

KIRK OF HOLLY SPRINGS

A satellite of the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church USA, Cary, NC

A bi-monthly newsletter

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You need to know: New format of the Sower: Take a look around! There are a few interactive things that you'll want to review.



- Our online calendar, worship schedules, and more
- Spotlight shorts to tell you about what's happening!

Congregational Meeting and Advent Fair on 06-Dec:

- Please be in attendance this Sunday! We'll be voting for our open Leadership Team spot Nomination bio's can be found in the Leadership Team section below (please take the time to read)
- Our 2nd annual Christmas Dinner and Advent Fair will be at 5:30pm at the Masonic Lodge.

Sign ups for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Please come out and support the ringing of the bell for the Salvation Army on 12-Dec. See Upcoming Events for sign up sheet links/details



Upcoming Events

- Sat. Dec 5**
 - 1:30pm Photo booth session @ Holly Springs Senior Housing Complex
 - Stop Hunger Now meal packing event @ Kirk of Kildaire, Cary
- Sun. Dec 6**
 - 11:00am Congregational meeting following 10am worship service
 - 5:30pm 2nd Annual Christmas Dinner and Advent Fair and Missions' Holiday Toy Collection @ HS Masonic Lodge
- Sat. Dec 12**
 - 9:30am Presbyterian Women's Christmas Brunch @ Kirk of Kildaire, Cary
 - 10am-2pm KoHS rings bells for Salvation Army @ Holly Springs Walmart. Signup sheet can be found here: [Salvation Army Bell Ringing-KOHS](#)
- Sun Dec 13**
 - 12pm Congregational Meeting @ Kirk of Kildaire, Cary

From the Leadership Team

Grant Applications

- We have been working on submitting an application for 1001 Worshipping Communities. Please thank Jeff Gross, Mary Bethel, and Melinda King for their help with this!

HSUCC partnership

- We wanted to thank everyone who supported our joint service with the HSUCC congregation! We had a great day experiencing worship in a new way and fellowship afterwards. We're continuing to work out the details of potential transition timing-more to come in the next few weeks!

About our Leadership Team Nominees: Jeff Gross and Alicia Coleman

Jeff Gross

Jeff was born and raised in Ohio where he was an active member of the Blanchester First Baptist Church. After college, he moved to Maryland where he began attending the Mount Paran Presbyterian Church in 2003. He subsequently became a member of the Church in 2004. While there, he was nominated and conferred as an Elder of the Church. Jeff assumed responsibility for the youth ministries and activities. He was able to start an AWANA program for the preschool/elementary children of the Church as well as coordinated and organized the numerous activities for the youth group. Jeff was a strong spiritual pillar for the children who often looked toward him for guidance or just someone who would listen and provide his thoughts.

After moving to North Carolina in 2009, Jeff wanted to continue his spiritual development and service and looked to identify a Church where he could continue his mission. After attending several different Churches in area, Jeff felt the call to become part of an inaugural group to establish a Presbyterian Church in SW Wake County. Currently Jeff is an active member of the Kirk of Kildare/Holly Springs. He has been elected to the discernment/leadership team since its inception. During this time, he was the primary author for the request for proposal of a new ministry team which allowed for the formation of the ministry team of the Kirk of Holly Springs. In addition, he was the primary author of the grant for the 1001 Worshipping Communities. He also serves as the leadership team liaison to the Worship Committee where he helps provide guidance and support.

Jeff has been very excited to serve on the leadership team to help guide the process of establishing a new Presbyterian Worshipping Community in Holly Springs. He looks forward to what will be accomplished for the Lord as our outreach continues to expand and relationships are established within this mission field. While Holly Springs is not the mission field of the jungles of South America or Sub-Saharan Africa, Jeff believes that the mission in our community is just as in need of the message of Christ. He looks forward to continuing to help spreading the Word in the mission fields of Holly Springs and Apex.

Alicia Coleman

Alicia was born and raised in Cliffwood Beach, NJ. It is a great bay shore area about an hour from New York City and Alicia spent much of her time with family and friends sailing, fishing and very involved in school activities. Alicia grew up in the First Presbyterian Church of Matawan where she participated in choir, hand bells and youth activities. As an adult Alicia moved back to the Matawan area and rejoined the church. At that time she met Brian, we married and are "blessed" with a teenager, Brian Patrick.

Alicia has worked in data processing and operations management and currently work as a business analyst. They moved to Fuquay Varina in 2006 and have been very involved in their church and Brian Patrick's school and sports activities. Through work Alicia volunteers with back pack buddies, provides meals at Ronald McDonald house quarterly and serves as a GivingWorks Ambassador to support charitable giving campaigns throughout the year. Alicia also serves as a reading tutor for the Willow Springs Elementary School Feed and Read program

For KOHS, Alicia is highly active in Worship, Missions and Connections committees. She maintains meeting minutes for the committees, coordinates with Salvation Army for Missions committee, works on set up team C, and is an active helper for BLAST program. She creates the weekly bulletin and inserts for our weekly Sunday service and coordinates with the KOK office to have them printed. Her summary- "she supports our church best as a connection between the 3 committees and filling any gaps/needs".

