

## Special Notice

If you plan to attend Worship in person, please call/e-mail the church office no later than noon on the Thursday before the Saturday or Sunday you want to attend. Please note that the plans set forth are subject to immediate change. You may still join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>



# KOUNTZE

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February 13 & 14, 2021

## Kountze Food Pantry

### Volunteers Needed

**Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM;**

**9:00 - 11:00 AM;**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Our Pantry will be closed on Monday, February 15**

### **for President's Day**

The Food Pantry is greatly in need of volunteers that can work 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM. This is when we get our deliveries and the heavy lifting is done. We are moving approximately 10,000 pounds of food each week. We still need volunteers to carry out food to the cars of our guests. We have shopping carts to assist the volunteers, so you only have to lift into and out of the cart. You will be paid handsomely with coffee and Barb's cookies! Please consider helping them out by volunteering at the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

## Youth Summer Trip

Summer Trip Planning is continuing to take place. Let us know of your interest so you can be informed about our plans. An email to Pastor Shari ([shari@kmlchurch.org](mailto:shari@kmlchurch.org)) will greatly help in the planning.

## Register for Summer Camp!

Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/schedule> to register. Note: all deposits are fully refundable for the 2021 summer camp season. All summer camp registrations are done on a secure online registration site called UltraCamp. Directions for registration will be on the camp website.

### Attendance and Giving

**Saturday Attendance: 10**

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 39**

**Total: 49**

**Online Attendance: 167**

**Pantry Guests Served: 844**

**Medical Clinic Guests Served: 26**

### Offering:

\$39,345.00 (Regular)      \$3,378.96 (Specials)

\$9,757.00 (Debt Reduction)

## Today at Kountze

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Tom Holcombe in honor of his great-granddaughter, Elsie Doralyn Holcombe, born February 9, 2021; in memory of Pauline Brager by Don Zinnecker & Susie Henry

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God by Robert & Pat Ranney in memory of Pat's sister, Jean

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored by Dirk & Jan Petersen in memory of Jan's father, Frank A Korblick

## Official Notice

**Annual Meeting—Sunday, February 14**

**10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

**(& the Fellowship Hall if needed)**

**Meeting ID: 956 9122 5496**

**Passcode: 123456**

The Annual Meeting will be held in-person and will also be live-streamed and zoomed. If

you have questions regarding the budget please e-mail them to our treasurer, Tim Backora ([tbackora@cox.net](mailto:tbackora@cox.net)) or to Pastor Olaf ([olaf@kmlchurch.org](mailto:olaf@kmlchurch.org)).



## Online Sunday School

Lessons are videotaped and posted on the KMLC Parents Facebook page as well as our Kountze Facebook Page.

## Youth Forum

**In-Person & Zoom on Sundays, 10:15 - 11:00 AM**

All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us!

This Sunday, we will meet in person and attend the Congregational Annual Meeting together.

We will meet in person in the fellowship Lounge and on Zoom again next Sunday.

## *Listen to Jesus, the Beloved.*

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday    | Mark 9:2-9          | Transfiguration of Jesus    |
| Monday    | 2 Kings 2:1-12      | Elijah is taken into heaven |
| Tuesday   | 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 | Proclaiming Jesus as Lord   |
| Wednesday | Psalms 51           | A prayer for forgiveness    |
| Thursday  | Genesis 3:17-19     | You are dust                |
| Friday    | James 1:19-25       | Hearing and doing the word  |
| Saturday  | Psalms 50:1-6       | God shines brightly         |
| Sunday    | Mark 1:9-15         | Temptation of Jesus         |



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*Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"*

### **Mark 9:7 (NRSV)**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of heavenly glory, like Peter, James, and John, may we see glimpses of your radiance and be encouraged for our life of faith in your Beloved Son. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God of abundance, we thank you for this food, a beautiful sign of your loving presence and care for us through Christ Jesus, your Beloved Son. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of glory and the Beloved Son of God shine brightly on you today.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about an experience that reminded you of God's loving presence.
- When something wonderful happens, do you relate it to your faith? Why or why not?
- How do you think the transfiguration of Jesus made a difference for his disciples?

*Read:* Mark 9:2-9.

Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses and Elijah present is a heavenly moment as Jesus and his disciples make their way to Jerusalem, Golgotha, and the empty tomb. And, perhaps, that is what is so valuable and instructive about it. Jesus is headed to rejection, persecution, and a painful and shameful death. In our daily life as sojourners on earth and followers of Jesus, we, too know suffering of various kinds. We need—yes, perhaps even Jesus needed—a reminder that the road of life leads not just to suffering and death but to the fulfillment of God's promise of life and salvation. The heavenly voice that spoke at Jesus' baptism speaks again about Jesus as God's Beloved Son. What is added here is the critical admonition to listen to Jesus. In both Hebrew and Greek, to listen conveys the element of obedience. You listen to the one you are willing to obey, and the one you obey you hear with full attention. As we follow our crucified Lord through life, let us pay attention, listen closely, and seek faithful obedience to Jesus, the one who bestows on us God's heavenly glory. How do you listen closely to Jesus?

*Pray:* **Almighty and everlasting God, may we see glimpses of your glory that day by day we may listen and obey our Lord Jesus Christ with faith and confidence. Amen.**

In 2 Kings 2:1-12 God passes Elijah's mantle to Elisha. In the Bible God routinely passes on leadership from one person to another, like Abraham to Isaac, Jacob to Joseph, Moses to Joshua, and Elijah to Elisha. Who is someone you can encourage and support as a leader and servant of God this week?

This is Transfiguration Sunday. Jesus' clothes became dazzling white. This was an amazing experience for the disciples. Think or talk about experiences you have had where you felt close to God. They are sacred moments. Spend time this week reading the Bible and reflecting on God's word. If you have children, use a children's storybook Bible.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15