

# December 2022

# KMC Notes



## Save the Dates ...

We hope you will join us for our  
**Worship Services**

**Sunday, December 4 (Second Sunday in Advent)**

**Walk Up Offering for King Outreach Ministry**

**Sunday, December 11 (Third Sunday in Advent)**

**Lessons and Carols**

**11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 18 (Fourth Sunday in Advent)**

**Big Gift Sunday**

**Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

**Lovefeast and Candle Services**

**Children's Service 11:00 a.m.**

**Traditional Services 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Sunday)**

## MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS A PURPOSE FILLED SEASON

For the past month and a half, I've shared messages about God's purposes for our lives. I used insights from the Rev. Rick Warren in his books, The Purpose Driven Life and its updated version What On Earth Am I Here For? For me, I want every message I share with our church family to be important and meaningful and that can make a difference in our lives. I feel the messages I've shared these past weeks have been some of the most important, most meaningful and most difference making messages I can share with you. That is why these past weeks I've followed up with many of our members who were not at church and encourage them to watch the service and be there the following Sunday. Thank you to those who watched and those who attended. For those who didn't, I hope you will go back and check out the services and the messages on YouTube and Facebook.

In The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren shares these five purposes God has for us:

- You were planned for God's pleasure which is worship.  
God wants you to know Him and love Him and knowing God and loving God is worship.
- You were formed for God's family which is fellowship.  
God made you to be in His family which is the Church. God wants you to love others and loving others is fellowship. God especially wants you to love those in your church family.
- You were created to become like Christ which is discipleship.  
God wants you to follow Him and follow His Son, Jesus, and as you follow, God wants you to have the same characteristics as Jesus. These characteristics include trusting God completely, obeying him, and forgiving others.
- You were shaped for God's service which is ministry.  
God has given you talents and abilities that God wants you to use to serve Him, to serve others, and to serve in the church.
- You were made for a mission which is evangelism.  
Evangelism is simply sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

What's neat about this list of purposes is how it ties in to how you can have a Christmas that is full of purpose which makes the Christmas season so much more meaningful, significant and joyful. Here's what I shared at our first Sunday in Advent on November 27:

And don't forget . . .



(here's the sticker I shared with everyone on Nov. 27)

- Make Christmas a time for joyful worship.  
Take the time to focus on God by coming to our worship services and by the way you live your life.
- Make Christmas a time for meaningful fellowship.  
When you're with others, let them be times of heart felt sharing and heart felt listening.
- Make Christmas a time for personal growth.  
Do things that help you grow as a person. One of the most significant things you can do is forgive someone.
- Make Christmas a time for helpful service.  
Take advantage of opportunities to help someone.
- Make Christmas a time for cheerful sharing.  
Share the good news with others that God loves you and has a purpose for your life.

May you have a wonderful, joyful, Spirit filled and purposed filled Advent and Christmas!

*Pastor Doug*



*Merry Christmas from your church staff  
Doug, Rachael, Leigha, Lee, Tina,  
Drake, Jennifer and Brent*

**OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES!  
IN ALL THINGS LOVE  
RESTORE, RENEW, REJOICE!**

## **2022-2024 Capital Campaign Update**

**Goal: \$500,000**

**Number of Donors: 45**

**Total Pledge Amount: \$190,097.25**

We hope those who have not made a pledge to our Capital Campaign will prayerfully consider what you will do for this campaign. Pledge cards and campaign brochures are available at the church. You can either pick them up or we can send them to you. We hope to have all pledges in by the end of the year.

### **SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

#### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 WALK UP OFFERING FOR KING OUTREACH MINISTRY**

On Sunday, December 4, we will come together for worship on the Second Sunday in Advent. It will also be the first Sunday of the month, and we will have our Walk Up Offering for King Outreach Ministry.

Following the service, everyone is invited to come to a potluck luncheon. Please bring something for the potluck and enjoy a time of good food and good fellowship.

