



✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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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.*



After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)



I told a story in a sermon recently...about one of my favorite seminary professors who would always say, "I love cloudy days. Because on cloudy days I'm always looking for Jesus!"

Just think about that. What a sight that would be!

Advent. It's a season of hope. It's a time of preparation. Advent is a Latin word that means, "coming". It is for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Most often we think of Advent as our preparation for Jesus coming as the Christ Child in the manger at Christmas. God's Son

coming into the world. As the angels proclaimed, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to those on whom his favor rests.*" The one whom the shepherds rushed to see and returned to their fields glorifying God. The one whom the wise men traveled to great lengths to come and worship. The one of whom it was told, "*He will be Son of the Most High and his kingdom will have no end.*" The one who would be called "*Immanuel*", which means, "*God with us.*" The one of whom Isaiah said was to be called, "*Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father.*" The one of whom Isaiah spoke would *reign on David's throne and over his kingdom with justice and righteousness.*

But it is also a time for us look with hope, anticipating the Advent, or the coming of Jesus...who from what we are told in this first chapter of Acts... will come on the clouds when he returns at the end of the age. And when he does, he will usher in the kingdom of God in all its fullness and will make all things new. It will be a time when there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. A time when there will be no more hunger or poverty or thirst or oppression or racism or violence or war or bullying or neglect... It will be a time when God's love, compassion, care, acceptance, grace, forgiveness will embody us all.

Yes...what a sight that will be!

So...hang on to the promise. Hang on to the hope. Hang on to the joy. Hang on to the anticipation. So when it's cloudy outside...keep a lookout for Jesus...he may be coming...and when he does...don't be surprised!

Have a blessed Advent Season!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

December Youth and Family Ministry Events

Faithful Fun Friday: Calling all elementary age children-grades K-5th grade- Join us on Friday, December 8th from 5:30-7:30pm for Faithful Fun Friday! Dinner will be provided. Please have your child bring a bottle/thermos of water with them. Email Christine to let her know if your child(ren) will be attending. kmlcfamilyministry@gmail.com.

The Youth Christmas Party

Attention all children! We will be celebrating with our annual Youth Christmas Party on Saturday December 16th from 10am-1:00pm. Parents, this would be a great chunk of time for you to get some shopping done, or to enjoy a nice cup of coffee and relax for a few hours.

In Sunday School: Students finished up with the unit 1 lessons with the Dig In program! In December, they will start on the next unit learning about The Commandments.

Youth Volunteering: Our youth did an amazing job making PB&J sandwiches and filling the bags for Sunday lunch distribution, this is always their favorite week!

Preschoolers in Sunday School: Our preschool aged Sunday school students are starting a new program in December. We are excited to introduce this new program that is going to more be hands on for our little friends; with more craft-led projects!

If you would like to join our amazing Sunday School program, please feel free to reach out, we are looking for teachers and assistants.



November's Faithful Fun Friday had a great turnout! Our elementary students were able to compete in some fun board games. They learned about "God's Will", and even though we pray for things, and he doesn't answer them exactly, it is because *He has greater plans for them!*



For more information on Sunday School, Youth and Family Ministry events and or volunteering for events please contact Christine Hughes kmlcfamilyministry@gmail.com

The Fall Festival 2023 was a great event! There were **37 children** of all ages that attended, many of them coming from preschool families as well. We were happy to see many people from the congregation hang out for a little and enjoy watching our youth. *All of our volunteers were greatly appreciated for their time.* We couldn't have had such a successful event without them! If you would like to help for our next event, please reach out! Again, thank you all for your support!



NEWS BITES

The Season of Advent has arrived! As a reminder...Advent Devotions for adults and families are available in the entrance of the church. Be sure to pick one up! **In addition to Sunday morning**, be sure to join us for our **midweek Advent Services each Wednesday at 7pm!** Check out the schedule below for the Advent services:

December 6th: Holden Evening Prayer with a reflection: Today's theme: "Patience"

December 13th: KML Preschool Children's Christmas Program will be the centerpiece of our worship together! Not to be missed! ***This service will be livestreamed on Zoom!*

December 20th: Holden Evening Prayer with a reflection: Today's theme "Promise"

What is Holden Evening Prayer?...you might ask! Holden Evening Prayer is a very simple, beautiful service filled with singing songs of hope and wonder of the coming of Jesus. It is typically about 25-30 minutes and as we conclude with the sharing of the peace, it's a nice time of fellowship following the service.

