



Kenilworth Church PC(USA)

Faith, Love, Action

February, 2016

40 Days

We are in the season of Lent. We remember that Lent is observed 40 days before Easter. Historically, this season is marked by a time of self-reflection and self denial. During this process, we study the word of God, pray and commune with others. We consider our actions and intentions in the world and toward the world. What does it mean to be Christian? What does it mean to be human? Yet, perhaps the most important thing we are doing is journeying with our creator as we draw closer to God. This will be a season of discovery as well as discernment. It is a season that will unsettle our assumptions about the world and who we are. And it will be a season that offers hope as we remember the promises of God.



Lent is often compared to a journey in the wilderness echoing Christ's time of temptation after his baptism by John. Jesus takes this journey before he begins his public ministry. In the same way we take this journey before we begin. The question is, "What is God calling us to begin?" and "What is God calling you to begin?". These questions are well worth a time of discernment and struggle. Let us be present and listen for the voice in the wilderness.

May we use these 40 days to see where this journey takes us and what God is calling us to do.

Our Lenten Journey 2016

These are the scripture readings for the Sundays in Lent. As part of your Lenten discipline, you are invited to read them at home and meditate on the questions for each week.



Palm/ Passion Sunday, March 20
Singing on the Journey (Cantata/
the Mercy Tree) - Luke 19: 29-40

How might you stand by the cross this week?

Lent 1, February 14 Journeying with Jesus - Deuteronomy 26: 1-22 and Luke 9: 51; 57-62

What might you need to leave behind as you follow Jesus?

Lent 2, February 21 Journeying Within - Psalm 63:1-8 and Luke 5:4-10

Think of ways to go deeper into your prayer life.

Lent 3, February 28 Journeying toward Healing and Wholeness - Isaiah 55: 1-9 and Luke 13:10-17

What places in your life and in the world need healing?

Lent 4, March 6 Journeying in Community (Communion Sunday) -Psalm 133 and Luke 14:7-14

How do you practice hospitality and welcome strangers, even enemies?

Lent 5, March 13 Journeying with Gratitude - Psalm 126 and John 12: 1-8

How do you express your love to Jesus?



2016 KPC Directory

We are updating our KPC directory this month. A copy of the last Directory (2014) is in the narthex for your review. Please check your information, make corrections and add your email (if you wish). Initial by your name to confirm you have reviewed it.

Special thanks to Bob Craddock for chairing the effort and to Marsha Cox, Shirley Mathis and Calvin Underwood for their work on it.

And, thank each of you for your attention to this.

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You Are Invited This Saturday

St. John "A" Baptist Church "Annual Black History Program"! The Trustees of St. John "A" Baptist Church will host the Annual Black History Program at 20 Dalton St. on Saturday, February 20, 2016 with breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m. Program will follow with the speaker being Minister James Lee. All are welcome.

Red Tent Update

Update on Red Tent Ministry and the Asheville Period Project! The ladies of the Red Tent Ministry put together 36 Period kits for the new Dale Fell health center! The new health center will increase care for homeless and economically disadvantaged individuals in our community. The Asheville Period Projects works when we work together!

GreenWorks Garden Tour

The Kenilworth Church gardens and the Loving Food Resources Garden will be part of the annual Asheville GreenWorks Garden Tour Saturday, June 25! The Kenilworth neighborhood is the focus this year and several residences (and one church and one food pantry!!) have been chosen to be highlighted. What a wonderful opportunity for the community to see our unique garden model that feeds the hungry in our community.



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MERCY TREE

An Easter
Cantata

Sunday, March 20 at
11:00 a.m.

CREATED BY
SUE C. SMITH
AND MASON BROWN

Performed by Our KPC Choir, Directed by Chuck Lockwood



Did you know? The Civil War Era Pump Organ in the KPC parlor was donated by Mary Gedelman Evers in 2013. She had inherited this organ from Mildred Talbot Osinga (aunt) who had acquired it while living in Byron Center, Michigan in the 1950's. Source: Mary and Dave Evers of Kenilworth.

Nancy Dillingham and Celia Miles

Present ***IT'S ALL RELATIVE***

Join Nancy to celebrate It's All Relative: Tales from the Tree, the new anthology from local authors Nancy Dillingham and Celia Miles, who were co-editors and contributors to the volume. It's a collection that brings together over 50 stories and poems from women authors of WNC writing on the broad theme of family. Rob Neufeld writes in the *Citizen-Times* that "there's a shadowy, down-to-earth and at times magical quality to the telling that makes the collection striking and significant."

When: Sunday, February 28 at 3:00pm

Where: Malaprops Bookstore, 55 Haywood St.

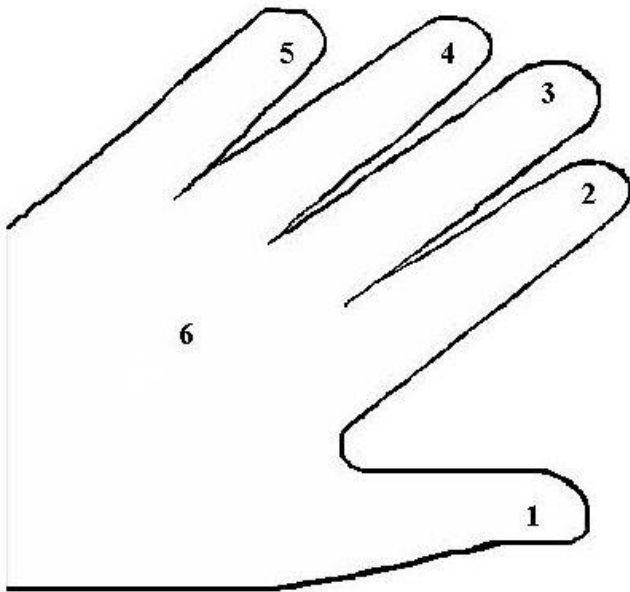
The Hand Prayer

The Hand Prayer is a way of teaching children to pray based on the idea that prayer is:

- ✦ Talking to God;
- ✦ Listening to God; and
- ✦ Being Quiet With God.

