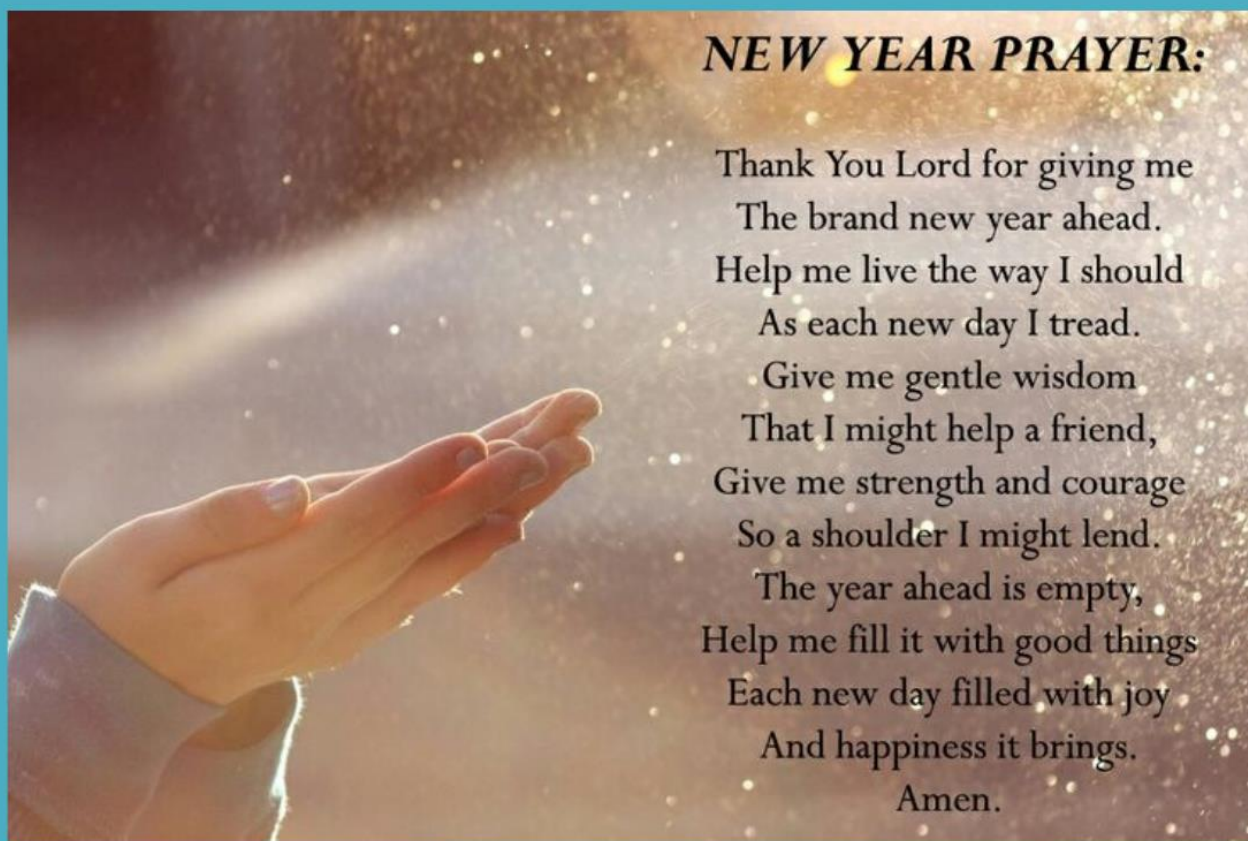




KIUMC NEWSLETTER

January 2020

May God Bless You With a Wonderful Year
of Peace & Happiness!



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

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Grow Up Ministry



Applying Biblical Principles

***This is the first of our monthly articles on Spiritual Stewardship.
Look for these devotional meditations in every Newsletter.***

“God Owns It All” is the chapter heading in a book by a Christian author who presents this chapter first as the foundation for money management and giving.

