I felt very conflicted about that." (From an interview with Scott Simon.)

September Men's Breakfast: Come join us on Saturday, September 28 at 8:30am for a great breakfast, fun conversation and a meaningful devotion! Pastor Dan will be there at 7:30am to start cooking with a hot pot of coffee! So if you have something you want to bring or anything you want to contribute...please contact Pr. Dan! We would love to have you come early to help or have coffee and visit! See you on the 28th!

September Women's Breakfast: While the men have breakfast in the fellowship hall on Saturday, September 28, the women will also meet for breakfast...the location to be announced! We will update everyone by email when the location is selected! Join them for a great breakfast and conversation, beginning at 8:30am.

Out of the Pews (our ministry for those ages 40ish to 60ish), will go hiking of Saturday, September 28 at 4:30pm. We will meet at the visitor's center at the Carolina Beach State Park. We'll hike one of the trails and then end up at "Flaming Amy's Burrito Barn" for a bite to eat and some conversation about our journey through life and faith. We hope you will join us! Other dates to keep in mind as we close out 2019: **October 12, we will go mini golfing...**followed by a bite to eat or something to drink and conversation about obstacles in our lives...kind of like on the mini golf course! **On November 16 we will enjoy the cool fall weather around a campfire** and some great conversation. **On December 14 we will gather for a Christmas celebration.** So mark your calendars...more information about these will coming your way. Please contact Pastor Dan for more info or for more information...910-619-8979.

Wild Wednesdays is something new that will be happening at KMLC beginning in October! Bring your family and friends and Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month beginning October 2 from 5:45-7:15pm starting out in our Fellowship Hall! Here's how the schedule will generally look:

5:45-6:15pm Pizza dinner together (we will ask a donation of \$3 per person/\$10 max per family)

6:15-7pm Divide into groups:

✚ children will go for some fun, scientific exploration activities

✚ parents gather for support, conversation and a devotion related to parenting

✚ bible study for adults for anyone who wants to engage in something more in depth!

7- 7:15pm We will come back together at the end for a fun activity together before heading home.

If you can only make it for a part of the evening, that's great! We would love to have you for whatever portion you can join us for! Mark your calendars for October 2 and 16! More detailed info will be coming your way! Contact Pastor Dan for more information!

Friday Morning Book group: we will meet **Friday morning from 9:30AM to 10:30AM** on the back screened in porch of the Beach Bar and Grill at the Ft Fisher Air Force recreation area. Our new book to purchase/borrow is *The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister. Everyone is welcome to join us! Any questions please contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289.

KMLC Ministry Updates! Don't forget to check out our website for updates and news on our church website: **kmlc.org!** We are working very hard to keep things updated on the site so they are beneficial to it's readers! A big shout out to Jim Kelly for being our Webmaster! He is doing a great job trying to keep up with all of our changes! Thanks Jim!!! **Also...if you haven't checked out the Kure Memorial Facebook pages,** we invite you to check them out and join the group(s)! Our church page group is: "Kure Memorial Lutheran Church". Our youth ministry page group is: "KMLC Youth. And our children's ministry page group is: "KMLC Children's Ministry". Thank you Chris Burkauskas for spearheading the church page and to Erica Little for facilitating the Children's ministry and youth pages!

Reminder about our staffed nursery: Do you know any families with children through age 2, who would love to come to worship here at Kure Memorial, but are hesitant because they have young children and would like a safe place for them to play when they get a little active during worship? Or maybe parents who are slowly trying to introduce their children to experiencing our worship experience? Please invite them to join us on Sunday mornings and let them know that we now have a staffed nursery, for families just like them! Their children can spend as little or as much time in the nursery as they need to. We love to have all of our family members worshipping with us, but sometimes that may not be possible. The nursery is located in the south preschool room. Chandler Von Cannon and Erica Little are our nursery staff, along with a youth helper who will assist as needed.

