



Kingston Chronicles

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DECEMBER 2022

Dear Kingston Family,

How does the Advent season actually feel for you? Not the idea of Advent, but your actual lived experience? I think for many of us, the feeling of this season revolves around one word: stress. I have to admit it is a busy time of year. Of course, as a pastor, it is one of the busiest times of the year. However, on top of ministry responsibilities like many of you, there are parties to attend, cards to mail out, presents to buy, places to travel, and family gatherings. In addition to those, many people are navigating health challenges, financial challenges, and strained family relationships.

For others, Christmas is a time of grief as we miss our loved ones who are no longer with us and we long for all those happy Christmas memories when they were here on earth. When you think about all this, sometimes Advent can feel flat out overwhelming. If we are not careful, all of the expectations of the Christmas season can deplete our time, energy, and money which will leave us feeling emotionally and spiritually empty.

What I find interesting though is that many of our Christmas carols remind us of silence, stillness, and peace. My prayer for all of us is that we will find time to turn down all the noise in our lives and think about the coming of our Savior's birth. To find time to stop from the hustle and bustle that this time of year brings and remind ourselves we have a God that loves us so much that he came to be one of us. In a world filled with hatred, violence, oppression, and political division, my prayer is that you find time to let the peace of Christ, the peace that surpasses all understanding calm your anxieties and fears.

May this Advent be one of healing for your soul as we wait for the birth of our Savior.

Blessings,

Pastor Robert

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.
Pastor

Holly Bannan
**Director of
Discipleship and
Communications**

Bradley Hardee
Music Director

Mary Alwine
**Administrative
Assistant**

David Moore
Sexton

Emma Kurth
Nursery

In Loving Memory

MEMORIALS

Edward “Chip” Dennis

September 25, 2022

Father of Bess Harry

Gifts given by: Bill & Carolyn Gobbel

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord”

-Romans 8:38-39

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Head Usher: Bill Marsh

Ushers: William Marsh, Ed Gillis & Bill Sutton

Counters: Bradley Hardee & Frances Dennis

Nursery:

4-Mary Alice Wilson

11-Laura Hogue

18-Christi Hucks

25-No Nursery

VOLUNTEER

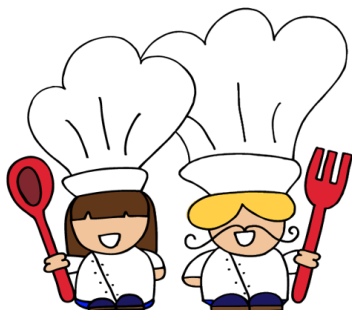


Volunteer Opportunities

SANCTUARY GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED

The sanctuary Guild is in need of new members (**MEN AND YOUTH NEEDED**). We now have Communion every month and members are needed to help prepare and set up for it. If you can help, please contact the office or Lynda Courtney.

WE NEED YOU!

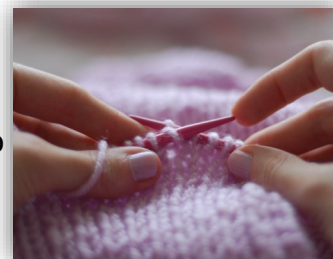


Wednesday Night Cooks/Door Counters

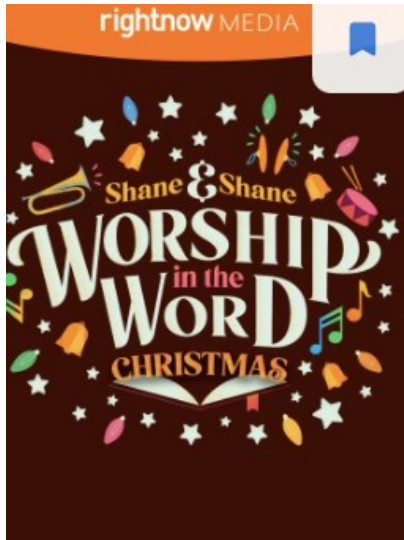
We are in need of cooks and door counters starting in January. Please contact the office if you can help cook from February through May. All dates are open for counters. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex or call the church office if you can help!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry monthly meetings **will not meet in December**. In the meantime, members will continue to make their prayer shawls as they can. We would love new members, so please consider joining our ministry. If you're not a knitter or chrocheter, we'll teach you! Come join us for a gathering. We have all the materials available for you.



