

The Contact

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God
December, 2025



A CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS ADVENT READING PLAN

Explore the true meaning of Christmas as you travel through God's Word. Discover God's promises he fulfilled through the birth of His only Son, the

KING OF KINGS.

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| 1 Isaiah 7:14 | 2 Isaiah 9:6-7 | 3 Malachi 3:1 | 4 Micah 5:2-4 | 5 Luke 1:5-7 | 6 Luke 1:10-15 | 7 Luke 1:18-22 |
| 14 Luke 2:15-20 | 13 Luke 2:8-14 | 12 Luke 2:6-7 | 11 Luke 2:1-5 | 10 Luke 1:30-33 | 9 Luke 1:26-29 | 8 Luke 1:24-25 |
| 15 Matthew 1:18-21 | 16 Matthew 1:22-25 | 17 Matthew 2:1-3 | 18 Matthew 2:4-6 | 19 Matthew 2:7-9 | 20 Matthew 2:10-12 | 21 Romans 15:13 |
| 23 Philippians 2:8-11 | | | 22 Galatians 4:4-5 | | | |
| 24 James 1:16-18 | | | 25 John 3:16 | | | |

A black and white line drawing of the three kings on the left, wearing crowns and holding gifts. On the right, a manger scene with a baby Jesus in a manger, a donkey, and a cow.

Church Mouse



November. I have heard all kinds of predictions about the coming winter. I saw a wooly bear the other day and he had an awful lot of black on both ends. But I am going to make no predictions about the winter. I know that Somerset county will make all your predictions look like a fool's guess. But we are headed into the end of fall and winter will come. And in the words of Forest Gump "That's all I have to say about that".

The farmers have most of the crops off and many of you are harvesting deer. I heard that Eli Show shot a really nice 14 point deer right here in Kingwood. See, Mark Lucas you don't have to go to Saskatchewan to get a nice big deer. I know that the Wild Game Feed committee is looking for hind quarters. You hunter might need to get busy.

Pastor Will finished up his worship series this month and started a new series for Advent. The month has been fairly normal for a November. The Faidley's had their annual butcher day. I stowed away and snuck down there with P Will. He helped them cut up sausage and fat and then we all got to have a huge Thanksgiving style dinner. I scurried around and got my fill of crumbs from the tables above me.

There was a retiree luncheon that I scurried down to the FC to be part of. Over a 180 meals were served and aside from the food there was nourishment for the soul as people visited with each other over the meal. The KW hospitality crew put on a great meal for the community.

We a couple of our older members this month with the passing of Charlie Kreger. And then toward the passing of Juanita Hall. It is sad to see folks leave us, but it is joyful to think of them with Jesus. Rest well my friends.

I snuck over to the service the other day and heard the reconstituted choir. They sound pretty good. I have also heard them practicing. They work hard to get some of these songs ready.

Advent is starting and we will soon be in full blown Christmas mode. I am hoping that PW and Beth get busy on their Christmas cookies. I love to scurry around and gather up the crumbs from the baking. It fills my little mousey tummy very well. Also looking for some houses near the parsonage where there might be some Thanksgiving dinners. PW and Beth are planning on Thanksgiving with their kids in Ohio.

Well, I think that might be all I have to report for now.

Until next time.

As always yours, The Church Mouse



Anniversaries and Birthdays

DEC. BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1 Terry Ream
 Dec 2 Marchelle Peck
 Dec 6 Kendyll Younkin
 Dec 9 Rose Tressler
 Dec 12 Nina Phillippi
 Charlotte Carrabotta
 Dec 13 Ernest Pletcher
 Dec 14 Alessaundra Vough
 Dec 18 Jesse Moore
 Dec 19 Ed Engleka
 Erika Pletcher
 Dec 17 Levi Ream
 Dec 21 Sheryl Meyers
 Adalyn Strelko
 Dec 25 JESUS
 Dec 26 Tom Brougher
 Jim Snyder
 Dec 27 Chloe Anderson
 Dec 30 Jim Monticue
 Dec 31 Don Houck
 Louise Dumbauld