Synod E-News: The North Carolina Synod sends out a weekly "e-news", via email to keep us up to date on things going on with the Lutheran church throughout the state! It is very informative and you will see several things you can get involved in at the synod level! To subscribe to the weekly "e-news", go to the synod homepage: www.nclutheran.org. Go to the bottom right corner of the page where it says: "Subscribe to our synod e-newsletters" and click where it says: "Click to Join" and put in your name and email address. It's pretty simple! The synod website also has many resources for adults, teens and families. Please check out: <http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/library/library-by-category-col-150/library-category-bible-story> for online devotions for a variety of uses!

If you have placed someone on the Friends and Family prayer list and you would like them to receive a note of encouragement from the members of Kure Memorial, make sure we have that person's address. You can email Mina Piedmont at cbncgranny@charter.net or call her at 458-9337.

VOLUNTEERING

Help Center needs for September: dry pasta, peanut butter, jelly, canned fish, pasta sauce and any other canned or packaged food items and toiletries are deeply appreciated. Sanctuary doors are open daily, 8am to 8pm.

Sunday Lunch: Join us in this weekly ministry! Give a hand with sandwich preparations during fellowship hour. Join us as we share the lunches with our neighbors in the Carolina Beach area. Help us "behind the scenes" by shopping or setting up on Sunday morning before service. Contact Jean Graff-309-339-9272-call, text, email kjeb415@charter.net, or just talk with me at church!

Discipleship commission news:

Coffee hour fellowship: Please sign up to take your turn. The first Sunday of each month is birthday Sunday when we can celebrate birthdays in that month. Cake and drinks will be available. Sometimes we have special days, like ice cream sundae Sunday or Pig-pickin Sunday. Other Sundays something crisp, something salty, something sweet, and drinks is plenty, just a snack, not lunch, as we visit. If you have questions or a different idea, give me a call-Barbara Vought at 458-4636.

Game Night-each third Thursday, come and play games. Bring your favorite game or just your brain and see if you can beat me!

The KMLC Church Council

Next meeting will be **Monday, September 9th at 6:30 in church library.** After that, we plan to meet on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 in the library. If there are any changes, we'll let you know.

The Service Team

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 10th at 2:00 in church library.** After that, we plan to continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 in the library. We'll let you know of any changes in that schedule.

September Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Ministers	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers
September 1	Sydney Roy	Minnie Larson	Kylie Palamara	Dottie Herman & Eleanor Lundy
September 8	Beth Gavigan	Jeanette Nelson	Matthew Shuttleworth	Ullring Family
September 15	Keith Graff	Marion Wyman	Callie Reitzel	Maguire Family
September 22	Mia Shoffner	Cory Peterman	Colby Shoffner	Shoffner Family
September 29	Eleanor Lundy	Pat Jones	Tyler Reitzel	Jack Campbell & Mario Piccinin

Sanctuary Flowers: To sponsor Sanctuary Flowers, select your Sunday date and occasion and sign up in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for the floral arrangement is \$25. Your celebration will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin and the flowers are displayed in the sanctuary. Your occasion is celebrated by all and, the arrangement is yours to take home to enjoy after service!

September 1 – Jean & Keith Graff, in memory of Lowell Smith
September 8 – Eleanor Lundy, in honor of family & friends
September 15 – Sheila & Thom Girardot, in honor of our 32nd anniversary
September 22 – Janice Hindle, in memory of departed loved ones
September 29 – In honor of Gary Cox’s Birthday

Fellowship Hosts: Thanks to all of you who continue to make this time together so enjoyable. Many of us enjoy sharing time and conversation during Fellowship, and don’t stop to think about who does the setting up, or cleaning up or brings the food we love to eat. We encourage you to consider helping by bringing in a snack to share. Staying around to help with the cleaning up or coming early to help with the setting up is always appreciated also. If you would like to help, you can sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

September 1 – Birthday Sunday
September 8 – Shalanski
September 15 – Yandow & Williams
September 22 – available
September 29 – Pat Jones

Sanctuary Lamp: Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually, signifying the unswerving presence of the spirit of the Lord in our hearts and in our lives. To sponsor the sanctuary lamp, choose your Sunday date and the loved one or occasion you wish to honor and sign up in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of sponsorship is \$5; an acknowledgement will be made in the Sunday Bulletin.

