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## FEBRUARY 2025 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 ministry.*

# From Pastor Dan

Newsletter article for February 2025

*“For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son...” (John 3:16)*



Valentine’s Day. It’s coming up this month. I’m not sure how you feel about it, but it’s a day that comes with a mix of emotions. For some, it’s a very difficult holiday, because it emphasizes their loneliness or that they’ve lost someone special in their lives. For others...it comes and goes with indifference. And still there are those who love it! They plan a night out, they get gifts for those they love. All kinds of things!

Whenever I think of Valentine’s Day, I think about my grandpa. My grandpa was kind of a gruff kind of guy, but he had the softest heart. Now, my grandma...she loved “Russell Stover” chocolates! They were her absolute favorites. And it didn’t matter what shaped box they came in! But every Valentine’s day, my Grandpa would go out and buy the biggest, fanciest, most beautiful heart shaped box of chocolates he could find.

Unfortunately, the candies in them were never very good, but the box was beautiful! And to him, that was what emphasized his love for my grandma.

I also think about God’s gift for us that emphasizes God’s love for us. John 3:16 is a passage that reminds us of just how much God loves us! By giving Jesus to die for us...to forgive us...to give us the hope and promise of spending eternity with him! What a gift. What a sacrifice. What amazing love that is shared with us from our Creator! It’s a gift...as they say...that keeps on giving! A gift that can bring us comfort even during the most difficult times in our lives. A gift that no one can take away from us!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

**Liturgical Dance! Attention Elementary to Middle School Age students!** We are planning another **Liturgical Dance performance during worship on March 2!** Liturgical Dance is a fun style of dance that expresses worship and praise through movements with songs. No experience necessary! Our first performance was to the song, “Go Tell it on the Mountain” back in December! Contact Georgeann Christie with questions: 808-205-1627.

## News Bites



**Give Kids The World Pillow Cases!** On January 19, during worship, we blessed 60 pillow cases, along with those who made them and the children who will receive them! These pillow cases will be used for pillows to be given to the children who are guests at the resort. If you would like to be a part of this new “pillow case” ministry, please contact Pastor Dan. He will get you the pattern and video links



**February Birthday Sunday...will be on Sunday, February 2...**following worship! We hope you will join in celebrating everyone with January Birthday!

**Holy Communion on the Second Tuesday of the Month!** We invite you to join us on **February 11 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.

**Monthly Men's Breakfast for February!** Our men's breakfast for February will be **February 22 beginning at 8:30am** in the fellowship hall! 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!

**We still have a few 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! Thank you for your support!

**Season of Lent!** It will be here before we know it! **Ash Wednesday is March 5** this year. **Lenten devotionals** for both adults and families will be available the **Sunday, March 2...the Sunday before Ash Wednesday!** Be sure to pick yours up! They will be available in the church entryway. **Ash Wednesday worship will be on March 5 beginning at 7pm** with the traditional imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. More information about our Dinner Church bible study series on the Wednesdays during Lent will be in the March newsletter!

**Pantry Box Sunday is February 9!** We are asking for small jars of peanut butter, microwaveable bowls and microwaveable meals. Items can be donated by leaving them in the narthex. For more information on the Pantry Box Ministry, please contact MJ Shalanski (maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com).

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**Book Club:** During the first few months of the year, we get together and discuss books we have recently received or read. At our meetings in January – March we take turns (4-5 each meeting) talking about our selected books. It's a good opportunity to learn more about the group and our varied interests. (And it gives the organizer a break!). Our February meeting will be on **Monday, January 27th at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Come and tell us about your favorite book and enjoy fun, fellowship, food and of course, a great discussion. Please let me ([elundy@elundy.org](mailto:elundy@elundy.org)) or the office know if you can join us.

**Sunday Lunch Ministry:** A huge "thank you" to the Island Men for their very generous donation of \$700.00 to the Sunday Lunch ministry!! We continue to provide brown bag lunches on Sunday, currently providing 50-60 lunches/week. Please contact Jean Graff if you would like to become involved. We can use shoppers, before service preparation, and distribution assistance. It's a great ministry! (Jean Graff: [kjeb415@charter.net](mailto:kjeb415@charter.net) or cell 309-339-9272)

**Federal Point Help Center.** The Help Center pantry is asking for **Jelly, Dry pasta, Cereal, Canned vegetables** for the month of February. Items can be left in the narthex. For information about the Help Center, please contact Michelle or Randy Bock ([randy6b6@gmail.com](mailto:randy6b6@gmail.com)>).

