



Kenilworth Church PC(USA)

Faith, Love, Action

April, 2016

Earth Day

This Sunday, April 17, we will be celebrating our stewardship of all creation and looking towards Earth Day. Our focus will be on gardens, especially the one we share at KPC. If you are a gardener, we hope you will bring a gardening tool, garden ornament, or a plant to put in the chancel or on the table for this service.

And if you want to wear your gardening clothes, go for it.



We will continue celebrating Earth Day on **Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m.** by working in our Garden which helps Loving Food Resources feed the needy.

“The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, mobilized 20 million Americans from all walks of life. Their actions led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. Today, over one billion people in 192 countries participate in Earth Day activities, making it the largest civic observance in the world.”

Dining Out For Life

You are cordially invited to join your friends, clients, family, and co-



Dine Out, Fight AIDS

workers on Thursday, April 28th 2016, for the 14th annual Dining Out For Life® benefit to support the mission of the Western North Carolina AIDS Project (WNCAP). Learn more by Clicking on the [Logo](#).

Chuck & Patrick have made reservations for DINING OUT FOR LIFE on 4/28 at Packs Tavern downtown for 6:30pm.

If you would like to support WNCAP's largest fundraiser, have some great food & spirits (not the Holy one), and enjoy Chuck & Patrick's company, please sign-up with them as there are a limited number of spaces.

Over 115 of the finest restaurants in WNC have generously agreed to donate 20% of their gross sales on April 28th. Asheville on a per capita basis beats out New York, San Francisco, Atlanta and other major cities every year.

Join us and show your support!

- Chuck and Patrick

Profile: Shirley Mathis

Well-spoken and decorous, she walks among us with dignity and humility. Modesty obscures a multitude of talents in the personage of Shirley Mathis: baking delicious loaves of sour-dough bread for all members of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church on their birthdays and generously crocheting afghans and prayer shawls for worthy causes such as The Black Mountain Home for Children auctions and for homes for homeless people.

Shirley is a participatory member of the church. She served solely as the church's Treasurer for many years and as co-Treasurer with Dora Powell for many more years. She has served several terms on the Session. Currently, Shirley serves on the Nominating Committee and the Church Directory team. She is a 56-year member of the church choir and often hosts picnics for the choir. She participates, along with other church members, in the nursing home "sing" on the third Saturday of each month.

But that impressive list doesn't cover all of the interests of Shirley. She is also an avid reader of mysteries.

Shirley grew up in Peoria, Illinois. She has worked in the medical field since 1948 and still does medical transcription at home.

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She resided in Wolf Laurel for 10 years before moving to her current home in Mills River 8 years ago.

- Nancy Dillingham

Note: One correction to last month's profile on Margaret Ann Bishop: Margaret Ann has amassed **64,000 hours** of volunteer service at Mission.

Church Directory Almost Ready for Prime Time

We are nearing completion of our 2016 KPC Church directory.

We only have a few more folks left to contact to verify information.

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.

Pub Theology

Join us for **Pub Theology Wednesday, April 20 at 6pm at Catawba Brewing Banks 32 Ave. (downtown) 28801.** We meet and discuss how theology forms our faith traditions. This is a very fun and casual group.



Russ Barnes Clothing Drive

The 7th Annual Russ Barnes Memorial Clothing Drive (2009-2016) was a tremendous success once again.

I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the congregants of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church-USA and to an array of other participants.

This year I was joined by a number of folks that helped me distribute the articles throughout the Asheville area that included three counties.

Because of your generous donations we distributed:

Over 500 pairs of gloves.....104 Toboggans.....Over 100 pairs of socks.....Coats, Sweaters, Raincoats & Ponchos, Umbrellas and other assorted gifts.

Two Kenilworth youths made several trips downtown at the height of the several winter blasts that tormented our beautiful city and walked the streets and parks handing out the apparel.

Russ Barnes was a friend of mine and I appreciate your help in allowing me to honor him in this manner.

May God bless us, each and every one.

- Julian

Prayer Requests

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

- Millie

Murmurs

by Julian Marbut

Oh I believe there are angels among us

Sent down to us from some where up above
They come to you and me in our darkest hours
To show us how to live, to teach us how to give
To guide us with the light of love

When life holds troubled times and have you down on your knees

There's always someone to come along and comfort you
A kind word from a stranger, to lend a helping hand
A phone call from a friend just to say, I understand
But ain't it kind of funny, at the dark end of the road
That someone lights the way, with just a single ray of hope

They wear so many faces, show up in the strangest places
To grace us with their mercy, in our time of need

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- Randy Owen/Julian Marbut collaborative

Submitted by Julian



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Easter Sunday began with our 'Son Rise' Service at 9:30 a.m. The weather moved it indoors, but it was well attended. A potluck breakfast followed. The Service included Rev. Smith and his helpers using beach balls to demonstrate 'sharing the Love of God'.



Tribute to Our Easter Sunday Choir
By Julian Marbut

Their number was but a dozen but their majestic voices sounded as four score and three.

The KPC choir on Easter Sunday was so magnificent even the songbirds and bunny wabbits paused to listen.

We the recipients of such a grandeur performance were lucky indeed in our beloved 83 year old Kenilworth Church.



On April 10, the Land of Sky United Church of Christ treated the KPC congregation to a nice luncheon to say thank you for hosting their church during its formative years.

- Photo by Millie Bruns

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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 calvin.underwood@gmail.com

For Your Calendar

Upcoming events:

Apr 16	10:30am	Hymn Sing @ Mills River
Apr 19	12:30pm	Prayer Circle
Apr 20	6pm	Pub Theology @ Catawba Brewing
Apr 23	10am	Garden Work Day
Apr 27	6:30 pm	Session
Apr 28	All Day	DINING OUT FOR LIFE!
Jun 25	KPC Garden featured - Asheville Greenworks Garden Tour	

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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