

# Chamber Member Spotlight



This chamber member spotlight features Brad Kirk with **Kingman United Methodist Church**.

Brad dedicates his time serving as the Pastor at KUMC. His wife is Diana, and together they have two children, Tobin and Zoey.

## What does your church do?

We let everyone know God loves you! How we do that is far more interesting. I believe if someone has a challenge that prevents them from knowing God's love, we should do all we can to remove that challenge. For example, if you're hungry, feed them. We support the KAMI Food Bank and the KUMC Food Share program in that work. I look forward to the pandemic being over so we can return to having the best pot luck lunches! Do you need help with education? We share scholarships, offer classes, and Bible studies for all ages. Are you feeling lonely? We listen, encourage, and invite you to come to be a part of our community. Whether it is school supplies, a caring ear, or connection with others, we will do what is needed to show the grace and love of Jesus with everyone!

## Do you have a target market?

We want everyone to know who Jesus is! That said, as Methodists we often find ourselves standing in the middle. We aren't one political party, age, sex, race, or ethnicity. We aren't totally traditional or modern. Our target market is those who are looking for a place where they can connect with others and God in a way that is approachable, honest, and deep. I will say that one way we stand on the extreme is that we are totally sold out for God!

## What got you interested in ministry?

I felt my call to ministry when I was 12. I come from a line of pastors as my great grandfather and grandfather were both ministers. The church is the people, and I'm happiest when I'm with my people. I love to teach and preach. I love to get to know the people in our congregation and community. Being a pastor is a great calling and blessing!

## What makes you stand out?

Kingman United Methodist Church was the first church established in Kingman in 1878. In our 142 years much has changed in that time, yet we are still deeply invested in our community doing as much good as we can. I'm thankful and blessed to work alongside our other Christian churches in Kingman. We are not in competition with one another, yet share uniquely different traditions and theologies that still all point to the same God. What makes KUMC stand out is a strong emphasis on openness to all people, standing on God's Word, and sharing God's grace as much as we can!

## What are your personal goals?

I want to connect with the most people. This pandemic has disconnected our community so greatly. To reconnect and build new relationships in Kingman is my goal to build up the church.

## Favorite quote:

"Best of all is, God is with us!" – Last words of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist revival and church.

The Kingman United Methodist Church is located at 133 East D Avenue in Kingman. They can be reached at 620-532-3381. For more info on services and programs offered, check out [www.kingmanumc.org](http://www.kingmanumc.org)

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