**Rice Bowl Offering:** This month the offering will be on February 23, and the donations will go to Coastal Therapeutic Riding Program. The Coastal Therapeutic Riding Program provides equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. For more information, check out their website! <https://www.coastalriding.org/>

**The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics is coming up on February 8!** Come on out to Ocean Front Park in Kure Beach, near the Kure Beach Pier to enjoy all the festivities even if you didn't register to participate with our Kure Memorial team! We would love for you to come and enjoy the day with us! The schedule of events is below. Many of us are walking the 1 mile walk, some are running/walking the 5K and a few are doing the plunge! You can also join us for our **Friday "Team Feed"** for **good food from Freddie's** and **even better fellowship** with our church family! **That will take place in our fellowship hall beginning at 5:30pm on Friday, February 7!** Hope to see you there!

**Polar Plunge Schedule of Events:**

- 11:00 am Gates open. Enjoy live music, DJ, silent auction, raffle, dancing, food & much more!
- 12:15 pm Fundraising Winners Announced
- 12:55 pm Raffle/Auction Closes
- 1:00 pm 1 Mile Starts
- 1:30 pm 5K Starts
- 2:30 pm Awards Begin (This time is approximate)
- 3:00 pm PLUNGE Line Up
- 3:05 pm PLUNGE



## **Free tax preparation and filing programs begin Feb. 3rd** in New Hanover County

NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC – Starting February 3, residents can receive free tax preparation and filing by trained, IRS-certified volunteers through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax-Aide programs.

These programs will be available at no cost through April 15 for all New Hanover County residents, regardless of age. Some days and locations require appointments, while others are first-come, first-serve. Tax preparation will be available at the following locations:

**(NOTE: The Carolina Beach VITA Tax site will not be operating 2025.)**

### **\*\*\* NHC Senior Resource Center: 2222 South College Road, Wilmington**

#### **#1 Option: Face-to-Face (in-person) Services**

- No appointment necessary. First-come, first-served. Limited availability.
- Pick-up tax packet and complete forms prior to your arrival
  - Tax packet can be picked up at the Senior Resource Center during business hours
- Days of Operation: Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> (9 AM - 11 AM)

On Saturdays in March the NHC Senior Resource Center will provide face-to-face tax preparation services from 9 AM – 11 AM. No appointment necessary. You will be required to wait outside until you are invited inside to complete your taxes. First-come, first-served. Once we have met our daily quota, we will be unable to assist any additional clients until the next face-to-face day, or clients have the option to make an appointment, (if available), or visit an alternate site.

#### **#2 Option: Drop-off Services**

- Appointments Required
  - To register for an appointment at this location via phone, call: **(910) 798-6416. Due to high call volume please anticipate 2-3 business days for a call back.**
- Pick-up tax packet and complete forms prior to your arrival
  - Tax packets can be picked up at the Senior Resource Center during business hours
- Days of Operation: Monday through Friday 9 AM – 11 AM

During your scheduled appointment, you will drop off your completed tax packet and supporting documents. Afterwards, a certified tax preparer will call you to verify your information and tax prep/questions will take place over the phone. Client will be advised when to return to sign documents and pick-up their completed tax return. It is imperative you have a good phone number with working voicemail. Make sure voicemail is not full and that you are not blocking calls. If we cannot reach you in three attempts, we will return your tax documents without filing.

**Key Points** We may be able to assist you with prior year tax returns (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019) or amended tax returns, but please schedule your drop-off appointment for after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 (we encourage you to schedule your appointment prior to March but request a later date).

- If you have any brokerage statements, please schedule your drop-off appointment for after March 1<sup>st</sup>, to provide your financial institutions with adequate time to deliver tax documents.
- You **MUST** bring photo identification (or copies) for each party filing the return, and **MUST** bring original Social Security cards, copies of Social Security cards or a Social Security statement, for all persons listed on the return, including dependents.

