



Kingston Chronicles

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NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Kingston Family,

I must make a confession: I love the holiday we call Halloween! It is my favorite holiday on the calendar. There is something about the cooling air of October, the changing of the leaves, big time football games, pumpkin flavored everything, you name it, I am all about it. For some Christians, Halloween is a no-no. It is seen by some as celebrating evil and encouraging sin and demonic forces. However you feel personally about it is up to your own convictions. I know many Conway city residents may love or hate the fact that our city turns into "Halloweentown." However, this holiday has its roots in Christianity and is actually part of a liturgical season of remembrance in the Christian calendar.

The season is known as "Allhallowtide." That comes from an Old English word that was coined by Christians in 1470. "All" in Old English simply means "every." "Hallow" is an old English word that should be familiar to all of us. We say it every Sunday in the Lord's Prayer "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name..." "Hallow" means "holy." And "tide" means "time" or "season." So the season of "Allhallowtide" means "every holy season."

As many of you know "All Saints Day" is celebrated officially November 1st every year. We celebrate All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday in November. On that day, we remember those who have died. In old English, All Saints Day was called "All Hallows," (the day before), beginning Allhallowtide, "Hallowe'en", and "the evening before All Hallows." You may not know this, but November 2nd, is known as "All Souls Day" in the Roman Catholic Church. Many Catholics will pray for the souls of those stuck in purgatory. As protestants we reject that teaching, but many in the reformed tradition extend All Saints Day into November 2nd as a time of prayer for those saints in our community who have died and gone to be with the Lord.

There is some debate about whether the secular or "pagan" influences were picked up along the way. There is some evidence that the devil or evil Spirits were invoked outside of the church sphere. It's thought some of those practices were influential to some of our modern customs. What is not up for debate though, is that the name "Halloween" comes from an old English term for a Christian practice.

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Music Director

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**Administrative
Assistant**

David Moore
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Emma Hamilton
Nursery

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Whatever you feel about Halloween, as a Christian, we are encouraged to take this time period to remember those we love who have joined the church triumphant and give thanks for their lives. Most presbyterian churches, including ours, read the names of those who have died in the past year in worship and ring the bell in their honor. As I look back over this past year, Kingston gave thanks for the lives of John Wilson III, Elizabeth Marsh, and Caroline Cheate—three people who all made a difference in the lives of our church and our community. So we give thanks.

I think it is fitting that we end November in some of the same ways we start November, by giving thanks on Thanksgiving. While we give thanks for those that have gone before us to start the month, I encourage you to think about all the areas of your life you have to be thankful for, and lift that thanksgiving up to God and to others. A thankful heart is a compassionate and generous heart. I will leave you with Paul's word in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, as he writes to the church in Thessaloniki: " Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." That's right Kingston folks, let's do as Paul says and give thanks in all circumstances.

Blessings,

Pastor Robert

November Menu:

Nov. 1

Pork chop
green beans
hashbrown
casserole
Salad
Hawaiian rolls
desert

Nov. 8

vegetable beef
soup, ham and
cheese Hawaiian
Roll sliders
and cherry yum,
yum cream
cheese dessert

Nov. 15

Thank Offering
TBD

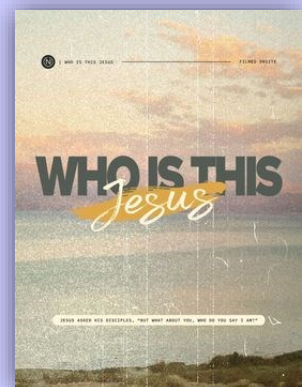
Nov. 29

Baked-Potato bar
with toppings
salad
dessert



November RightNow Media Spotlight

Most Americans have heard the name of Jesus. Maybe they've even heard a few things He said or did. But who is Jesus really? What was He like? Where did He live? What did He really care about? We'll explore these questions and more while on location in Israel, where Jesus walked and spent His days on Earth. Discussion questions are available for each session.



Session Digest

1. There will be a Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 19th following the worship service to elect new church officers and to approve the Pastor's Call (pay package).
2. The Wall Lecture is scheduled for February 2-4, 2024.
3. The description and usage of the investment funds have been reviewed and approved by the Session. Please refer to Pages 7-8 of the Newsletter. The organ fund particularly needs offerings as the present organ is aged and often needs repairs.
4. Wednesday night suppers on January 3d and 17th, 2024 need cooks.
5. There is a scheduled Sunday School class for middle and high schoolers meeting in the Gore House.