JAN. BIRTHDAYS

Jan 3 Dylan Shipley
 Stephanie Stahl DePalmer
 Jan 5 Lucas Shipley
 Debby Tannehill
 Jan 6 Jeff Peck
 Jan 8 Kevin Hay
 Stephen Walker
 Andrew Webreck
 Jan 10 Peggie Ream
 Jan 11 Matt Meyers
 Lauren Mitchell
 Colleen Younkin
 Jan 12 Karina Putman
 Jan 16 Emma Engleka
 Jan 18 Diane Engleka
 Jan 19 Kay Engleka
 Jan 20 Jessica Walker
 Jan 26 Andrew Weaver
 Jan 27 Larry Vough
 Jan 30 Logan Walker
 Jan 31 Melissa Barry

DEC. ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 21 Paul & Juanita Hall

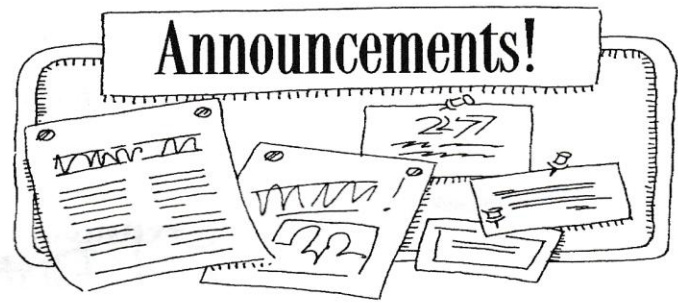
JAN. ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 25 Cary & Cathy Phillippi





National Revival
 Our Country
 Allegheny Region Churches
 Pastor Will & Beth
 Pastor Jim & Melanie
 Pastor Karey & Jake
 Hillary & Anthony
 Associate Pastor Search
 Growing our Congregation
 Holiday Services
 Violence in our Nation
 Violence in the World
 Those dealing with severe weather issues
 Families who have lost loved ones
 Juanita Hall
 Shirley Hoffman
 Mary Alice (King) Johnson
 Charlie Kreger
 Etta Nicklow
 Clyde Pletcher
 Doug Stone
 Kurt Walker
 Those dealing with mental, emotional, spiritual
 & financial issues
 Those hospitalized & having procedures
 Those dealing with long-term illnesses
 Shut-Ins
 Those in nursing homes and care facilities
 Operation Christmas Child
 Teachers and Students
 School Workers & Bus Drivers
 College Students
 Safety in Schools and Colleges
 Care Givers
 Hospital Workers
 Care Facility Workers
 Winebrenner Seminary
 Brent & Julie Sleasman
 Church Ministries
 Camp Sonrise Mountain
 Winter Retreats
 Chatelas Church
 Our Missionaries and Mission Fields
 Military / Police / First Responders
 CEF
 Unspoken Needs



The Super Senior final activity will be "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" at the Old Bedford Village, on December 6th. We will go by individual cars and, if the weather is suitable, we can take the church van. We will leave the church at 5:30, which should put us there around 6:30. If it is easier, you can meet us at the village. This will be a stroll through the village by candlelight while they play Christmas music. There will be cookies and hot chocolate available for purchase. The cost is \$12.00 per person. We will not be collecting the money in advance. You will just pay at the gate. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule if you are planning on coming so we know who to expect.

The Church Christmas Party will be held at the Fellowship Center on Saturday December 13, 2025 starting at 5:30 p.m. (eat at 6:00). The meat, potatoes, bread, drink and place sittings will be provided by the Church. Please bring a side dish AND a dessert to share. Please sign up on the list in the hallway so we know how many to plan for.

A Note of Thanks...

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during Shirley's illness and also after her passing. It is such a blessing to have a wonderful church family as the Kingwood Church of God!!

Love to all, Jim Mullendore and the Vough family

Thank you to all who helped with and/or attended the Retiree Lunch. We served about 177 meals with 159 people eating at the Fellowship Center and 18 meals delivered to shut-in's. A special Thank You to the 25+ volunteers that made the meal possible.

Helping Hands Prayer Needs for December

Please send a card to our dear friends in Christ. Those who are shut-ins or live alone. Also, those dealing with illness or loss.

Thanks to Tim & Rita Show for their Contact contribution.



