

DECEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

	<u>6th</u>	<u>13th</u>
Infant Nursery		
SS	G. & L. Palaima	W. & H. Shelton
Worship	M. Kiger & J. Cooke	C. Swink & E. Couch
Children Worship		
Toddler	M. & S. Moorefield	S. & D. Pappalardo
School Age	C. Cooke & A. Cardwell	K. & R. Middleton
Children's Time	Bells	J. Estep
Flowers	Taken	Hale
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	<u>20th</u>	<u>27th</u>
Infant Nursery		
SS	M. Hunter & B. Grubbs	D. Dougherty & M. Kiger
Worship	J. Stewart & S. Denny	D. & S. Davis
Children Worship		
Toddler	B. & B. Patterson	S. Best & J. Andrews
School Age	R. Foust & M. Moore	C. Swink
Children's Time	Children Sing	Pastor Sid
Flowers	Winfrey	Open

Acolytes: Matthew Love, Tanner Moore, Will Swink

Safe Sanctuary Monitoring: Faith Seekers Class

Wild Cards: Kristy Whitaker

Luke's Group: Gary Thomas

Ushers: Bill Kapp captain, Wade Gentry, Mark Moore, Jerry Holcomb, Gary Thomas, Ike Winebarger, Steve Boyles

Bereavement: Maxine Kiger, chair; Madeline Griggs, Lib Kiser, Jan Newsome, Faye Ray, Laura Southern, Mame Verdinek, Lynn Boyles

<u>Giving Report</u>	
Year-to-Date Through October	
Offering	*\$256,512
Expenses	\$242,867
*Includes PlaySchool Donation	

Crisis Control Gift for December;
Potato Flakes

Samaritan Ministries Gift for December;
Bib Aprons & Dish Towels; Men's Warm Winter Gloves

Please place items on the table downstairs.

2010 Flower Chart

The flower chart is posted on the church office window. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary please mark the chart accordingly. Flowers can be given in honor, or memory of loved ones, or for a special occasion. Please notify the church office (969-5437) to provide that information.

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Return Services Requested



The Messenger

December 2009



Celebrating Christmas at Kingswood

“Where are you, Christmas?”

Faith Hill sings “Where are you Christmas? Why can’t I find you... Where is the laughter you used to bring me? Why can’t I hear music play?” Perhaps many of us ask those questions as this holy season, with all of its “busyness”, arrives. Attend Kingswood’s annual Advent Service on Nov. 29, 7 p.m. to be reminded of the real meaning of the season, the birth of our Savior. The joy of Christmas lies in remembering why we celebrate – when we remember, we WILL hear the laughter and the music and the love. See you at the Advent Service!

Giving Tree

This is our opportunity to brighten Christmas for five of our Mineral Springs families. Ornaments on the tree list gifts to buy, wrap and put under the tree. Be sure to attach the gift tag to the package. The ornaments have dollar amounts as well. These will be used to buy food for the families. Place the checks, with the ornament, in the collection plate or in the church office. Your generosity provides the only Christmas these families will have.

Kingswood Christmas Cards

The Youth will provide mailboxes for members to send Christmas cards to each other. Baskets will be in the narthex on Sunday, November 29. Donations are accepted. Please leave your cards on the table and the youth will distribute them alphabetically. Be sure to check the baskets, they will remain up until January 9.

Children’s Program December 13

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. The children of Kingswood will be presenting a very special Christmas program ... you’ll experience the birth of Jesus through the animals who gathered around the manger ... led by our children in costume (see if you can guess who’s who ... or is that hoo ... hoo?)

Thanks to all the adults who have been helping us prepare, especially Miss Madeline and Miss Deb with the music, Miss Susan with the play and lots of moms with the costumes!

There will be a potluck meal following the program, and a time to join together to sing favorite Christmas carols. So don’t miss any of the fun, food and fellowship Sunday, Dec. 13. Invite lots of friends and neighbors – let’s fill the sanctuary!

Choir Christmas Cantata

Our choir will present their Christmas Cantata, The Mystery and the Majesty, on Sunday, December 20 during the 11:00 Worship Service. This musical presentation is the result of many weeks of practice by the choir, the director and the organist and is an inspiring highlight of the season.

Treat Bags

In a nod to Christmas past when children and adults were given treats of nuts, fruit and chocolate, Kingswood continues this tradition. Treat bags will be given out the morning of Dec. 20. The bags will be assembled Dec. 18 at 4:00 pm. We need volunteers to assemble the bags. If you are interested, contact LuAnn Winfrey, 924-5606.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

On the night of December 24 at 7:00 pm, we will be lighting the Christon Tree and celebrating the Christ Child in scripture, story, song and Holy Communion.