Worship News

Worship attendance by the numbers:

Average worship attendance: 37
 Highest attendance this year: 88 on 19-Apr
 Lowest attendance this year: 18 on 21-Jun

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Date	Service Desc	Preaching	Liturgist	Setup
06-Dec	Advent-2 Communion	Alice Fisler	Terry Coffman	D
13-Dec	Advent-3	Scott Phillips	Terry Coffman	A
20-Dec	Advent-4	Alice Fisler	Lane Yow	B
27-Dec	Lighting of Christ Candle Lessons and Carols	Alice Fisler	TBD	C

Missions Minutes Contact: [Mary Tucker](#)

December Activities:

Holiday Photo Booth

Missions team will serve Christmas cookies and take photos of residents of the Holly Springs Senior Housing Complex Saturday 12/5 at 1:30pm. We will decorate and supply holiday photo cards for the residents the following week so they will have gifts for their families.

Stop Hunger Now

Food packing event at the Kirk this year will be held on Saturday December 5, 2015. A total of 350 volunteers will work over five shifts that day preparing and packaging 100,000 meals. Stop Hunger Now delivers the raw materials, packaging, rice, soy protein, veggies, and vitamins to the church, volunteers unload the trucks, set up the assembly area, instructions are given and packaging begins. Each shift packages about one third of the meals, the boxes are put back in the trucks and the volunteers clean up at the end of the day.

Toy Collection

We will collect new, unwrapped toys Sunday 12/6. You may bring toys to worship service or Advent Fair and Fellowship Dinner that day. Toys will be donated to The New Horizons Christmas Store which provides a free "shopping" event to hundreds of needy families in the area.

Bell Ringing

Spread holiday cheer and ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Holly Springs Walmart Saturday 12/12 10am to 2pm. We will have a chance get to know our neighbors and ring bells to support the red kettle fundraising effort. Proceeds benefit their programs such as emergency shelters, food, coats, worship services, community centers, and holiday assistance.

Continuing Activities:

Food Collection for Holly Springs Food Cupboard

The food cupboard has appreciated our assistance with donations and volunteers to help stock the fresh food items each week. Together we have donated more than 750 pounds of food! They continue to need bread and other food items. Donated can be brought to church and will be delivered to the food cupboard for distribution.

Pennies for Hunger

The Kirk encourages persons and families to set aside 2 cents per meal per person and then bring their collected monies to worship on the first Sunday of each month. Any amount can make a difference and this simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat." Offerings received support Presbyterian programs providing food to those in need. **Please continue to bring Pennies for Hunger and pantry items on Sundays.**

Learning and Enlightenment

Educational Opportunities

The Bible Makes Sense for You

Fran Lilley and Alice Fisler are leading a class based on Luke, by Thomas W. Walker (in the Interpretation Bible Studies series). The December meetings will be 12/1 and 12/15 at 7:00 P.M. at the Holly Springs United Church of Christ (116 3rd St, Holly Springs, right beside the Holly Springs Post Office).

Connections Corner

Fellowship Stay tuned-more to come in this area!
 Calendar

KOHS SPOTLIGHT

CONFIRMANDS AND AYM

Nov (7-8)-Three of our confirmands attended the Asheville Youth Mission trip along with several other from the KOK. They helped rake leaves at the [Black Mountain Home for Youth](#) on Saturday morning and walked the path of a local homeless person in the afternoon. They also spent time reflecting on boundaries: Physical, Social, and Spiritual in our communities and how each affects how we interact with each other. Please take a moment and ask them about their trip!



EVENT NEWS

HOLLYFEST

Great turnout from the group! We had 220 persons vote in the Candy Corn Jar with 17 phone numbers and email addresses to be followed up on! Thanks everyone for coming out and supporting!

PRAYER REQUESTED

Please pray for:

Charlotte Fulton (Mary Tucker's sister), Donna Coffman, her family and Duke medical staff and patients (new cancer treatment as part of a research study), Shawn Coffman and his family, BLAST youth program, Jane Love's sister Quincy and her father, Guatemala missions and the people of Pala, refugees and areas of conflict worldwide, Andy Mackey (Erica Mackey's stepson, knee surgery), Mollie Sears (recovering from surgery), The Kindig family following the passing of Judie's mother, Edith Templeton, Kirk stewardship and capital campaigns, KOHS and HSUCC partnership.