Decorating for Advent and Christmas: We invite everyone attending worship on **Sunday, December 3rd** to help decorate our tree and sanctuary! When everyone arrives for worship on that Sunday, we invite you to take a Chrismon ornament to hang on the tree prior to the start of worship. It has become a wonderful tradition here at Kure Memorial over the years...and it's always beautiful when it's done! **Then...following worship...we invite you to stay to decorate the sanctuary!** It's great to have many people to help out...it makes things go quickly and...it is a great time of fellowship!

December Birthday Sunday...will be on Sunday, December 10th...following worship! We hope you will join in celebrating everyone with a December Birthday!

Church Council Meeting: The Kure Memorial Lutheran Church Council meeting is on Monday, December 11th at 6:30. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Monthly Men's Breakfast for December! Our men's breakfast for December will be on Saturday **December 9th, beginning at 8:30am** in the fellowship hall! In the midst of a very busy month...we hope you can join us! If you plan to bring something, please let Pastor Dan know! He will be at church to unlock, set up and get coffee started by around 8am...so if you would like to come early to help out or just to have coffee and chat...that would be great! Looking forward to seeing you all!

Out of the Pews gathering on December 9th! *Out of the Pews is a social group for folks who consider themselves "middle age", say 50's- mid 70's generally speaking!* The Out of the Pews group will be gathering at *Marsha and Robert Rhyne's home (4644 Mockingbird Ln, Wilmington)* for a Christmas celebration! Everyone is invited to bring an appetizer dish to share and their own beverage. We will play Christmas Carol Pictionary! It will be lots of fun! We hope you will join us!

Holy Communion on the Second Tuesday of the Month! We invite you to join us on **December 12th at 10:30**, for a short Holy Communion Service in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity to gather in a small group setting to receive the gift of Holy Communion. And, even if you attend worship and receive communion regularly...it's a chance to gather with others and receive the gift of our Lord Jesus during the week. So mark your calendars...and if you can't make it this month...make plans to join us in January! Feel free to contact Pr. Dan as well to make other arrangements.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" Watch Party! Yes...you read it right! We are having a **watch party in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 17th!** Everyone is invited to bring Christmas cookies to share! We will have hot chocolate to go along with the cookies! All the fun will begin at 4pm and conclude by 5 or 5:30pm! It is for all ages...since "*A Charlie Brown Christmas*" spans so many generations! We hope to see you there!

Poinsettias for Christmas! If you plan to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas to beautify our sanctuary, you may bring your poinsettia (with your name on it) and **place it in the sanctuary beginning Friday, December 22nd through 10am Saturday morning, December 23rd!** If you need to bring it earlier in the week, please place it on the sidewalk behind the church. (If anyone wants to volunteer to water them, that would be great!) Remember, the sanctuary doors are unlocked usually between 8am and 7pm every day. *Also...please let us know the following: who it is in honor, in memory or in thanksgiving for as well as who it is given by.* **We will need this information by Monday, December 18th.** Please feel free to take your poinsettia home with you any time after the 11:00pm Christmas Eve service. *The forms for Poinsettia dedications are located on the table at the church entrance, on the last page of the bulletin and the December Newsletter. You can also email your information to Lynn at kurememorial@kurememorial.com.*

Blue Christmas Service of Care, Hope and Healing: Please join us on **Thursday, December 21st, beginning at 7pm**, as we gather for a Blue Christmas Service of Care, Hope and Healing. This is a service of comfort and hope for all of us, but especially for those who find this time of year filled with sadness, grief and sorrow. Please invite your family members and friends to gather for a time of comfort and support as well as being reminded of the hope we have in Jesus.

Christmas Eve Worship Services: Join us for worship on Christmas Eve at either 10am, 5pm or 11pm! Or all three if you like!

10am Service: Since Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year, one of our Christmas Eve services will be during our normal service time of 10am. This service will include inviting the children to sit around the nativity at the altar and telling the Christmas story. It will also include celebrating Holy Communion. *This service will be livestreamed and we will have a sign interpreter for those whose primary language is sign language.*

5pm service: Will include a telling of the Christmas story around a camp fire on the front lawn by the gazebo, followed by a procession into the sanctuary where we will sing traditional Christmas carols, read scripture, hear and reflect on the Christmas message, and have a special time for children! It will also include singing Silent Night by candlelight and celebrating Holy Communion!

11pm service: will be a more traditional Christmas Eve worship service also with candlelight and Holy Communion.

We look forward to seeing you on Christmas Eve.

