



Kenilworth Church PC(USA)

Faith, Love, Action

May, 2016

From Our Pastor

As we move from spring to summer, our church community celebrates the day of Pentecost. Pentecost means fifty because we celebrate this time fifty days after Easter. For Christians, it is considered to be the birth of the church when the Holy Spirit was poured out to the early Christians. The Jewish tradition celebrates the giving of the Ten Commandments fifty days after the Exodus from Egypt.



As a community of faith, we are empowered to be the church in the world. We are called to show the world through deed and word the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, it is not surprising that after Pentecost the church enters into ordinary time. This is a time of reflection on the life of the church as we take stock of where we have been and where we hope to go. The color for ordinary time is green--a symbol of peace and growth.

To be the church in the world is no small task. Therefore, it is good to reflect on how we offer ourself to the community and beyond. Let us take this time to walk humbly and reflect on how we can truly be the body of Christ for humanity.



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Worship News

PC Friends,
There is fun worship news to share. First, a number of folks have signed up to be lay readers during the summer months. We look forward to their participation in worship. The readings have already been sent to them so they can practice ahead of time. It is a wonderful way to be part of the worship leadership team. We hope others will sign up to read in the fall.

During the next few weeks, we will have special prayers and readings for Memorial Day on May 29 and a service honoring men on June 19, Father's Day.

Even if summer has not officially begun, we are looking toward the fall and several worship events. On August 28, we will kick off the fall with a service using the music of U2. Katie and Gus Adams along with Chuck Lockwood will be working on this over the summer months.

September 4, Labor Day weekend, we will celebrate the many vocations and calls represented in our congregation. The service on September 11 will include a 9/11 remembrance.

On October 2, World Communion Sunday, we plan an intercultural service. October 9 is the annual Blessing of the Pets.

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New Member

Welcome our newest member, Warren Banes. Warren joined on May 8 by transfer and reaffirmation of faith. Pictured below is Rev. Allen Smith administering the reaffirmation of faith to Warren with Rev. Edna Banes, Warren's wife, looking on.



Warren Banes was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Odessa, Texas. He graduated from Baylor University with BA in psychology; University of Oklahoma, M.Ed., educational psychology; University of West Florida, MPA; and completed all but dissertation in University of Southern California doctoral program in Public Administration. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and continued his career in the Department of Defense as a civilian for 35 years. He worked in various capacities as program manager in education and training programs for the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington, D.C. and is now retired. He met his wife Edna in Germany where they both taught for Department of Defense schools. They now live in Montreat. Their daughter Sims and her husband, Shawn, and twin grandsons live in Atlanta, and their son, Brett, lives in San Francisco, California.

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Beginning October 16, there will be a four week preaching series focusing on prophets: Jeremiah, Joel, Habbakuk and Haggai.

November 13 will be our annual Remembrance Service. November 20 we will give thanks at our Thanksgiving service. And on November 27 Advent begins.

As you can see, there is a lot happening in worship. We look forward to your participation!

And on another note, we are exploring the possibility of a Women's Bible Study beginning this fall. More about that in August.

Blessings,

Edna

Committees Need You

The Session has approved the following committee structure for 2016. Committee membership is open to KPC members. If interested in serving or if you have ideas or suggestions to share, contact the committee chair.

Fellowship and Congregational Care : Chair: Bob Craddock

Mission and Special Projects:
Chair: Katie Adams

Worship and Education: Chair:
Bob Williams

Property and Finance: Chair:
Mike Cox

Sanctuary Space Improvements Coming Soon

Soon you'll see a nice improvement in our worship space! Our sanctuary will be increasing its handicap access and also creating more fellowship and gathering room.

Some of our beautiful back pews are rarely used, so they will be moved for seating in other areas in the church. The space they open up will be furnished with upholstered chairs and wood tables. This allows us to arrange for worship seating, handicap seating, or switch it around for gatherings and coffee hour. We will have an even more welcoming worship space to meet our needs, coming soon!

- Katherine Jowers on behalf of Session



“Pictured here are the table, chairs and carpet for the back of the sanctuary and several furniture arrangements for that area. There will be 4 oak tables to match the pews and 28 upholstered chairs. The chairs hook together in Scheme 1 to provide 2 rows of seating for Sunday worship. The other plans show possible arrangements for committee and session meetings, workshops and other events. The solid burgundy sample is the chair color. The remaining samples are the existing carpet and the carpet infill for the area currently occupied by 4 rows of pews.

“The light fixture shown here is a preview of the new light fixtures which are planned for installation before Christmas services. There will be six of the light fixtures. The cost of the fixtures is \$3,800 each. Please contact Mike Cox or Don Peterson if you would like to contribute to the light fixture project.”