A Celebration of Clergy

On Sunday, November 22, 2009 during the worship service, Pastor Sid and his wife, Patty, were presented with a framed tribute in appreciation for and in celebration of their ministry at Kingswood.

Joining John Cox, Chair of the Church Council, in making the presentation were Church Council reps: Robin Walker, Lay Leader; Tommy Griggs, Treasurer; Harvey Pardue, Staff-Parish; Maegan Williamson, UMYF; Barbara Grubbs, Finance; LuAnn Winfrey, Playschool Director; and Mark Moorefield, Trustees. The tribute was presented in recognition of the contributions Sid and Patty have made to the health and spiritual growth of the larger community even as they serve Kingswood so effectively as “Shepherd of the Kingswood flock...our spiritual leader...and our friend.”

PlaySchool Corner

We are singing Christmas songs and getting ready for our Christmas Programs. The programs will be on Dec. 10 & 11 at 10:30 am. Please come and see our children perform. They are working hard.

We would like to thank Kingswood for your prayers and support. This is a wonderful ministry to our community. The PlaySchool was established over 32 years ago and maintains a great reputation.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Until next time, LuAnn

Restroom Renovations

New light fixtures (supplied by an anonymous donor), new cabinets, countertops and mirrors have greatly enhanced the appearance of the restrooms at Kingswood! Thanks to the hard work of Steve Boyles, Dan Dougherty, James hoots and Billy Walker, the restrooms at Kingswood are more beautiful and much brighter! We appreciate the gifts and the hard work!

Thank you to the Kingswood congregation for the Clergy Celebration Moment. We appreciate each one of you and are enjoying the ministry that we share together.

Pastor Sidney & Patty

I would like to thank all of my Church friends for their phone calls, offers of food and wonderful cards, all of the kindness is what a true Church family is all about, God's Blessings on each of you and your families.

Julienne Ratcliff

*Dear Kingswood Family,
Thanks for all the prayers, visits, concerns, food and memorials. For all of you who knew Gray, he was a good son.*

Sincerely, Dot Kiger

December Calendar

Sundays	9:45 am Sunday School weekly 11:00 am Worship weekly 6:00 pm Youth weekly 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study weekly
Mondays	7:00 pm Boy/Cub Scouts weekly
Wednesdays	6:30 pm Adult Handbells weekly 7:30 pm Choir weekly
Tuesday, 1	11:30 am Senior Citizens 7:00 pm Church Council
Sunday, 6	Rural Hall Parade
Monday, 7	7:00 pm Charge Conference
Tuesday, 8	6:30 pm PlaySchool Committee
Sunday, 13	5:00 pm Children's Program
Monday, 14	Messenger Deadline
Thursday, 17	5:30 pm Third Thursday
Sunday, 20	11:00 am Christmas Cantata
Thursday, 24	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion
Tuesday, 29	10:00 am Circle Meeting
Church office closed December 28—January 4	

Advent Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 29	1st Sunday of Advent 7:00 Advent Service
Sunday, Dec. 6	2nd Sunday of Advent Rural Hall Parade
Sunday, Dec. 13	3rd Sunday of Advent 12:30 Youth Progressive Dinner 5:00 Children's Program
Sunday, Dec. 20	4th Sunday of Advent 11:00 Christmas Cantata
Wed, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 7:00 Holy Communion



2010 Giving Envelopes

Envelopes will be available in the narthex in December. Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January. Also, after the first of the year, please discard any unused 2009 envelopes.

In an effort to make our bookkeeping MUCH easier, please use your individualized envelopes whenever possible. Thank you.

Annual Fall Bazaar

Thanks to EVERYONE who participated in any way to the Bazaar this year! It was a great success because our Kingswood Family pulled together and worked hard!

Samaritan Ministry Penny Campaign

Samaritan Ministries' Annual Penny Campaign is Saturday, December 6th. Your support is needed even more this year. You will find a Penny Campaign jar in the Narthex. Please help by bringing your spare change. Last year our Penny Campaign jar had over \$50. Let's double that this year. A volunteer at Samaritan Ministries, Sharry Davis

December Birthdays

1 Manly Winfrey	7 Laura Warren
1 Kevin Southern	10 Carol Kiser
1 John Griggs	11 Mary Carter
2 Faye Ray	11 Marie Horn
2 Don Wilson	12 Harvey Pardue
2 Kathryn Boyles	16 Mildred Ingram
4 Shirley Moorefield	18 Juanita Pardue
5 Lib Kiser	19 Danielle Winebarger
5 Brian Hansel	20 Courtney Winfrey
6 Jack Cooke	23 Jessica Rogers
6 Michael Schlotfeldt	24 Amanda Wright
6 Susan Denny	25 Tanner Moore
7 Janet Andrews	25 Laura Sheets
7 Sally Carpenter	25 Myra Hunter

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I remember the newspaper each day counting down the days until Christmas every December. Well, if you get this on December 1st, only 24 more days until the Christmas.