September 1 – Susan Shearin, in loving memory of Norm Shearin
September 8 – Peter Yandow, in loving memory of my Father
September 15 – Terry Hambel, in loving memory of Jim Hambel
September 22 – available
September 29 – Sandy Cox, in honor of Gary Cox’s Birthday

✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Kim Workmeister, Barbara Stuart, Teri Massey, Pastor Tom Schutt, Anne Burkauskas, Amanda Dimauro, Cathy Heglar, Cat Morgan, Nancy Baker, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Sharon Efird, Michael Hawk, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Nancy Spaller, Judy Kunf, Bob Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Betty Swann, Matt Stultz, Joanne Adams, Marge Lucido, Robin Smith, Cathleen Applegate, Carol Ochs, Hannah Dumbrowski, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, Makayla Halscher, Paula Mckenize, Dale Nahm, John Katko.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Sandy Hunt and Ginny Blauboer (Buckley), Tracy McKay, Tom Grady, Pat Hankin (Hambel), Paul Piedmont (Piedmont), Todd Semmler (Semmler), Kristi Johnson, Cyndie Heath, Jami Harris, Jac Schlagle, Lexi Westfall (Hitchcock), Senka Gambino, Jean Behanna, Rick & Sharon Ellis (Lundy), Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Terry Ford & Carl Ford (Rehder), Arlo Bond (Jordan), Joey (Palamara), Pat Addington (Hearne), Julian, Jason & baby Jackson (Full), Mary Adobato (Vecchio), Danny Morison & Rose Craven (Alphin), Megan Manley (Cox), Beverly Lynn (Kure), Lori Buchhop (Semmler) Richard White (Prevatte), Arden Buckley & Erin O'Brien (Buckley), Brad Cook & Hugh Brady (Shearin), Kari Craig, (Palamara), Bridges family (Lundy), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Kat Pycior (Stephanos), Joan Robinson (Wetzel), Anne C. (Keck), Susan Cairns (Keck).

Please pray for the caregivers as they care for those who are ill.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MISSIONS OF OUR CHURCH

Federal Point Help Center / Coupons to Service men's families / KMLC Preschool / Girl Scout Troops #867, #901 and #155 / Good Shepherd (food & supplies) / Trinity Grove / KMLC Youth Group / Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program / The Lutheran Church of Costa Rica/ Casa Abierta-La Carpio / Seamen's Center

STUDENTS ATTENDING COLLEGE / SEMINARY

Emily Graff-Luther Seminary / Tommy Ullring-CFCC / Katelyn Copenhaver-Santa Fe College / Jade Denne-NC State / Jordan Pivik-ECU / Katie Elkin-Duke Divinity School / Andro Keck- CFCC / Vegas Vecchio-University of Washington, Seattle / Heather Keck- Medical University of South Carolina.

MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING

Col Wayne Lett in Frankfort, Germany; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Steven Blum at Fort Bragg; Christopher Bennett in San Diego, CA; Marley Von Cannon at Great Lakes Naval Base; Brandon Muehl at Ft. Benning, GA; Jacob Clinton at Parris Island, SC; Thomas Stafford at Ft. Benning, GA; Emily Graff serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

COSTA RICA MICRO LOAN RECIPIENTS

Rosa Marin, Aida Marin, Raquel Marin: Village of Guatuso, Zoraida Hernandez, Raul Perez: Village of Quitirrisi, Ana Yensi Rivera: La Carpi

Various projects to maintain our church facilities!

New Doors!



New Ceilings!



New fence around the playground!

