

Kingston Chronicles

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MAY 2023

Dear Kingston family,

I think we can all agree, April 2023 was a long and busy month in the life of our church. We had our normal Holy Week Services of Mandy Thursday, Easter sunrise service and Easter traditional service. We had our first Bible scholar to join us, as Dr. Brennan Breed came for the first Wall renewal lecture series I believe we've had in 7 years! On top of all that, many of us have spent this month in mourning as we celebrated the life of one of Kingston's most devoted members, Elizabeth Marsh. We will cap off April as our active elders will gather for a called session meeting after church Sunday to hear a report from the Officer Nominating Committee about a nominee that will step in to fill Elizabeth's partial term, which is what her family wanted.

As I reflect back over this past month, I'm reminded of Paul's words from his first letter to the church in Thessaloniki, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" - 1 Thessalonians 5:18. That Greek word translated give thanks will be familiar to many of you. It's the word "εὐχαριστέω" transliterated it's "eucharisteó" which is where we get our English word "The Eucharist." We do not use that word as much in our Presbyterian tradition, but "The Eucharist" is another word for communion or the Lord's supper. For all traditions, that's really what we are doing when we come to the communion table, we are giving thanks to God as we remember Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us. Paul is telling us, though, to give thanks in all circumstances.

Kingston, I want to tell you all how thankful I am for what each and everyone of you did to make everything come together this past month. For all of you that helped set up tables, chairs, prepare food, in the Fellowship Hall as well as overflow in the Kingston building for the Marsh's receiving friends. For our ushers who stepped in to make sure folks had seats. For our staff and volunteers who stepped in to make sure we had good sound and recordings for all of our services. For the Rivertown Bistro that catered an unbelievably delicious meal last Friday night. And even if you did not "do" anything per se, if you were present for any of this, then that shows everyone how much you support our people, our programs, and ultimately our future. It shows our community that we are people of faith, faith in a mighty God who can do mighty things. We did some mighty things in April. So from your pastor, thank you. I know it was not always easy. then again, I'm reminded of a line from the sermon preached at my ordination service: "Following God is not easy." Amen and Amen.

Blessings,

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.
Pastor

Holly Bannan
**Director of
Discipleship and
Communications**

Bradley Hardee
Music Director

Mary Alwine
**Administrative
Assistant**

David Moore
Sexton

Kira Hamilton
Emma Kurth
Nursery

In Loving Memory

MEMORIALS

Dr. John W. Wilson, III

November 26, 2022

Son of Dr. & Mrs. John Wilson, Jr.

Gifts given by: Ballou Skinner, Bill & Donna Hazen

Elizabeth Floyd Marsh

April 3, 2023

Wife of Bill Marsh, Mother of Sarah, Erin & William

Gifts given by: Randy & Tara Broughman, Bradley Hardee, Miriam Little, Patti Perrucci, Penny Shope, Wayne & Gina Staton, Mary Alice Wilson, Chris & Tracy Huggins, Blanton Supplies Inc., Arnold's Pools, Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Godwin, Lauren & Joseph Holmes, Nye's Pharmacy, Conway Auto Parts, Inc., Raceway Marketing, Inc., Charles & Virginia Hucks, Service Motor Co., Inc., Prothro Chevrolet Co., Inc., Wayne & Brenda Thomas, Ballou Skinner, Randy & Cathy Beverly, Carol J. Crane, Stan & Martha Cross, Troy & Mary Alwine, Bill & Donna Hazen, Lois & Alan Edwards, Buddy & Cindy Magrath, Mary Jane Magrath, Burch, Oxner, Seale Co., CPA's, P.A., Fred Caldwell Chevrolet, Buddy & Sara Jean Sasser, Bill & Mary Sutton, Bill & Carolyn Gobbel, Sammy & Teresa Hardee, J. David Marsh, Jim & Nancy Morgan, Jeff Davis, Coastal Chevrolet-Cadillac, Inc., Herndon Chevrolet, Inc., Stephen & Elizabeth Singleton, Tyler Equipment Co., Inc., Mike, Teresa & Amelia Crowley, Robert & Kim Thigpen, Michelle Sanders, Suzanne L. Collins, Kevin & Debbie Martin, Dennie & Dawn Lewis, Sara Frances Ropp, Karen & Tom Ligon, Randy & Jo Graham, Steve & Ann Lee, Kingston Presbyterian Women, Mr. & Mrs. Carl L. King

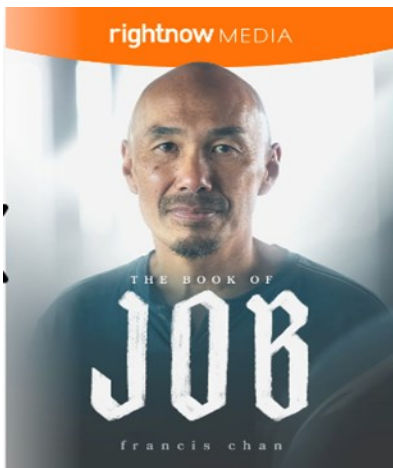
"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"
-Romans 8:38-39



