



Kenilworth Church

PC(USA)

Faith, Love, Action

March, 2018

Season of Lent

During this season of Lent, we are focusing on covenant. We have journeyed through the Hebrew Scriptures, and we have learned how God established a relationship with his chosen people. We have seen how, despite the fact that humans break this relationship, God will always be faithful to the covenant made with creation.



The stories and events we have studied remind us that the relationship we have with God is lived out in our lives and actions. That is to say, we are in the process of being human. Ultimately, God knows and understands our condition. God understands our humanity. And, God is faithful.

Lent is moving toward the power of the cross and the sacrifice that Christ made for all. It is a sacrifice made not despite our humanity but because we are a broken and longing humanity. This is one of the powerful elements of the good news -- God came to us in our brokenness and sacrificed himself in pain for our pain.

In a real and concrete way, God meets us in the brokenness and the fear. God finds us in those places where we are lost and cry to be found. Christ beckons us to return home and live again in a covenant relationship—a relationship which is sealed by the love of God.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 25:
Palm Sunday and Cantata

Thursday, March 29:
Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary 6:30pm

Saturday, March 31:
63rd Annual Kenilworth Easter Egg Hunt 11am on front lawn

Sunday, April 1:
9 am -Early Service in the Memorial Garden

9:30-10:30 am -Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

11am -Easter Service in the Sanctuary!

All are welcome.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest members at Kenilworth Church:



We welcome **Meg and Joe Elliott** to our KPC family.

Meg was born in Syracuse, NY, and moved to Michigan where her father ran a GM plant.

After finishing her education, Meg worked as a mental health worker at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago. After her marriage to Joe, she wanted a career change and went to school for massage therapy. She was hired at the spa at The Peninsula Hotel. The spa twice had the highest rating while she was there.

Joe was born in Kingsport, TN, and lived there for 9 years until his father took a job teaching math in Park Ridge, Il. Joe has worked for the postal service (5 years),

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REDEEMED
By the Blood of the Lamb
Presented by:
**Kenilworth Church
Choir & Friends**
Sunday, March 25
11:00 am
KPC Sanctuary

Lent Lectionary Readings

Palm Sunday **March 25** **Cantata**

Mark 11:1-11

Maundy Thursday **March 29 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Mark 14: 12-42

Easter **April 1** **He is risen**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Mark 16: 1-8

KPC Bells will toll for MLK 50

Kenilworth Church will mark the 50th Anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by tolling our bell 39 times in honor of the 39 years he spent on this earth working for peace. Join on the front lawn in silence as the bell tolls in honor and memory of Dr. King at **7:01pm Wednesday, April 4**. We are reminded during this solemn time to honor his life and to work for a more just future.



- Katie

Lunch and Learn:

Join us **April 15 at 12:30** in the Fellowship Hall for our next Lunch and Learn. Lunch and Learn is a twist on traditional Sunday School but held after church and lunch is provided. Getting up early on Sunday is no longer a pre-requisite for Christian Education at Kenilworth Church. We explore a different topic every month and it is always topical and informative. The church will provide a main dish if you will please bring a side or dessert to share. - Katie

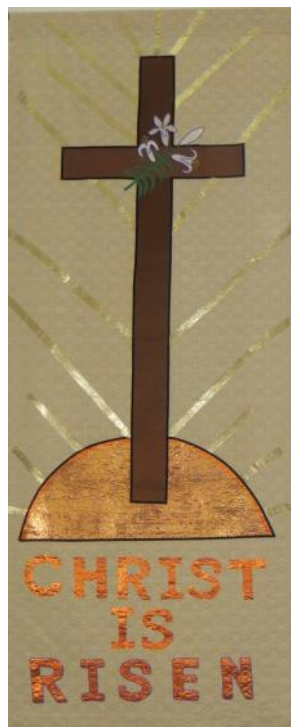
Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle plans to meet after church the fourth Sunday of each month. We will take time to chat for about 15 minutes after the service and then convene in the parlor.



Contact **Norma Warren** at norma@dickandnorma.com to be placed on the Prayer Circle email contact list.

