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# OCTOBER 2019 – NEWSLETTER

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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

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## FROM PASTOR DAN

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*“I am the vine, you are the branches; if you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)*



Chris and I went away for a long weekend for our 30th anniversary in mid-September. We stayed at an old farmhouse surrounded by grape vineyards. It was pretty amazing to see the rows upon rows of grapes being grown. It was also really interesting to see how well kept and pruned the vines were to keep them healthy, so that the branches that grew out of the vine continued producing an abundance of grapes!

This experience was a great illustration of this saying of Jesus from John’s Gospel.

Jesus was always using illustrations that were common to the people in his day to help them understand concepts of faith. As we reflect on this image of the vine coming out of the ground as Jesus, think about how we are the branches that grow out of that vine...being fed, nurtured and cared for by Jesus so that we are empowered and inspired to share his love, grace, forgiveness and care for others, along with his message of salvation for all people. And as we are empowered and inspired by Jesus, we touch people’s lives and bear fruit in ways we never would have imagined!

I invite you to keep this image in mind as you go about your daily routines, reminding yourselves of the importance of staying connected to Jesus and the impact that will produce in the world around you!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

**Pastor Dan**

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FROM ERICA LITTLE,  
COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

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**Youth Ministries:**

Youth group is after fellowship time (almost) every Sunday from 11:30-1:00! All middle school and high school age students are welcome to join us, please invite your friends! We start each youth group time off with a fun high energy game, then head to the youth room to talk about how our weeks went, and then have a Biblical discussion we can apply to our everyday lives. We end each afternoon eating lunch together and just hanging out!

On Saturday October 19th the youth will be serving in a food pantry together at First Fruit Ministries! We will meet at the church at 8:45 AM and ride to First Fruits together. We will be serving from 9:15 to 2:15, then going to lunch at Cook Out! All the students need for this day is \$10 for lunch and a great

attitude!! Please follow our KMLC Youth Group Facebook page to keep up to date on all our events and activities!

### **Family Ministries:**

We're starting up a new ministry for the children of KMLC and Kure Memorial's Preschool and their siblings!! This program is open to all children and their parents/guardians. This ministry is called WILD WEDNESDAYS and it will be most every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. We will start each night off at 5:45 with a pizza dinner together and then the children and adults will split off. The children will go with Erica to do a science themed devotional with an activity. The parents have the option to either participate in a discussion on parenting with Pastor Dan or to have a more in depth discussion and Bible study. We will end the night with everyone coming back together and doing an activity before we end the program at 7:15. Please contact Pastor Dan or Erica Little if you would like more information!

## **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/>

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## NEWS BITES

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### ***"Joyful Generosity, Growing in Faith Together"***

**"Joyful Generosity, Growing in Faith Together" is our Stewardship theme for 2020!** Quite often, people will ask the question, "What does stewardship mean?" Although the word, "stewardship" is not in the bible... it refers to our generosity in how we utilize and share the gifts of our time, our treasures and our talents that God has so generously given to us! We cannot begin to repay God for all he has done for us...all these things mentioned in addition to the giving of God's Son, Jesus who forgives us and gives us the gift of eternal life! I mean...where do you even start to give

thanks for things like these? So, because we cannot repay him for all he has done, God inspires us to be generous toward others, toward the ministries of our church and toward overwhelming needs in our community. ***We at Kure Memorial have life changing ministries going on...and your ongoing, joyful, generous support of our church and the ministries we share through your time, your talents and your treasures is what makes things happen!***

Throughout the next 3 weeks we will share what is happening through the various ministries we share together as a body of Christ. Our theme verse for this year is from Genesis 12:2, when the Lord told Abram, *"I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."*

God has created us and blessed us to be a blessing as well. So together, let us keep finding new ways to be a blessing through our church, in our community and around the world!



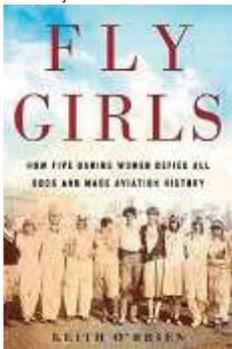
**Attractions Books!** 2020 Attractions Dining and Value Guides... are now available! We are selling them as a fundraiser for our next Costa Rica Mission trip coming up in the summer of 2020! Tell your friends and neighbors! Each book is \$25. We raise \$10 for each book we sell! And here is the best 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 Informational Meeting:** We will be having an informational meeting for all who are interested in being part of our 2020 mission team to Costa Rica or if you are interested in finding out more about what we might do! We will meet on Sunday, October 13 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Plans aren't solidified yet for the trip, however we will share what we've done in the past and I hope to have a pretty good idea of options at that point. If you are interested in going or learning more about it, please contact Pastor Dan! 910-619-8979.