#### **CANDLE TRIMMING AND COOKIE TRAYS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

We hope everyone will come out for a fun and festive night of food, fellowship and one of our great Moravian traditions with our Dinner and Candle Trimming on Wednesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. All ages are invited to help trim the beeswax candles in red crepe paper in preparation for our upcoming Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services. We are also looking for people who will bring two dozen cookies, homemade or store bought, for the cookie trays the **Circle of Faith** are doing for our shut in members.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS– SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11  
SERVICES AT 11:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.**

On Sunday, December 11, our **Adult Choir** will share its Lessons and Carols. Joining our Adult Choir will be some other singers from our community and instrumental accompaniment will be provided by professional musicians in the Winston-Salem/Greensboro area.

There will be two services with the first being Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. and the second on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided for both services.

If you are unable to attend, we plan to livestream both services.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18  
BIG GIFT SUNDAY**

We are putting a special emphasis on Sunday, December 18, as a Big Gift Sunday. We are very grateful to the many members and friends of our church family who have given to the ministry of our church which include gifts to our General Fund, our Music Fund, Mission Blitz, and other causes.

Our Big Gift emphasis is asking everyone to help us meet our budget and expenses for our General Fund. We hope you will consider making a gift beyond your regular giving. It would be like giving our church a Christmas gift this year. If you haven't given anything to our church ministry this year, we hope this Big Gift Sunday will be a time you do. We hope you will prayerfully consider what you can give for this upcoming special Sunday.

We want to remind everyone that you can put your giving in our offering plates at church, mail your gifts, bring them to the church office, or give online.

**CHRISTMAS EVE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE LOVEFEAST AND CANDLE SERVICES**

**CHILDREN'S SERVICE 11:00 A.M.**

This service is a special kid-friendly service celebrating the birth of Jesus. At this service we will share mini lovefeast buns and hot chocolate, enjoy special music, and listen to a children's Christmas message.

**TRADITIONAL SERVICES 4:30 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.**

Our traditional Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. For these services we celebrate the birth of the Christ child through music, Scripture reading, a lovefeast (buns and sweet coffee), a Christmas message and candle service. There will be a prelude of music before each service at 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SOME OF OUR SPECIAL MEMBERS**

We want to give some extra recognition to some of our special members (although everyone is special in our church family) by giving them Christmas cards. There are boxes located in the vestibule which you can place Christmas cards for the following individuals:

***Anna Lou Anderson***

***Martha Hall***

***Mitzi Thomas***

***Reba Elliott***

***Stephanie Stewart***

Please have all the cards in by Sunday, December 18.

**CHRISTMAS CARD DROP FOR ALL OF OUR MEMBERS**

Besides having our special recognition boxes for Christmas cards, we also want to give all of our members the opportunity to share Christmas cards with each other. In the Narthex there is a place for people to leave Christmas cards for members and get Christmas cards from members.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one that will be used as part of our Christmas decorations, please fill out one of the envelopes that we have at the church and turn it in.

## OUR 2023 MORAVIAN DAILY TEXTS ARE HERE!

If you ordered a 2023 Moravian Daily Texts, it is in the office. You can pick yours up at the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you need to make arrangements to pick them up at another time please call or email the church office.

## CHURCH COUNCIL RESULTS

We thank everyone who attended our Church Council meeting on Sunday, November 13. The following members were elected to our church boards:

### Board of Elders

*Homer Dearmin, Doug Gordon, Don Lucas*

### Board of Trustees

*Perry Bowman, Cynthia Sevier, Ed Sipes*

## ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The **Circle of Joy** would like to say thank you to all who gave Christmas to twelve foster children in Stokes County through our Angel Tree Project. The bags were full of wishes and God's love to them.

