



✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



***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.*

From Pastor Dan

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” (Psalm 100:4)

Thanksgiving is among us...well...almost! Time once again to celebrate God’s blessings and give thanks to God for what he has done for us. Many of us may have memories of special Thanksgivings with family or friends!

Some of my most memorable Thanksgivings were spent at Crossroads Lutheran Camp and Conference Center in northern New Jersey! It was when our oldest daughter, Lindsey, was living in New York City attending New York University. We would drive to the camp in New Jersey and Lindsey would take the train from the city to the last stop on that particular rail line, which was about 20 minutes from the camp. I remember one Thanksgiving in particular, as we traveled to the train station on Wednesday evening to pick her up to spend the weekend with us, it started to snow. By Thanksgiving morning, there was about a foot and a half of the most beautiful, fluffy snow you could ever imagine on the ground! So that weekend, we played in the snow, we hiked, we prepared Thanksgiving dinner together, we hung out together, we relaxed together...we spent priceless time together...and for sure, we gave thanks to God for each other and all the blessings of life!



And you know...it is also probably safe to say that we all know Thanksgiving isn’t the only time to give thanks and praise to God for our blessings. It’s something we should do all the time, isn’t it? And even though we may not consciously say “thank you” as often as we would like, I think one of the ways we give thanks to God is through how we live our lives each and every day as people of God. As Christians, we should live “thankful” lives. Meaning all that we do and all that we say should reflect the thanks we have for what God does in our lives. Do we mess up sometimes? Of course we do! Does God forgive us when we do and want us to move on? Absolutely! Which is one more thing for us to add to the list of things to be thankful for!

So, with the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, let us live each day in thankfulness to God as we go about our daily routines...giving thanks and praising God in all we do!

A blessed Thanksgiving to all of you!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Dan

News Bites

The First Sunday of the month is Birthday Sunday! Join us on **November 3** for cake and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after worship to celebrate everyone with a November Birthday!

Pantry Box Sunday is November 10: For November, we are asking for small jars of peanut butter, microwaveable bowls and microwaveable meals, and Ramen noodles. Items can be donated by leaving them in the narthex. For more information on the Pantry Box Ministry, please contact MJ Shalanski (570-578-8110, maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com).

The Property Ministry team meeting is **November 12 at 1:30.**

“Pause, Ponder and Potluck” bible study series continues in November! We hope you will join us as we gather for a potluck meal and a short bible study for the purpose of preparing us for Advent and Christmas! The study is entitled, *“On The Way To Bethlehem”*. It has a short video component and takes us on a journey to different cities connected with the Christmas story! We’ve been to Rome. This month we will travel to Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, providing insight into what was going on in those different cities at that time and the historical and geographical significance of each. It is a really interesting study to help us understand what was taking place in the Christmas story in new ways! I look forward to some great discussion!

Here is a peek into the theme of the next three sessions:

November 6: Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting

November 13: Nazareth: A Place of Simplicity

November 20: Bethlehem: A Place of Humility

If you would like to bring a dish for the meal, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway of the church, or contact the church office at 910-458-5266 or kurememorial@kurememorial.com. **The church will provide meat for each Wednesday.** We will have the meal first, followed by our bible study. **We will meet on the next three Wednesdays: November 6, 13 and 20 beginning at 6pm and concluding by 7:15 or 7:30pm:** We hope you will join us for this interesting series!

Holy Communion on the Second Tuesday of the Month! We invite you to join us on November 12 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 December! Feel free to contact Pr. Dan as well to make other arrangements.

Monthly Men’s Breakfast for November! We will not have a men’s breakfast in November. With Thanksgiving coming up and other things making it a busy month, there are no open Saturdays! We look forward to meeting again in December!

Part One of our Annual Congregational Meeting: Will be held on **Sunday, November 17** immediately following our 10am worship. We will be voting on the Mission Plan as well as electing new council members. The plan is for the mission plan to be available for your review prior to the meeting. Please make an effort to come! It gifts you the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our ministries. Your presence is also important as we need a quorum for the meeting to go forward! As always...thank you so much for your support of our ministries!