### **\*\*\* NHC Downtown Library, 3rd Floor: 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington**

- Days of operation:
  - Monday-Friday (10 a.m.-1 p.m.): In-person tax preparation by appointment only.
- Clients are required to complete a tax packet prior to arrival. Packets can be picked up at the NHC Main Library reference desk during open hours.
- To register for an appointment at this location, call 910-798-7341.

### **\*\*\* UNCW Truist Hall (VITA Program): 680 South College Road, Wilmington, NC**

\*Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (see available dates/times at [UNCW.edu](http://UNCW.edu) and search “Free Tax”)

**Self-Preparation** (taxpayers will prepare their own taxes on provided computer equipment)

- No appointment necessary
- No tax packet to pick-up
- No forms to complete prior to your arrival
- Taxpayers who earn less than \$84,000 can use computers to access free tax preparation software and receive guidance preparing their federal and state(s) returns.

**\*\*\* MyFreeTaxes (United Way):** \*on-line, virtual tax preparation software

**Self-Preparation** (taxpayers will prepare their own taxes on-line using a personal computer)

- Prepare and file your federal and state taxes – for free – brought to you by United Way.
- IRS-certified volunteers provide customer support via telephone, email, and online chat.

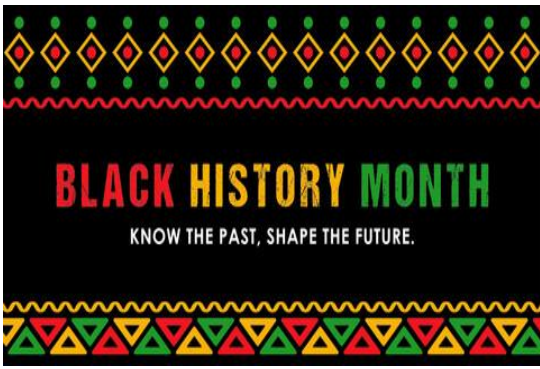
Learn more at [MyFreeTaxes.com](http://MyFreeTaxes.com)

**\*\*\* Direct File (IRS)** \*on-line, virtual tax preparation software

**Self-Preparation** (taxpayers will prepare their own taxes on-line using a personal computer)

- Prepare and file your federal taxes online – for free – directly with the IRS.
- IRS provides customer support via online live chat or callback service. Technical support and answers to basic tax law questions are offered in English and Spanish.
  - Direct File doesn't prepare state returns. If you need to file a state return, Direct File will guide you to a state-supported preparation and filing tool after you've finished your federal return.
  - Learn more at [IRS Direct File](http://IRS Direct File)





## I Dream a World

I dream a world where man  
No other man will scorn,  
Where love will bless the earth  
And peace its paths adorn  
I dream a world where all  
Will know sweet freedom's way,  
Where greed no longer saps the soul  
Nor avarice blights our day.  
A world I dream where black or white,  
Whatever race you be,  
Will share the bounties of the earth  
And every man is free,  
Where wretchedness will hang its head  
And joy, like a pearl,  
Attends the needs of all mankind-  
Of such I dream, my world!

- Langston Hughes

A graphic titled "BLACK VOICES" with a logo of a person with arms raised. It features a portrait of Nikki Giovanni and a poem. The text reads: "BLACK VOICES" in large blue letters, followed by a logo of a person with arms raised. Below this, the text "BLK History Month" is written in white. To the left is a portrait of Nikki Giovanni. To the right is a poem in white text: "If Black History Month is not viable then wind does not carry the seeds and drop them on fertile ground rain does not dampen the land and encourage the seeds to root sun does not warm the earth and kiss the seedlings and tell them plain: You're As Good As Anybody Else You've Got A Place Here, Too".