The following are immediate needs CAP has as they can't get from their main source (Lowcountry Food Bank):

Tomato Soup
Canned Chicken
Jelly (Plastic Jars)
Grits
Cereal
Canned Pasta

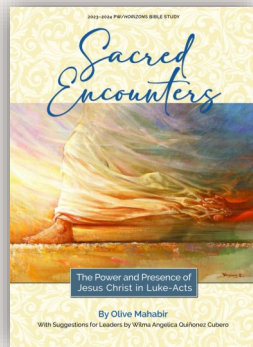


C.A.P. THANKSGIVING DINNER 2023

CAP will once again give out 300 Thanksgiving meals to our neighbors in need. CAP will purchase the items and put the bags together at CAP. We will include a \$15.00 gift card so a turkey or ham may be purchased. We are asking each church (through SS classes, individuals, women's group, men's group, etc.) to collect money to sponsor a family and/or families. The cost per family is \$25.00.



Please make check out to KPC and put CAP Thanksgiving Dinner in the memo now through November 11th. Thanks for supporting this ministry.



Women's Ministry

Monthly Bible Study

November 6th at 7pm we will meet in the KB to continue *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. This study is open to all women!!

Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival 2023



NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Wed. Night Supper @ 6pm in FH Kingston Kids Program Choir @ 7:15	2	3 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	4
5 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am All Saints' Sunday COVERED DISH	6 CE Mtg @ 10am in the Parlor KPW Bible Study @ 7pm in KB	7 Trustee Mtg @ 4pm/Parlor Youth Missions 3:45—6:45pm Community Svc & Mission @ 6pm in KB	8 Worship Mtg @ 5pm/Parlor Wed. Night Supper @ 6pm in FH Kingston Kids Program Choir @ 7:15	9	10 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	11
12 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Pray-n-Play Preschool @ 9:45am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service @10:30am w/Communion	13	14 Youth Bible Study 5:30-7:00 in Gore House Diaconate Meeting @ 6pm in KB	15 Wed. Night Supper @ 6pm in FH Kingston Kids Program Choir @ 7:15	16 Kingston Lassies @ 6pm	17 Youth Breakfast @ 7am	18
19 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 in FH Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	20	21	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25
26 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal	27 Advent Luncheon @ Noon at KPC	28 Youth Bible Study 5:30-7:00 in GH Session Mting @ 6pm in KB Cong. Care & Outreach Mtg @6pm by Beth	29 Wed. Night Supper @ 6pm in FH Kingston Kids Program Choir @ 7:15	30		



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3** Susan Burroughs-Carter
Eli Baxter
- 5** Beth Healy
- 7** Cathy Beverly
- 8** Rusty Crocker
Beth Werkhoven
Billie Ann Booth
- 11** Lauren Taylor
Courtney
- 12** Matt Hogue
Melinda Gatesman
- 14** Glenn Courtney
Kathleen Elms
- 16** Marco Quiroz
- 20** Mary Kendall Bittle
Wayne Calcutt
Lauren Sorensen
- 21** Joe Delahaut
- 22** Mary Alwine
John Avinger
- 28** Shelby Crocker
- 29** Clara Harry
- 30** Bradley Hardee

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.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Head Usher:
Brice Harry

Ushers:
John Avinger
Buddy Sasser
Esther Elliott
Lynn Fontaine

Counters:
John Bittle
Frances Dennis

Advent Lunches

Lunch: 12:00pm | Speaker: 12:30pm

NOVEMBER 27

Host:
Kingston Presbyterian
Speaker:
Rev. Emily Kirby (FUMC)

DECEMBER 4

Host:
St. James Catholic
Speaker:
Rev. Robert Bannan (Kingston)

DECEMBER 11

Host:
St. Anne's Episcopal
Speaker:
Rev. Kyle Randle (FUMC)

DECEMBER 18

Host:
First United Methodist
Speaker:
Father Oscar Borda (St. James)

New Covenant Funds Account Profile

Kingston Presbyterian Church
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This is to summarize the understanding of the purpose of each fund.

1. **Building and Ground Maintenance Fund (Renamed from Manse Fund 5/18/15)**
Formerly known as the Manse Fund, this fund was renamed in 2015 to the Maintenance Fund. Under the Manse Fund, the fund had been used to assist the pastor's yearly housing related expenses if there was a request from the Session. In 2016, the Trustees voted to use this account for all church building and grounds maintenance repairs. Henceforth, this account will be known as the Building and Ground Maintenance Fund.
Spending Policy - See Below
2. **Cemetery Trust Fund**
Created by resolution of 04/05/1959 (Attached). This fund is to be used towards the maintenance, upkeep, preservation and the protection of the church cemetery. See minutes of 1/17/12.
Spending Policy - See Below
3. **Memorial Fund**
Funds in this account can be transferred to other church accounts as deemed appropriate by the Trustees. This fund is for Special Request and Special Needs of the church. See Trustee Minutes from 5/2/2011 and Session Minutes from 01/17/2012 as well as "Guidelines for Funds of the Trustees" dated 04/09/1996.
Generally speaking, memorial funds received by the church are initially deposited into the CNB Money Market Memorial Account. They are later transferred at the discretion of the Trustees to the New Covenant account, unless otherwise specifically designated by the deceased's family or a donor.
Spending Policy - See Below
4. **Endowment Fund**
This fund is to be used to further the Great Ends of the Church as stated in the Book of Order, section 1-0200. This fund is to provide support for projects not ordinarily included in the annual budget, rather than to be a source of revenue for the annual operating budget itself. The Trustees are urged "to take all caution in order that the Endowment Trust Fund does not discourage the cultivation of the grace of liberality within the church's members, and in order that the existence of the Endowment Trust Fund does not diminish the member's regular support of the mission of Kingston Presbyterian Church. Refer to original document (10/19/93) for details and spending policy "Resolution of Session of Kingston Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), establishing an Endowment Trust for the church and providing for the administration of the Endowment Trust Fund of Kingston Presbyterian Church.
Spending Policy - See Below
5. **Mary Roddy McCown Organ Fund**
This fund was established to honor former church organist, Mary Roddy McCown. Funds from this account can be used for the upkeep or purchase of an organ. Refer to Session Minutes 01/17/2012 (Attached)
Spending Policy - See Below

