



IN OUR EFFORTS TO FOLLOW the updated recommendations of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), here is the latest guidance from our Synod Council and Bishop about gatherings at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church.

As a result of the Covid-19 transmission/hospitalization rates in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties (and most of NC), **we are now recommending all worship attendees wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.** Masks are available from ushers at both worship services. At this point, we will not be practicing contact tracing or physical distancing in our worship services, but these procedures will be evaluated each week, with guidance from our Synod. We will continue to have a nursery provided each Sunday morning for both worship services. Those who are keeping our nursery have been vaccinated. Other activities scheduled to begin after Labor Day (Sunday School, Youth Group Meetings, Wednesday Programs, etc) are still planned - although these too will be evaluated based on recommendations from the North Carolina Synod. For the ELCA, the Biblical question, *"Who are the least of these and those most vulnerable?"* has been central to the recommendations of the Synod and our Bishop. Currently, those who are at greatest risk are children who are not yet able to be vaccinated, and those who are unvaccinated for any reason. We ask for your patience as we strive to follow Synod guidance and do what is in the best interest of all our members and friends. We continue to pray for transmissions to decline, for vaccination rates to increase, for all those who are ill from this virus, and for the Covid-19 season to pass. **Lord, in your mercy...Hear our Prayer.**

A **"REFORMATION REDUCTION"** special offering will be held on Reformation Sunday - October 31st - to put us well on the road to completing our process of "paying ourselves" back fully within the next several months. Please read the financial information on the back of this bulletin, and check out the October Newsletter for more information about this special offering on Reformation Sunday. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

If you know of a member of the congregation who is sick, hospitalized or has special needs, contact the church office @ 704-933-4101, Pastor John Futterer @ 704-699-2547 or Liz Fisher @ 704-713-1758.

HOSPITAL REPORT: Richard Dorton - Atrium Cabarrus (Dismissed)

The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Sechler who would have been 90 years old today, by your loving family.

KIMBALL MEMORIAL WILL HAVE A BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS TODAY 4:00 PM outside. This brief service honors our beloved pets on the Sunday closest to St. Francis Day (October 4th). Please bring your pets - on leash or in crates - for this brief time of blessing and fun with Liz and PJ.

OUR YOUTH GROUP will be participating in next week's Cabarrus County CROP Walk, with donations going to CCM and to World Hunger. Our youth will be collecting monies at both worship services next Sunday, and we are asking our members and friends to consider a love offering to this very worthy cause. Last year, our offerings were excellent - despite the pandemic...and we are hoping for similar offerings this year. **THANK YOU** for your generous donations to this cause, as we support our Youth AND support CCM and others in their work to alleviate hunger!

OUR FALL BIBLE STUDY began September 15th at 7:00 PM. The Bible Study is entitled: **"Beginnings: 6 Sessions on Discovering Christ"**, and will meet each Wednesday evening through October 20th in the Sanctuary or the Commons. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes - this week's study is on **Gethsemane (St. Matthew 26:36-46)** Please note that because of our Covid restrictions, we will NOT be offering meals at this time on Wednesday evening. We hope to resume this part of our Wednesday Fellowship/Learning in the near future. At this point, we will NOT be having programs for children on Wednesdays...we hope to resume this program soon as well. Thank you for understanding.

Looking Ahead... **Worship Assistants**
October 10, 2021

Lectors

8:30 am Mike Abernathy
11:00 am Sally Peterson

Council Assistants

8:30 am Sharon Meendering & Karan Whitley
11:00 am Tony Lippard

Projection Clickers & Audio

8:30 am Debbie Troutman & Keith Garver
11:00 am Barry Christenson & Eric Storey

Tellers: Mondays @ 9:00 am

Mickey & Paula Brandle

MORE OF THE KIMBALL CAR

MAGNETS are now in and available, and we continue to have window clings as well. We'll be providing these for a donation to our Youth for the 2022 National Lutheran Youth Gathering. These are available from the Church Office during the week, while they last! THANK YOU for your generous donations - we'll give you an update of monies collected soon!

The Flower Chart for 2021 is in the Narthex. Please fill in your dates to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship. Thank you!

CCM HAS NEEDS FOR THE AREA FOOD PANTRY

- 1) Canned chicken
- 2) Canned corn, canned carrots, peas, potatoes and mixed vegetables
- 3) Peanut butter and jelly
- 4) Diced tomatoes and baked beans (pork & beans)
- 5) Toilet paper

Right now, we have plenty of canned green beans, canned black beans, soup, spaghetti noodles, pasta, pasta sauce and fruit.

Please place the food items on the ramp behind the black table. Thank You!