Many of us decorate our homes on Thanksgiving weekend. It may be the only time in the busy season when we can get our homes ready for the season. So we prepare our homes, get the tree up, decorate outside, put the wreath on the door. We get ready for the season.

What do we do to prepare our hearts for Christmas? This year take time to read the Christmas story. (Matthew 2:1-23 and Luke 2:1-20.) I remember as a young child a tradition of reading the Christmas story from the Bible while in the living room near the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. It made the season special for our family. Ask God to help you prepare not only your homes but your hearts and lives for this joyous celebration. Ask God to help you receive Jesus in a special way.

Ask God to make room in your life for a renewed spirit this year. Take time to remember the season of giving by helping Kingswood UMC continue to change lives as we close out the year. Take time to celebrate with others in the community of faith by attending worship and special services held at Kingswood during the month of December.

Ask God to act in your heart and life to renew the joy of Jesus' birth in your life. Christmas is about receiving the gift of Jesus, God's Son. Joseph the carpenter, the earthly father of Jesus constructed a bed for Jesus on the night he was born. So as we get ready for the season of Christmas, we need to prepare a place for Jesus to be born in us, in our homes, in our hearts and in our lives. May this Christmas celebration be a blessing to you and your family as you make ready for Christ to come. May this be a very Merry Christmas in your heart.

His Servant, *Pastor Sid*

Prayer Concerns

Howard Benfield - Janice Wall's brother-in-law
Carolyn Cooke's mother
Jim Gardner—Mame Verdinek's brother
Kitty Hutchinson—Bob Hutchinson's step-mother
Eva Kiger
Tina Leehr - Redmond family friend

Kiera Mesmer – Dale & Diann Holland's granddaughter
Sara Carpenter Scott
Sarah Southern
Shirley Thomas - Dora Lee Shouse's niece
Arzell Tuttle
Mitch Venable - PlaySchool teacher's husband



Memorial Gifts Received in October

Gray Kiger

Eddy & Janet Andrews
Max Baker
Donnie & Connie Bullins
Celebration SS Class
Jack & Carolyn Cooke
John & Trudy Cox
Jeanette Crews
Randall & Cynthia Davis
June & Eleanor Dinkins
James & Teresa Farmer
Jerry & Jeanenne Holcomb
Joe & Patricia Hoots
Alice Hudley
Mary Johnson
Dan & Temple Jones
S. B. Jones
Jo Key
Lib Kiser
Art & Vera Nachand
Richard & Julia Page
Sal & Deb Pappalardo
Kyle Petty

Martin & Jane Ridge
Mary Lea Shreve
Robert & Leah Simpson
Chris & Shirley Southern
Ken Smith
Davey & Nancy Stallings
Tuesday Circle Group
Coy & Kay Vance
Mary Vance
Richard & Jane Vellines
Carol Westmoreland
Barbara Wilson

Jimmie & George Setzer

Bobby & Anne Setzer

Ronnie Paschal, Hilda Shelton's brother

Mary Lea Shreve

Owen Rice, Cara Swink's father

John & Trudy Cox
Jack & Carolyn Cooke
Faye Ray

Richard Edgeworth

Mary Lea Shreve

Phyllis Young, Nancy Plunkett's sister

Mary Lea Shreve

Virginia Townsend, Nancy Plunkett's sister

Max Baker
Peggy Burke
Jack & Carolyn Cooke
John & Trudy Cox
Ross & Eva Hale
Jerry & Jeanenne Holcomb
Kemp & Maxine Kiger
Art & Vera Nachand
Faye Ray
Mary Lea Shreve
Dora Lee Shouse
Ken Smith

Edward White, Lois Hoot's brother

Wayne & Linda Allred
Jack & Carolyn Cooke
John & Trudy Cox
Dora Lee Shouse
Darle & Mary Shouse
Gary & Mary Kay Thomas

Youth News

We continue to stay busy, making luminaries, helping with the bazaar, continuing to have our weekly devotion and looking forward to decorating the sanctuary and Chrismon Tree on November 28. A special thank you to our youth parents for providing a wonderful Thanksgiving before we attended the Community Thanksgiving Service.

Several youth will be attending Choose to Share Christ in December. We thank you for the support you give the youth to make trips and experiences like this possible. Please keep our youth and LuAnn in your prayers as they travel.

In Christ, LuAnn & John