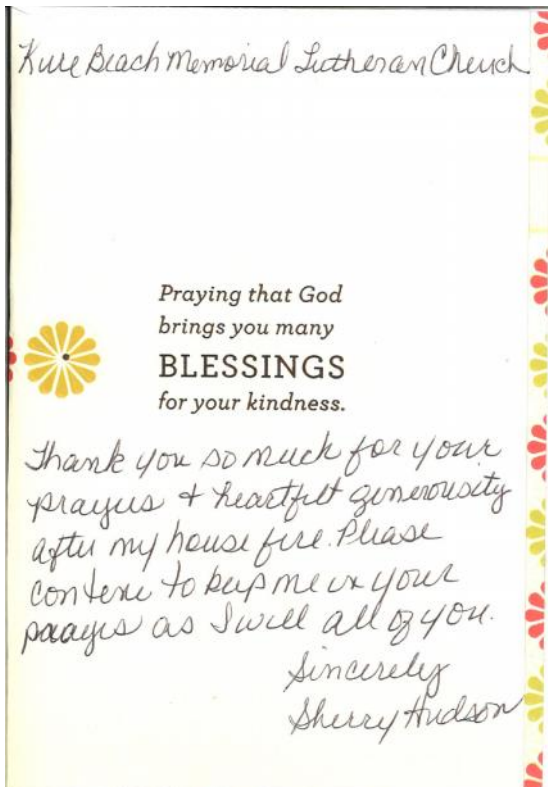
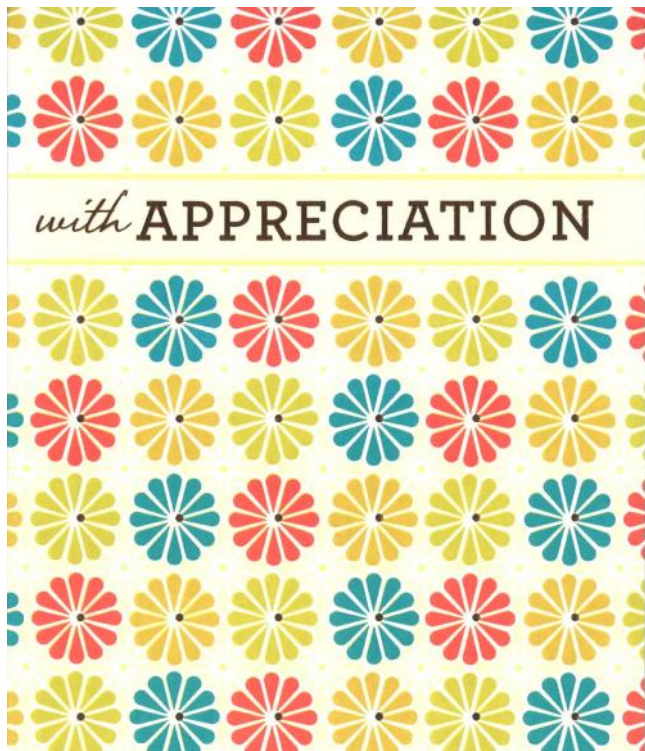


Thank you for your offerings and generosity toward our church mission plan that, in addition to supporting the many ministries we have, helps to maintain our church facilities!



The Children introducing the beginning of worship with our handchimes. The newest element to our Sunday morning worship!

THANK YOU



KMLC STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Dan Keck
Council President:	Susan Shearin
Church Office Manager:	Beth White
Musician & Choir Director:	Kristin Woodie
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry	Erica Little

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2019

Susan Shearin, Steve Shuttleworth, Terry Hambel, Dottie Herman, Pat Jones, Eleanor Lundy, Jeanette Nelson, Tom Wetzel and Peter Yandow.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Susan Shearin
Vice President: Tom Wetzel
Secretary: Peter Yandow
Treasurer: Eleanor Lundy
Financial Secretary: Terry Hambel

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Worship – Dottie Herman
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Nurture – TBA
Service – M.J. Shalanski
Discipleship – Barbara Vought
Preschool – Celeste Carpenter
Property – John Katko

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Peter Yandow
Pat Jones
Susan Shearin
Susan Shearin
Eleanor Lundy