

**WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEK (11-DEC)**

Please join us this week as we welcome Rev. Aleta Ash to our pulpit! Join us at 9:45am at the HS United Church of Christ, 116 Third Street, Holly Springs, NC 27540

"The Joy of Christ"
Rev. Aleta Ash

Scripture passages

Isaiah 35: 1-10
Matthew 11: 2-6

Catch this below

- ⇒ Join us in the Holly Springs Christmas parade
- ⇒ Sign up for Remind
- ⇒ Leadership Team nominations
- ⇒ See the Holiday Section for activities centered around the Christmas season

UPCOMING EVENTS ([online calendar link](#))

- Sat Dec 10** 11:00am: Holly Springs Christmas Parade
- Sun Dec 11** 9:45a.m.: Worship at HSUCC, Leadership Team confirmations following service
11:00am: Connections Christmas Lunch following Worship @ the Daniels's home
- Mon Dec 12** 6:15pm: Pastoral Search Committee meeting @ HSUCC
- Tue Dec 13** 7:00pm: Missions Team meeting @ HSUCC
- Wed Dec 14** 7:00pm: Leadership Team meeting @ HSUCC

NEWSWIRE**New & Upcoming Events**

- **Missions team helping with Habitat for Humanity:** Please thank our Missions team for representing KOHS in the newest Habitat for Humanity project! We're a part of the 1st Holly Springs build ever! Our Missions team will be providing lunch for the crew for an upcoming build day. We will also be sending 5+ volunteers on January 14. If you'd like more information on how to volunteer or help with our Missions activities, you can contact [Mary Bethel](#) or [Mary Tucker](#).
- **Sign up for Remind:** As we continue to gather for activities in our busy schedules, we have multiple outlets for communication (newsletter, Facebook, etc...) we'd like to try a new way to quickly communicate our activities since most of us have cell phones. The Remind service is used by many educational groups to notify via text service and we'd like to try this for KOHS to make sure we get the word out quickly and to as many people as we can. Instructions to sign up below:

From your phone: text **@kohsnc** to the number **81010**

Email: <https://www.remind.com/join/kohsnc>
- **Special Services at the KOK:** Sunday, December 11 at the 8:45 and 11:00 services, the Chancel Choir and Hope Ringers, and Kirk Chamber Ensemble will present Gustav Holst – Christmas Day choral work as well as several other special anthems. Come join and listen to some great music!

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- **The Advent Season is here!** If you're interested in participating in our Advent season, please contact [Bob Morris](#).
 - During worship, we'll have readings and candle lightings. Let Bob know if you'd like to participate.
 - Rev. Willem Bodischo Massink and Paul Kindig will be leading an Advent Study. If you're interested see Bob.
- **Angel Gifts:** The Angel Gift tree is up at the UCC. Please consider taking one or more angels from the tree – each one is marked with a child's age – any age appropriate gift will be much appreciated by someone who might otherwise not have gifts to look forward to at Christmas.
- **KOHS in Holly Springs Christmas Parade: We need participants!** KOHS will be participating in the Holly Springs Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec 10 beginning around 10am. If you're interested in walking or riding in the parade, contact [Heather Daniels](#).

Meeting Spot by 10am: UCC parking lot- Terry C will shuttle you in to our spot on Oakhall Drive

It's gonna be COLD. Please dress accordingly. If you have red or white, even if it's a hat, scarf, etc., please wear it. It'll be far too cold to sport our t-shirts. Please bring blankets, pillows, bean bags, etc., to sit on and wrap up in.
- **KOHS Christmas Lunch:** Sunday, Dec 11th we will have our annual Christmas Lunch. The location will be the Daniels's home at 3421 Bennyfield Ct in Fuquay-Varina. RSVP's can be taken now by contacting [Heather Daniels](#). Put it on your calendar!

LEADERSHIP TEAM CORNER**Strategic Planning Update**

Leadership Team Nominations: Mollie Sears and Paul Kindig have been nominated to serve as Leadership Team members to fill our upcoming (2) spots. The congregation will be vote to confirm after this Sunday's service.