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

Christmas Events

*December 6 - Super Seniors Old Fashioned Christmas at Old Bedford Village -
5:30 p.m. Departure from the Church*

December 13 - Church Christmas Party at the Fellowship Center - 5:30 p.m.

December 14 - Christmas Caroling to our Shut-ins

*December 17 - Children's Mid-week Cookie Decorating Party - 7:00 p.m. at the
Fellowship Center*

*December 17 - Youth Gingerbread Building Contest and Christmas Party -
7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Center*

December 21 - Children's Christmas Play - 9:30 a.m. at the Church

*December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services - 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. at
the Church*

Please join us and invite your family, friends and neighbors!

RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

How about the fog this week? Only 34 Days until **Christmas!** So many houses are decorated and look so beautiful with the lights, wreaths and other decorations. I always love the lights of Christmas. I think we all enjoy the foods we prepare at Christmas; dips, casseroles and especially the cookies! Cookies take some time – but the result is well worth the work! I'm sharing what I believe is the ORIGINAL GOB recipe. These take a while to make. They taste soooooo good!

Gobs

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| 2 Cups Sugar | 4 Cups Flour |
| ½ Cup Shortening | ½ tsp. Baking Soda |
| 2 Eggs | ½ tsp. Baking Powder |
| 1 Cup Sour Milk (See Note Below) | ½ Cup Cocoa |
| ¾ Cup Boiling Water | ½ tsp. Salt |
| 1 tsp. Vanilla | |

Note: To make sour milk – add 1 Tablespoon Vinegar to 1 cup Milk.

Cream sugar, shortening and eggs. Add milk, water and vanilla. In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking soda, baking powder, cocoa and salt. With mixer, blend dry ingredients gradually to wet mixture on medium speed until well blended. Drop by teaspoon on ungreased cookies sheet Bake 5-7 minutes at 350 degrees.

Filling

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| 5 Tbsp. Flour | 1 tsp. Vanilla |
| 1 Cup Milk | ½ Cup Shortening |
| 1 Cup Powdered Sugar | ¼ tsp. Salt |
| ½ Cup Butter | ¼ Cup White Sugar |

Blend flour with milk in a saucepan. Cook until thick. Cool. Mix and beat together powdered sugar, butter and shortening. Mix well. Then add thickened flour and milk and beat until well blended. Spread filling between two cookies.

When this recipe calls for shortening – I use Crisco. There is also BUTTER in the filling!

Gobs keep nicely if wrapped in wax paper. Store in an airtight container.

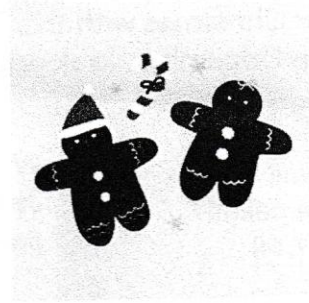
Joy to the World – the Lord is come.

Children's Page

Upcoming Special Events for Kid's Midweek:

December 17th: Christmas Cookie Decorating Activity with Pizza!

We will begin with pizza, and then the children will listen to the story "The Legend of the Christmas Cookie". The story tells of how a clever craftsman and his family use their skills to make cookie cutters and cookies to tell the True Christmas Story to their hungry neighbors who have never heard the Gospel and couldn't read. The party begins at 6 pm with pizza in Kids' Midweek Room at Fellowship Center. Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas! You can sign up on the sign up sheet in the vestibule, or scan the code below and sign up there. Invite a friend and join in the fun!



DECORATING



SCAN HERE



The children's Christmas play will be an all-inclusive Nativity program this year. Any child in attendance at 9:30 on Sunday morning, December 21st will be invited to join the performance. There will be no practices, and we will provide all costumes. If you know your child will be here, and they would like to choose their role in the play, you may sign up in the hallway, but sign ups are not necessary otherwise. We'd love to have a full stage! Please invite all the little ones in your lives to join us. If you have questions, please see Jill Luster.

Bible Scavenger Hunt

FOR ADVENT

Prepare for Christmas with this Bible-based Advent activity. Each day in December, look up the answer to one question.