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*Nikki Giovanni*

## *HOLYHEADHARRIET*

the eye of God is planted between my brow  
the eye of God is opening at the top of my head  
the eye of God was made with blood, The eye of God was made from the hands of an ungodly  
master  
the eye of God pierced my head in two  
the eye of God said look and I saw it  
the eye of God showed me rivers and fields and trees that would shelter me on my way  
the eye of God told me I would not be enslaved  
the eye of God showed me all the shades of my humanity, showed me how to see my people  
my people are the eye of God, too my people bloom from my brow  
my people are the top of my head and the soles  
of my feet  
my people are made with blood  
my people are hurting at the hands of an ungodly master  
my people have pierced me in two  
my people said look and I saw them  
my people showed me their blood in the rivers  
my people showed me their blood in the fields  
my people showed me their bodies in the trees and the shelter I could make for them on my  
way  
my people told me they were not enslaved  
my people showed me all the shades of my humanity  
my people showed me how to see my people, how to see my God  
my God and my people are made of the same cloth the same blood  
my people showed up in my vision and I said  
oh God show me how to make a way—

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## How these Wilmington Civil Rights Pioneers helped push for change in the Port City Area - John Staton Wilmington Star News

With Black History month in February, we celebrate the struggle for civil rights waged by Black Americans for decades. Wilmington has had some well-known civil rights leaders over the years, perhaps most famously Dr. Hubert Eaton, who led the fight to integrate Wilmington schools and medical facilities.

Here's a decidedly non-comprehensive look at a few Wilmington civil rights pioneers from the 20<sup>th</sup> century whose contributions might be lesser-known but still remain valuable.

### **Rev. Arthur Fletcher Elmes**

According to Margaret M. Mulrooney's 2018 book "Race, Place & Memory: Deep Currents in Wilmington, North Carolina," Elmes, who was the pastor of First Congregational Church in Wilmington, became the first president of the Wilmington chapter of the NAACP, which formed in May of 1919. Within a year, Mulrooney writes, it was the best-funded chapter in the state.

### **Dr. Frank Avant and Dr. Foster F. Burnett**

With Black people essentially not allowed to hold elected office in Wilmington for most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Black doctors were de facto leaders in their community. Among them were Dr. Frank Avant and Dr. Foster F. Burnett, who fought for equal medical care for Black patients relegated to a cramped annex at Wilmington's whites-only James Walker Hospital, while Black doctors were denied surgical privileges at James Walker, leading to some horrific outcomes for their patients. With others, Avant and Burnett would found Community Hospital for Black people in 1922, moving to a new building on Castle Street in the late 1930s. Along with his son-in-law, Dr. Hubert A. Eaton Sr., Burnett is the namesake for Burnett-Eaton Museum of Wilmington Black history.

### **David Clarke Virgo**

After the death of Mary Washington Howe, who was a teacher and principal at Williston Grammar School for Black students in Wilmington from 1874 to 1900, David Clarke Virgo, a native of Jamaica, helped take Williston to the next level when he moved here in 1915. Virgo was the first principal of Williston Primary and Industrial School for Black students at its current location on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, which he pushed white city leaders to build and pay for, while insisting that the school offer college-track courses in addition to the more typical vocational courses offered to Black students of the day. D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy in Wilmington bears his name.

### **T.C. Jervay**

Longtime publisher of Black Wilmington newspaper The Wilmington Journal, which his father, Robert Smith Jervay, founded as the Cape Fear Journal in 1927 and which Jervay took over and renamed in 1945. Jervay led the paper for decades as it led crusades against segregation; pushed for Black students to be admitted to University of North Carolina Wilmington predecessor Wilmington College; demanded that the New Hanover County Public Library admit Black patrons; and published numerous articles and editorials decrying the 1971 conviction of the Wilmington Ten, who were later pardoned, as racially motivated. Jervay was inducted into the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame in 1999, six years after his death.

