



Kingswood

United Methodist Church

Messenger

November 25 & December 2, 2018

*Do all the good you can; By all the means you can;
In all the ways you can; In all the places you can;
At all the times you can; To all the people you can;
As long as ever you can.*

~ John Wesley (1703-1791) ~

Sunday, November 25

Sermon: "HE IS KING"

Text: John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

Sermon Theme: We have come to the place where we have found that we cannot trust our democratically elected leaders any more. Perhaps the reason is that despite appearances and good intentions, there are always other interests influencing them than the interests of the people. There are few who are truly able to act with integrity in the decisions they make, but it is not just that we feel we cannot trust our leaders. We have become aware of the complex problems of the world and of the enormity of the issues facing humankind. People all across the world are dying by the thousands of hunger every day and are being threatened by terrorism, crime, disease, and environmental catastrophes. Who is really in charge? Today is the last Sunday of the church calendar. Today is "Christ the King Sunday." He is king! He has always been king and will always be king. No matter what skeptics say, one day all the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord. Revelation 21:6 says in fact: "He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." He is the beginning and the end of all history. Many kings and leaders of governments over the centuries have failed the people. The good news is that Jesus is the everlasting king, who cannot disappoint us and cannot fail us, for He has all power and authority!



Ushers: Wayne Allred, Jake Boyd, Ross Cardwell, John Cox, Dan Eurey, Bill Foust, James Hoots, Greg Kiser & John Warren

Music: Madeline Griggs – Director, Sarah Butler – Organist, Debbie Pappalardo – Pianist

Sunday School Nursery: Billy & Robin Walker; next week – Greg & Lisa Kiser

Worship Nursery: Cindy & Reagan Tomlinson; next week – Bill & Rekiko Foust

Promises: Christy Kleinfeld; next week – Lisa Williamson

Flowers: next week – open

Promises – Following "Moments with the King's Kidz," our children ages 3-6 (1st grade) are invited to the Promises Worship Room. The lesson continues to focus on various church leaders. They will be returned to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.

Worship Kits – There are wonderful worship enhancing activities available to all children as they enter the sanctuary. Please return the kits and all its contents at the end of the service.



Today	9:00 am	Children’s Christmas Program Practice
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:55 am	Welcome/Worship
	6:00 pm	No Youth Gathering
Monday	10:00 am	UMW Morning Circle
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Kingswood Christmas Tree Lighting
	6:30 pm	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	10:00 am	Youth Decorate Christmas Tree



Sunday, December 2

Sermon: “WE COUNT”

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37 (NLT)

Sermon Theme: This Sunday, we begin the four-week season of Advent where the focus of the church during this time is threefold. Advent means “coming,” and so we remember the past, present and future coming of Christ. First, we remember the Lord’s humble first coming in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago on that first Christmas. Second, we remember His present and continual coming to us through His Word and the Church. Finally, we remember and look forward with hope and patience to His victorious coming as Judge and King, at the end of time, when He will gather His people. Advent is a time to reflect on the power of God and on God’s love for the world. He demonstrates both by giving us a Savior - Jesus. Why? Because we count.



Ushers: Jake Boger, Brett Beardsley, Randy Boger, Steve Boyles, Wade Gentry, John Griggs, Jerry Holcomb, Allan Lambert & Ray Tomlinson

Music: Madeline Griggs – Director, Sarah Butler – Organist, Debbie Pappalardo – Pianist

Sunday School Nursery: Greg & Lisa Kiser; next week – LaRee Hansel & Pat Stone

Worship Nursery: Bill & Rekiko Foust; next week – Robin & Gracie Boger

Promises: Lisa Williamson; next week – Carolyn Cooke

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Dec. 2	9:00 am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:55 am	Welcome/Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Gathering
Tuesday	11:30 am	Senior Citizens Luncheon
	7:00 pm	Church Council
		No Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Choir rehearsal

Kingswood Matters



There's much about the Christian faith that is a mystery. The word "mystery" means beyond human knowledge or understanding. God's mysteries baffle the unbelieving, but bless the believer. The mystery of righteousness, for example, we cannot comprehend, but we know it works. We stand amazed at this great mystery which enables God to change the human heart, its attitudes, its desires, and its nature. How marvelous!



"...that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." (Ephesians 6:19)

What's Happening



Sunday, November 25 is the deadline for collection for the Penny Campaign!

