



# Kingston Chronicles

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## SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Kingston Family,

One thing that makes my heart leap for joy in this life is when things come "full circle." I know we say that phrase a lot, but I actually had to think about what it means. For me, it is when someone, who had been in your life for a season and left, comes back into it in some way because of the positive impact you've had on them. Just last week I had this happen. Many of you know I did youth ministry for a long time at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, SC. I was a part of the youth ministry in some way from 2006-2014. Many of those youth that were in middle and high school are now grown, some finishing grad school, others settling into their careers. Many are getting married and starting families. Thanks to social media, it is easy to keep up with all of them. Some still live in Spartanburg, others are spread out in different areas of the country. One young lady named Caroline, who was very active in our youth during those years, called me last week. She and her fiancé had recently gotten engaged and she asked if I would officiate their wedding in Charleston next year. My eyes immediately welled up with happy tears. All those Bible studies, fall retreats, mission trips....basically all the time invested in her life as a teenager led her to ask me to officiate her wedding 11 years after she graduated high school. That's what I mean by coming "full circle."

It's not totally different for us here at Kingston and is actually THE reason I am your pastor. Some of you remember way back in 1993 after Jim Stayton took a new call, Kingston entered a season of transition. You called the Rev. Lewis Johnson to lead our church through an interim period until Rev. Don Stiens was called here. How wild is it that 28 years after Lewis served here, he would find himself settled down in Spartanburg, SC attending First Presbyterian Church where I was serving as an Associate Pastor. It was at the time that our PNC chair, Tara Little-Broughman made a phone call to Lewis to ask him if he knew of anyone who would be a good fit to be the next pastor at Kingston Presbyterian. As soon as that phone call concluded, Lewis called me and told me he thought I would be that good fit here at Kingston. He gave me Tara's number, I called her and as they say, the rest is history. You see how God works? Who could have known that an interim call way back in 1993 (I was in the 6th grade then) would end up being a connection for my call in 2021. God knew, that is for sure. God was in this from the very beginning. This first year has been such a blessing for Holly, me, and our children here at Kingston. I cannot wait to see what the next many years will bring. Oh, and I am happy to announce that Lewis Johnson will be preaching in our pulpit this fall on Sunday November 20th. Like I said, I love it when things come "full circle."

Blessings,



**"I love it when  
things come  
'full circle.'"  
- 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

### **Adrienne Ellis Jordan**

July 21, 2022

*Daughter of Mike & Pam Ellis*

*Gifts given by: Tom & Karen Ligon, Kingston Presbyterian Women, Mary Jane Magrath, Buddy & Cindy Magrath, Henry & Orilla Weathersbee, Earl & Becky Ellis, Sara Frances Ropp, Wayne & Gina Staton, Palmetto Chevrolet Employees, Wayne & Ann Calcutt, Troy & Mary Alwine, Bill & Carolyn Gobbel, Terry & Elaine Hyman, Dr. John & Mary Wilson, Jr., Randy & Cathy Beverly and Miriam Little.*

### **Kathleen McMillan**

June 29, 2022

*Mother of Cookie McMillan*

*Gifts given by: Kingston Presbyterian Women*

*"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*

## What is Kingston's Favorite Hymn?

For the first two Sundays in September, **Sept 4 and Sept 11**, you will have the chance to share your top three favorite hymns found in our new hymnals. You will write down the name and hymn page number on the insert and drop it in the Narthex after worship. Bradley will collect these, tally the results, and share our favorites during the Hymn Sing on the 14th.



## Hymnal Dedication and Hymn Sing

**Wednesday, September 14th**  
7:00pm (after supper)  
Church Sanctuary

## Session Digest August 2022

- The Treasurer's Report reflects the summer doldrums for church offerings; hopefully to follow past history of fall improvement.
- The Session approved and welcomed new members, Regina Fisher and her grandson, Marco Quiroz.
- Approved changes to church wedding policy as to some of fees and requirement of non-member being sponsored by church member.
- Selected a slate for the officer nominating committee to be approved by congregation at a called meeting scheduled for September 11, 2022.
- Approve the Terrace Committee formed 11/20 to proceed with a proposed budget for improvements and possible funding sources; and to begin the initial design and funding for Phase 2.