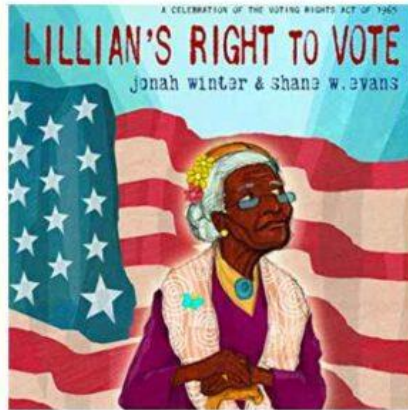
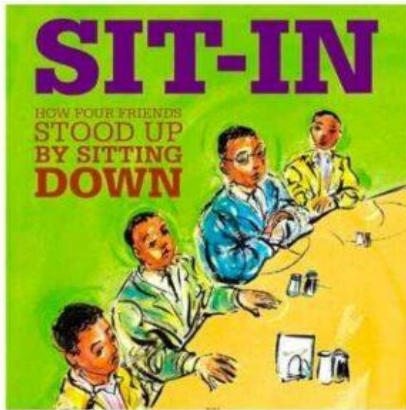
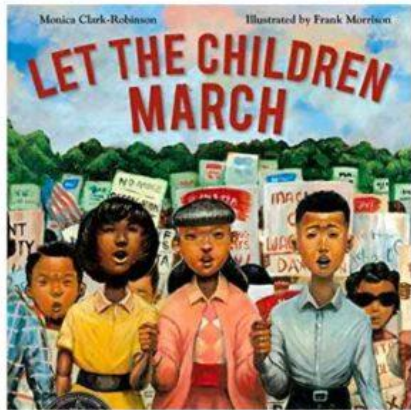
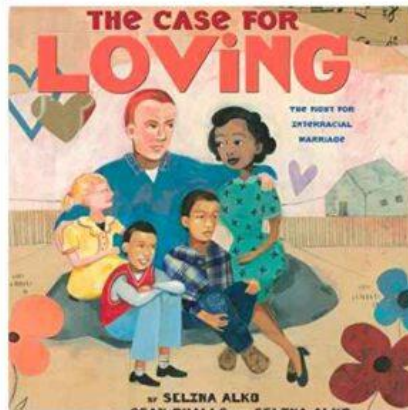
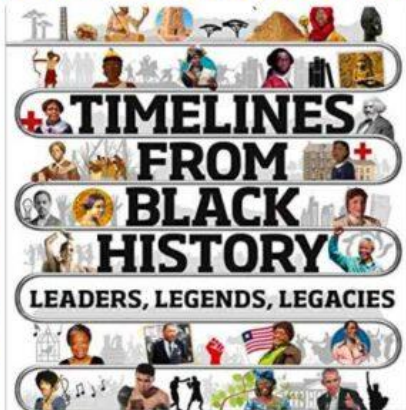
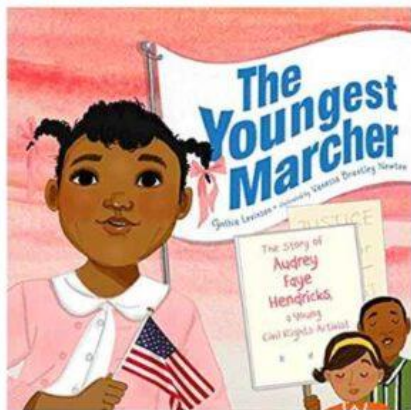
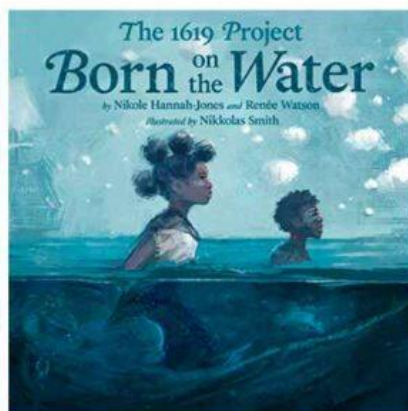
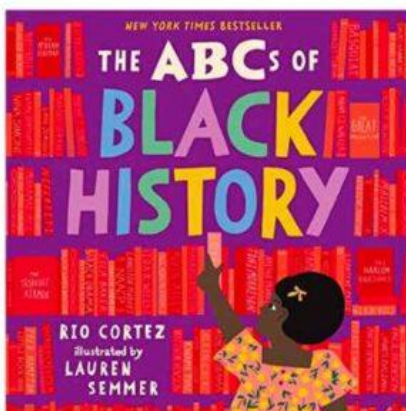
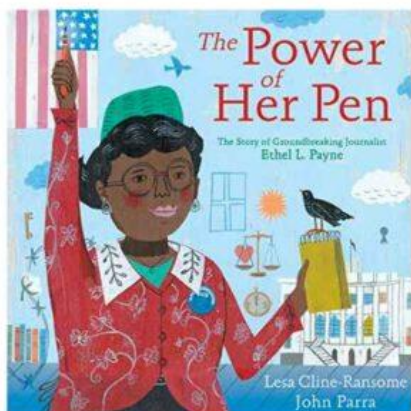
## Bernard Robinson

Inspired by the famous Greensboro sit-ins protesting segregation in 1960, sit-ins that included Wilmington native Joseph A. McNeil, a 13-year-old Robinson participated with others in the little-known Wilmington sit-ins of that same year. According to "Race, Place & Memory," Robinson was first Black person arrested at a sit-in demonstration in Wilmington in 1960, at the former Walgreen's on Front Street.