Donation jars are located in the narthex and downstairs. This Samaritan Ministries signature event has helped raise money to feed and house people in need for over 25 years. We will be collecting for this worthy cause during the month of November.

It takes just 210 pennies to provide a warm meal for someone in need. It takes 2,582 pennies to provide a night of shelter to a homeless neighbor. Every donation makes a difference.



On Sunday, December 2, new offering envelopes will be available in the narthex. Please pick up your new offering envelopes. Do not begin using these until the first week in January. At that time, please discard any old envelopes. If you do not have an assigned number, please contact the church office. **PLEASE USE YOUR ENVELOPES WHEN POSSIBLE.** Thank you.



The 2017 accounting books will be closed out on January 7. Please submit any invoices or receipts for reimbursement to the church office as soon as possible.



As in past Advent seasons, we will once again ask for a special monetary gift offering for our staff members. This is our opportunity to express our thanks for all their efforts on our behalf. You are invited to participate by placing your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday between now and Dec. 9. These gifts will be presented at our Dec. 16 worship service.



The Youth are taking orders for poinsettias that will be wrapped and placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 23. The cost is \$12 each and the deadline for orders is December 9.

We are thankful that the handiwork of one of our members created a way for us to display the poinsettias beautifully. In order to create a lush and full Poinsettia Tree to accent the beauty of the sanctuary on Dec. 23, please consider ordering a poinsettia or two, to honor or memorialize someone you love.



The Youth will provide mailboxes for members to send Christmas cards to each other again this year. Baskets will be in the narthex on Sunday, December 2.



On Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 pm, our children will present their Christmas program, "The Simple Pageant." Refreshments will follow the performance. Please come and support our little ones.



On Sunday, December 16 at 11:00 am the choir will perform the cantata accompanied by an instrumental ensemble. Please join us.



This is our opportunity to brighten Christmas for some Rural Hall Elementary School families. Ornaments on the tree represent gifts requested by the children. There are also ornaments that represent the scholarship program for Kingswood Preschool. Please wrap the gifts and attach the ornament to it so we can distribute them to the right child. Some ornaments have dollar amounts. These will be used to buy food for the families. Place the checks, along with the ornament, in the collection plate or bring them to the church office.



If you have ever attended the Christmas Eve service at Kingswood you know how special it is as we sit quietly with family pondering the Chrismon Tree and the Cross, singing familiar carols, listening to the so-familiar yet so welcome story of Christ's coming, sharing communion, contemplating what we will do with His gift of love, leaving by candlelight, and pausing for hugs and handshakes as we wish each other a Merry Christmas. Join us Monday, December 24 at 5:00 pm for this special service.



The 2019 flower chart is in the church office window. Please sign up to provide altar flowers to celebrate an occasion, or in memory of a loved one.



Following is the next four weeks' Promises schedule:

- Nov. 25 – Christy Kleinfeld
- Dec. 2 – Lisa Williamson
- Dec. 9 – Carolyn Cooke
- Dec. 16 – children will remain in the sanctuary for the Cantata



Following is our schedule for the next few weeks;

Nov. 25 – no meeting

Dec. 1 – meet at 10:00 am to decorate the church for Christmas

Dec. 2 – meeting at 6:00 pm

Dec. 9 – no meeting but we encourage everyone to attend the Children's Program



- **Sunday School** – this is where faith and life connect! We have great Sunday School classes for ALL ages. You are encouraged to join a class. How about doing it this Sunday? A nursery is provided during Sunday School. Please join us each Sunday at 10:00 am. You won't regret it!
- **CDs** of Sunday worship services are available in the church office.
- **Pastor Visitation** – if you desire a visit from Pastor Jeff please feel free to call him directly at 336-416-5869, or let the church office know.
- **Pastor Jeff's Prayer/Bible Study** – Come and be a part of this study on the parables of Jesus on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. We are currently studying "The Rich Fool" from Luke 12:13-21. Prayerfully consider this spiritual discipline in your weekly plans. Please make note: We do not meet on the first Tuesday of the month.
- **Announcements** – if you have information to be included in this publication, please send your suggestion to: kingswood@triad.twcbc.com by Wednesday of each week.

"The Weekly Messenger" is published and sent via E-mail on Thursday of each week to those who have provided the church office with their E-mail address.
There are also printed copies on the table in the narthex.

Grace and Blessings!
We hope to see you this Sunday at Kingswood

Office hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:30 pm, Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Closed Mon. & Fri.

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