We still have Attractions Books for sale! If you haven't already purchased yours, here is your chance!! Attractions Books are still for sale for \$30 per book, of which Kure Memorial gets \$12.50! All proceeds will go toward our next mission trip which will be this summer! Please see Pastor Dan after worship or give him a call at 910-619-8979 to get your copy(ies)! You can also stop by the church office to get them! **They make great Christmas gifts for someone else...or for yourself!** Thank you for your support!

Choir: *It's still not too late to join us for choir!* We will be meeting at 6pm sharp each Wednesday followed by the Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7PM. Come, let us sing! Thanks! Kristin knwoodie@gmail.com

KMLC Racial and Justice Team



Boundless: The Boundless art installation on the grounds of the Cameron Art Museum. It honors the men who served in the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War - it was this company of USCT men who helped the Union defeat the Confederacy at the Battle of Forks Road which led to the fall of Wilmington. Stephen Hayes, the artist commissioned for this work, drew inspiration from current day storytellers as well as family legacies that have been passed down from generation to generation. Stephen Hayes was able to cast faces of several

descendants of the USCT soldiers for inclusion in this exhibit. - Becky Wetzell and her sister-in-law attended the event.



1898 Memorial Park: I attended an event at "1898 Memorial Park" which featured a speaker who is a history professor at UNCW. Her talk was titled: "A Documented Conspiracy: The Planning and Events That Led to the Massacre of 1898". It was fantastic! She described the events that began in 1865...just after the conclusion of the Civil War and continued to snowball for the next 30 years leading to the 1898 Massacre. She detailed things that were happening on not just a local level, but also

on a state and national level that contributed to how things played out here in Wilmington at that time. Lies about African Americans were perpetuated by the press instilling fear in the rest of the population throughout the south. She also mentioned that Wilmington wasn't the only city where this happened...it happened in other cities across the south. So what happened in Wilmington wasn't an isolated event! It was a really interesting and informative presentation! – Attended and written by: Pastor Dan



Gallery Talk at CAM: The specific activity attended: "Moderated Conversation with Stephen Hayes and Dr. Johnson" conveyed insights, inspirations, research, and motivations for their creative works: Stephen Hayes the sculptor of the on sight and incredible monument, "Boundless" and Dr. Valerie Johnson, professor of Arts, Sciences, and Humanities at Shaw University, Raleigh, NC. We were also invited to a guided tour of the newly opened exhibit "Monument", led by CAM's Cultural

Curator, Daniel Jones. Some of the members of our KMLC Racial and Justice Team who attended were Pat and Mel Jones, Keith and Jean Graff and Terry Hambel.



Wilmington Symphony 1898 Project at the Wilson Center: written by Jean Graff A Fabulous and creative program by the Wilmington Symphony on November 11. Designed as a concert for healing, music from 1898 opened the program, followed by the Williston High School Alumni Choir singing choral pieces of that era. Rhonda Bellamy of WHQR narrated the program as it continued with photos, choral works, and the premier of Elegy for the Victims of 1898 by Algernon Robinson. Mr Robinson was a member of the Wilmington Youth Symphony and now has Master degree in composition. The first half ended with a standing ovation by the audience. Kristin Woodie and her Mom, as well as, Jean and Keith

Graff attended the event.



"Victory done? African American Civil War Veterans & the Wilmington Coup "

Pleasure Island Library hosted the event on Nov 2nd in Carolina Beach. Kaitlin O Connor from Fort Fisher State Historic Site spoke in depth about Veterans who remained in the area after the civil war and how their lives were impacted by the 1898Wilmington Coup. WECT News 6 recorded the talk and link to article below.

[https://www.wect.com/2023/11/03/community-members-reflect-125th-year-since-](https://www.wect.com/2023/11/03/community-members-reflect-125th-year-since-1898-wilmington-massacre-commemoration/)

[1898-wilmington-massacre-commemoration/](https://www.wect.com/2023/11/03/community-members-reflect-125th-year-since-1898-wilmington-massacre-commemoration/) - Attended and written by Martina Frantz:

POEMS AND PRAYERS



Family Advent Prayer

(Excerpted from "To Light Their Way" by Kayla Craig)

O come, Emmanuel.
We enter this time of Advent with holy anticipation.
We enter this sacred season with bated breath.
O come, Emmanuel.
We're prone to get tangled In sparkling lights and glittering tinsel,
Lost in to-do lists, swallowed in the seas of ribbons
and restless hearts and weary souls.