OUR MINISTER OF FAITH FORMATION

AND YOUTH, Liz Fisher, will be taking some personal leave time in order to take care of the myriad of responsibilities following the death of her parents. Liz will continue to be with us on Sundays - feeling that it's very important that she continue to be connected to our community in worship, youth, and confirmation. But beginning this Wednesday, September 22nd and continuing until October 19th, she will not be in the office during the week. If you have concerns that Liz would normally handle, please contact Pastor John at the Church Office or Council Chair, Keith Garver (704-796-8421). Our prayers will be with Liz during this time of personal leave.

Weekly Prayer Concerns

All names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks only unless resubmitted

Fred Aldridge
Andy Ballard
Jerry Beam
Mark Becker
Sherry Blackmon
Joe Bracy
Brad
Becky Brantley
Mabel Brown
Brenda & Tom Brown
Michael Brown
Florence Calandra
Walter Charles
Christy Family
Norris Dearmon
Mary Dorton
Richard Dorton
Kailyn Douglas & Family
Elvin
Sydney Falls
Will Fesperman
Liz Fisher
Michelle & Brian Gagnon
Becca Galloway
Joy Gainey Family
Tommy Graves
July Hagy, Amanda, Reece & Hannah
Suzanne Hamilton
Han's Parents
Jeff Hearn
Shirley Helms
Sarah Henderson
Betty Ingram
Judi & Bob Hill
Kirk Hubbard
Louise Jackson
Beth Jennings
Jenny Jones
Sherry Johnson & Family
Pat Judkins
Judy
Donna & Jerry Lambert
Phyllis Lee
Debbie Lemmons
Lil
Steve Linebarrier
Chris Loflin
Betty Chloe Longacre
Garry & Joyce Mallernee
Doris McCarn
Vicki & Mike McCombs
Alan Martin

John & Alice Olenchuk
Tamara Oliver
Our Country
Paul Parker
Marty & Perriann Payne
Jim & Paulette Peeler
Louise Propst
J.W. Ragan
Helen Rary
Jim & Suzanne Reid
Deborah Richardson
Anna Richter
Brian Roach
Grace & Blake Robinson
Ronnie
Diana & Joe Saullo
Schiferl Family
Brenda Sepetti
Cliff & Kathy Scott
John & Betty Shaver
Billy Sheets
Conrad Sloop
Earlene Snipes
Janet Stancil
Sarah Stewart & Kingston
Billy Sumlin
Joshua Sumlin
Lindsey Tate
Teresa's Dad
Sarah Teumer
Ruth Trollinger
John Troutman
Melissa Tucker
Todd Waits
Martha Yount

MILITARY: Robert Busteed, Jr. (Norfolk, VA), Andrew Smith (Arizona), Chris Kirchner (Missouri), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Preston Mays (Georgia), Chris Overcash (Georgia), Christopher Bame (Germany), Mike Peterson (Virginia)

Rejoice in the birth of Andy Watson's great granddaughter on September 23, 2021 in Houston, TX.

Kimball Staff

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Accompanist

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

Kimball provides a number of different options for our congregation to electronically present their offerings to the church.

ACH Transfer – Individuals can work with their individual bank to set up automated transfers from a selected account to Kimball’s checking account at Wells Fargo. These transfers can be scheduled to occur at whatever frequency and amount the individual desires.

Bill Pay – Most banks today offer a bill payment service with re-occurring feature. Individuals can set up their offering as a bill, and a check will be issued from that account and mailed to Kimball. The frequency of the check issuance and the amount of the check is determined by the individual and is easily changed.

Tithe.ly (thru kimballchurch.org) – By going to our church website, individuals can present offerings thru an electronic service provided by Tithe.ly. The offerings can be set up as a one-time event or as re-occurring.

There is a charge for this service and the individual has the option of paying the charge, or the amount will be deducted from the offering when sent to Kimball.

Electronic offerings set up by our previous provider, Vanco, will remain in place and the change to Tithe.ly will have no impact on these items. If you would like any more information about any of these options, or assistance in getting one of the options set up how to get them set up, please contact any member of the finance team, or the church office.

| REGISTER OF OFFERING | |
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| September 26, 2021 | |
| GENERAL FUND | 10,205.26 |
| MORTGAGE | 190 |
| OTHER | 3,445.65 |

The church office will continue to close at noon on Fridays. We will update the congregation when there is a change.

In November of 2019, Kimball used \$331,884.64 of its invested funds to pay-off our mortgage, create a facility management reserve, and balance our operating budget. In September of 2021, we repaid to ourselves a total of \$68,765 bringing our total repayment to date to \$243,383 dollars and a repayment balance owing of \$88,501.