Do you SING? We need more KMLC Choir members! If you have any inclination, please reach out to Kristin, our Music Director. Right now, she is looking for people to be part of the KMLC Choir for services and events for the holidays (November and December). (knwoodie@gmail.com)

Rice Bowl Offering for November: The Rice Bowl Offering for November will be designated for **God's Global Barnyard**, which is a ministry of the ELCA's World Hunger! What is God's Global Barnyard you might ask? It is filled with goats, cows, pigs, baby chicks, fish and honeybees! With the purchase of any of these animals, they are given to families and/or communities in developing nations to help them provide for their families and families in their communities. Each animal is valuable in their own way. Check out their website to see how they can help their communities: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/animals>. Funds from the Rice Bowl offering will be used to purchase one or more of these animals. *On a Sunday in December, the children in our Sunday school will decide which animals to purchase based on the amount of money collected! It is always fun to find out what the children come up with! The Rice Bowl Offering will be received during the children's time in worship on November 24.*



The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 1! Please mark your calendars for the following Wednesdays: **On December 4 and 11 we will worship at 7PM with the Holden Evening Prayer service**, which is so meaningful as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child! **On December 18**, the Kure Memorial Lutheran Preschool children will share the story of the birth of Jesus, which will be the "centerpiece" our worship service for that evening! Please join us on our journey to Christmas!

Advent Devotions for Every Age Group! Advent devotional books will be available beginning November 24 in the entryway for families and adults again this year! We encourage you to check them out and utilize whichever is most appropriate for you and your family!

The 2025 Attractions Books are STILL available! They are \$30, \$12.50 of which will go towards our next mission trip. Please contact Pastor Dan or Tracy in the church office to purchase your copy. The coupons are for stores and restaurants in New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender counties. If you write a check, please make it out to Kure Memorial Lutheran Church and be sure to put "Attractions Book" in the memo line! Thank you for your support!

Federal Point Help Center: We are currently asking for jars or cans of Jelly, Fruit, and Beans (NOT green beans), and Hot Cereal this month. Please place items in the church narthex. For information about the Help Center ministry, please contact Michelle or Randy Bock (randy6b6@gmail.com).



Our AV Team needs help! Are you a little bit of a techie? Or would you like to learn a new skill? We need new people to join our team and to help with videotaping and broadcasting the video feed to Facebook. It's not complicated! Please contact Cory Petermann (402-968-8592, atecoryjp@yahoo.com)

Sunday Lunch Ministry: We hand out lunches every Sunday at the Help Center (7 N Third St). We welcome assistance with the weekly shopping, lunch preparation, distribution of lunches, and donation of water. Contact Keith or Jean Graff (309-339-9272 or kjeb415@charter.net).

The Service Team announces the 2024 Help Center Christmas Basket Program:

Program: As we have done for many years, we will be collecting food for the Help Center in Carolina Beach to distribute to local families before the holidays. Last year the Help Center asked the Church to collect boxes of brownie mix. **This year we are being asked to collect brownie mix again...125 boxes!** Boxes of brownie mix will be collected during the month of November.

As in previous years it will be a “friendly” competition between the north side of church and the south side of church. If you livestream and would like to donate, just pick a side or if you’d like to donate multiple weeks, you could alternate. The collection baskets will be located behind the last pews and will be labeled north side and south side. Each week the boxes will be carefully counted and reported to Pastor.

Last year we collected over 130 boxes of brownies, which was a big treat for many families; let’s see if we can beat that in 2024! **Of course, there will be fun prizes at the end!** (for more information, contact Jim or Kelley Hargrave...)



Pillowcases for Give Kids the World! We want to thank those who made pillowcases for the wish pillows for Give Kids the World! Each child who goes there receives a wish pillow as a special item from their visit. On October 20, we blessed them and then sent them off to Give Kids the World. We sent 65 of them!

For those of you who like to sew...we invite you to make a few, as we hope this will be an ongoing ministry at Kure Memorial! If you are interested, please contact Beth Gavigan for more information, the pattern to use, videos on how to make them, etc! You can reach her at: bafw67@yahoo.com.





