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**KERNERSVILLE MORAVIAN  
CHURCH**

**December/January 2019-2020 Newsletter**

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Brothers and Sisters,

I knew as I prepared to come to Kernersville that I would have exactly 6 weeks before Advent and here we are. In these past (not quite) 6 weeks, I've committed a good bit of time to the basic task of getting to meet and talk with as many of you as possible. In each conversation, I'm asking questions and listening for your unique answers, watching for themes that are repeated by many of you. But this task of hearing your individual perspectives, and noting them for some of the next steps in mission and vision discernment that lies ahead, always has to be balanced against the study and preparations for worship, caregiving needs, and the daily details that help keep us communicating with each other in the complex tasks of being a community.

It strikes me that this balancing act is much like many of our paths through the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We are always balancing the acts of being present to our loved ones, of listening and setting aside special time to be with them alongside of the acts of preparation - setting the stage for these special times through decorating, seeking gifts, planning and preparing meals. And there is always a balance to be maintained because there is the need for literally setting the table (in some form or fashion) for the people we love so that they can gather around it for these moments of time spent together. But we also need reminders that at its deepest heart Christmas is about an a long anticipated and awaited birth coming in the most unexpected ways, welcomed by those able to receive what was before them. How are we open to the unexpected like the innkeeper's offer of a cave used for the animals on the outskirts of town, the call and willingness of shepherds to come and see, the star rising that set the Magi on a years long quest, arriving just in time to warn the family to flee to Egypt? It is about preparing while being completely open to surprises that we couldn't have expected in the ways that God moves among us.

On December 1, Advent begins and you are invited to journey toward Christmas not only in your preparations that include decorating, food, gifts, and gatherings, but also in preparing an openness to receive and respond in light and darkness to the work of God with us, among us, and all around us. On that Sunday, as we share in lighting the 1st Advent candle, singing the Hosanna, and building the Creche scene, you'll also be invited to study, pray, and reflect through an Advent devotional we'll be sending home with everyone. We'll be sharing this devotional, "In Light & Darkness" from Illustrated Ministry, to guide everyone through a shared series of weekly devotional readings, reflection questions, and prayers. There is one booklet specifically for adults and older youth; the other, a kit, that is made for families and younger youth to engage with, and we'll be inviting everyone to choose one of these to journey through the weeks of Advent and Christmas. Be sure to join us on December 1st to pick one up at the end of either worship service or drop by the church office during the week of December 2nd-6th to get one for yourself.

In Advent hope,  
Pastor Christy

**Friendly reminder:** Any donations given to the church for the 2019 calendar year must be post marked by December 31, 2019.

**Save the date** - Vacation Bible School Bible Alive 2.0, from the Old Testament but which character/characters will it be?



### **October Trustee Meeting Highlights**

- Financial reports reflect that Year-To-Date expenses exceeded receipts by \$5,640.00.
- Christmas Stocking applications - October 11 and 12th. Crop walk is October 20th.
- Employee reviews were completed by Personnel Committee.
- Vicky Yates will serve as trustee rep to Preschool Committee for the rest of the year.
- All chapel renovation bills have been paid. Total cost was \$185,000.00.
- Sanctuary roof has been inspected and is in need of replacement, tree in the front yard of the parsonage needs removal. Bids will be obtained. Shrubbery in front of the parsonage will be removed and replaced. Parking lot pot-hole will be patched, and large crack will be sealed.
- Budget being reviewed and 2020 budget preparations underway.

### **October Elder Meeting Highlights**

- Personnel Committee - Updates to ongoing search for Director of Music/Organist/Choir Director. Annual Personnel reviews completed.
- Christian Education - Several teachers have stepped down from their teaching roles due to life circumstances. A new class has begun meeting for members in the age range of 25-45. Volunteers are needed for teaching Sunday School in a variety of ages.
- It has been suggested that we do a group Birthday/Appreciation party for the elderly members in our church. There is a Sunday recognized as Older Adult Sunday and we may observe that and include this special event at that time.
- Blessing Box – A plan is needed for restocking the contents in the box. A list of appropriate items that should go into the box could be offered in the church newsletter and inserts in the bulletin. Suggestions or volunteers needed.
- Additional ushers are needed to help with seating people for the Christmas Eve Lovefeasts. A proposal for seating to be done from the front of the church to the back without saving seats has been put forward. This would include the need to wait until all of your group is present to be seated. They will ensure that there are sections for people with physical disabilities to sit, as well as those playing in the band or children singing. A motion was made, seconded, and approval of the motion was affirmed. A more formal statement of this plan is being finalized and will be communicated.

