

KUMC DECEMBER 2018 Pastor Note & Calendar

PASTOR'S NOTE – DECEMBER 2018

It's hard to believe that we are making ready for our Advent – Christmas season! (What happened to autumn?)

Some might ask what “Advent” is and why we celebrate it in our churches. The short answer is that Advent is a four-week period of spiritual preparation leading up to Christmas.

We begin the season noting the promise of Christ's second coming, heeding the warning that we need to be ready and watching for his arrival which will be like a thief coming in the night. Jesus shared that there were signs to watch for in the world, both in creation and in the hearts of humankind. It will be as in the days of Noah when people had fallen into disbelief and disregard for God. In those days, Jesus said for his followers to watch and be ready.

The following weeks of Advent focus on John the Baptist's call to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. His message is a reminder that our hearts need to be prepared for the message of Christ and that as Jesus' followers we echo his warning and invitation to open our hearts to the call for repentance to new faith and renewal of our faith in Christ.

The Advent season offers many opportunities to share the Good News both in our words and in our deeds. There is no greater gift we can share than the gift that God gives us in Jesus Christ! Pray for occasions to witness for Christ. Invite folks to worship and enjoy our special services with you. Get involved in projects to help those in need. May this season of Advent bring growth in our discipleship!

Blessings,
Pastor Jim



In Loving Memory

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF PAULINE HUGHES

- By Mike & Gloria Sumner (Bld)
- By Bill & Sandra Budden (Bld)

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES NICKELL

(11/23)

- By Eleanor Nickell (Bld)

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JEFF RAKES

- By Bev Johnson (Bld)

In Honor Of

GIVEN IN HONOR OF BEVERLY BOWMAN

(and her Birthday 11/24)

- By Eleanor Nickell (Bld)

GIVEN IN HONOR OF PASTOR JIM & BECKY RICHARDS

- By Mike & Gloria Sumner (Bld)
- By Roberta Ferguson (Bld)
- By Becky Hensley (Bld)

GIVEN IN HONOR & APPRECIATION OF PASTOR JIM

- By Billy & Kelly Adkins
(Apportionments)

Staff Appreciation

Please join us in honoring
OUR STAFF this Christmas.

Donations will be accepted
through December 16th for their
gifts. You may put your donation in
a pew envelope, write Staff Gifts on
the envelope and place it in the
offering plate. Thank you for your
continued love and support!

The Staff Parish
Relations Committee

Thank You!

During this season of giving thanks, may I express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your gracious outpouring of support for your pastor and his family. We are so blessed to have the privilege of serving at KUMC and hold each of you as dear friends in our hearts. Thank you for your prayers, especially in this past year for my health. This past month you have overwhelmed us with prayers, cards, visits, meals, gifts and kind words – all of them greatly appreciated and fondly held in our hearts. May God bless us all in His service as we continue to minister together in the days to come.

Blessings to all, Pastor Jim and family

Thank You!

Dear KUMC:
Thank you! You made such a difference, and it is so deeply appreciated. Thank you all for your visits, texts, and mostly the prayers from you all! We love & appreciate you All!

Fred & Pam Crossen & Family

KENOVA MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING SERVICE

MONDAY - 12/3/18 – 7:00 pm

The service begins in our sanctuary with special music provided by the **C-K Alumni Band** & ends at the memorial tree next to the post office. Forms can be picked up in the narthex to add your names to the memorial bulletin. Cost: \$5.00 per name listed. *(Proceeds go to the City of Kenova Beautification.)*

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES –
Wednesday 11/28/18

Shoe Box Ministry

Thank you to Mary Leighton for her leadership this past year with the Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Also, **thank you** to our church family because of your generous monthly donations and with the help of several volunteers, **87 shoeboxes** were filled.

ACOLYTES

8:30 A.M.

Nekhia Blue & Zionna Blue

11:00 A.M.