VETERANS' DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2024

Reflection and Prayer by David J. Lose

Whether you call it Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, or Armistice Day, November 11th has long been a day on which to remember and give thanks for those who have served their country. On this occasion, when our culture invites us to pray, we realize that many veterans struggle with PTSD, with depression and thoughts of suicide at disproportionate rates compared to the rest of the population. Veterans' Day then is not only a chance to recognize those who have served, but to remind them and all of us that God sees them and cares for them, that we as a country are ever grateful for their service and sacrifice. In that spirit, we offer a prayer for our Veterans and for peace, lest we forget not only their sacrifice, but the horrors of war that necessitated it.

God of peace,

We pray for those who have served our nation and laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom, asking that we remember their sacrifice and make right use of our liberty.

We pray for those who still bear the scars of their service, asking for healing for them in mind, body, and spirit.

We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way, asking that you shield them from danger and bring them home in safety.

We pray for all those who govern, asking that you turn their hearts and minds to the work of establishing a peace born of justice and equity.

We pray for all those who are caught up in conflict around the globe this day, civilians and peace-keepers and the poor who have no escape, asking that we have the courage to defend the defenseless, make room for those who flee for safety, and look to that day when we will train for war no more.

May the peace you gave us, the peace that passes all human understanding, be the peace that guides and sustains us. For it is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.



KMLC Pantry Box

Our Pantry Box Ministry has been active for over 2 years and receives visitors daily. A team of individuals from the Congregation ensures that the Box is continually stocked to assist individuals from our community faced with insufficient food. The team includes: Monday - Maxine Jordan, Chris Keck, Piper Lippard; Tuesday - Prayer Circle; Wednesday - Cyn-Dee Frohlich, Peter Yandow; Thursday - Marsha Rhyne, Sarah Tardio; Friday - Emery Walters, Leslie Portu; Saturday - Joyce Malcolm; Sunday - Sandy Cox. A huge thank you to these individuals for their assistance, as well those who helped in the past. This is a minimal time commitment that yields maximum results for so many local individuals. If you can help, please contact MJ Shalanski at (570) 578-8110 or maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com. Thank you so much! A special thanks, also, to Harriet McNeill whose grocery donations support both our Pantry Box and the Help Center. So far this year, Harriet has transported 108 bags of groceries to the Help Center!

From the Financial Secretary

Our Tithes and Offerings for October were \$ 16,194. Our Mission Plan support needs was \$20,202 - giving us a deficit of just a little over \$ 4,000 for the month. Sixty-five families contributed Tithes and Offerings throughout the month and our weekly range was 19 to 26 families. On the positive side, twelve families contributed a total of \$2,800 for Disaster Relief in the Carolinas. Also, our Rice Bowl Offering for *Welcome Home Angel* was \$372.50. We thank everyone who has contributed to support our Mission Plan and our various neighboring agencies in need.

Looking ahead: We will soon be receiving the boxes of Offering envelopes for 2025. Please notify Tracy, in the Church office, or Terry (tmurtha2@aol.com) if you no longer need a box of envelopes (because your offering comes directly to the church on-line or from a bank) Additionally, let us know if you want a box of offering envelopes and haven't used one in the past. As always, may God continue to bless you for your generosity.