### **News and Congregational Information Since October Board Meetings...**

#### **Announcing a Website Update!**

We recently updated the KMC website to make it more inviting for visitors and potential members. Additionally, members will find links to several useful items including the church calendar, newsletters, upcoming special events, the online directory and a blog post from the pastor. You can find the website at: <https://www.kernersvillemoravian.org/>. Please note this is a slightly different address than before (now using the more secure HTTPS) so you'll want to remove any old bookmarks and use this link instead. There is ongoing work to add content for our various ministries, so please check back often to see what's new!

#### **Announcing our new Director of Music:**

The Personnel Committee and Joint Boards are pleased to announce the hiring of Jonathan D. Williams as our Director of Music. Jonathan will be serving in this role as both the organist and choral director of the congregation. His service with us will begin on January 6, 2020.

Here is a bit more about Jonathan and the prior experiences he brings to his work with us:

Jonathan D. Williams served for three and a half years as Organist/Accompanist at Ardmore Baptist Church - Winston-Salem, NC where he chaired *Arts at Ardmore*, a visual and performing arts series, and organized and performed in the biennial *Keyboards at Christmas*. Jonathan studied organ performance with Faythe Freese at the University of Alabama where he won the AFMC - Sarah Caldwell Lee Organ Competition at Samford University and the Clarence Dickinson Organ Festival Competition at William Carey University. Additional musical studies include organ studies with Thomas Hazleton and Robert MacLeod, violin with Thomas Wood at the College of Wooster, and piano with Margaret Baxtresser and Antoinette (Toni) Glauser. Before his position at Ardmore Baptist Church, Jonathan served for seven years as organist and choirmaster at Thomasville United Methodist Church - Thomasville, AL. An active member of the American Guild of Organists, Jonathan has served as the Sub-dean of the Piedmont NC Chapter, regularly performs in the *Sounds of the Summer Organ Series* and is co-chair of Fundraising for the upcoming 2020 AGO Pipe Organ Encounter hosted at UNCUSA. He is a featured artist in the Robin MacDonald & Valerie Pope Burnes book *Visions of the Black Belt: A cultural survey of the Black Belt*.

Jonathan works in the Forsyth County Tax Administration office and is married to Catherine (Cady) née King. They are blessed with a lovely and rambunctious 1.5-year-old son named Archibald James (Archie). FUN FACT: Archie's namesake, Archibald Theodore King, was a Moravian Minister in the Virgin Islands during the early 20th century.

### Sanctuary Roof Update:

During our Anniversary Lovefeast, the Trustees shared the news that the Sanctuary building roof was in need of replacement, due to both its age and condition. This is a project that was in need of immediate attention and the work of this project was completed November 19-21. We named then, that while bids had been gathered and a contractor had been selected, that we were also awaiting an evaluation from our insurance carrier, Brotherhood Mutual. Thankfully, due to a hail event that did notable damage to our roof beyond the age based deterioration that was evident, they have funded a claim for replacement of the roof.

We are overwhelmingly grateful for a small number of very generous contributions we have already received for the roof replacement project. These contributions we have already received paired with the replacement estimate claim from our insurance, should fully fund the cost of this urgent and important project for the on-going stewardship of our congregation's physical structures. We are incredibly grateful for the significant giving of those who responded so quickly. The insurance claim for roof damage and the siding at the parsonage will cover up to \$32,400.

Yes, knowing that the roof project is now adequately funded, is a wonderful gift as we head into this season of Thanksgiving and Advent expectation and hope. However, we know that some of you may have been considering supporting the needs of this roofing project. If you were, we would still encourage you to consider going forward with a more general gift designated for "Capital Improvement", because we recognize the potential for a number of other similar necessary projects that could arise as many of our systems near the end of their expected lifespans around our facility.