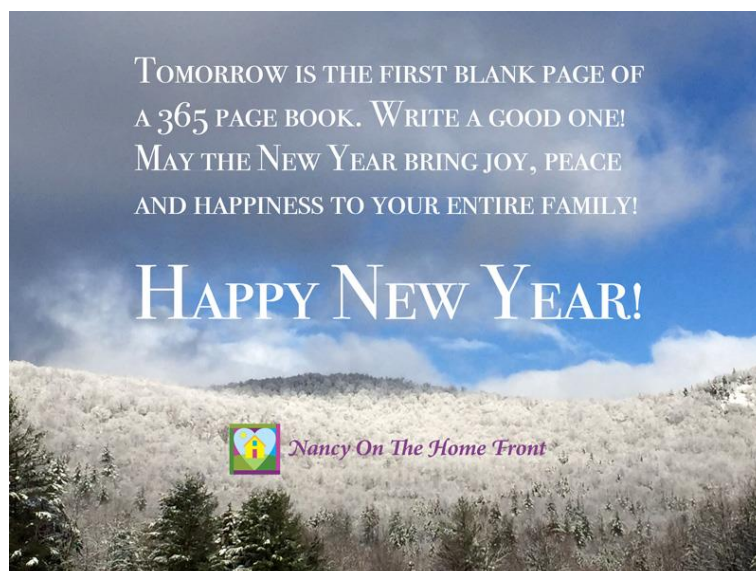
God does own it all! That is the teaching of Psalm 24:1 which says, “The earth is the Lord’s.” Psalm 50:10 says that all of the animals of the forest belong to God, and that the cattle on a thousand hills are His. Haggai 2:8 says that God even owns the silver and gold in all the mines.

Now, He allows us to use what rightfully belongs to Him, but God continues to retain the ownership. We are just managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Someday, when we stand before Him, we shall give an account of what kind of job we have done in managing the resources which God has allowed us to use.

That’s why every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision. Every time we use some of God’s money, we are making a decision which has eternal ramifications.

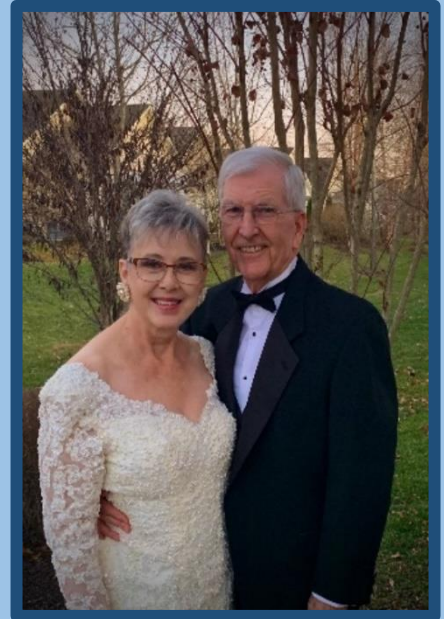
Are you using money and possessions as if they belong to you, or are you making spending decisions with the full realization that “God owns it all”?



Music Notes

We bid a fond and bittersweet farewell to Jack and Ruth Denny, who are moving back to Durham, NC, where they have family and friends. Jack sang, played saxophone, and arranged music for the Queen Anne's Chorale where we met. Then he began coming to KIUMC, offering special music with me and Leanne Passmore. He's one of the finest musicians I've known, and surprised us one Sunday with an acapella hymn as powerful as any we've heard!

Jack and Ruth, this entire area will miss your unique musical talents and kind friendship. Thank you for the gifts you shared with us!



Thank You, Handbells!



On December 8th at 8:00 and 11:00 services, we were treated to three lovely Christmas selections: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*; *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*; and *Amen, Amen*, which included *Away in a Manger*. These works offered particular challenges to the ringers! We appreciate your hard work under DeeDee Miller's direction! We look forward to our next Handbell Sunday.



Christmas Cantata – Bethlehem's Child



Our Choir, conducted by Luke Whitehair, presented *Bethlehem's Child* at the 8:00 and 11:00 services on December 15. Voices were accompanied by oboe, flute, clarinet, cello, and violin, with Leanne Passmore on piano, and Curtis Pearson as narrator.