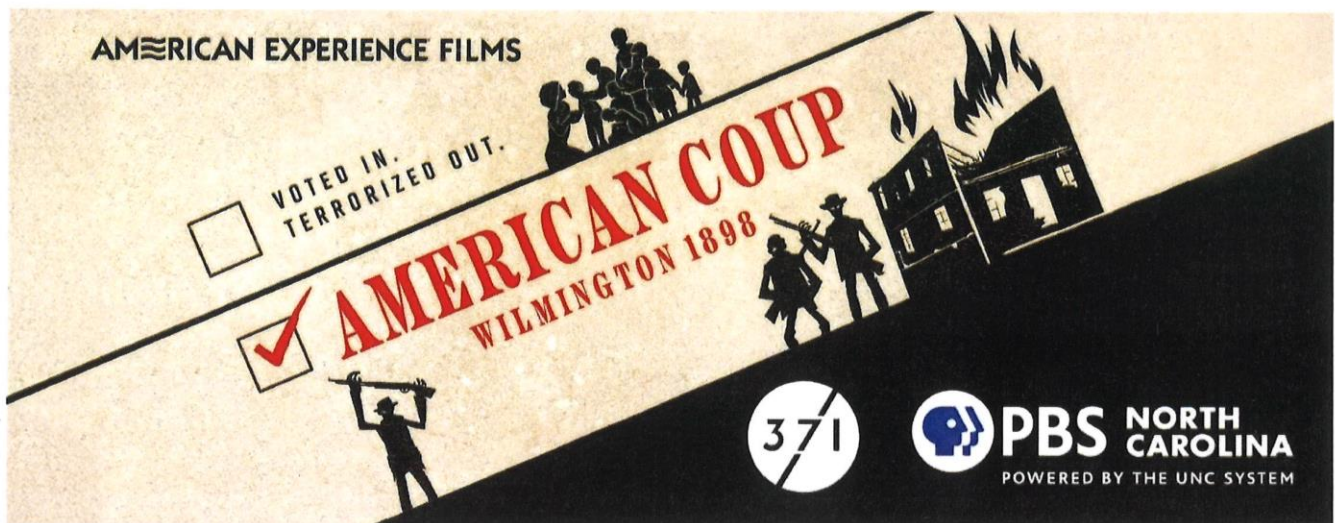
**Commemoration
Of the November 10, 1898
Wilmington Coup and
Massacre**

PBS NORTH CAROLINA'S FILM
'AMERICAN COUP: WILMINGTON 1898'

PREMIERES

November 7th at Thalian Hall at 6:30 pm, and
on PBS Stations Nation-wide on **November 12th**, 9:00 – 11:00 pm

Presented as part of PBS's 'American Experience' series, the documentary examines a
deadly insurrection to overthrow the multiracial government
of Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1898.



Our Racial Justice Team will keep you informed of other events once their schedule is publicized.

A Prayer for the 2024 Elections



A prayer for nonviolence in our country: O Good Shepherd, you who gather us as lambs in your arms, carrying us close to your heart, we long for peace on earth as it is in heaven. In this election season, we ask that you carry our nation close to your heart. Protect us and guide us into the ways of peace. We pray specifically against violence at political rallies, polling places, debates, and other spaces where many are gathered. May we become a nation that turns our weapons into plowshares, taking on your posture of nonviolence. By the power of your Spirit, we ask for safety to prevail and that you would lead us into the ways of your peaceful kingdom. We submit ourselves and this prayer to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A prayer for the opposing candidates: King of the universe, you who reign over all things, we submit to you our thoughts, feelings, and frustrations about the candidate we disagree with. May we not look at them with contempt, and may we be reminded that they, too, are created in your image. We pray for protection over all political candidates and their families. We humbly ask, O Lord, that you act in mighty ways in our own hearts. Give us the humility that is needed to pray for all people, not just those who think or look like us. Direct, we pray, the next president of the United States with a heart for justice and truth. Deliver us from poverty, prejudice, and oppression. Regardless of who is elected, may your will prevail by the power of your Spirit. We ask all these things in your holy name