The family of James and Renet Parris would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, kind expression of sympathy, and support during the loss of Renet's mother, Jeanette Hannah.

**Main Street Neighborhood Town** Of Homes, Historic Landmarks, & Interesting Places Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - With Carriage Rides from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each in advance or \$20.00 each at the Community House door on the day of the tour.



Hello from Troop 944! The first weekend in November, the scouts went to Spencer Rail Camp for two nights. They learned all about trains and train safety. The popcorn has arrived! We sold \$2785 for total popcorn sales. We get to keep about \$800, and the remainder of the profit goes to council. If you ordered popcorn and have not received your order, please ask your scout for delivery options. We want to thank all of you who ordered popcorn to support our troop! We still have some frozen stew for sale. Please let us know if you would like to pick up a quart or two at \$6 per quart! This past month, the scouts assisted Kerner's Folly with getting down boxes of Christmas decorations to begin decorating the historic building. The shed on campus has been stained and repaired and is looking much better thanks to the scouts for working hard on it these past few months. Coming up in December, we have a Boone Merit Badge opportunity located in Boone NC. This will give the scouts opportunities to work on and earn some of their scouting badges. Also in December, we will work on leaf removal around the church campus. On December 3, the Mayor has invited us to the Board of Alderman meeting where they will have the swearing in of the Mayor. We will be leading the pledge of allegiance. Looking ahead to January activities, the Klondike Derby will be January 17-19, where the local Boy Scout Troops will participate in showcasing skills they have learned in scouting. Thank you for your continued support of the Boy Scout program of Troop 944 at KMC!

**News From The Preschool** - The preschool is off and running this year with 29 students and all of our staff returning from last year! Much has occurred and is still occurring since our last church newsletter posting. Late last Spring we extended our playground and put up new fencing. We have added two new child-sized picnic tables to the Family Shelter and a new raised sandbox to our outside play area. We had a great turn out for our first ever "Parent Volunteer Day" back in September when approximately 18 parents showed up to pressure wash our tables and chairs; paint our preschool hallway doors; and cut, laminate & prepare many classroom lesson materials that the children will be using throughout the school year. What a great way to build friendships and a sense of community spirit! And what a GREAT help to the preschool! Our "Fall Consignment Sale" netted just over \$1900, thanks in part to a very successful bake sale! Thanks to all of you who came out and shopped at our sale. We have several important upcoming events as well. Our annual "Nativity Pageant" and visit from St. Nick will be held in the Fellowship Hall on December 17th at 11:00 a.m. If you have the chance, please come see our children as they re-enact the story of the first Christmas. We will also have a modified Lovefeast.

Then, coming up at the end of January, we will be starting our annual "Registration Round-Up". We will kick off this annual drive in the Fellowship Hall @ 9:00 on January 23rd. Please tell your family and friends about our Montessori program and remind them to register early if they want to be assured of a spot in our school next year. **New** this year, we are moving our annual "Preschool Sunday" to **February 23rd** when the children will be performing at the 11:00 Worship Service and our classrooms will be open to the Church. And we will be hosting a "Spaghetti Lunch" **immediately after Worship Services in the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting a "Love Offering"** at the luncheon and all the proceeds will go towards replenishing our Scholarship Fund. We want to be able to continue to offer scholarships to children from qualifying families and therefore we must continue to replenish our funds in order to do this. Any donations are greatly appreciated! We would like to close by saying how much we appreciate the continued support of the members of our Kernersville Moravian Church community!



