

## 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  
channel 13 or live streamed at [https://  
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# KOUNTZE

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## 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.

- 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.

## Today at Kountze

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God given by Mary Jo Fike in memory of Randall Fike and Kelcey Renae Fike; in honor of LeClare Steffan's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday given by Jane & family and Tom

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God in memory of Uncle Bill Epperson from Karen & Shirley Bonneau

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored by Karen & Shirley Bonneau in memory of Ruth & Russel Bonneau

## Coffee Hour

Please feel free to stop for coffee in the Fellowship Hall following service today.

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Children from 3 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Pastor Shari and the Middle and High School Youth in the Kountze Green Space each Sunday. (June 20 - August 29) We will be playing games, singing songs, sharing a snack, and getting to know each other better. Parents are encouraged to share coffee time with others or join in the fun!

## Attendance and Giving

**Saturday Attendance:** 25

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 127

**Wednesday Attendance:** 9

**Total:** 161

**Streaming Attendance:** 77

**Cox Cable Attendance:** 274

**Pantry Guests Served:** 857

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 22

### Offering:

\$11,524.00 (Regular)      \$3,162.19 (Specials)

\$1,272.00 (Debt Reduction)



## 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**