## Augusta Mosley Cooper

Wilmington social worker became the first Black woman to run for Wilmington City Council in 1969, a race she narrowly lost. She helped pave the way for Luther Jordan, who won a seat on the Wilmington City Council in 1977 and would go on to become an N.C. State Senator.

## Some Children's books to read commemorating Black History Month:



## **KMLC Pantry Box**

Our Food Pantry Box is a daily ministry that assists people in our local community who are experiencing food insecurities. June 28th is a special date for the Pantry Box. It was on that date in 2022 that the Box was installed. Based on statistics provided by the Federal Point Help Center that supported a need for a Pantry Box, Church Council approved the project in April 2022. John Ellen coordinated the plan with the Kure Beach Town Council. In May, Keith Graff began work on the design and construction of the Box, with input from Peter Yandow. Once the construction was finished, the Box was erected by Keith, Peter, Nick Stephanos, and Mario Picinnin. It began receiving visitors shortly afterwards. Over the past 2 1/2 years, those visitors have steadily increased. Pantry Box Sundays (2nd Sunday of the month) were initiated in August 2023 to meet the need for increased groceries to stock the Box. A team of Stockers share the responsibility of monitoring the Box on a day-to-day basis. Currently, we have 11 individuals from the Congregation involved in stocking the Box—in addition to coverage from the Prayer Circle on Tuesdays. A HUGE thank you to all of these individuals for their faithful commitment to this ministry. Additional thanks goes to Butch and Garner Von Cannon and their Kure Estates HOA. For the past 2 years, the Kure Estates HOA has sponsored a quarterly food drive to benefit our Food Pantry Box. Those quarterly drives have helped tremendously with keeping our Pantry Box shelves stocked. Finally, KMLC continues to regularly support the Help Center via grocery donations. In 2024, 132 bags of groceries were transported from our church to the Help Center. Special thanks to Harriet McNeill, our dedicated grocery picker-upper and deliverer!

- MJ Shalanski, Pantry Box Coordinator

## **From the Financial Secretary**

This year, our weekly goal to support our Mission Plan is \$ 5,000. However, in January we got off to a slow start. We were hoping for \$ 20,000 in Tithes and Offerings. The actual amount came to \$ 14,751 - a \$5,000 shortfall. Our hope is that our Tithes and Offerings in subsequent months can help us balance out. Fifty families contributed overall this month and this is a bit of a drop - but folks were traveling and the weather was not great.

Good news is that \$ 446 was collected for our Rice Bowl to support Carolina Beach Elementary School. Great job, everyone.

By now you should have received your annual Contribution Statement for 2024. Many people use this when itemizing their taxes. If you did not receive one, or you find an error please let the Office know.

Finally, we still have a few boxes of 2025 Offering Envelopes to be picked up. They are in the Narthex. If you haven't received a box and would like one, please let the Office know.

Thanks for all your efforts to support KMLC and our Mission Plan. I look forward to meeting our goal together.

## February Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Sign	AV
Feb. 2	Jim Lippard Jack Campbell	Kim Heath	Robert Rhyne	Jen Carter	Marcus Matzke
Feb. 9	Josh Petermann Zachary Petermann	Beth Gavigan	Joshua Perermann	Amber Lang	Cory Petermann
Feb. 16	Gayle Palamara Dottie Herman	Cory Petermann	Kim Heath	Jen Carter	Colby Shoffner
Feb. 23	Thom Girardot Jack Campbell	Marcus Matzke	Cory Petermann	Amber Lang	Joshua Petermann

### VALENTINE'S DAY; A LITANY OF HEARTS

**Let us pray this Valentine's Day :**

that broken hearts be mended,  
 young hearts stay wonder-filled,  
 old hearts discover their wisdom,  
 embittered hearts let go of hurt,  
 compassionate hearts find  
 sensitive hearts be vigilant,  
 happy hearts announce their joy,  
 courageous hearts keep risking,  
 passionate hearts tend the flames,  
 jealous hearts accept what they have,  
 lost hearts find their way home,  
 loving hearts reach out to others,  
 generous hearts receive in return,  
 faithful hearts remain steadfast.