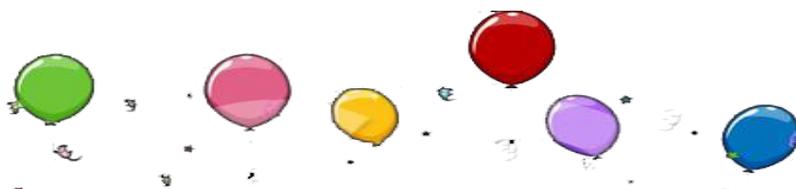
HYDE, Beth 12/01  
LONG, Wyatt 12/01  
GRUBBS, Jason 12/02  
ROBERTSON, Jane 12/03  
MABE, Ethel 12/04  
WOLFE, Mindy 12/05  
MEADOWS, Isaac 12/07  
YATES, Natalie 12/07  
MANEY, Jerry 12/08  
THOMAS, Lauren 12/08  
GAULDIN, Brittney 12/10  
GONZALEZ, Laura 12/10  
YOUNG, Harold 12/10  
TATUM, Diane 12/11  
ECHOLS, Paul 12/12  
HELSABECK, Ted 12/12  
LONG, Duane 12/13  
SMITH, Charlotte 12/13  
HONEYCUTT, Ben 12/14  
SHEPARD, Chris 12/14  
BASIM, Debbie 12/15  
CRUMPACKER, Jackson 12/15  
LEVENS, Jo 12/15  
MARTIN, Jamie 12/16  
MCMINN Jr, Tom 12/16  
STEPHENS, Dustin 12/17  
COLEMAN, Thomas 12/18  
THOMAS, Cameron 12/18

HARTNESS, Diana 12/19  
MARTIN, Brenda 12/19  
THOMPSON, Macy 12/19  
GIBSON, G.W. 12/20  
SHARPE, Ellen 12/20  
LONG, Amy 12/22  
SEXTON, Robert 12/22  
WOLFE, Bryan 12/23  
HAYES, Larry 12/24  
FORD, Annie 12/27  
LUTZWEILER, Brittany 12/27  
SHREWSBURY, Tyler 12/27  
HANEY, Kayla 12/28  
MARTIN, Alex 12/28  
MARTIN, Lexi 12/28  
OAKLEY, Wendy 12/28  
WALL, Diane 12/28  
SHORE, Joy 12/29  
SHORE, Sarah 12/30  
BULMER, Dana 12/31





HAPPY  
New Year



Happy Birthday!

SHREWSBURY, Clifford 01/01

SMITH, Elijah 01/01

MASTEN, Shelia 01/02

THOMPSON, Chris 01/02

BREDAL, Monte 01/03

BURKE, Margaret 01/04

SPENCER, Ryan 01/04

SPRING, Hannah 01/05

STAFFORD, Molly 01/06

STEELMAN, Angelica 01/06

PETTIFORD, Sharon 01/07

TYSON, Brenda 01/08

WOLFE, Bobbie 01/08

MANEY, Shirley 01/09

ANTHONY, Kerri 01/10

CLARKE, Hyacinth 01/10

HOLBROOK, Susan 01/10

LEWIS, Gary 01/10

MOORE, Irene 01/12

SIMMONS, Syretta 01/12

SIMON, Kelsey 01/12

SMITHERMAN, Heather 01/12

BARANOWSKI, Misty 01/14

SWAIN, Mike 01/14

BROWN, John 01/15

SMITH, Teresa 01/15

WOLFE, Cary 01/15

JAMES, Carol 01/16

YATES, Jenny 01/16

LYNCH, Alice 01/17

SMITHERMAN, Katherine 01/17

WELBORN, Jane 01/17

ECHOLS, Sophia 01/18

GRUBBS, Gwyn 01/18

PARRIS, Robbie 01/18

EDMISTEN, Andrew 01/19

HEIST, Paul 01/19

RISING, Michelle 01/19

FLYNT, Holli 01/20

EBERT, Steve 01/21

ECHOLS, Brandon 01/21

ALBERT, Jack 01/22

GAULDIN, Michael 01/22

FLETCHER, Jason 01/23

FLETCHER, Sara 01/23

LAWSON, Nicole 01/23

HALL, Sandra 01/24

TUCK, Karis 01/25

FLYNT, Marsha 01/27

BODSFORD, Amber 01/28

VANCE, Ryan 01/28

SCOTT, Jill 01/29

SHREWSBURY, Jenny 01/29

STAFFORD, Evelyn 01/29

BODSFORD, Wade 01/30

HYDE, Jonathan 01/30

MCQUEEN, April 01/30

HIATT, Criss 01/31

## The History of "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

A different interpretation, according to Ann Ball in her book, *Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals*:

- The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit-Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].
- The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year!  
-Barbara Carter, RN

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns - Friends & Family

Kristin Halbert  
Laura Smith  
Marie LeCompte  
Lilly Tyson  
Evelyn Stafford  
George Johnston  
Syretta Simmons  
Priscilla Baumgardner  
Mike Long  
Tonia Crews  
Crystal Laverde  
Janith Martin  
Evan Cooke  
Herman James  
Tabatha Kavalew

## Community Outreach News and Upcoming Events

Thank you to all KMC members who donated and participated in the **Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign**. We can continue to collect change all year long to support this great ministry.