1 What will God's Son be called?
(Isaiah 7:14)

2 Where will Jesus reign?
(Isaiah 9:7)

3 Where will Jesus be born?
(Micah 5:2)

4 How many generations are between Abraham and the Christ?
(Matthew 1:17)

5 Who tells Mary she is having a baby?
(Luke 1:26-31)

6 Who issues the decree about a census?
(Luke 2:1)

7 What does Jesus' name mean?
(Matthew 1:21)

8 Until his son John the Baptist is born, what can Zechariah not do?
(Luke 1:20, 64)

9 What does Mary say that God has done for her?
(Luke 1:49)

10 Which relative of Mary is also having a baby?
(Luke 1:41)

11 From where do Joseph and Mary start their journey to Bethlehem?
(Luke 2:4)

12 What does Mary use to wrap up baby Jesus?
(Luke 2:7)

13 What serves as Jesus' first bed?
(Luke 2:7)

14 Who tells the shepherds the good news about Jesus' birth?
(Luke 2:8-12)

15 When the shepherds tell others about Jesus, how do people react?
(Luke 2:8-12)



16 Where does Joseph flee with his family for safety?
(Matthew 2:14)

17 What three gifts does Jesus receive from the wise men?
(Matthew 2:11)

18 Who is upset to hear about a newborn King?
(Matthew 2:3)

19 From what direction do the wise men (or Magi) come to worship Jesus?
(Matthew 2:1-2)

20 On what day is Jesus presented in the temple?
(Luke 2:21)

21 When does Jesus' family return to Israel?
(Matthew 2:19-21)

22 In what district does Jesus grow up?
(Matthew 2:22)

23 What free gift does God give us through Jesus, his Son?
(1 John 5:11)

24 Where do all our gifts come from?
(James 1:17)

25 How should we respond to our gifts?
(2 Corinthians 9:15)



clothes 13. A manger 14. An angel of the Lord 15. They are amazed, or in wonder 16. The eighth 17. The east 18. Herod 19. Gold, frankincense and myrrh 20. Egypt 21. After Herod dies 22. Galilee 23. Eternal life 24. From above, from the Father of lights 25. Give thanks to God!

KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

November 3rd, 2025

DEVOTIONS: Randy Pletcher: King Solomon – Wisest man in the world, wisdom given to him by God.

Proverbs 4:23 “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” We are under constant attack, be steadfast in your love of God.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Church Directory – Renee reported it has been sent to Beggs Printing for assembly
Church Basement Renovations – No Update
Associate Pastor Search Committee – 9 Names given to Pastor Will and he will be reaching out to these individuals.
A/C in Sunday School Classrooms – still working on this project
AV Ministry – no report
Fellowship Center Pavilion – no report
Worship Music – no report

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Recommendation of the 2026 Budget to Congregational Meeting, Motion was made, 2nd and motion carried to approve the 2026 Budget.
Council Recommendation of the 2026 Church Council Ballot – Motion was made, 2nd and motion carried to approve Church Council Ballot.
Council Recommendation to Retain Sr. Pastor - Motion was made, 2nd and motion carried to retain the Sr. Pastor
Council Recommendation to Retain Visitation Pastor – Motion was made, 2nd and motion carried to retain the Visitation Pastor.
Council Recommendation to Retain the Children’s Ministry Director – Motion was made, 2nd and carried to retain the Children’s Ministry Director
Council Recommendation to Retain the Treasurer- Motion was made, 2nd and motion carried to retain the Treasurer.

Fellowship Center Usage:

October 2025

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| Walk Fit | 14 |
| Pickleball | 3 |
| Midweek | 5 |
| Toddler Time | 4 |
| Harvest Party | 1 |
| Council | 1 |
| Rally Day | 1 |
| Buckwheat Cake Supper | 1 |

Total 30

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Church Staff

Will Miller, Senior Pastor
James Monticue, Visitation Pastor
Karey Vough, Youth/YA Pastor
Hillary Whaley, Children's Ministry Director
Carey Beth King, Secretary

Church Website

www.kingwoodchurch.cggc.org

Church Phone Number

(814) 926-4429

Sunday Morning Worship

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Second Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Midweek Services @ FC on
Wednesdays