- Norma



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cooked in a French restaurant, and managed a McDonald's. He worked for the state of Illinois for 25 years, first as a child abuse/neglect investigator, and as an investigator for a regulatory agency.

In July, Meg and Joe came to Asheville, looking for a place to live and, after much searching, found a place at historic, 100-year-old Kenilworth Inn which has everything they love—including hardwood floors—and we love that Meg and Joe are now a part of our KPC family.

- Nancy Dillingham

Presbyterian Women To Meet

Presbyterian Women will meet **April 8th** in the church parlor following worship. We will continue our study of Hebrews using chapter 7 Cloud of Witnesses.

See Edna Banes if you need copies of the lesson.

We also have the opportunity to participate in the presbytery-wide PW gathering on **Saturday, April 14th** at Warren Wilson Church. Our own Tina Joyner is the moderator and will help lead us in an exciting day of conversation, workshops and worship.

If you are interested, please contact Norma Warren.

- Edna



Hunger Relief

On February 4th there was a joint check presentation held during 11am worship. Kenilworth Church through the Presbytery of WNC's Hunger Committee sponsored \$10,000 in grant funds allocated to providing nutritional food to those living with HIV/AIDS in Western North Carolina.



Pictured with Katie are (left) Brodderick Roary, Executive Director of WNC AIDS Project and (right) Paul Le Schack, President of the Board of Directors, Loving Food Resources

\$5,000 was awarded to Loving Food Resources to purchase fresh food for clients in WNC and

\$5,000 was awarded to the Western North Carolina AIDS Project to fund the delivery of food to clients in WNC.

These are two separate organizations working together to make sure that All of God's Children are fed.



Rev. Smith blessing the two recipient leaders and the organizations

Thank you for supporting the Nickel-A-Meal fund! With your support of this fund we are able to provide much needed resources to hunger organizations!!

- Katie

Easter Eggstravaganza



Easter Eggstravaganza will be held March 31 at 11am!!!! We are thrilled to host the 63rd Annual Kenilworth Easter Egg Hunt on March 31! Invite your friends and come watch the Egg Hunt action unfold. There will be a DJ spinning fun tunes, ice cream and raffle prizes!

- Katie

KPC Members Pitching In



Presbyterian Women and Men! pitch in to support the Asheville Period Project!

On March 4, following worship, both Presbyterian Women and Men pitched in to make the lives of those living on the margins just a little easier. The Period Project which collects hygiene items to support homeless and economically disadvantaged women in WNC got a boost from Pres. Women as they gathered and made Period Packs for distribution to the AHOPE Day Shelter. Presbyterian Men sorted a huge donation of soap, shampoo, lotion and various items for distribution to seniors living in housing that cannot afford basic hygiene items. Thank you for supporting the health and well being of all neighbors in need!

- Katie

Love God... And Love Your Neighbor

About the Poster Board in the Narthex

It's time to find out what the board and cost estimates are in the Narthex just outside the Sanctuary. The top ten tasks on the board will be undertaken with available funds. The building fund is about \$10,000 short, but the Property & Finance committee is highly confident that this work will be completed in 2018. It has already started.

Even with this effort, we'll remain behind on the "Seven Year Plan". The tasks at the bottom of the board were planned in 2014 and are beyond building fund capabilities. The consequences of delay have resulted in increased cost and will soon overtake the normal seven year maintenance program that was to begin in 2021. Familiarize yourself with the repair work on the board. The repairs may look overwhelming, but you should know that we have the resources to take care of our church property without overly stressing our members. You will hear more about planned repairs during 2018 and you, as a member of the congregation, will have an opportunity to make your voice heard in 2018.