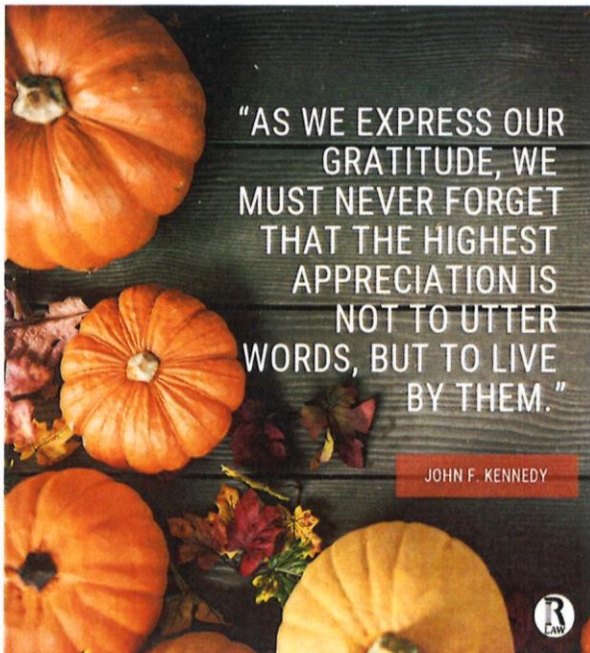
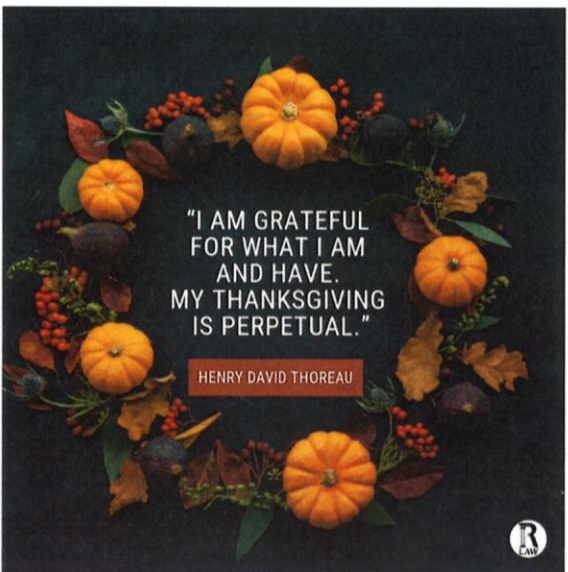
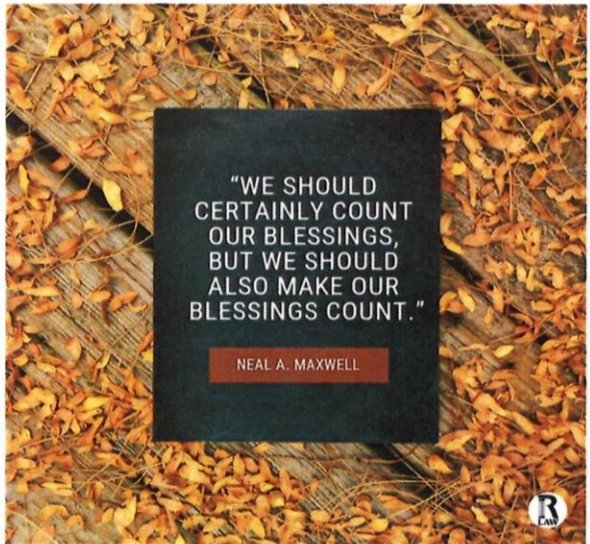
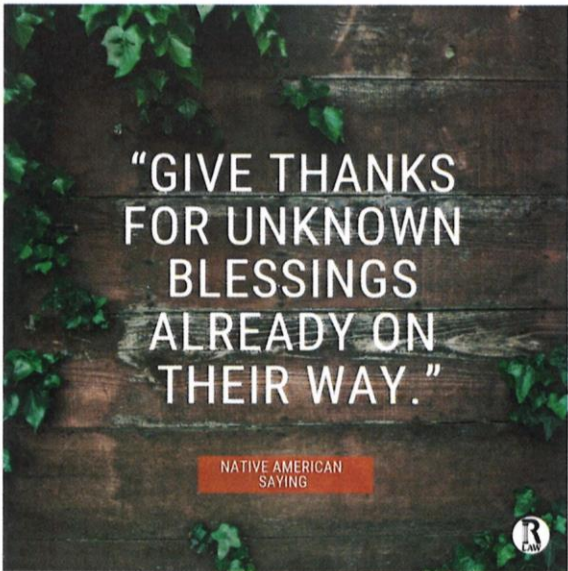
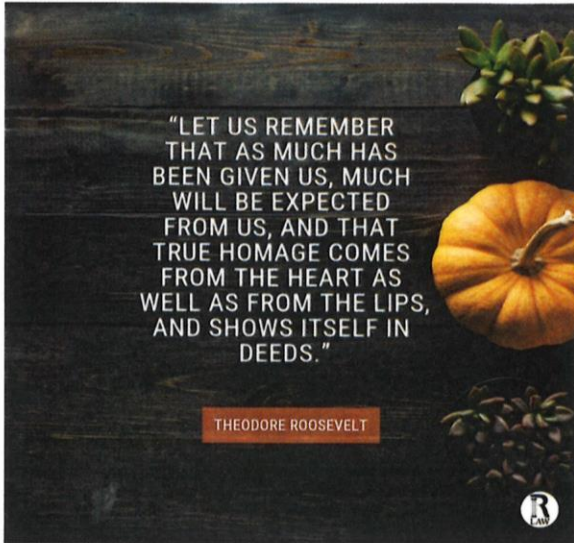
A prayer for those who are marginalized around us: Christ Incarnate, we uplift those who are marginalized in our nation: the widow, the orphan, the immigrant, the unhoused, racial and ethnic minorities, and those who do not find protection in the laws of this land. You came to proclaim good news to the poor, to restore the sight of the blind, and to set the oppressed free. May those on the margins of our society have a deep and true sense of your love for them. Protect the least, the lost, and the lonely, we pray, as a mother hen protects her chicks. Grant us the ability to love our neighbor and to exercise our right to vote with the interests of the least of these in mind—for we know that what we do for the least among us, we do also for you. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A prayer for unity with our neighbors who vote differently than us: O Father, you who hear all our prayers, sanctify us for your good purposes, we pray. Show us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, even those who disagree with us, as you have commanded us. May we be leery of any unity that is used to manipulate and silence others, especially the least of these. When we find ourselves tempted to dismiss others' thoughts and experiences, create in us the ability to seek understanding rather than to pronounce judgement, as well as the ability to see the humanity in others. Manifest in us the ability to think beyond our own political interests and to consider the interests of those who are different from us. We ask all these things in the powerful name of Jesus.