6. **Gilland Endowment Fund**

This fund was established by Dr. John de Saussure Gilland and his wife Mary Elizabeth Dove Gilland on October 23, 1997 to provide financial resources for needs outside of the budget. See existing attached document (8/13/98) for details and spending policy "The Gilland Endowment, Kingston Presbyterian Church".

Spending Policy - See Below

7. **E. Craig Wall, Sr. Lecture Fund**

This fund was established by former member and Officer, E. Craig Wall, Sr., to honor the Wall family and is to be used to support the Wall Renewal Week-end. Spending of the funds in any calendar year shall not exceed 100% percent of the prior calendar years earnings. This restriction may be waived only by a simple majority vote of the Session. The invasion of the principal of the fund shall be permitted only by a majority vote of the Session upon proper notice. This modified the Trustee vote referred to in their minutes of 5-2-11. Refer to Resolution of the Session 01/17/2012.

Spending Policy - See Below

8. **The Medlen Endowment Fund**

This fund (formerly named the "Presbyterian Home-Conway Facility") was established to honor former members Woody and Hester Medlen and was to be used for supporting the youth and/or elderly in our church and/or community.

Spending Policy - See Below

9. **Donald R. Stiens Scholarship Fund**

This fund was established to honor Rev. Donald R. Stiens, minister of KPC for 20 years. This fund was established to award scholarship funds to students who aspire to further their education. By Trustees Resolution, Stiens Scholarship Committee is to be encouraged to award scholarships up to \$1000. *Refer to Session Minutes of 2/19/13 (Attached)*

Spending Policy - See Below

Any new funds/endowments established should use the original amount gifted as the benchmark for the principal value that cannot be invaded.

SPENDING POLICY

The spending policy of the Trustees for these funds was stated as the below until November 2022 when the Session approved a new spending policy. New Policy Below:

Old Policy - Spending of the fund's income in any calendar year shall not exceed 100% of the prior calendar years earnings. The invasion of the principal of the fund shall be permitted only by the majority vote of the session and the Trustees upon proper notice.

New Policy - Spending Strategy

A. Total Return Funds available for distribution will be determined by using a total return principle, i.e., return derived from dividends and interest as well as realized and unrealized capital gains. The funds available for distribution during any one year will be limited to a percentage of the market value of the corpus that is based on a (3-year or 5-year) rolling average, ii with measures taken at the end of each of the preceding (12 or 20) quarters. The market value for this purpose will be taken net of the fees for investment management and calculated June 30, 2023. The sustainable spend rate will begin in 2023 at a 4% annually but should be reviewed each year in accordance with economic environment and should not be higher than 5% annually.

B. Any unexpended funds from those available for distribution in a given year will be accrued and will continue to be considered available for distribution in subsequent years unless otherwise designated by action of the Investment Committee with the approval of the Session. Expenses related to the management and administration of the FUND will be deducted from the funds available for distribution.

READY, SET, MOVE! **Preschool & Elementary** **READY, SET, MOVE!**



Our preschoolers became superheroes during the October Pray-n-Play. Watching them learn and explore Jesus is a beautiful gift.

Nov. Date: Sunday, 11/15

**Sunday
December 3**

10:30AM worship



(left) Our Kingston kids and friends served at CAP on October 10. They were part of CAP's "Fresh Express Food Drive."

Youth

6th—12th students

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HOT TOPICS

CONTINUED!

DURING NOVEMBER, WE'LL FINISH OUR DISCUSSION ON SELF-IMAGE AND DISCUSS MENTAL HEALTH.



Nov. 7, 14, and 28

We are helping serve dinner at the Shepherd's Table once a month. Below (L to R) Jacob, Preston, and Lawton after our last mission night. We go back November 7!

**YOUTH
MISSION
NIGHT**
NOVEMBER 7, 2023



Prayer Breakfast

Fridays at 7am

*carpool available to CMS and CHS