**October Men's Breakfast:** Come join us on Saturday, October 19 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 19th!

**October Beer and Hymns...** Will take place on Sunday, October 20, beginning at 6pm at Good Hops in Carolina Beach! Come on out and join us for a beverage and singing hymns together! In addition to their craft beer, they also have wine and soda. Bring snacks to munch on as well! Hope to see you there!

**Book Club:** During October we will be reading *Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History* by Keith O'Brien. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00 PM on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and great conversation.



The author tells the exciting story of aviators who, though they did not break the aviation industry's glass ceiling, put a large crack in it. He focuses mostly on five important fliers: Louise Thaden, Ruth Nichols, Amelia Earhart, Ruth Elder, and Florence Klingensmith. They fought against rudimentary technology, severe weather, and undermining men to accomplish their goals. Primary among their many antagonists in this account is Cliff Henderson, millionaire promoter and organizer of the national air races, who first manipulates women to promote his sport and then has them banned from competing in it. The women's victorious fight against his ban opens the door to even greater success and recognition as equals to men in the air. This fast-paced, meticulously researched history will appeal to a wide audience both as an entertaining tale of bravery and as an

insightful look at early aviation.

**Out of the Pews (our ministry for those ages 40ish to 60ish), will be going mini-golfing on Saturday, October 12** ...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! We will meet at 5:00 at Jungle Rapids on Oleander Drive. If you want to car pool up there, please let Pastor Dan know and we'll make a plan! By the way...there is a coupon for mini golf in the *Attractions* coupon book...so if you haven't purchased your copy yet...be sure you do before we go! **Future events to mark on your calendars: 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 with questions or for more information...910-619-8979.

**Annual Outdoor Worship and *Pig Pickin'*** will be on **Sunday, October 20!** Worship will be held in our side yard by the gazebo at our usual time of 10am, followed by our annual Pig Pickin' in celebration of our ministry together! Come out, bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day of worship, fellowship and food!

**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 Wetzal 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!

**Sunday School for children and adults!** Our Sunday school for our children is in full swing! Each session is full of 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. The students have special nametags and will receive stickers each week they are in attendance. Every time they receive 3 stickers they will get to choose an item from the prize bucket! We can't wait to see everyone! (Children's nametags can go right in with their parents!)

**Adult Sunday school meets 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! Come when you can! Below are the remaining sessions of our 7 week study:

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 has concluded for the Season...** We will resume our beach services in May of 2020. But please join us for *Wild Wednesdays*! Haven't heard of that yet? Here is a glimpse of what *Wild Wednesdays* will look like:

**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!

**Costa Rica Micro Loan Update:** When Kure Memorial began visiting our North Carolina Companion Synod in Costa Rica, one of the ways we felt called to support their ministry is through a Micro Loan project. As it is designed, the recipient receives a small loan, which has been between \$100 and \$250 to help them improve their small business they have to improve their marketing of their products, purchase additional supplies for their crafts, etc. Then the expectation is for them to repay the loans so those funds can be available for someone else. It has been working very well so far, as Kure Memorial has provided 3 loans to date in the amounts of \$250, \$150 and \$150. Those 3 loans have grown into 3 additional loans in the amounts of \$150, \$180 and \$100. 2 of the original loans have been repaid in full and the others are being repaid in small amounts, providing the funds for others to benefit from! This micro loan project has been a powerful ministry that continues to impact the lives of our sisters and brothers in Costa Rica! Here is a glimpse of our Micro Loan recipients:

**An Artisan Group in Guatuso** (Rosa Elizondo, Aida Elizondo Marin and Raquel Fonseca), who along with other women in their village make crafts to sell as their main income for the community. Guatuso is a community that we visit on each of our trips to Costa Rica! They continue to work on repaying their loan in small increments.

**Coicote Artisan Group in Quitirrisi** (Sandra Mena) along with other women in their community make natural medicines, soaps and lotions. Sandra repaid her first loan and applied for a second loan. She has also repaid her second loan in full making it available for others.