A prayer for the act of voting and the election outcome: Almighty God, prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward voting. We express gratitude for the right to vote, and we lament the brokenness of our democracy and voting system—a system that continues to suffer from inequity. Empower us, O Lord, to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus rather than the ways of the world. Give us wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes with a humble spirit, and let our voting be an act of prayer. May we be reminded that the candidates we vote for are not our savior, but you are the bringer of the heavenly kingdom, and our ultimate hope rests in you. We commend this nation to your care, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Kimberly Deckel is a priest in the Anglican Church in North America. She serves as executive pastor at Church of the Cross in Austin, Texas.

Thanksgiving reflections . . .



November Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Sign	AV
Nov 3	Dottie Herman & Jack Campbell	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Jen Carter	Marcus Matzke
Nov 10	Don & Deb Price	Cory Petermann	Julie Dawson	Jen Carter	Zachary Petermann
Nov 17	Mel & Pat Jones	Keith Graff	Kimberly Heath	Jen Carter	Cory Petermann
Nov 24	Jack Campbell & Emery Walters	Marcus Matzke	Kristin Woodie	Amber Lang	Colby Shoffner

Thank You...

This is from Michelle, the daughter of Ellen Prevatte (for whom we collected cards for her 99th birthday).

Dear KMCC family,

Thank you all so very much for the many cards full of well wishes for Ellen's birthday. She truly felt loved and has read each one multiple times. We are looking forward to her reaching 100!! Your kindness was greatly appreciated! Blessings,
Michelle & family

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					9:30 Book Group Happy Anniversary Ashley & Cory Mullen, Georgia & Don Ging	Happy Birthday Lynne Denne
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10:00 Worship & Sunday School BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 12:15 Lunch Ministry	Happy Birthday Paul Pivik 7:30 AA Meeting	1:30 Property Team	6:00 Pause, Ponder and Potluck Bible Study	7:30 AA Meeting	9:30 Book Group Happy Birthday Jade Denne	
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Remember in Prayer

