

Special Notice

Reservations not required
Vaccinated—Masks optional
Not vaccinated—Masks required
Please maintain a minimum of 3 feet
between non-family members

You may still join us for Worship on Cox
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KOUNTZE

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June 12 & 13, 2021

Kountze Food Pantry

Volunteers Needed:

Mondays, 7:30 - 9 AM, 9 - 11 AM, 11 AM - 1 PM

Fridays, 4 - 7 PM

The Kountze Food Pantry is in great need of toilet paper! We only provide it on request, but apparently there is a great need for it. Please leave your donations in the box in fellowship hall, or in the office. We also need new or like new reusable tote bags (we cannot reuse plastic grocery sacks), cereal, and full-sized hygiene products. Please place your donated items in the shopping cart as you enter for church, in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall, or in the church office. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using the link below:
<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Moving Forward!!

- No reservations for worship will be required.
- Face masks will not be required. We support an individual's choice to wear a mask if desired for personal protection for any reason. We are taking this position to encourage anyone who has not been vaccinated to wear a mask without any negative implications. Indeed, many people will feel safer attending services wearing a mask.
- Those who have not been vaccinated are requested to wear a mask. We will operate under the honor system, assuming that all who attend will abide by this stipulation.

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 35

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 161

Wednesday Attendance: 12

Total: 208

Streaming Attendance: 71

Cox Cable Attendance: 224

Pantry Guests Served: 792

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 23

Offering:

\$15,558.00 (Regular) \$2,065.31 (Specials)

\$5,062.00 (Debt Reduction)

- All pews will be available for seating (the ropes will be removed) but we are recommending that non-family members sit and remain three feet apart from each other.

June and July: The pew cushions will be brought back. The Fellowship Hall will be open for coffee following the service beginning June 20. Each table in the Fellowship Hall will have 5 chairs around them. Those who are not Family or Friends are requested to sit at least three feet apart. The Task Force will meet in July to assess how things are progressing. See the June/July issue of the Good News for more information.

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Tarna Kidder in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God by Gary & Judy Westerman in honor all military who have served and are currently serving our country

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday June 13

10:15 AM

In-person Meeting in the Sanctuary

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to interested members on the sale of deFreese Manor to the House of David Preservation Inc, a nonprofit corporation registered in the District of Columbia. The deFreese Manor Board plans to provide a summary of the sale conditions, followed by a Q & A period. The meeting will conclude with a vote of members in attendance at the meeting that Sunday.

Jesus listens to and calms our fears.

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

Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea
Monday	Job 38:1-11	God's rebuke of Job
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	How Paul served God
Wednesday	Psalms 46:1-11	God is our refuge
Thursday	Genesis 17:15-21	Abraham and Sarah
Friday	Isaiah 41:1-10	Israel's assured of God's help
Saturday	Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32	God saves those in distress
Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life



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But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and [the disciples] woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **Mark 4:38 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

God of wind and seas, help us to trust in your power and steadfast love that we may give you praise and serve our neighbor in love through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Living God, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with awe at the power and love of God.

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

- ☑ Tell or think about a time you were scared.
- ☑ When do you think of God more, during good times or bad times? Explain.
- ☑ The sea with its awesome views and power is like a parable of how life is filled with both beauty and danger. Where do you see beauty and danger in life? In faith?

Read: Mark 4:35-41.

The disciples are beside themselves with fear. The wind is howling; the waves are crashing over their little boat in a large and churning sea. It seemed like the end for them all. They wake up Jesus with a chorus of screaming cries, "Don't you care that we are going to die?" Jesus describes this as an example of having no faith. After noting their serious limitations as disciples, he calms the wind and the sea. At this point in the story, Jesus exits the discussion and the disciples simply marvel at the power of their teacher. This is the scene of the life of faith. It, too, is a kind of parable, the kind that Jesus had just told his followers. A living and real faith is like being on the waters and vacillating between sheer fear and trembling and simple awe. Although the full breadth of faith experiences from disbelief to true adoration is hard to fathom, it is the life we live. Jesus knows this; Jesus accepts this; Jesus leads us from valley lows to mountain highs with the same understanding, love, and saving grace. When have you experienced serious doubts in your faith? When have you experienced the pure joy of being a follower of Jesus?

Pray: **Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy that cares for us day and night with power and grace through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The disciples were afraid in the stormy, churning sea. The oceans provide food for billions of people. Catching large numbers of fish can be an exhausting and dangerous job. Pray for those who work on the seas including those who fish as well as those who provide security as part of the Coast Guard and Navy.

This Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about and give thanks for the lives of all men who parent or otherwise care for and protect our children. Conclude by praying: **Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for and protect us. We especially give thanks for [names of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41**