2023 Graduates

We want to celebrate you! If you are a Kingston member and are graduating from High School, College, or a graduate program, please send you info to Mary ASAP. You will be recognized in the bulletin on May 14. Give us your full name, where you are graduating from, and future plans. Parents of High School Seniors, please send a Senior picture as well. **We need these by 5/8.**

Rightnow Media Spotlight



The world teaches us to revolve our actions, thoughts, and beliefs around ourselves. “It’s all about you!” we are encouraged to think. In the world’s philosophy, we become the author and hero of our story. But the Bible teaches a different view, one where another hero—the actual Author of life—takes center stage. In the book of Job, God asserts his preeminence and displays his power. Join Francis Chan in this eight-session series on Job as he explores the overriding truth that we exist not for ourselves but to glorify the God who deserves all worship and praise.

Every young man has king potential, but not everyone will realize that potential. In order to be the king that God has called each of us to be, we must begin making the right moves now.

Through a fresh approach to biblical truths and real-life illustrations, Move Like a King breaks down four important moves that every male must make in order to become the king that God designed him to be.

True manhood is more than physical maturity or even achieving success and stability. Being a man begins by identifying your MASTER, then understanding your MISSION (understanding God’s purpose and his role in the kingdom), properly handling your MONEY, and finding your MATE. In order to be a healthy man and an effective king, you must have a firm handle on the role and the importance of each of the elements.



Session Digest - April

1. New member - Scott Eller

Scott is deaf and has been teaching the sign language classes at KPC. We are exploring the possibility of hiring a sign language interpreter for the Sunday Service.

2. Stien Scholarship Awards-Sophia Smith and Eli Baxter

Don Stien was our minister before Rhett. He loved and was loved by our children. He died of Cancer within one year of retirement. A memorial fund was established in his name to provide educational financial support to high school graduates.

3. The church organ with continued repairs and maintenance has an estimated life of 5-10 years. The Organ Fund is almost depleted and the Session is making plans to raise the necessary money.

MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Youth Bible Study @ 7pm in Gore	2 CE Mtg @ 6pm in the Parlor Wall Recap Mtg @ 5pm Community Svc & Mission @ 6pm in KB	3 Worship Committee Mtg @ 5pm in Parlor Choir Rehearsal @ 6pm	4 Cong. Care & Outreach Mtg @ 6pm by Beth Healy	5 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	6
7 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service @ 10:30am Kid's JAM @ 11:45-1pm	8 KPW Birthday Objective/Salad Supper @ 6pm in FH Youth Bible Study @ 7pm in Gore	9 Diaconate Mtg @ 6pm in KB	10 Choir Rehearsal @ 6pm	11	12 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	13
14—Mothers Day Sunday School and Graduate Breakfast 9:30am Baccalaureate Sunday Worship Service @ 10:30am	15 Office Closed Youth Bible Study @ 7pm in Gore	16	17 Choir Rehearsal @ 6pm	18 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6pm in KB	19 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	20
21 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Sunday School 9:30am Kirkin O' the Tartans Worship Svc @ 10:30am Punch on the Lawn	22 Youth Bible Study @ 7pm in Gore House (Last of spring)	23 Session Meeting @ 6pm in KB Cong. Care & Outreach Mtg @ 6pm by Beth Healy	24 Choir Rehearsal @ 6pm	25	26 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	27
28 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service @ 10:30am	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 Choir Rehearsal @ 6pm			



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Fisher Wilson
- 3 Michelle Crocker
- 6 Rebecca Beverly
West Courtney
Sophia Smith
Annette Tatgenhorst
- 7 Adam Sorensen
- 9 Leslie Wilson
- 10 Mabel O. Greene
- 12 Jack Aidan Bell
- 13 Lynn Fontaine
- 15 Brianna Threewitt
Hyde Abbott
- 17 Jessie Ferrell
- 18 Preston Sorensen
- 24 Randy Beverly
Mo Sutton
- 25 Sutter Ann
Sorensen
- 26 Jason Richardson
- 28 Sarah Courtney
- 29 Luke Wilson
Cara Lawson

Kingston Announcements

Local Ministry Needs



CAP has had an increase of food demand so far this year. The following are in immediate need as they can't get from their main source (Lowcountry Food Bank): **Canned peas, Canned carrots, Canned mixed veggies, Oatmeal, Grits, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Dry Lima Beans, Spaghetti noodles and sauce, Canned ravioli, spaghetti's, Canned Tuna, Vienna sausages, ham and potted meat.**



Click the links below or go to our church website to find current needs for the Shepherd's Table and Fostering Hope.

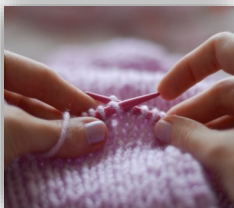
<https://shepherdstable.com/current-needs/>
<https://www.fosteringhopeinc.com/donate>

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets monthly. The next meeting will be May 18th, 2023 and we will meet every third Thursday of the month. We would love new members, so please consider joining our ministry. If you're not a knitter or crocheter, we'll teach you! Come join us for a gathering. We have all the materials available for you.