We dedicated the performances to Dennis Blair, Choir Director, who chose this work last summer and was in attendance with his family. We thanked him for all he's taught us about music and life, and reminds us to "Keep the Joy Alive!" We also heard teenager Caitey Patterson play *Angels We Have Heard on High* for the offering. It was a memorable morning. I am grateful for every person who shared time and talent. We are blessed!

Cindy Bidinotto-Slate
Music Coordinator



January Sermon Series

January 5

Growing In Christ
Part I
Pastor Mark

January 12

Transforming Families
Changing the World
Pastor Bob

January 19

As the body of Christ
Grow Up
Pastor Mark

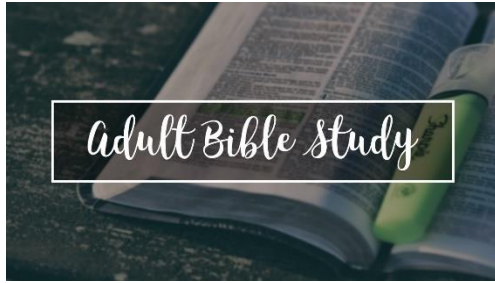
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As the body of Christ
Grow Deep
Pastor Mark





Grow Deep Ministry



We have a variety of adult discipleship and Bible study classes available to meet your busy schedule. Why not stop by one of the following and try it out?



Sunday Mornings:

- 9:30AM - **The Bible for Everyone** with Brenda Faulkner and Pete Peters in Room #218 - Join us in this discussion-based class as we take a closer look at God's word and how we can apply this truth today. No cost.
- 9:45AM - **Explore the Bible (Book of Mark)** with Mrs. Nancy Wheeler and Lou Hickman in the Conference Room - This class is a verse by verse, discussion-based Bible Study. No cost.
- 11:00AM - **Journey to Wholeness** with Ruth Wilson and Robert Boyles in Room #200 - Join our Healing Ministry in this video-based class that uses the gifts and healing power of the Holy Spirit to take you on a journey to wholeness. No cost.
- 11:00AM - **The Book of Acts** with Mike Pivec, Rian Lewis, & Gy Illemszky in Room #212 - They will be using the Bible and a study guide to lead the class through the Acts of the Apostles. Book \$7.
- 11:00AM - **The Book of Proverbs** with Ron Weisman and Ed Kaczmarzyk in the Conference Room - Take a closer look at this book of wisdom and how to apply it in your life today. No cost.
- 11:00AM - **The Screwtape Letters** with Mike and Shannon Turner in Room #218 We will be using this C.S. Lewis classic to gain insight into the spiritual warfare that happens in our daily lives. Book & Study Guide \$25.





Tuesdays:

- 9:45AM - **Women's Bible Study** - 1, 2, 3 John and Jude in Room #218 – Please plan to join us in this study based on the John MacArthur Bible Study. Book \$7.

Wednesdays:

- 7:00PM - **Present Over Perfect** with the Healing Ministry in the Library - This five-session, video-based Bible study offers an invitation to a new way of living— full of grace, space, and connection. Study Guide \$8.
- 7:00PM - **Spirit Wars** in Room #212 - Based on the book by Kris Vallotto, this promises to be an action-packed, eight-week journey of dynamic, practical insight, including how to: find freedom from demonic oppression, engage the enemy on your terms, cast out demons in Jesus' name, and break generational curses. Book \$10.
- 7:00PM - **Men's Study – Fathered by God** with Zack Deever and Ron Weisman in Room #218 – Men, do life's changes seem perplexing? Using biblical examples, best-selling author Eldredge shows how God guides your spiritual and personal growth through six stages of manhood – beloved son, cowboy, warrior, lover, king, and sage. You'll discover how to love freely and mentor your own sons. Book \$12.



Ready to Become a Disciple?

Pre-Registration Required



Sign up today to join our membership class! We are offering two classes to help accommodate your schedule. Classes begin Sunday, January 5th at 11AM and Wednesday, January 8th at 7PM. This 12-week course will teach you about our church, our history and our beliefs. Let us help you discover the place God has for you in our church family. Please contact Brenda Faulkner for more information 410-739-4547 or discipleship@kiumc.org.