Building Fund Current Balance - \$70,000	
Ongoing Door & Hardware Replacement	15,000
Handicap Parking at Kenilworth Center	
LFR Decks & Rails	20,000
Programmable Thermostats	1,000
LFR Electrical Repairs	4,000
Electrical Improvements for the Office & Parlor	10,000
AC for the Office and Parlor	15,000
North Walkways	16,000
Courtyard Landscaping	5,000
2014-2017	
Complete Accessible Door Hardware	15,000
West Walkways	25,000
Paving for South Parking	25,000
Sanctuary Repairs & Air Conditioning (2016?)	25,000
Kenilworth Center Interior Renovations	60,000
Roof Replacement	50,000
Boiler Replacement	35,000
Paving & Drive for North Parking	10,000

Summary of the work planned for 2018, currently estimated at \$91,000:

- Handicap Parking Signs and Striping \$ 500
Install two removable handicap parking signs and stripe the new asphalt.
- Ongoing Door & Hardware Replacement \$15,000
This is the balance of the contract for the door work just completed.
- Roof Repairs \$4,500
Roof repairs were undertaken in February to buy time for the church to replace the roof.
- LFR Decks & Rails \$20,000
Install new courtyard decking with aluminum rails, including railing for the church foyer entrance and a new deck connection to the Kenilworth Center.
- Courtyard Landscaping \$ 5,000
Landscaping of the courtyard is planned to green up the new sidewalks.
- North Walkways \$16,000
Volunteer labor to form concrete for finishing by professionals. Volunteers Needed. See Mike. The project eliminates the mud path and facilitates memorial garden improvements.
- LFR Electrical Repairs \$ 4,000
This is a safety issue that will be remedied by an electricians inspection and repair to the LFR electrical systems.
- Electrical Improvements for the Office and Parlor \$10,000
Extension cords and adapters in the Office and Parlor are a hazard and circuits are frequently overloaded. Additional circuits will be run with new electrical outlets.
- Air Conditioning for the Office and Parlor \$15,000
Heat pumps for the office, parlor and nursery will provide additional quiet comfort and will allow use of those areas without turning on the main heat in the winter.
- Programmable Thermostats \$ 1,000
Programmable thermostats can provide additional energy efficiency by turning heat on and off automatically to control energy usage when the building is not occupied.

- Mike Cox on behalf of our Property and Finance Committee

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An Easter Mountaintop Experience

by Shirley Mathis

The Big Bald Mountain in Madison County is not an ordinary mountain. At over 5500 feet it is the highest mountain in the area with breathtaking views in all directions. The North



Carolina-Tennessee state line goes across the top of the mountain and the Appalachian Trail follows along the state line at that point. The top of the mountain is flat and devoid of any growth except for grass, and Trail hikers often camp overnight there. Unfortunately, it is privately owned and is no longer available to the public.

However, one Easter many years ago when I lived in Madison County, I joined the early risers for a sunrise service on top of Big Bald Mountain which was sponsored by the local Methodist church, but all were welcome. That meant getting up while it was still pitch-black dark and cold outside. I joined the long line of cars slowly wending their way up the (then) gravel road to the top of The Bald. It was just starting to get light by the time we got to the top so we could park and find our way to where the service was to be held without using a flashlight. It was even colder there than where I lived at 4200 feet. Fortunately the local folks had warned me about this and we were all appropriately dressed in our winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and boots, saving our Easter finery to wear later in the day when it was warmer.

The minister stood with his back to the east with the congregation gathered in front of him and looking eastward. There was a clear, cloudless sky and just as the first sliver of sun started to appear above the far eastern mountains the minister exclaimed, "Christ is risen!" and the congregation joyously replied, "He is risen indeed!" It's hard to adequately explain the wonder of that moment. It was as if we were standing on hallowed ground and a Presence was with us. It must have felt like that first Easter morning when the disciples discovered that Jesus was alive and standing among them. Like every morning, the rising sun was a comforting reminder of God's steadfast ordering of his universe as well as the knowledge that he is always with us, guiding us and comforting us, in all circumstances. As if on cue, the birds started to stir and sing their "good morning" songs. We stood transfixed as the sun slowly climbed up into the sky, giving forth its light and warmth and the promise of another glorious day. After a short sermon we reluctantly returned to our cars and left this special place feeling renewed in spirit and rejoicing that God is indeed alive and with us every day

That was truly a mountaintop experience I shall never forget.