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns: Andy Karch; Anna Brindley; Aris Mora; Barry & Sandra Nelder; Bexley Wissman; Bill Clark; Chastity; Carl Ford; Clara, Josh & Tori Swartz; Danny Peterson; Don Ging; Eleanor Lundy; Ellen Prevette; Evie Frey & Rachel Brendle; Gabby Portu; Gray Autry; Herb Flammer; Jean Behanna; Joe Prusa; John Gorville; Joseph Murtha; Ginny Murtha; Ken May; Kim Clark; Laura McMahon; Linda Britt-Kell; Lyndsay Girardot; Lindsey Pooler; Mackenzie Clark; Margaret Burgham; Matthias Warne; Maxine Jordan; Megan Peoplis; Nicky Hamm; Pat Hankin; Paul Paiva; Pete Peterson; Rick & Sharon Ellis; Rose & Andrew Kuebler; Senka Gambino; Steve Post; Lori Reimer; Steve Siferd; Terry Hambel; Trudy Ford; Troy Samuels; Whitney Johnson & family; the Pritchard family; Kathryn Nowitzky; Renee, Logan and Ken; Patrick Gavigan.

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

Pray for the missions of our church:

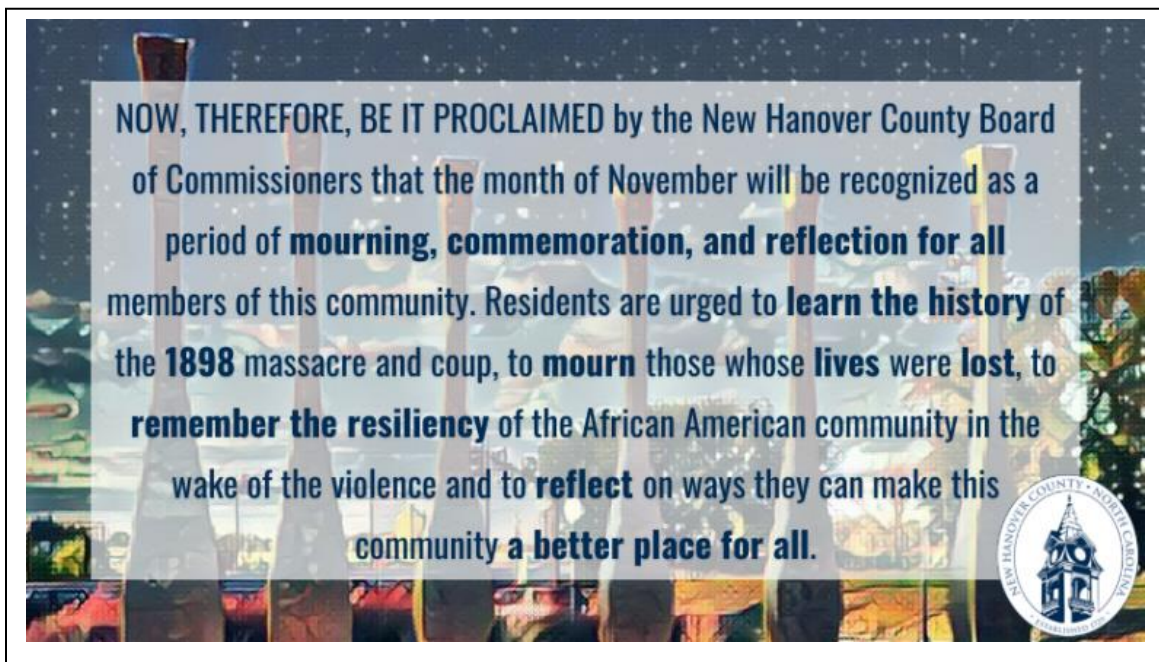
Federal Point Help Center; Coupons to Service men's families; Good Shepherd (food & supplies); Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program; New Hanover County Special Olympics; KMLC Preschool; Trinity Grove; The Sunday Lunch Ministry; Alcoholics Anonymous

Students Attending College:

Braden and Joshua Quinn – Brevard College; Eathan Quinn – NC State; Christopher Schwenker - Cape Fear Community College; Mia Shoffner - UNC Pembroke; Preston Gourville - Vanderbilt; Jordan Gourville - University of South Carolina; Sydney Roy - Cape Fear Community College; Jade Denne - UNC School of Medicine Chapel Hill; Deirdre Portu – UNCW; Evan Shoffner – Cape Fear Community College

Military Personnel Serving:

Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at Mildenhall Air Force Base in the United Kingdom; 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



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