SAVE THE DATE: TRAINING FOR SAFE SANCTUARIES

The Following 2020 Training Dates Will Be Held at KIUMC in the Seminar Room:

Thursday, January 30th – 7PM

Tuesday, April 28th – 7PM

Thursday, June 25th – 7PM

Sunday, September 27th – 12 Noon

If you currently work with, or are planning to work with, our children or youth in any way, you will need to attend one of these trainings.

Training is required annually. Background checks are required every three years.

To sign up for the January training, please email Dana at dana@kiumc.org.



Women's Christmas Tea

Another successful year was had at the Ladies' Tea! Pastor Liz spoke about Christmas in Puerto Rico and we collected many donations for Our Haven Shelter. Many thanks to everyone who helped put this event together!



Children's Ministry



Kids' Club!

Kids' Club meets every Wednesday evening from 7-8:15PM, after Connections dinner and during the adult Bible Study classes. It is led by an amazing Christian Man - Jeff Reidel. Jeff created Kids' Club and has been the leader for over 15 years! The children learn a Bible truth through a Bible story every week. They do a skit, play a game, and make a craft! They also sing songs and pray in a circle – YES, the children pray! It is so inspiring to see Jeff lead Kids' Club. He is assisted by Debbie Lake. This children's ministry is an amazing gift to KIUMC!

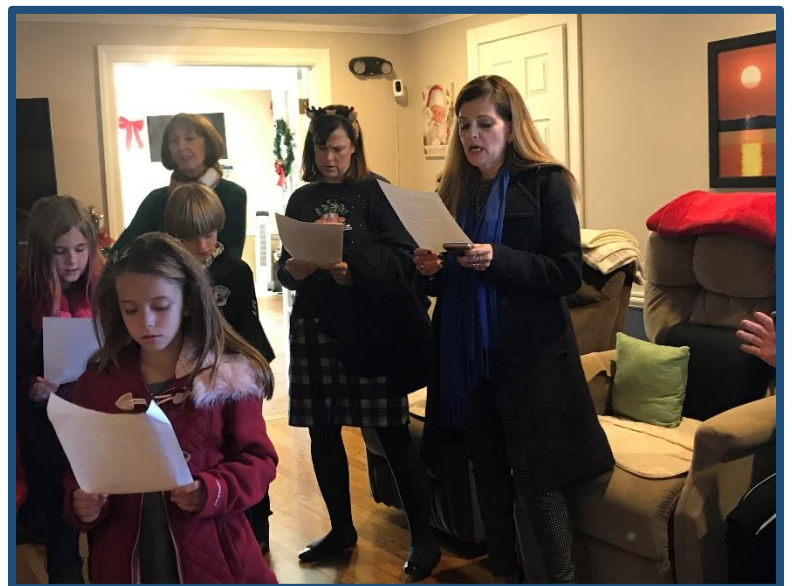


Children's Sunday School



Grades 1-5 of the Children's Sunday School visited Arcadia Assisted Living during Sunday School on December 8th. The children have been practicing Christmas carols for the 5PM service on Christmas Eve and shared their songs with the residents of Arcadia. Among those residents are two of our Home Friends (members of the

church who can no longer attend due to illness) - Betty Parkerson and Joyce Caulk (Donna Guilford's mother). The children sang carols, handed out homemade baked goodies, and ended with singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." A good time was had by all! We hope to visit again in the spring.





He took the
Children
in His arms,
placed His hands
on them and
blessed
them.