- 2 - Judson Rich
Maddox Dean
- 9 - Griffyn Butler
Halle Phillips
- 16 - Ben Sanders
Liam Rutherford
- 23 - Mason Watts
Tucker Watts
- 30 - Bennett Rich
Anna Phillips

CHILDREN'S HELPERS

NURSERY TEAM

- 2 - Alison & Seth Stender
- 9 - Kelly & Billy Adkins
- 16 - Leigh & Joe Ratcliff
- 23 - Angela and Danielle Quaranta
- 30 - Pat Cline
Connie Chaney

NOAH'S ARK

Brianna & Charlie Davis

KIDS OWN WORSHIP

- 2 - No Kids Own Worship
- 9, 16, 23, 30 - Faith Wilks
and a volunteer

OUTSIDE GREETERS

Ted Rakes Vince Agee

INSIDE GREETERS

Rob & Robin Armstrong

ALTAR GUILD HELPERS

Sam & Prudy Colvin

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Rob & Robin Armstrong

SOUND & PROJECTION

- Albert Jarrell Mary Leighton
- Dusty Mills
- Abby Chaffins Kristen Chaffins
- Lisa Cornwell Dustin Dean
- Charles Shumaker Donna Workman

Youth News

Jaelyn Johnson,
Director of Youth Ministries

Needs:

Volunteers are needed to help with the YOUTH on both Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Please see Jaelyn to volunteer.

Activities:

December 2: 6 pm (Fellowship Hall) - Christmas Dinner & program
Dinner: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, rolls, Dessert and Drink
Cost: \$10 **Tickets: On sale now with Deadline today, November 25.**

December 9: Youth and Parent meeting immediately following 11 am service to discuss Xtreme Winter Trip.

December 9: 6 - 8 pm - Youth Christmas Party

December 12: 6:00 pm - Youth scavenger hunt. The youth need donations of scarves, mittens, gloves. Donation box is in the Narthex.

December 29 – 31: Xtreme Winter Trip in Gatlinburg, TN

NO Youth activities on Sun. Dec. 16, Wed. Dec. 19, Sun. Dec. 23, Wed. Dec. 26, or Sun. Dec 30 or Wed. Jan. 2.

Youth activities resume Sun, Jan. 6

KUMC Backpack Ministry

Prepare and deliver backpacks
@ 10 am on December 13
and December 20
at the Gathering Place
Everyone is welcome to help.

Christmas Shoe Box Ministry

The monthly collections will begin in 2019 with the following needs. Money can also be donated which will be used for postage. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Leighton.

Jan – Mittens, hats & scarves

Feb – Washcloths & soap

Mar – Hygiene Items – Comb, Brush Deodorant (no aerosol), Toothbrush (no toothpaste), Band-Aids

Apr – Small Books, Stickers, Small Stuffed Animals

May – Girl Toys – Small (No weapons)

June – Boy Toys – Small (No weapons)

July – School supplies, small tablets, coloring books, crayons, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners

Aug – Flip flops & socks

* Note, all items need to be size appropriate and fit into a shoebox.

The Training Station

Preschool Christmas Break

Closed Friday, December 21, 2018 through Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Good Samaritan Special Offering

will be collected on Sunday, December 2 and December 9.

Secret Santa Christmas

Watch your bulletin and Facebook for specific dates and times regarding Santa shopping & gift wrapping for Secret Santa.

Please honor our Lord & keep our sanctuary reserved for Worship & Praise by refraining from bringing drinks or food in sanctuary unless for medical reasons. Thank you.

Fundraisers ... Did you Know?

If your class or ministry group is planning a fundraiser, please check with the church office to see if the date is available. If so, there is a fundraiser form that needs to be completed & approved by the Finance Committee or Church Council Chairman to verify there are no conflicting dates or duplications.

A copy of the form that needs to be completed is on the bulletin board across from the elevator. Also, all fundraisers happening within the church need to be held in the welcome area (*across from the receptionist desk*) or fellowship hall. Thank you.

AMAZON SMILE

Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to Kenova United Methodist Church when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0459846.

SNACK SUPPER MENUS

- Dec. 5 – Pancakes, Sausage & Drink
- Dec. 12 – Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert & Drinks
- Dec. 19 - Pizza, Chips, & Drink
- Dec. 26 - No Snack Supper

The 18-20 Something Ministry

On Sale Now – Christmas

Ornaments with a photo of KUMC
Cost: \$10 each.