WACCAMAW YOUTH CENTER BIRTHDAYS

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Cathy Beverly. For one of the boy's birthdays, you will need to bring a homemade cake, a tub of ice cream, 16 candles, 16 napkins, 16 plates and potato chips.

Women's Ministry

KPW Birthday Objective Salad Supper

Kingston Presbyterian Women's Salad Supper will be held on Monday, **May 8th** at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad to share and join in our women's fellowship and getting to know one another.

Monthly Bible Study will resume in September

More info to come!



Worship—April 23, 2023



(Baptism of Jameson Bell, son of Frank and Ashley Bell, during our 10:30 worship.)

May VOLUNTEERS

Head Usher:
Tommy Abbott

Ushers:
Bill Hazen
Cindy Check
Aaron Hardee

Counters:
Gina Staton
Mary Sutton

Wall Lecture Weekend

On April 21st—23rd, 2023, we had our Wall Lecture Scholar Weekend here at Kingston. Dr. Brennan Breed, Old Testament professor and scholar, was our scholar for the weekend. We hope you enjoyed this time and learned more about Job and about yourself.



Community Service & Missions Update

The Community Service and Mission Committee need your help. In March of 2022, we took on a new mission called Compassion Child. With this global mission, during 2022, we supported three children in foreign countries, Pierre from Burkina Faso, Jhonson from Bolivia, and Eailsabet from Ethiopia.

Due to our budget crunch, we were not able to include the Compassion Child Global Mission in the Community Service and Mission Committee budget for 2023, however some of the members of the committee felt strongly about this mission that they have funded this mission personally through the end of June. In order to continue this global mission until the end of the year we are asking the congregation of Kingston Presbyterian Church to help us raise \$1,000 collectively. If we can raise these funds to complete 2023, we will then ask the Session if we can continue supporting these three children from the Compassion Child mission in the 2024 budget.

The \$1000 cost will enable KPC to fund the \$38 per month for each child through the end of 2023 as well as including a \$50 birthday gift and a \$50 Christmas gift for each child. If you would care to support this ongoing mission please make your donation to Kingston Presbyterian Church and earmark the donation "Compassion Child".



We have shared the letters that we receive from these children in the newsletter from time-to-time and have encouraged anyone who would like to write to do so. The members of the Community Service and Mission Committee will be happy to assist anyone who would like to write to these children.

The Community Service and Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation in advance for their continued support.

Missions: Upcoming Offerings

Community Service and Mission Committee Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina (PCSC) is part of a rich heritage of service to people of all faiths. During the early 1950s, ministers and church leaders of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina had a vision to serve seniors. Residents, families, and employees can feel proud to be part of the legacy of an established organization that holds a high standard for its mission and ministry.



PCSC is a well-established and trusted organization enriching the lives of seniors and their loved ones over 60 years. As a non-profit, we live our mission and embrace our values of Relationships, Service, Teamwork, and Excellence in everything we do. At PCSC, we strive to provide retirement lifestyles which meet today's expectations for high quality of living for each of our residents.

PCSC's strong tradition of mission-driven service and care is reflected throughout our five communities across South Carolina. While upholding a strong financial foundation, we also work daily to enrich the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of residents, with our deep heritage leading the way.

Kingston Presbyterian Church has supported PCSC for many years. In fact Mrs. Medlin left property to New Harmony Presbytery in order to build a similar type of home here in Conway for our local aging community, which Presbytery turned down due to the expense involved to build and maintain. This year the Community Service and Mission Committee is again asking you to support this worthwhile statewide mission. We will be taking this offering on Sunday, May 14, 2023, Mother's Day. Please give generously.

PENTECOST

On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world.

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or Shavuot (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai.



MATTHEW 25

The Pentecost Special Offering is second of the four Special Offerings which makes Kingston Presbyterian Church a "Matthew 25" church. 40% of each dollar will stay here at KPC to develop and support programs for young people in our church and/or community. 25% will support young adult volunteers (YAV) globally, 25% will support PC USA Youth Ministries and 10% will be devoted to Children-At-Risk. There is no better way to spread the word of God's than through children and every time we see a child smile, we can see God's presence in that smile. We will be taking the Pentecost Offering on May 28, 2023.

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Children & Youth Ministry

APRIL KIDS J.A.M. (JESUS AND ME)

In April, our children had their first Kids JAM for the year. They walked through Holy Week and learned about all of the events that took place with Jesus in His final days. Below you can see them in the Upper Room sharing a feast, and you also see the children in the "temple" learning about Jesus.



We are the
children of God.

JOIN US FOR MAY'S

Kids JAM

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH | 11:45AM - 1:00PM



"WHO'S IN YOUR FAMILY TREE?"

Youth May Gathering Dates

Mondays—7:00pm
(Gore House)

May 1, 8, 15, 22

Fridays—7:00am
(Location TBD)

May 5, 12, 19, 26