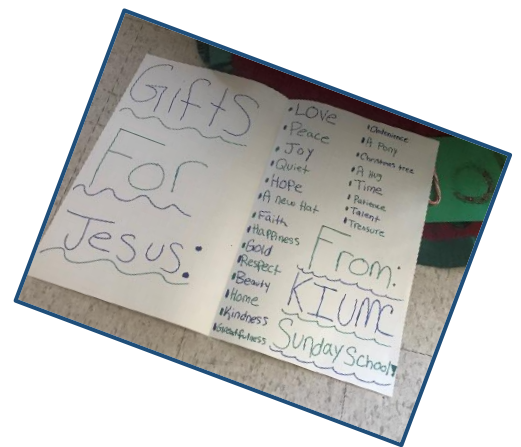


- *Mark 10:16* -

Birthday Party for Jesus



The Children's Sunday School, ages 2/3 through 5th grade, celebrated Jesus' birthday on Sunday, December 15th. During the Sunday School hour, the children listened to a re-telling of the night Jesus was born, made a birthday card for Jesus, placed special Christmas ornaments on the Fellowship Hall tree, made



a Christmas ornament, and enjoyed delicious cake! We also discovered a new treat this year - candy-cane covered tootsie roll pops - who knew?! It was an action-packed hour, enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to those who donated cakes and gave their time to set up, serve, and clean up. A special thanks to the Hospitality Committee and the entire Sweet family! We couldn't have done it without you.





Grow Out Ministry



WE APPRECIATE THAT CAROLINE JONES HAS STAYED IN TOUCH WITH US VIA HER UPDATE FROM NOVEMBER. CAROLINE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH FOR MANY YEARS. WE SUPPORT HER MISSION IN THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA PRAYERFULLY AND FINANCIALLY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HER ON THE ISLAND SOON!



Hello Family and Friends,

I pray that y'all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! 15 months have already passed, can you believe it? It is really crazy and feels almost unreal. As I write this reality is setting in and it is difficult as I am looking at the Armenian mountains and the town of Marneuli that soon my view will be different. Soon I will be looking out at the Chesapeake Bay. I love Georgia, this country has captured my heart and the people of Marneuli have opened not just their homes but also their hearts to me. It has been a truly amazing experience that I would not change or trade. It is crazy to think that in two week I will be returning to the United States. This chapter in my life has been amazing and truly a blessing.

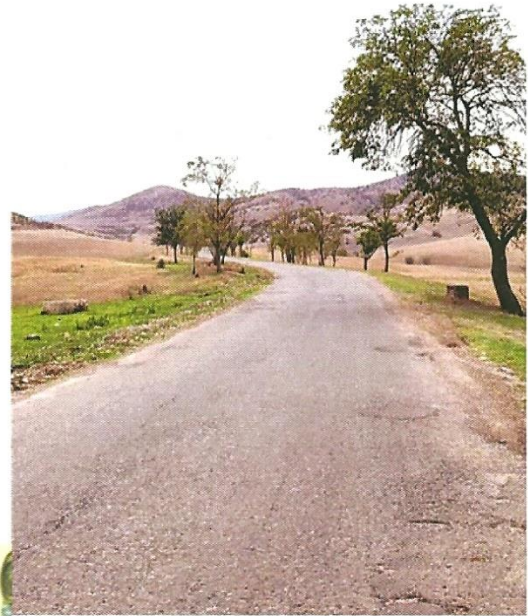


Prayer Requests:

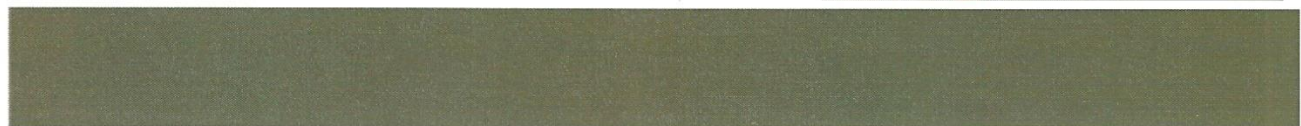
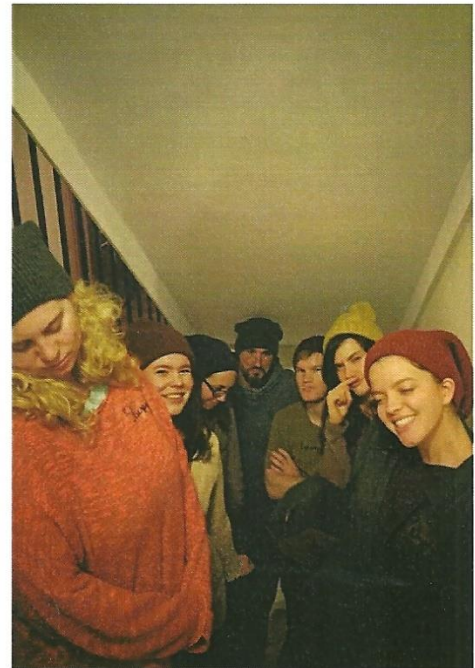
Transitioning Home,
Our friendships we have made here, saying goodbye's well, safe travels