We thank those who gave to this year's Angel Tree Project who were **Becky Anderson, Louise Cape, Bonnie Crouch, Lynne Doby, Sue Donathan, Beth Donnelly, Hillary Douglas, Don Elliott, Hughes and Sue Gentry, Kim Grabs, Susie Grabs, Anna Grubbs, C.W. Hill, Marie Issacs, Holly Mathis, Fran Newsom, Michelle Newsome, Jim and Cathy Pickett, Bill and Nan Pulliam, Amy Reeves, Kathy Rights, Jerry Saunders, Brent and Andrea Seckman, Ken and Cynthia Sevier, Martha Sheaff, Robert, Leah, Ian and Natalie Simpson, David and Marion Smith, Renee Smith, Susan Smith, Virginia Southern, Doug Spainhour and Diane Hoffman, Barbara Sudol, Debbie Victor and Myra Wright.**

Special thanks to **Sue Gentry** for all her work on this project which she has done for a number of years. Having a broken ankle this year didn't stop Sue from doing another excellent job!

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to **Josh and Hillary Smith** upon the birth of their son, **Jack Freeman Smith**, on November 9 in Nashville, Tennessee. Jack's grandparents are **Zollie and Renee Smith** and **Brent and Andrea Seckman**.

Our church family extends its Christian love and sympathy to **Doug Gordon and his family** upon the passing of his brother-in-law, **L.H. Manuel**, on November 8.

In the hospital since our last newsletter have been **Ken Alley, Mike Handy, Joanne Long, Fran Lucas, Tina Pratt** and **Bill Witt**.

## SPECIAL WORDS OF THANKS



We thank everyone who provided items for the Agape Bags our **Senior Highs, Middle Highs** and **Juniors** put together for the homeless in our community. Thank you to our young people for doing this great service project, and we thank everyone who took Agape Bags to share them with those in need.



We thank everyone who brought food for our Thanksgiving Food Offering at our Thanksgiving Sunday. Our food offering this year went to King Outreach Ministry and to help supply our church's Blessing Box.



We thank our **Shepherding Committee** for providing College Care packages to our college students. Special thanks to everyone who provided items for the packages. Our Shepherding Committee made and distributed twenty-seven care packages as a way to show some love and support to our college students. (It looks like **Lucey Patterson** is enjoying hers!)

We hope you will keep our college students in your prayers and welcome them back when they are home for the holidays!



<u><b>Financials</b></u>	
<b>Offerings received through November 30:</b> \$307,285	
<b>Budget expenses through November 30:</b> \$324,987	
2021 monthly contribution for shared Moravian Church Ministries: <b>\$4,826</b> per month has been paid through November.	

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

In past years our church has ordered offering envelopes for all our members. Last year and this year we are checking with our members to see if you need envelopes or not. If you need offering envelopes, please call the church office or come by the office and get some.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE LOVEFEAST DIENERS NEEDED!**

**King Moravian Church still needs dieners for our 4:30 and 7:00 Lovefeast and Candle Services!  
If you are interested, please contact Barbara Sudol at 336-978-9457**

### **SOME YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

This past month our **Senior Highs**, **Middle Highs** and **Juniors** made Agape Bags for the homeless. Our Senior Highs and Middle Highs also met at Fannie and Ira's (now called StoCo) and had a Game Night.

#### **Upcoming **Junior** youth events-**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 Lovefeast at Priddy Manor**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party/Movie night in fellowship hall**

**Christmas Eve – 11:00 am Children's Lovefeast and Candle Service**

#### **Upcoming **Senior High & Middle High** youth events-**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> - Nerf gun war after church potluck**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Candle Trim and StoCo coffee**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>- 6pm Christmas Party and Caroling**



Middle and Sr.High youth will **NOT** have Sunday school for the month of December. They will resume classes in January- date (TBA)

### SOME PRESCHOOL NEWS



**Friday, December 2 & Friday, December 16**  
**from 4:00pm - 10:00pm**

Let us watch your littles, so you can enjoy a date night, or finish up your Christmas shopping!