Thank you to those who helped us feed the **East Forsyth Football team** before their playoff game on November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund** distribution day is **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. All donations to the Stocking Fund are set aside for this ministry, and we receive donations throughout the year to fund this great Kernersville initiative. This year's Christmas Stocking Fund is being dedicated in memory of J Van Williard, a longtime supporter of this project. Thank you also to everyone who supported our Sausage Biscuit Fundraiser in November for the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund.

**Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund Show** will be held on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Main Street Methodist Church at 7pm. Come out and enjoy the music. Main Street's Alpha & Omega Youth Choir will sing along with local school choirs, Heart of the Triad Choral Society, and others. Admission is free; donations accepted.

### Hallway Basket Donations:

#### Sunnyside Ministry

Any non-perishable food items

#### Next Step Ministries

Paper Towels, Napkins & Pillows

#### Crisis Control

Macaroni and cheese, crackers and hamburger helper

#### School Supplies for KMC Preschool

Fine tip washable markers, glue sticks, and laminating sheets

Lessy McCauley  
Claire Coffey  
Jeannine Buffey  
Mike Stone  
John D. Gignac  
Bobbie Hendrick  
Donna Lynn Schinneck  
Sailor Moses  
Brad Sherrill  
Mac McInville  
Will & Lauren Lewis  
Amanda Cochran  
Ronnie Yow  
Bethany Smith  
Mark Hoppe  
Joshua Brent  
Family of Jean Binkley



## December Volunteers

### Greeters

#### **December 1**

8:45 - Eddie & Darlene Boyce

11:00 - Charles & Brenda Martin, Teresa Smith, Diane Tatum

#### **December 8**

8:45 - Randy & Vicky Yates

11:00 - Chris Smitherman, John Smitherman, Lansing Hewitt & Susan Kerner

#### **December 15**

8:45 - Barbara Carter, Carol Rowley

11:00 - Gary & Sylvia Lewis, Liddy Jenkins, Kathy Osborne

#### **December 22**

8:45 - Tom & Kathy Harper

11:00 - Russ & Brenda Tyson, Charlene Surratt, Debbie Barth

#### **December 29**

8:45 - Mike Woods, Kathy DuMoulin

11:00 - Vernon & Susan Butler, Sara Vestich, Sandra Jennings

### Nursery

#### **December 1**

8:45 - Open for a volunteer

11:00 - Open for a volunteer

#### **December 8**

8:45 - Open for a volunteer

11:00 - Wynona Echols

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### Ushers & \*Sound

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\*Preston Steelman

#### **December 8**

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11:00 - Kim Scott

\*Steve Mann

#### **December 15**

8:45 - Mike Jenkins, Tommye Echols

11:00 - Vance O'Brien

\*Steve Ebert

#### **December 22**

8:45 - Ed Fisher

11:00 - Steve Lennen, Jim Boitano

\*Steve Mann

#### **December 29**

8:45 - Steve Lennen

11:00 - Steve Lennen

\*Steve Ebert

### Flowers

**December 1** - Open for a volunteer

**December 8** - Ruth Williard

**December 15** - Open for a volunteer

**December 22** - Open for a volunteer

**December 29** - Open for a volunteer

## January Volunteers

### Greeters

#### **January 5**

8:45 - Ed & Louise Fisher

11:00 - Don & Carol Vance, Rick & Gwyn Grubbs

#### **January 12**

8:45 - Pete & Lynn Zimmerman

11:00 - Gary & Sylvia Lewis, Rose Dixon, Diane Tatum

#### **January 19**

8:45 - Mike Woods

11:00 - Bob & Mary Beth Hunt, Ronnie & Bobbie Roberts,

#### **January 26**

8:45 - Kay Lawson, Liddy Jenkins

11:00 - Kathy Osborne, Chris & Suellen Thompson, Sandra Jennings

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