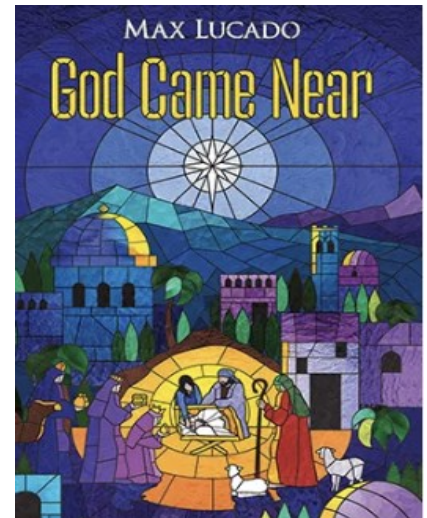
Rightnow Media Spotlight



For years, Christian artists Shane & Shane have made Colossians 3:16 their mission: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Now that they've been raising kids of their own, it's become their greatest desire for their children to know God's Word and have a vibrant, intimate relationship with Jesus—and they want to help make that a reality for your kids as well!

In this installment of *Worship in the Word*, we travel through the narrative of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, pairing each section of scripture and its themes with a different Christmas song. Join Shane & Shane and their friends as they sing these carols together and learn about the story of the Bible, and why Jesus' birth is significant for all of history!

In the midst of the gloom of winter, the darkest and coldest of seasons, Christians still wait with great anticipation for the happiest season of all, Advent. Travel back in time and relive the coming of Christ to Earth, as He gives up His throne next to God the Father to enter this world as a baby born in a manger. Filmed at England's beautiful Blockley Church, join acclaimed author and pastor Max Lucado as he provides insights on the season of Advent.



When the lights are out and the door is locked, the toys come alive at the **Storyteller Cafe!** Join Pete the WWII pilot, Tex the lasso-wielding yo-yo, Gallop the happy-go-lucky horse, Tina the tutu-wearing elephant, and a myriad of other fun characters in this award-winning, 3-D computer animated series geared for ages 4-12.

In each episode, children will see the Bible brought to life in a new, engaging way as the toys re-enact treasured stories from the Bible. Children will not only be delighted by the friends at the Cafe, but also enriched by their message. So meet us at the Storyteller Cafe for miraculous stories about God's love for us.

This episode, "The Gift" is a wonderful reminder to celebrate the life of Christ all year long, not just at Christmas.

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Youth Breakfast @ 6:45am	3
4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am Covered Dish @ 11:45 In Fellowship Hall KPW Christmas Party @ 3pm in KB Youth 5-7pm	5 Advent Luncheon @ St. James Catholic Church at Noon	6 C.E. Meeting @ 1pm	7	8	9 Youth Breakfast @ 6:45am	10 Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal 12:30-2pm
11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship Service@10:30am w/Communion Christmas Musical with Youth Children Christmas Party following worship	12 Advent Luncheon @ First United Methodist Church at Noon	13	14	15	16 Habitat Build Dedication 12:00pm Youth Christmas Party @ The Bittle's @ 6pm	17
18 - 4th Sunday of Advent Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	19 Advent Luncheon @ Trinity United Methodist Church at Noon	20 Kingston Lassies Ornament Exchange @ 6:30pm at Cathy Beverly's home	21 Longest Night Service @ 6pm at FUMC	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service Music @ 5:30pm Service @ 6pm
25 - Christmas Day Worship Service@10:30am	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28	29	30	31

Community Opportunities



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Stewart Haskin
- 2 McKinley Haskin
- 4 Buddy Magrath
- 6 Paul L. Reed
- 7 Christi Hucks
- 9 June Avinger
- 10 Winston Hucks
Marianne Burton
- 13 Gina Staton
- 14 Aaron Hardee
- 19 Joy Turbeville
- 21 Mark Wilson
- 25 **Jesus, the Christ**
- 26 Jordan Pressley
Courtney
- 30 Niece McLaughlin