Focus on Youth and Education (07-Nov): The Worship team is planning a start date soon for this wonderful addition to our service. We'll begin by offering nursery service during our worship services. We'll provide care for those through 4 years of age during the time.

Pastoral Leadership (26-Nov): The Pastoral Search Committee has been busy over the last couple of months. We have been meeting on a weekly basis in order to prepare our ministry information form (MIF) as well as to review candidates that have submitted their pastoral information form (PIF). These meetings have been very productive and now we are in the process of developing questions for our candidates, checking references for those candidates, and setting up interview dates. We're well on our way to extending interview dates for the selected candidates and then setting up times for our highly rated candidates to do a sermon in a neutral location.

REGULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**Time and Talents**

- **Love in Action** (Brown Bag Bring Back) - This is an easy way for you to serve and share with others in our community. With Brown Bag Bring Back you will receive a bag with a note highlighting a particular need in our area following worship service once per month. The note will include a list of items you can provide to help fill that need. Simply fill the bag with what you are able to provide and return it when you come to worship service the following week. Contact Mary Tucker if you have any questions jeffandmarytucker@gmail.com.
- **Love in Action** – Serve our community and support the Missions team by donating food for the Holly Springs Food Cupboard any Sunday or helping with the milk supply runs on Thursdays.

Communication

- **Come Join the Kirk Youth!**-If you are in 6th-12th grade, and would like to join Youth Group, contact Pastor Amanda (agolbek@kirkofkildaire.org) with questions. Youth Group 5:30-7:30 pm, Great Hall/Fellowship Hall
- **KOHS is now on Facebook!** - For those that have a Facebook account, we'll begin posting events, worship service details, and other helpful information as part of our readiness for our hard launch. Please "Like" us and be a part of this new way to outreach and communicate! [KOHS Facebook Page](#)
- **Online Donations are possible for the Kirk!** - If you're interested in donating to the Kirk or giving toward your pledge, you may do so online. You'll be able to create an ID and password to use for giving. Please click [here](#) to get started!
- Past copies of the Sower can be found on the KOHS webpage: [KOHS webpage](#)
- **All KoHS committees are looking for new members and ideas.** How can you support our weekly worship, activities and ministries? If you would like to help any committee, please reach out to the teams:

Outreach/Marketing: Mary Bethel at mmbethel72@gmail.com

Connections: Heather Daniels at hcdaniels@gmail.com

Missions: Mary Tucker at jeffandmarytucker@gmail.com

Worship: Lane Yow/Bob Morris at yow4pack@embarqmail.com / purdueaamb@gmail.com

KIRK JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please pray for: Charlotte Fulton (Mary Tucker's sister), Donna Coffman, her family and medical staff and (cancer treatments), Shawn Coffman and his family, BLAST youth program, Guatemala missions and Maria Juliana and the people of Pala, refugees and areas of conflict worldwide, KoHS and HSUCC partnership, Pete & Martha Jones (illness, friend of Bob Morris), Kim McCaskill (cancer treatment, FVPC friend), Sarah Rogers (cancer, Mary Ellen Taylor's family friend), Fran and Eric Lilley and their family (her recovery and relocation), KoHS March to Launch activities and volunteers, Ed Taylor's friend Pete battling ALS, peace and unity in our communities, safety for law enforcement and neighborhoods, pastoral selection committee and recruitment process, those impacted by flooding, hurricane, and wild fires, Dianne and Ed Jennings (recent lymphoma diagnosis).

PRAYER CHAIN

Please send Sunny Owens (sunny_owens@yahoo.com) an email, with your information, if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain. Let her know if you would like to receive the Prayer Chain by email, phone or text.

PASTORAL CONTACTS

If you have a pastoral need you may:

Call the Kirk of Kildaire at 919-467-4944 or

Contact the "Pastor on Call" at the Kirk of Kildaire at 919-526-0569

(weekends and off-hours)