(Kids ages 2 and up are welcome to sign up to attend and you do not need to attend KMP)

For more information about Parents Nights Out, please contact **Tina Pratt**, or see the latest edition of King Konnections!

## December Birthdays

2 – Anna Lou Anderson	16 – Abigaile Moran
2 – Ashley Russell	17 – Jacob Bullin
3 – Gina Funk	17 – Ken Campbell
5 – Ann Lawrence	21 – Kyle Carroll
8 – Judy Neve	22 – Tim Huff
9 – Frank Sells	27 – Martha Hall
10 – Dottie Jones	27 – Austin Key
10 – Nolan Key	27 – Leah Simpson
11 – Tom Hensley	28 – Marie Noah
11 – Eric Lyda	29 – Natalie Sells
12 – A.J. Moran	31 – Fran Newsom
15 – Rosie Sink	

### **CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER**

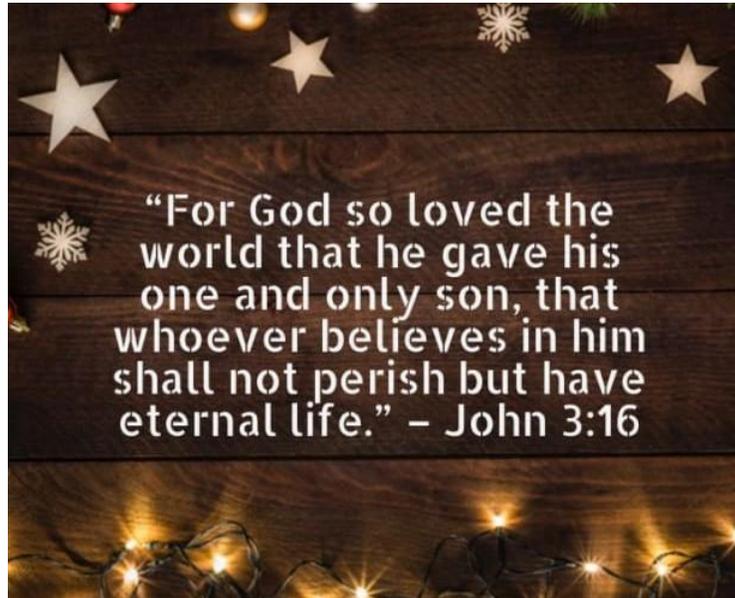
December 2	KMP Parent's Night Out 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
December 4	Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. (Walk Up Offering) Potluck after church Senior Highs and Middle Highs Nerf war after Potluck Juniors help with Lovefeast at Priddy Manor after Potluck
December 7	Candle Trimming – 6:30 p.m.
December 9	Juniors - Christmas Party and Movie Night 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
December 11	Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols – 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
December 13	Joint Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
December 16	KMP Parent's Night Out 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
December 17	Senior Highs and Middle Highs Caroling and Christmas Party – 6:00 p.m.
December 18	Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. (Big Gift Sunday)
December 19 & 20	Preschool Lovefeast 11:00 a.m.
December 23	Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!
December 24	Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services Children's Service 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Special music half hour before each traditional service)
December 25	Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. – Christmas Day
December 26	Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!

## Pray Every Day December 2022

1. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
2. The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
3. When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
4. Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
5. When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
6. But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
7. You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet. Pray for the Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
8. My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
9. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. Pray for the Thiessens in Canada.
10. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Pray for the travel of the Teshes and their furlough time here in the United States as well as for Ray of Hope in Kenya while they are away.
11. A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord.' Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
13. The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
14. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
15. In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
16. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and people of every language worshipped him. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
17. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. See your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
19. The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
20. When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you.
21. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
22. For nothing is impossible with God. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
23. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished! Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
24. Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
25. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Pray for the local homeless shelters.
26. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
27. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
28. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. Pray for the Moravian churches in Haiti.
29. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Pray for disaster relief workers.
30. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Pray for firefighters and police officers.
31. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.

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