## KINGSTON LASSIES

Pam Pulkowski will be hosting a traditional English tea at their home from 3-5pm on Sunday, September 11, 2022, for the Kingston Lassies. If Hank can fit into his tux, he'll greet, but will not pour tea! Please RSVP to [prgood124@gmail.com](mailto:prgood124@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

**8625 San Marcello Dr #9102  
Villa Firenze at Grande Dunes  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579**



*Pam will need to advise gate security of individuals entering Grande Dunes, thus needing an RSVP to secure gate passes.*

## VOLUNTEER



## SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

**Head Usher:** Jim Hayes

**Ushers:** Peggy Hayes, Rachel Barefoot, Jeffrey Dudley

**Counters:** Peggy Hayes & Paul Reed

**Nursery:** 4th - Frances Dennis, 11th - Bess Harry,  
18th - Laura Hogue, 25th - Barbara Whittington

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Sunday*  
*September 11th*

*following 10:30 worship*

Join us for our Congregational Meeting following worship to vote on the nominees for the Officer Nominating Committee.

**WANT TO LEARN SIGN  
LANGUAGE? NOW IS YOUR  
CHANCE!**

## ASL CLASS

KINGSTON PRESBYTERAN CHURCH

**WHEN:** Mondays from 6-7pm, beginning September 12th through October 24th (7 weeks)

**WHERE:** Kingston Education Building (907 Third Ave)

**COST:** FREE! (Class and parking are free)

**WHO:** Open to all ages

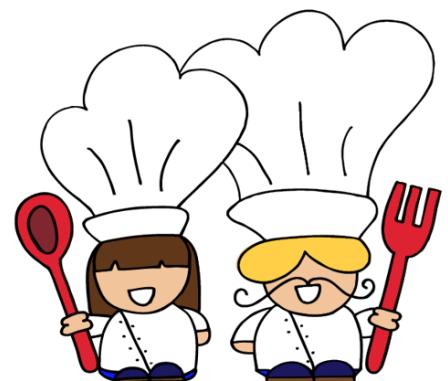
*For more information and to reserve your spot, contact Holly Bannan at (843)248-4200.*

## Wednesday Suppers Resume September 14

### CALLING ALL COOKS AND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume on September 14<sup>th</sup>. **We are in need of cooks and door counters.** Please contact the office if you can **cook** any of the following dates: **10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 11/2.**

**Door counters** are needed almost all dates from **9/21-11/16/22**. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex or call the church office. We look forward to seeing you for a delicious meal and special fellowship.





## Rightnow Media Spotlight



The life Jesus invites us into when we follow him is one of sacrifice. But does sacrificial living mean the Christian life should be riddled with sorrow? Paul answers that question in his letter to the Philippians with a resounding no. Paul, and the Philippians with him, lived joyfully in the midst of persecution, prison, and poverty.

In this eight-session series, Jo Saxton takes us through Philippians to encourage us to follow Jesus no matter what life throws at us. Through Paul's words and example, learn how joy and sacrifice can go hand-in-hand.



### **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.

### **AmazonSmile Rewards Program**

Kingston Presbyterian Church is part of AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases. When you sign up for AmazonSmile, you can support Kingston Presbyterian Church by using our link.

Our unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0368713>



**Can you  
help?**

### **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: mayonnaise, grits, oatmeal, cereal, cooking oil, juice, instant potatoes, jar gravy,

salad dressing, mac-n-cheese, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, and rice. (Please remember that smaller sized items are better since most families are approximately 4 in number.)

Thank you!

# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	<b>5</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 8am- 3:30pm
<b>11</b> Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship Service@10:30am w/ <b>Congregational            Mtg</b> Covered Dish @ 11:45 In Fellowship Hall Kingston Lassies 3-5pm @ Pam Pulkowski's	<b>12</b> P&F Mtg @ 5:30pm in KB C.E. Meeting @ 5:30pm ASL Class 6-7pm in KB KPW Bible Study @ 7pm In KB	<b>13</b> KPW Bible Study @ 10am In Parlor Diaconate Mtg @ 6pm in KB	<b>14</b> Faith Build 8-3:30 Altar Guild Mtg @ 5pm in Sanctuary Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH Hymnal Dedication & Hymn Sing to Follow Supper in Sanctuary @ 7pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	<b>19</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6pm in KB ASL Class 6-7pm in KB	<b>20</b> Session Mtg @ 6pm in KB	<b>21</b> Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	<b>26</b> ASL Class 6-7pm in KB	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Ken Richardson  
Linda Towns  
Cheryl Barefoot
- 6 Susan Haskin
- 7 Teresa Hardee
- 9 Brad Courtney, Jr.  
Corbyn Gaddy
- 10 Graham Cormack
- 11 Pat Fatz
- 12 Jay Dennis
- 13 Sis Ramsey
- 16 Joe Burroughs, Jr.
- 17 Cindy Check
- 18 Lindsay "Niki"  
Murphy-Young
- 20 Alys Lawson
- 22 Randy Gatesman
- 23 Sara Jean Sasser
- 24 Ballou Skinner
- 28 Kathy Mauldin
- 29 Tara Broughman

