



WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEK (18-DEC)	*Catch this below*
<p>Please join us this week as we welcome Rev. Paul Shields to our pulpit! Join us at 9:45am at the HS United Church of Christ, 116 Third Street, Holly Springs, NC 27540</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“The Word in Lessons and Carols”</b> Rev. Paul Shields</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scripture passages</b> Isaiah 11: 1-6 Luke 2: 1-18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Sign up for Remind</li> <li>⇒ Leadership Team confirmations</li> <li>⇒ KOHS in Holly Springs Christmas Parade</li> <li>⇒ See the Holiday Section for activities centered around the Christmas season</li> </ul>

### UPCOMING EVENTS (online calendar link)

- Sun Dec 18** 9:45am: KOHS Worship at HSUCC  
12:00pm: Congregational Meeting @ KOK-Nominating Committee Session nominees report
- Mon Dec 19** 6:15pm: Pastoral Search Committee meeting @ HSUCC
- Sat Dec 24** 3:30pm: Multiple Christmas Eve Services

**Sun Dec 25** 10:00am: Joint KOHS and HSUCC worship service @ HSUCC-Offering to benefit Western Wake Crisis Ministry

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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>
- **Worship service Greeters needed!:** If you have a warm smile, outgoing personality, and early to church we could use you to greet our worship goers on Sunday mornings. See Bob Morris with the Worship Team.

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- **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:** Thanks to all that came out and braved the cold weather last Saturday! We had a great time greeting the town of Holly Springs and showing them about the Kirk of Holly Springs. Pictures of our Saturday morning can be seen [here](#).



### LEADERSHIP TEAM CORNER

#### Strategic Planning Update

**Leadership Team Nominations:** Mollie Sears and Paul Kindig have been confirmed to serve as Leadership Team members from 2017 through 2020. Please congratulate them on their confirmation!

We'd like to thank **Mary Bethel** and **Mary Ellen Taylor** for their service to our congregation in a leadership capacity. Both Mary Ellen and Mary began serving with the initial Discernment Team as we met as a small worshipping body that helped guide us to our joining with the Kirk of Kildaire. Mary Ellen began serving in mid-2014 and Mary's service began in 2013. Both are also serving on our Marketing and Outreach team that will help focus our activities to a hard launch date coming soon! Please join us in congratulating these two ladies on their 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mmbethel72@gmail.com)

**Connections:** Heather Daniels at [hcdaniels@gmail.com](mailto:hcdaniels@gmail.com)

**Missions:** Mary Tucker at [jeffandmarytucker@gmail.com](mailto:jeffandmarytucker@gmail.com)

**Worship:** Lane Yow/Bob Morris at [yow4pack@embarqmail.com](mailto:yow4pack@embarqmail.com) / [purdueaamb@gmail.com](mailto:purdueaamb@gmail.com)

### KIRK JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Please pray for:** Please pray for: 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), 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 Jennings and family (lymphoma treatments), Ed Taylor's sister (rehab for dehydration and medicine issues/dementia), Brian J.Coleman (arm injury), Fran and Eric Lilley and their family (her recent move to ICU and their relocation).

#### PRAYER CHAIN

Please send Sunny Owens ([sunny\\_owens@yahoo.com](mailto: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)