Shirley

A Poem to Ponder

by Nancy Dillingham

Eastertide



I prowled the labyrinths
Of my mind
And found a day
Tucked away

A day of Easter-egg hunts
And clumps of daffodils
Daubed like paint
On sloping hills

An Alice in wonderland at play
I climbed into a bright, red egg
To hide among the yellow flowers

At Eastertide

Volunteers Needed

Please volunteer for greeters and hospitality time. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Please help us out and reserve one, two or even three Sundays that you will assist.

See **Leslie Godbold** for more information.

Thank you.

Editor's Verse Pick of the Month

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

1 John 3:18 KJVA

Love God... And Love Your Neighbor

Let's Hear it for the Irish!

By Shirley Mathis

Sure an' tis well known that everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, or at least is a wannabe. Most of the Irish family and friends I have known are hard workers, energetic, optimistic, have a great sense of humor, are fun-loving, and play as hard as they work. They are generous, caring, and are quick to stand up for what they believe is fair and right. Now who wouldn't like to have those characteristics?

When the potato famine became widespread in Ireland in the mid 19th century, folks emigrated from Ireland to avoid starvation, since potatoes were a large part of their diet. They came to this country in droves and soon Irish surnames became prevalent throughout the country.

These new immigrants, being always ready for a party, brought with them the celebration of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and soon everyone regardless of their original nationality embraced this happy holiday. The color green, being associated with the green of the Irish countryside, became the predominant color for St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Green beer is still the drink of choice on this holiday and the Chicago River, which flows through downtown Chicago and into Lake Michigan, is turned green (with a nontoxic dye) to celebrate. Many urban areas, from large cities to small towns, have parades to celebrate the holiday.



The Irish are known for their charming fairy tales and superstitions also. Anything that can't be explained by logic is explained as the doings of the "wee folk" or leprechauns. My favorite story is that if someone catches a leprechaun, the leprechaun will reveal to that person a buried crock of gold at the end of a rainbow. To my knowledge no one has caught a leprechaun - yet. A four-leaf clover is felt to be lucky. And it is unlucky for anyone caught not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day for they will get pinched - at least. So be sure to wear something green to celebrate your "Irishness."



On this lighthearted holiday, let's hear it for the fun and pleasure our Irish ancestors, and now fellow citizens, have brought into our lives. What a dull country this would be were it not for the Irish influence.

Erin go bragh!

- Shirley

The Nickel a Meal Mission

The Nickel a Meal Mission program is one way in which the Presbytery of Western North Carolina can respond, through over-and-above giving, to the biblical mandate to show compassion and do justice for those in need. The program provides an avenue for outreach and ministry through which each member of Presbytery can participate equally.

There are three emphases to the program: prayer, discovery, and action. By being involved in all three aspects of the program, participants open themselves to the Holy Spirit's leading to other ways Nickel which to be part of God's work.

The plan of Nickel a Meal is very simple. Each person puts 5 cents (or more) in a special bank for each meal he/she eats. This amounts to \$54.75 per person per year.

The money is sent to Presbytery. Twice a year the Presbytery Hunger Committee reviews grant requests from regional ministries working with those who are poor. These agencies must have programs that meet the guidelines adopted by Presbytery, be endorsed by local Presbyterian churches, and representatives must meet with the Hunger Committee.

To learn more about the Nickel-A-Meal Mission, [CLICK HERE](#)

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AIDS PROJECT PRESENTS

Join over 100 area restaurants for

Dining Out for Life
Thursday, April 26th, 2018



wncap.org/DOFL-2018

Western North Carolina AIDS Project (WNCAP) Seeks Volunteer "Ambassadors" for **Dining out For Life on Thursday, April 26th!!**

Dining Out For Life® is a region-wide day of fundraising when over 100 of the finest, independent restaurants in WNC donate 20% of their gross sales to WNCAP. In return, WNCAP recruits and trains volunteer "Ambassadors" to serve as a "meet and greet" hosts at their chosen Dining Out For Life restaurant and shift.

Getting involved is easy. **Contact Chris at wncapvolunteer@wncap.org or 828-252-7489 ext.315 or ask Katie Adams for more info!**

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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

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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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