O Lord, guard us against our possessions possessing us.
Our world whispers that we should buy more,
That Christmas memories will only be as good as the gifts under the tree.
But we know there's a more beautiful way -
where we give what we can out of our hearts,
needing nothing in return , and finding great hope in You.

Help us honor the love You have whispered in our hearts
by being a family that works for peace on earth.
In every tradition and celebration, may we remember who You are.
Give us imagination to see You In those that many choose to turn away from.
For in the turning toward, we welcome You, O Lord.

When we look to our children, remind us that You are the giver of good gifts,
And You are a compassionate God Who never stops seeking us, pursuing us,
and welcoming us home, even when we have fallen short.

Help us live with hands open so that we may receive Your abundant life.

Help us,so that we as a family,
may together walk paths of generosity rooted in Your great love.

You are Emmanuel, our God-with-us. Amen.

Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem

Thunder rumbles in the mountain passes and lightning rattles the eaves of our houses.

Flood waters await us in our avenues.

Snow falls upon snow, falls upon snow to avalanche over unprotected villages.

The sky slips low and grey and threatening.

We question ourselves. What have we done to so affront nature?

We worry God. Are you there? Are you there really?

Does the covenant you made with us still hold?

Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters, streaming lights of joy,

ringing bells of hope and singing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.

The world is encouraged to come away from rancor, come into the way of friendship.

It is the Glad Season. Thunder ebbs to silence and lightning sleeps quietly in the corner.

Flood waters recede into memory. Snow becomes a yielding cushion to aid us

As we make our way to higher ground.

Hope is born again in the faces of children;

it rides on the shoulders of our aged as they walk into their sunsets.

Hope spreads around the earth, brightening all things,

Even hate which crouches breeding in dark corridors.

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper. At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.

We listen carefully as it gathers strength. We hear a sweetness.

The word is Peace. It is loud now. It is louder, louder than the explosion of bombs.

We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence.

It is what we have hungered for. not just the absence of war, but, true Peace.

A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies, security for our beloveds and their beloveds.

We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas.

We beckon this good season to wait a while with us.

We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come: Peace.

Come and fill us and our world with your majesty.

We, the Jew and the Jainist, the Catholic and the Confucian, implore you,

to stay a while with us.

So we may learn by your shimmering light how to look beyond complexion and see community.

It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time. On this platform of peace, we can create a language

To translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.

At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ

into all the great religions of the world.

We jubilate the precious advent of trust. We shout with glorious tongues at the coming of hope.

All the earth's tribes loosen their voices to celebrate the promise of Peace.

We, Angels and Mortal's, Believers and Non-Believers, look heavenward and speak the word aloud. PEACE

We look at our world and speak the word aloud. PEACE

We look at each other, then into ourselves: PEACE

And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation.

Peace, My Brother. Peace, My Sister.

Peace, My Soul. — Maya Angelou (2005)

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY


November was an excellent month for Tithes and Offerings. Overall, 67 families contributed. Thanks to two families who made significant additional offerings, we exceeded our monthly goal by almost \$10,000. Our Rice Bowl this month, for God's Global Barnyard amounted to \$ 360.50. We thank all of you for the many ways you share your resources so that the Mission of KMLC remains alive and dynamic.

Some bits of information for you:

1. Contribution envelopes will be distributed in the second half of December. Remember to let Lynn or Terry know if there is a change to your envelope status.
2. Each year, our Church Council designates the recipient of our Advent mid-week services donations. This year contributions received for mid-week offerings will go toward our Vacation Bible School Fund.
3. Your 2023 Annual Contribution Statements will go out by January 15th (hopefully...). These statements will include not only tithes and Offerings, but any contributions made to other funds.
4. The Financial Secretary report for 2023 will be included in the Congregation report at the second part of our Annual Meeting in January.

HELP CENTER OF FEDERAL POINT

The Help Center of Federal Point: The needs of the Help Center of Federal Point for December 2023 include:

December 3rd: Tuna Fish	December 10th: Canned Vegetables	December 17th: Soups
December 24th: Jelly	December 31st: Mac and Cheese	

Please contact Michelle Bock if you would like to volunteer or have any questions at 508-277-2605.