Proceeds will purchase gifts for those in need at Christmas.

Saturday, December 8 – Dinner and Christmas Shopping (Time & Place TBD)

Saturday, December 15 – Breakfast with Santa @ 9 – 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, games, crafts and a visit from Santa. Cost is \$5 per person with proceeds going to purchase gifts for those in need at Christmas.



**Joyful News! Good News!
Christmas Cantata**

Friday, December 14 @ 7 pm
Sunday, December 16 @ 11 am

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!
Jesus makes Christmas a Holy Day!

Magical Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Friends

Hosted by the 18 -20Something Ministry

Saturday, December 15 @ 9-11 am

Cost: \$5 per person OR \$20 max for family

Join Santa, Mickey and Minnie for a pancake
bar, enchanted games, craft and photo op.



**children's
program**



Children's Live Nativity Program

Wednesday, December 19 @ 6 pm

Pizza Snack Supper @ 5:00 pm

Hot Cocoa, Cookies, and a visit
from Santa following the program

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Preschool Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 19 @ 10 am - 2 yr olds

Dec. 20 @ 9 am - 4 yr olds

Dec. 20 @ 10:30 am - 3 yr olds



Christmas Eve Service
December 24 @ 9 pm

Watch Night Service December 31 @ 6:30 pm

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 - 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast (FH)
Noon – Clergy Family Christmas Lunch (Crossroads UMC)
7:00 pm – CVFD Dinner (FH)
 - 2 - Communion Sunday
1st Sunday of Advent
Good Samaritan Special Offering
10:30 am - Blood Pressure Ck (FH)
6:00 pm - Youth Christmas Dinner (FH) – Reservations Required
 - 3 - 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Scouts Bld)
7:00 pm - Kenova Memorial Tree Lighting at KUMC & Tree
 - 4 - 6:00 pm - M&M’s Annual Dinner (FH)
6:15 pm – Girl Scouts (Scouts Bld)
 - 5 - 8:00 pm - AA – Members only (GP)
 - 6 - 6:30 pm – Scout Master’s Meeting (GP)
 - 7 - 5:00 pm - Private Christmas Party (FH)
 - 8 - 6:00 pm - KYOVA Quilters Guild Christmas Dinner (FH)
TBD - 18-20 Something - Dinner and Christmas shopping
 - 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
Good Samaritan Special Offering
10:30 am - Blood Pressure Ck (FH)
Noon - Youth and Parent meeting
6:00 pm – YOUTH Christmas Party
 - 10 - Caring & Sharing Lunch Prep (FH)
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Scouts Bld)
 - 11 - Noon - Caring & Sharing Lunch (FH)
6:15 pm - Girl Scouts (Scouts Bld)
 - 12 - 6:00 pm – YOUTH Scavenger Hunt
8:00 pm - AA – Members only (GP)
 - 13 - 10:00 am - Prepare Backpacks (GP)
Noon - Private Christmas Party (GP)
5:00 pm – Table for One (Donna Kiser’s home)
 - 14 - 3:00 pm – Friendship SS Class Christmas Party (GP)
7:00 pm – Joyful News! Good News! Christmas Cantata
 - 15 - 9 - 11 am – Breakfast with Santa (FH)
6:00 pm – KVFD Dinner (FH)
 - 16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
10:30 am - Blood Pressure Ck (FH)
11:00 am – Joyful News! Good News! Christmas Cantata
5:30 pm - No Youth Activities
All day - Private Christmas Party (GP)
 - 17 - 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Scouts Bld)
 - 18 - 6:00 pm - Good Samaritan Dinner
6:15 pm - Girl Scouts (Scouts Bld)
 - 19 - 10:00 am – Preschool Breakfast with Santa (2-yr olds)
6:00 pm – Children’s Live Nativity
NO YOUTH Activities
 - 20 - 9:00 am – Preschool Breakfast with Santa (4-yr olds)
10:00 am – Prepare Backpacks (GP)
10:30 am - Preschool Breakfast with Santa (3-yr olds)
 - 21 - Preschool Christmas Break begins
 - 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Blood Pressure Ck (FH)
No Youth activities
 - 24 - Preschool & Church Office Closed
9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service
 - 25 - Christmas Day – Merry Christmas
Preschool & Church Office Closed
 - 26 - No Preschool – Christmas break
No Evening Services or Activities
8:00 pm – AA – Open meeting with speaker (GP)
 - 27 - No Preschool - Christmas break
 - 28 - No Preschool - Christmas break
 - 29 - YOUTH leave for Xtreme Winter trip in Gatlinburg, TN
 - 30 - 10:30 am - Blood Pressure Ck (FH)
No Youth activities
 - 31 - Preschool & Church Office Closed
6:30 pm – Watch Night Service
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- Men’s Breakfast**
Saturday, December 1 @ 8 am
- M&Ms Brunch**
Annual Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 pm.
- *****
- TABLE for ONE:** Thursday,
December 13 at 5 pm at Donna
Kiser’s home. Please RSVP to Donna
or Connie.
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- Interested in Church Membership?**
please contact *Pastor Jim* any time
at 304-453-1112.
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Russ Duty
Joe Ratcliff
Ben Richards | 15 | Faith Wilks |
| 2 | Zack Heaberlin
Mike Wheeler | 16 | Jessica Baisden |
| 3 | Tim Edin | 17 | Patsy Coffee
Kelsey Plybon
Chris Sanders
Bob Sparks |
| 4 | Linda Boshell
Joan West | 18 | Mike Dawson
Megan Price |
| 5 | Alex Marinich | 19 | Taylor Dean |
| 6 | Dee Childers | 20 | Sandra Budden |
| 7 | Don Money | 21 | Payton Conley |
| 8 | Pat Machir | 22 | Donna Jones |
| 9 | | 23 | Dustin Dean |
| 10 | Pat Turner | 24 | Carlie Kazee
Lance Moore |
| 11 | Caiden Conley
Linda Duty
Leslie Pack | 25 | Bill Budden
Nancy Dean
Braelyn Scarberry |
| 12 | Prudy Colvin
Hayley Diamond | 26 | Lauren Wolfe |
| 13 | Dixie Burner
Adam Tufts | 27 | Jennifer Edwards |
| 14 | Mary DeMoss
Maria Dorsey | 28 | Tammy Gibson |
| | | 29 | Eleanor Nickell
Jessica Sandy |
| | | 30 | Steve Ball
Deidre Farley |