C.A.P. Pantry Needs

In recent months CAP has seen an increase of almost triple the number of families being served since the same time in 2021. The challenges brought on by the economy have forced families to seek help outside their normal sources. Please continue to support CAP with your food donations and always with your prayers. Your food donations can be dropped off at the church. **The following products are needed: Sugar (2 or 5 lb. bag), Salt and Pepper, Flour (2 or 5 lb. bag), Jiffy Mix, Jelly (plastic jars), Pancake Mix/Syrup, Pop-tarts, Muffin Mix, Grits/Oatmeal, Boxed Potatoes, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Baby Diapers (sizes 4,5,6).** (Please remember that smaller sized items are better since most families are approximately 4 in number.) Thank you!



Waccamaw Youth Christmas Lists

The Waccamaw Youth Center has 11 boys this year with Christmas Wish Lists. Please contact Beth Healy for a boy's name and list. More than 1 person can help with a list at a time.

Sunday School and Nursery Schedule

There will be **NO** Sunday School OR Nursery on December 25th or January 1st. Nursery on Christmas Eve will be available.

Kingston Lassies

The Kingston Lassie's Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30pm at Cathy Beverly's home, 110 Park Avenue in Conway. This will be an Ornament Exchange so please bring an ornament to exchange!



KPW Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 4th at 3pm in the Kingston Building the Kingston Presbyterian Women will gather treats for our shut-ins, so be sure to bring cookies and/or candy treats in Ziploc snack bags to pack the tins.

8:30am
Men's Breakfast

9:30am
Sunday School

10:30am
Worship Service

1st Sunday o Advent

NOV 27



Time: 12:00pm
Host: Kingston Presbyterian
Speaker: Rev. Tresco Shannon (Trinity UMC)

NOV 28 Advent Lunch#1

Ecumenical Lessons & Carols

NOV 30 5:30 | Supper
6:30 | Service



2nd Sunday o Advent

9:30am
Sunday School

10:30am
Worship Service

11:30am
Sunday Lunch

DEC 4



Time: 12:00pm
Host: St. James Catholic
Speaker: Rev. Kyle Randle (FUMC)

Advent Lunch#2

DEC 5

9:30am
Sunday School

10:30am
Worship Service w/ Children's Musical

3rd Sunday o Advent

DEC 11



Time: 12:00pm
Host: FUMC
Speaker: Rev. Robert Bannan (Kingston)

Advent Lunch#3

DEC 12



4th Sunday o Advent

9:30am
Sunday School

10:30am
Worship Service

DEC 18



Time: 12:00pm
Host: Trinity UMC
Speaker: Father Oscar Borda (St. James)

Advent Lunch#4

DEC 19

Ecumenical Longest Night Service

6:00pm

@ First United Methodist Church (Sanctuary)

DEC 21

Christmas Eve at Kingston

5:30 | Pre-service music
6:00 | Worship Service (nursery provided)

DEC 24



Christmas Day

10:30am
Worship ONLY (NO nursery)

DEC 25



Advent and Christmas at Kingston

KPC

Children & Youth Ministry



Mark your calendars!

Sunday, Dec 4

lunch/practice after worship

Saturday, Dec. 10

FINAL rehearsal (12:30 –2:00)

Sunday, Dec 11

Musical during 10:30 worship

Kingston Kids Christmas Party

Immediately following worship in the Gore House!



DECEMBER DATES FOR MIDDLE / HIGH

SUNDAY, DEC 4 – YOUTH 5–7PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 11– YOUTH 5–7PM

NO SUNDAY NIGHT

12/18, 12/25, OR 1/1



KINGSTON MIDDLE / HIGH

Christmas Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00PM



Join us at John and Boo's house for our Christmas party! Dress as a character from a Christmas movie and bring a gift for White Elephant.



There will be a prize for best costume!