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Sign Language Interpreter	AV Operators
December 3, 2023	Stephanie and Peyton Hyde-Miller	Keith Graff	MJ Shalanski	Jen Carter	Cory Petermann
December 10, 2023	Jay Stuart and Jack Campbell	Beth Gavigan	Kristin Woodie	Amber Lang	Marcus Matzke
December 17, 2023	Mel and Pat Jones	Cory Petermann	Pat Jones	Jen Carter	Bill Buckley
December 24, 2023	10:00 am Jack Campbell 11:00 pm Shoffner Family	10:00 am Cory Petermann 5:00 Beth Gavigan 11:00 pm Keith Graff	10:00 5:00 Patrick Gavigan 11:00 Jean Graff	10:00 only Amber Lang	Stephanie & Peyton Hyde-Miller
December 31, 2023	Jack Campbell and Mario Piccinin	Cory Petermann	John Hughes	Amber Lang	Colby Shoffner

* **Ushers:** If there should be a conflict with the Sunday that you are scheduled for, please let me know as soon as possible and I will make the necessary changes. Thank you for serving, Jack (jncambell45@yahoo.com)

* *Are you interested in being a Worship Assistant? Please contact Lynn in the Office 910-458-5266*

PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

KML Preschool getting ready for Advent

During chapel time, the children were excited to learn more about the upcoming advent season. Each child was given an Advent book and fun activity to bring home and share with their family.

Wednesday December 13th during Advent Service at 7:00 pm



The KML Preschool is excited to present the story of the first Christmas. The KML Preschool, 4 year old classes will reenact the nativity story and all of the 56 preschoolers will be joining to sing songs of Jesus' birth.

We hope you will join us for this special event!

Some Highlights from the KML Preschool Fall Program.

The preschoolers sang enthusiastically, *“My God is So Big, So Strong and So Mighty. There is nothing my God cannot do!”*



THANK YOU NOTES



Kure Memorial Lutheran Church
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Dear Sir or Madam,

We're grateful to have you as a donor and look forward to another successful year. Our organization serves our women and their children seven days a week. There are weekday and weekend visits, all three hours each. The caregivers are willing to transport and nap in the car or enjoy what the city has to offer.

Three hours offers so much to the children. Whether they sit on the sofa and talk about life, allow mom to help with homework or cook a meal together, each minute is cherished. The volunteers are also enjoying their time spent in the MATCH center. As they supervise the visits, they enjoy watching the moms connect with their babies behind prison walls.

This past year, we had several children age out of our program. Once they graduate high school, they're officially aged out of MATCH. We allow the mom to request a special meal, within reason for the last visit. It's our way of showing the children that our program will miss them, mom will miss this special place and most of all, share one last memory in the center. Aging out is also a celebration because they finished high school. Your contributions help us to provide this experience for the mothers and their children.

MATCH children are winners!!

Words and letters do not express all the special things that happen here in one of the most unlikely places – a prison. So, if you or your group would like to visit us and see for yourself how you can make it possible, please contact me at (919) 828-4767 or by email at sdixon@mothersandtheirchildren.com to make arrangements for a tour of the MATCH Center. We would be glad to help you. Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 14469 Raleigh NC 27620. You may also donate on our website, www.mothersandtheirchildren.org.

Thank you for believing in the value of incarcerated mothers and for believing that we can make a difference one family at a time.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Dixon
Executive Director

Thank you for your donation to Mothers and Their Children, Inc. You received no goods or services in return for this gift. MATCH is a Section 501(c) 3 nonprofit, and your donations to us are fully deductible as allowed by law.

Payment Type: Check **Amount:** \$200 **Date:** 31-Oct-2023



✝ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✝

Homebound, Hospitalized, Special Concerns

Addison, Andra Ciparis, Ann Scott, April, Aris Mora, Barry Nelder, Beth Deaton, Beth Loony, Billy Ward, Bobby, Bree, Brenda King, Chuck Shoaff, Cooper Smith, Cynthia Petermann, Dan Geribo, Dani Cape, Dave Denne, Dave Harmon, David M. White, Don Bowman, Donna Kern, Eleanor Lundy, Ellen Prevatte, Emily Shumate, Felicia Scism, Gina Hughes, Herb Flamer, Jaydon Woollard, Jamie Becker, Janet Kassor, Janice Schwartz, Jayne Tomlin, Jen Priddle, Joanne Adams, Joe, Joeley Seitz, John Walker, Joseph Wright, Kaitlin Sprague, Kathleen Meyerson, Kelly Cahill, Kirk Graves, Lee Register, Linda Berg, Lisa Lee, Lorraine Davis, Matt Laske, Maxine Jordan, Megan Peoplis, Mel Jones, Mike Geribo, Molly, Morgan Davison, Nicole, Nicky Hamm, Nolan, Patrick Gavigan, Paula McKenzie, Randy Ray, Roman Miller, Rowan Stark, Sandra Mullins, Sandy O'Donnel, Steve Belford, Steve Shuttleworth, Steve Siferd, Tammy Gillis, Tim, Trudy Ford, Victoria Sanchez