O God, our Kindhearted Holy One, you gather all these hearts into your one great love. Thank you for reaching our heart through the hearts of others. The genuine love of each person reflects Your divine affection. Keep us aware, when we hesitate or question our ability to share our love with another, that you dwell within our hearts. Amen

-from Joyce Rupp, **Prayer Seeds**

## February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 Worship 12:15 Lunch Ministry  <b>Birthday Sunday</b>	7:30 AA Meeting	11:00 prayer circle  6:30 Church Council	<b>Happy Birthday</b> Kimberly Heath	7:30 AA Meeting	9:30 Book Group  5:30 pm Polar Plunge Team Feed	Polar Plunge
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 Worship 12:15 Lunch Ministry <b>PANTRY BOX SUNDAY</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Ann-Marie Cooper  <b>Happy Anniversary</b> Nicole and Brian Graham	7:30 AA Meeting	10:30 Holy Communion 11:00 prayer circle 1:30 Property Mtg  <b>Happy Birthday</b> John Mark Paredes  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Matt Piccinin	<b>Happy Birthday</b> Cory Mullen	7:30 AA Meeting	9:30 Book Group  <b>Happy Valentines Day</b>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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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; Margaret Burgham; Matthias Warne; Maxine Jordan; Nicky Hamm; Pat Hankin; Paul Paiva; Pete Peterson; Rick & Sharon Ellis; Rose & Andrew Kuebler; Senka Gambino; Steve Post; Steve Siferd; Trudy Ford; Troy Samuels; Whitney Johnson & family; the Pritchard family; Logan and Ken; Patrick Gavigan; MacKenzie Clark; Sandro Vera; Todd Hanlon; Gary Cox; Wyatt; Shane; Claudine Ward, Sheila Ann Cunningham.

*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:

Rachel Pivik - Wayne Community College in Goldsboro; Braden and Joshua Quinn – Brevard College; Eathan Quinn – NC State; 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

## Thank You Letters

I just wanted to thank you for the cards that I receive. They have come and brightened up many days. It's so nice to be thought of and your support means more to me than you'll ever know.

Thank you also for your prayers for Aris. We are leaving soon for her make a wish trip to give kids the world and we couldn't have done this without prayer.

God Bless you All,  
Cyn-Dee Frohlich

Dear Kure Memorial Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of the new underwear, olive oil and deodorant. Your thoughtfulness and your generosity have truly made a difference in the lives of your hungry and homeless neighbors.

We are deeply grateful for your support and kindness. Good Shepherd's mission to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and foster transition back to housing is truly made possible through community members like yourself.

With gratitude,  
The Good Shepherd Family

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 2024, GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER:**

- SERVED MEALS: 127,987
- PROVIDED NIGHTS OF SHELTER: 36,459
- ASSISTED HOMELESS FAMILIES TO MOVE TO PERMANENT HOUSING:

193



# 25 Valentine's Day CONVERSATION STARTERS

Name three people that you love  
(besides God and family).

What makes you feel loved?

What is one way we can show love to each other?

Can you think of a Bible verse about love?  
Share it with the family.

Name three foods that you love.

What is one thing you love about yourself?

Why is it important to love yourself?

What are some ways we can show God we love Him?

Name three activities that you love.

Share a time you felt really loved and why.





What is one thing you love about mommy?

What is one thing you love about daddy?

Share something you love about being a big/little sister.

Share something you love about being a big/little brother.

What do you love most about being in our family?

Name three places that you love.

Share a place you'd love to visit someday. Why?

What is one thing you love about being the age  
you are right now?

Why is it important to love hard-to-love people?

Share three things you love about school.

Talk about two of your closest friends.  
What do you love about them?

What superpower would you love to have?  
How would you use it to help others?

What historical person would you love to meet? Why?

Name three animals that you love.

What are some ways we can share God's love with others?

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