It uses one hand to present prayers of different kinds—each finger, with the palm, represents one type of prayer.

1. I love you God—Praise
2. I'm sorry, God—Confession
3. I Thank you, God—Thanksgiving
4. Help others—Intercession
5. Help me, God—Petition
6. I'm listening, God—Meditation



Source: Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Canada Pamphlet P39 (Jun. 2005)

Shared by Edna Banes

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests to: Millie
Brunns Call (828) 551-2809
or email to immillie@live.com

- Millie



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Thank You to All Elders

Once ordained an Elder, always an Elder. The following is an amended list of all current members who have served as Elders

Thank you to all who have served in the Elder role.

Adams, Gus
Bishop, Margaret Ann
Brown, Bethany
Brown, Steve
Brunns, Millie
Chambers, Cordelia
Chambers, Marvin
Chater, Betsy
Chiles, Anne
Cox, Mike
Craddock, Bob
Craddock, Rick
DeBruhl, Lamont
Dillingham, Nancy
*Gibbens, Joyce
Glenn, Richard
Hill, Steve
Johnson, Bill
Johnson, Polly
Jowers, Katherine
Lorenz, Anna Kathrine (Katie)
Marbut, Julian
Martin, Sally
Mathis, Shirley
Peterson, Don
Sapp, David
Scoltock, Jeff
*Shamble, Mitzi
Taylor, David
Taylor, Judy
Underwood, Calvin
Williams, Bob

*ordained at another church

Editor Note: As I noted in the last edition, "One danger of listing names is that someone may be left out. If I left someone out, please forgive and let me know so I can make it right". It happened. So the above is the amended list of Elders. Thanks for the corrections. Again, if I've missed someone, accept my apologies and please contact me. Thanks.

A New Look For Our Sunday Bulletin

Kudos to Chuck Lockwood for publishing our Sunday Church Bulletin. The cover pictures look great.

Property and Finance Committee Spring Report

The Property and Finance Committee is reminded from time to time that; “The property and buildings of Kenilworth Church were a gift from an earlier congregation who acquired the property and saw to its construction in the service of God.” Our mission statement continues with the thought that “Kenilworth Church is the steward for the maintenance and care of the buildings and grounds.”

Driveways

We are also reminded this week that it is as simple as grading the driveway. Please be patient. Filling the ruts and smoothing the drive has risen to the top of our



list. The driveway is a pretty good metaphor for the overall care of the church. The drive has to be repaired immediately while the permanent solution to erosion and driveway maintenance will be postponed until funding is made available.

Safety, Accessibility, and Electrical Matters

We are entering the third year of the 7 Year Plan for and we are constrained by available funds. Recognizing that the church cannot address all issues in 2016, the Property & Finance Committee has set a course that will, this year, address Safety, Accessibility and Electricity matters. It means that fire safety will be improved and that our neighbors and eventually



all of us will be able to attend church without barriers to our physical capabilities. In the upcoming year we will separate the church from flammable buildings, improve electrical systems, provide underground electrical service to the building, improve lighting for the Sanctuary, install emergency lighting, install exit signs, install accessible door hardware and install accessible walkways. When you see shiny door handles on the doors and new walkways to the church, look a little closer and realize that we are providing access to our church for people that could not otherwise attend. We'll get to the good looking repairs eventually.

Spring Cleaning

Meanwhile, it's spring and Kenilworth Church is turning its attention to spring activities. The attic committee is rummaging through the closets, cabinets, basement and even the belfry for some significant spring cleaning. **There will be opportunities to purchase some of Kenilworth's well preserved 'artifacts', but if there is something you've had your eye on that has been stashed away**



in a church cranny, just say so. We are literally cleaning house.

Garden Plan

The garden committee is also meeting to consider spring plans. If you have any concerns or thoughts for spring plantings, please share them with Linda Underwood or Betsy Chater. Landscape Architect, Tom Mainolfi has been employed to prepare a plan for the Memorial Garden and will work with the committee to enhance the Memorial Garden to better serve needs of Kenilworth Church.

Building Repairs to Continue

It's the beginning of a good year at Kenilworth Church.. The Building and Finance Committee is pleased to report that repairs will continue to be addressed in the background while Kenilworth Church attends to its Mission and Worship opportunities.

- Mike Cox



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And, You...

About the Newsletter

If you would like to share a word of appreciation for someone, some personal news, give feedback to the editor, etc. please contact Calvin at 230-6317 or at calvin.underwood@gmail.com

For Your Calendar

March 20— Palm Sunday, Easter Cantata, the Mercy Tree

March 27— Easter Sunday

June 25— *GreenWorks Garden Tour* featuring Kenilworth including KPC and LFR gardens.

Our KPC Choir will perform an Easter Cantata 'Mercy Tree' on **Palm Sunday, March 20**. Be sure to put that on your calendar. Better yet, join in with the Choir as they learn this beautiful music to share. See **Chuck Lockwood** for details.



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Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries: See the Kenilworth Church Calendar prepared monthly by **Katie Adams**. Copies in the narthex starting the first Sunday and online at www.kenilworthchurch.org

Our Mission : Kenilworth Church (PC USA) is called by God to welcome all people into the Christian Community. We strive to exhibit God's unconditional love and hospitality to all people. We welcome and include all people without regard to race, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, education or economic class. We share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to serve God in our community and the world.

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