Friends & Family

Alberto, Ben Marable, Carter Poelling Family, Chad & Gail Abernathy, Claire Houston, Denise Matroni, Dianne Breed, Ed Gross, Ed Jones, Ellyn Lombardi, Fernando Mazzoni, Jean Behanna, Jean Tennant, Jerry Pryzwara, Joey, Johnson Family, Kris, Larry Gilbert, Laura McMahan, Lesley Portu, Mackenzie Clark, Madison, Marilyn Johnson, Mary Adobato (Vecchio), Megan Manley, Nannette Mauger, Nolan, Olivia Belden & family, Pam Carter, Pamela Kline Bell, Pat Addington, Pat Hankin, Richard White, Rick & Sharon Ellis, Rick Harris, Roger and Marilyn Stowell, Ron and Karen, Sandy Hunt, Senka Gambino, Steve Post, Terry Ford & Carl Ford, McGraw Family, Tom Grady, Tom Karnatz, Tony Izokaitis, Whitney Johnson

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 / Good Shepherd (food & supplies) / Trinity Grove / Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program / The Sunday Lunch Ministry.

***Students Attending College / Seminary:

Christopher Schwenker- Cape Fear Community College / Donovan Woodie- Cape Fear Community College, Emily Graff-Pastoral Internship: Abiding Presence Lutheran; Fuquay Varina / Rachel Pivik-Wayne Junior College / Katie Elkin-Pastoral Internship Zion Lutheran, Loveland, Co. / Andro Keck-University of South Carolina / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland/ Isabella Galindo-UNC-Wilmington/ Matthew Shuttleworth-Cape Fear Community College / Mia Shoffner-UNC-Wilmington / Sydney Maguire-College of Charleston / Preston Gourville-Vanderbilt / Kelsey Bloch-UNC-Wilmington / Kari Bloch-Wake Tech / Jordan Gourville-University of South Carolina / Hawthorne Hamm-UNC Chapel Hill, Sydney Roy/Cape Fear Community College

***Military Personnel Serving

Brandon Muehl at Fort Liberty, NC; Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at Mildenhall Air Force Base in the United Kingdom NC; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Nick Schwenker – Fort Liberty, NC; Pastor Drew Goodson, US Navy Chaplain; Rileigh Fortney at Maimstrom AFB, Montana; Steven Blum at Fort Liberty, NC

11/29/2023

Pastor:	Dan Keck
Church Office Manager:	Lynn Galindo
Musician & Choir Director:	Kristin Woodie
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry	Christine Hughes

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2023

Gayle Palamara, Beth Gavigan, Eleanor Lundy, Ann-Marie Cooper, Christine Hughes, Cory Petermann, Marcus Matzke, Roshell Heckendorf, Butch Von Cannon

COUNCIL OFFICERS-

President:	Gayle Palamara
Vice President:	Beth Gavigan
Secretary:	Roshell Heckendorf
Treasurer:	Eleanor Lundy

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Worship–	Ann-Marie Cooper
Resource –	Peter Yandow
Nurture –	Roshell Heckendorf
Service –	MJ Shalanski
Discipleship –	Darcy Hearne
Preschool–	Celeste Carpenter
Property –	Keith Graff

COUNCIL LIAISONS

Beth Gavigan
Eleanor Lundy
Christine Hughes

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00 Worship Sunday school *Decorating for Christmas 1215- Sunday Lunch Ministry		11-Prayer Circle 6:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Holden Evening Prayer Service	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Harold Larson 6:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Holden Evening Prayer Service	<i>Happy Anniversary</i> James & Diane Lippard <i>Happy Birthday</i> Peter Yandow		8:30 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Out of the Pews Marsha & Robert Rhyne's home
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00 Worship Sunday school PANTRY BOX SUNDAY <i>Birthday Sunday</i> 1215- Sunday lunch Ministry <i>Happy Birthday</i> MJ Shalanski	<i>Happy Birthday</i> David Denne <i>Happy Birthday</i> Dani Cape 6:30-Council Meeting	10:30-Holy Communion 11-Prayer Circle <i>Happy Birthday</i> Chris Keck	6:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Advent Service with Preschool Program (live streamed)	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Kylie Palamara <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ashley Mullen		 10:00-1:00 Children's Christmas Party
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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