**Zoraida in Quitirrisi** (Zoraida Hernansez and Raul Perez) create medicines and soaps from natural products. They only have \$36 left to pay of a \$150 loan that they received.

**Ana Yensy Rivera of La Carpio** makes clothing. She is also the director of Casa Abierta, the Lutheran daycare with whom we are in partnership. This is a fairly new loan, awarded earlier this year.

**Alexa Araya from San Jose.** This brand new loan is providing assistance for her seminary education.

**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](http://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](mailto:cbncgranny@charter.net) or call her at 458-9337.

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## VOLUNTEERING

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**Help Center needs for October:** Pasta sauce, dry pasta, soup, cereal (hot or cold) 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](mailto: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, October 14th 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, October 8th 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.

## October Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Ministers	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers
October 6	Nick Schwenker	Chris Keck	Sydney Roy	Ullring Family
October 13	Sydney Maguire	Eleanor Lundy	Matthew Shuttleworth	Richard & Rhonda Geisel
October 20	Sydney Roy	Terry Hambel	Andro Keck	Mina Piedmont & Susan Shearin
October 27	Nick Schwenker	Kristin Woodie	Olivia Woodie	Marion Wyman & Gary Bianchi

**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!

*October 6 – Richard Vecchio, in memory of Carol Vecchio*

*October 13 – Jack/Nancy Campbell, Happy 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Kate & Tom Parades*

*October 20 – Gourville Family, Ann & John Gourville*

*October 27 – Jeanette Nelson, in memory of Chuck & Irene Nasem*

**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.

*October 6 – Birthday Sunday*

*October 13 – Mina Piedmont*

*October 20 – Pat Jones*

*October 27 – Jeri Finnegan*

**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.

*October 6 – Ann Marie Cooper*

*October 13 – Jack & Nancy Campbell*

*October 20 – Gourville Family, Martin, Tom, Marty & Muriel O'Neill*

*October 27 – Jeri & Joi, Grandpa, Jane, Vinny, Mike & Paul*

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## ✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

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### 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, Cathleen Applegate, Carol Ochs, Hannah Dumbrowski, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, Makayla Halscher, Paula Mckenize, Dale Nahm, John Katko, Laura Snow, Morgan Smith, Billy Ward, John Walker.

### 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), 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

### MEMBERS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS SERVING IN MISSIONS

Nathan Overton - ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission, Hungary.

### 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 / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland.

### MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING

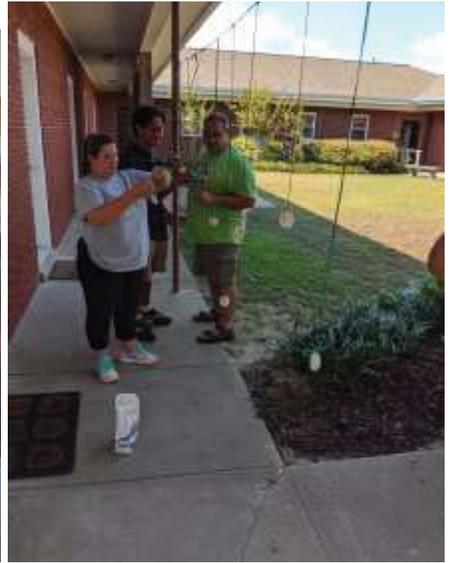
Col Wayne Lett in Frankfort, Germany; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Steven Blum at Fort Bragg; Christopher Bennett in San Diego, CA; Marley Von Cannon at Great Lakes Naval Base; Brandon Muehl at Ft. Benning, GA; Jacob Clinton at Fort Geiger, NC; Thomas Stafford at Ft. Benning, GA; Emily Graff serving 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

# Fall Family Festival





## KMLC STAFF

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dan Keck
<b>Council President:</b>	Susan Shearin
<b>Church Office Manager:</b>	Courtney Jalloh
<b>Musician &amp; Choir Director:</b>	Kristin Woodie
<b>Coordinator of Youth &amp; Family Ministry</b>	Erica Little

### COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2019

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

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

**President:** Susan Shearin  
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**Secretary:** Peter Yandow  
**Treasurer:** Eleanor Lundy  
**Financial Secretary:** Terry Hambel

### COMMISSION CHAIRS

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Nurture - TBA  
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Discipleship - Barbara Vought  
Preschool - Celeste Carpenter  
Property - John Katko

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Susan Shearin  
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