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2, 2016 | Tracey & Danielle West |
| 8, 1989 | Dwayne & Rhonda Castle |
| 12, 1991 | Kent & Lori Keyser |
| 14, 1985 | Kent & Carla Willis |
| 20, 1947 | Harold "Had" & Frances Dale |
| 20, 1985 | Mike & Bev Edwards |
| 20, 1997 | Scott & Deidre Farley |
| 26, 1959 | Jack & Sylvia Jackson |
| 27, 1975 | Albert & Lugene Jarrell |
| 27, 1975 | Joe & Pam Smith |
| 30, 2017 | Charles & Brianna Davis |



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Bill Gibson Esther Lou Hale	16	Adam Jones Karlee Money Brennen West
5	Heather Acord	20	Ashlee Hill Kaitlyn Maynard
7	Richie Mills Alice Stanley	21	Josh Brumfield Carole Wagner
9	Peggy Osburn Jim West	24	Chase Hardin
10	Alexandria Saunders Scott Stevens Nora Wood	26	Max Crow III Brenda Lyons Bailey Swanson
11	Amy Jarrell Kim Jeffers	28	Carson Maynard
12	Becky Chambers	29	Tre` Cornwell Rachel Katzeff Sonja Money
13	Julie Harmon Neda McGlothlin David Riggs	30	Miranda Chaffins Sylvia Jackson Ted Rakes
14	Stacy Godfrey Halle Phillips	31	Jeff Sanders Carol Smith David Workman
15	Randy Wolfe		
16	Angi Chaffins		



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

4, 2003	Billy & Kelly Rutherford
15, 1994	Don & Sonja Money
20, 1956	Jim & Liz Cole
26, 1989	Raymond & Johnna Aliff