# Mission Opportunity

*The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.*

*Matthew 7:25*

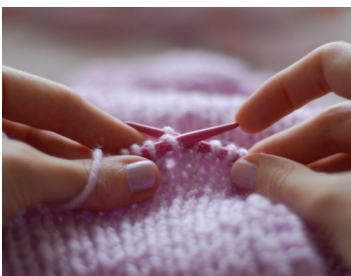
Habitat for Humanity is one of Kingston Presbyterian Church's missions that we support. KPC was the first church in Conway to step forward to assist Habitat with a "Faith Build." I compare the people from our church to that "Rock" that Matthew was talking about in the above verse. The "Faith Build" home will be constructed at 112 Hope's Crossing Court here in Conway. We are partnering with Rev. Nathan See, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach, and his crew to help two days of the build. **Those days are Saturday, September 10th, and Wednesday, September 14th.** If you are available to help on one or both of those days, we would love to have your help. This is not limited to men alone. If you are 17 years old or older, and can swing a hammer, work with electrical or plumbing, Habitat needs your help.



Those who will be helping out will need clothing suitable for construction work, keeping in mind the outside temperature, water to drink, and comfortable footwear. Habitat should have tools available but if you have a special hammer or other tool that you prefer, feel free to bring it. Please contact Paul Reed, (856) 207-0370,

The crews work from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM and there is an hour for lunch. Anyone that can help on Wednesday can come to our supper at 6pm and enjoy a meal on us!

Thank you in advance for your help. I promise we will enjoy ourselves those days and come away with wonderful stories to tell.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry monthly meetings will resume Monday September 19, 2022. In the meantime, members will continue to make their prayer shawls as they can during the summer. We would love new members, so please consider joining our ministry. If you're not a knitter or crocheter, we'll teach you or we have materials for other handwork. Come join us for a gathering. We have all the materials available for you.



# Foreign Missions Update

Kingston sponsors three children through the Mission ministry "Compassion Child." Below is a letter from one of the children, Pierre (4), written with help from Burkina Faso.

*"Pierre greets us and hopes we are doing well. He says that he is very happy to receive our letters and he is very glad, and by the way he thanks us for the beautiful pictures. Pierre thinks of us and he and all of his family prays for us and all of the Kingston Presbyterian Church. Pierre says that he loves his parents so much and prays to God to keep us for longtime". Pierre also included a drawing of a puppy.*



*Pierre goes on to say, "Pierre says that his house is built with mud & brick, with no fence and with a grape tree in the yard, which is situated in the sector number 1 of Kouka in the unplanned areas. Pierre says that he did not start the classic school yet, but he learns a lot at the center on Saturdays. He says that he received your Presbyterian Church picture and it is larger than their church which name is "Eglise Catholique de Kouka". His friends names are Illa, Choco and Amidou with whom he plays football in their neighborhood. Pierre says that he really likes your cat (Paul's Cat) and he has a chicken at home. He says that he does not have a she-goat and he would like to have one one day so that he could take care of it. He thanks you and all of our church for supporting him. Pierre says that he does not know piano but he likes playing with the drum at the center. He says that he is going to accompany his parents to the farm because it is the rainy season. With much love!!!"*



Paul Reed and Mark Wilson sang in worship on Aug. 28.



Our Youth during their Progressive Dinner on Aug. 14.



# KPC

Children & Youth Ministry



## YOUTH PIZZA NIGHT

Middle/High Students:  
Join Holly at **Pizza Inn** on  
Thursday, Sept 1—6:30pm



*We'll be planning Fall events like Prayer Breakfast, Sunday School, the Fall Retreat, and more! Hope to see you there.*

We're going to the mountains of NC for our Fall Retreat - Friday night through Sunday night (Oct.14-16). It will be having a joint retreat with Rumble Memorial Presbyterian in Blowing Rock. Sign up to reserve your spot!



## Coming in December:

Our children and students will be leading us in worship during the Advent season. They will share the musical "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper." Join us for this special time.