Language Studies: I am continuing to learn the Azerbaijani language. I am frequently meeting with neighbors, sharing stories in Azeri, and improving my grammar. I am also continuing to grow my vocabulary in Russian, Georgian and Russian/Soviet Sign language. The deaf community has been amazing, I was able to serve tea to the community which was an amazing breakthrough because that means that they see me now as a member of the community and family and not just a guest. It was very encouraging and really amazing to be able to serve the people of the community and show them love. It was really great to see them open up after a year. The coffee shop is also going great. We have three local employees that are great they are really going above and beyond. We are now taking the time to hand over the coffee shop well to the new interns. I am really glad that I had this time to serve and minister in the people of Marneuli.



I am so thankful for each and everyone of you! Thank you for making the past 15 months possible through your prayers and financial partnership. I look forward to seeing many of you soon.



Tips for New Year Prayers



Blessing the resolutions

Chances are you have set a few goals or resolutions. They are often (conveniently) forgotten about after the first couple of weeks of January. Don't let yourself be that person. Commit to change, ask for God's help, and stick with it. He'll help if you allow Him.

Pray for strength

What is it going to take to get you to stick with your goals? Strength and willpower. Who can help you find that within yourself? God. So just ask.

Tell Him your goals

Whether it's just you or there's a room full of people, make your intentions loud and clear. Declare it. The more you put it out there, the more "real" it would feel, thus making it easier for you to accomplish what you are aiming for.

Pray temptation away

If your goal is a healthy diet, He won't be able to hide the chocolate cake at the supermarket. But he might just be able to help you overlook it instead!

Pray for others

If this prayer is said aloud at a party or family gathering, pray for those who are with you. Ask for them to be given strength to accomplish their New Year resolutions, as well.

Safe travels

Again, if this is at a group gathering, don't forget to pray for their safe travels home. We know many intoxicated people are on the road around this time (pray for those people, as well).

Prayers Requests for the Family

Praying for your family is just as important as praying for yourself. No matter how far apart you may be from your family, it's equally as important to pray for your whole family. If you're together for the celebration, then even better!

<https://gatheredagain.com/new-years-prayer-blessings/>



COMING UP IN JANUARY...

- Jan 1.....Office Closed
- Jan 2.....Healing Leadership Committee 6pm
- Jan 4.....Men’s Breakfast 8am
- Jan 6.....Safe Team Meeting 2pm
- Jan 7.....SPRC 6:30pm
- Jan 8.....Connections Dinner 6pm
- Jan 10-12.....Youth Rally – Ocean City
- Jan 11.....Men’s Breakfast 8am
- Jan 13.....Grow Deep Meeting 7pm
- Jan 14.....Trustees Meeting 6:30pm
- Jan 15.....Connections Dinner 6pm
- Jan 17.....KISS Women’s Ministry 7pm
- Jan 18.....Men’s Breakfast 8am
- Jan 21.....SLT Meeting 6:30pm
- Jan 22.....Connections Dinner 6pm
- Jan 25.....Men’s Breakfast 8am
- Jan 26.....Healing Service 7pm
- Jan 27.....Esther Circle Meetings 10am
Mary Ruth Circle 11am
- Jan 28.....Finance Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- Jan 29.....Connections Dinner 6pm
- Jan 30.....Safe Sanctuaries Training 7pm



Our Vision

Growing in Christ, Transforming
Families, Changing the World

Our Mission Strategy

Grow Up, Grow Deep, Grow Out
as the Body of Jesus Christ

We grow up through worship and prayer.

We grow deep through discipleship and fellowship.

We grow out through ministry and evangelism.