- Mike Cox

Note: See more on ‘Building Update’ on page 3

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Building Update

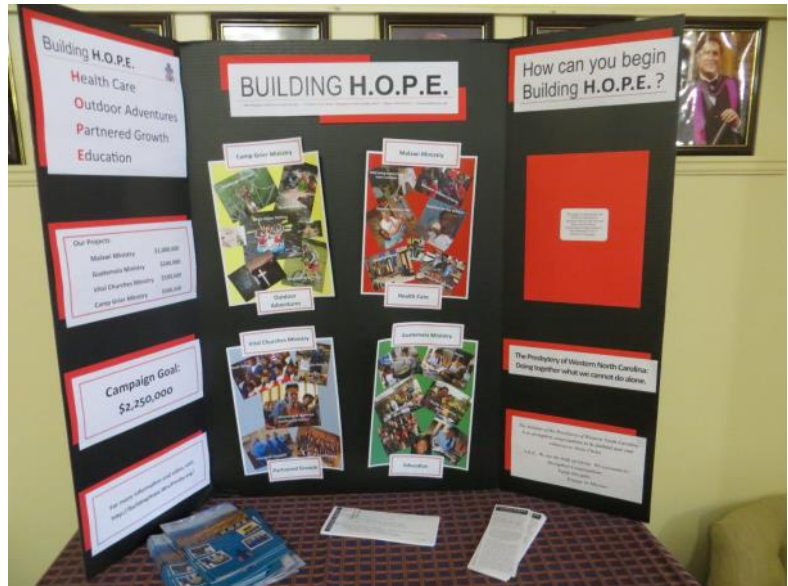
The new Sanctuary seating plan is expected to be completed in the next month or so. We will have about a year to consider the success of that effort. We currently plan to close the Sanctuary in the summer of 2017 for floor, ceiling and window repairs. If you like how the new Sanctuary seating plan is working, we will take steps in the summer of 2017 to make those changes more permanent. We will also install a ventilation system or air conditioning in the summer of 2017 if sufficient interest is expressed by our members. Let us know what you think.

You may notice that portions of the Kenilworth Center have begun to fall off the building. Don't worry. We have known for some time that the roof edge for the Kenilworth Center was water damaged and that the supporting framing was decaying. We are under contract to repair the roof edge for the Kenilworth Center as was done for the main building. We are awaiting the arrival of the contractor to make those repairs.

You may also have noticed that shingles are beginning to blow off of the roof. Temporary repairs have been made for this problem and a new roof is planned for 2018 or 2019. The process of repairing and attending to code and accessibility issues is proceeding slower than expected, but progressing none the less. The planned work for this year includes the Kenilworth Center roof edge, exterior paint for the Kenilworth Center, accessible walkways around the church, new door hardware and basic electrical repairs. We will utilize all of the loan for these purposes and will soon be looking to a permanent financial resource for completing the repairs for the entire church. Your continued support and advice in these matters is greatly appreciated.

- Mike Cox

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In a balanced campaign, the Presbytery of WNC will be seeking support for two local Ministries – Vital Churches and Camp Grier – and two Ministries abroad – Malawi and Guatemala.

Vital Churches Ministry: Our Vision is that all congregations will be energized by inspiring new ways of worshipping the eternal God, will have leaders trained in proclaiming the Gospel in relevant and meaningful terms, will take advantage of modern technologies that are commonly used in daily life, and will find additional ways of reaching out with the love of Christ to all people in their community.

Malawi Ministry: Our Vision builds on the remarkable progress made by the physicians and health care professionals at Nkhoma Hospital, including our Missionary, Barbara Nagy M.D., who has reduced the newborn mortality rate in Nkhoma by 75%.

Camp Grier Ministry: Our Vision is an increase in adventure-based opportunities for all ages, coupled with parallel facility upgrades, that will enable this Ministry to become one of the premier Church camps in the USA, providing memorable and affordable camping experiences for children, youth, adults, and families of all backgrounds, along with attractive and meaningful activities that promote Christian spiritual formation.

Guatemala Ministry: Our Vision, building on 20 years of church-to-church partnership that has significantly addressed basic health needs and promoted children's primary education, is to provide new scholarships that will send qualified young people to good local high schools, universities, and seminaries as a proven way to triumph over endemic poverty.

To learn more [CLICK HERE](#) and/or see the Building HOPE display board and pick up a brochure. As always, give as you can.



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Profile: LaMont DeBruhl

LaMont DeBruhl has the distinction of being the oldest continual church member (over 68 years). He has taught Sunday school, served nine years on the Session, and was the youngest Chairman of the Board of Deacons.



He is a man with many talents. He worked for Buncombe County in crime scene forensic investigation and has a long, distinguished career as a professional photographer, winning over 200 print competition awards including Best of Shows. He served as President of America's Society of Photographers, North Carolina Professional Photographers Association, and South East Photographers Association (and is a lifetime member of all three). He is also a member of Carolina Photographers Guild and the Carolina Artisans Guild (from whom he was awarded a fellowship). He was also awarded an Associate Fellowship by the American Society of Photographers. He is Certified Master and Craftsman of Photography and Certified National Competition Print Juror by Professional Photographers Association. He has taught photography courses at NC State, Winona, and North Georgia Technical and Vocational Institute and has traveled, lectured, and judged photography throughout the US and Puerto Rico. His work hangs in the Professional Photographers Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. (He is also the church's unofficial photographer, delighting pets and their keepers with unique portraits on "Bless

A Poem to Ponder

by Nancy Dillingham

Skydiving



Free-falling
through life
is too easy

I'd rather float
with a discerning eye
earning my eternity

than to arrive
surprised
in paradise

the Pets" days--and he loves his own kitty cats.)

In his spare time (does he have any?) he bowled and golfed. He is a charter member of the Buncombe Rifles of the North/South Skirmish Association and was elected Master Sergeant, receiving the ranking of Expert in modern-day high power rifle by National Rifle Association.

Currently, he works a forty-hour week as cashier and customer service representative at Little Pigs and, concurrently, serves as church sexton, a job he has held for over 13 years. "I am not afraid to tackle anything that needs to be done at the church," he declares. "You name it; I've done it." He laughingly admits, however, that the Iron Man is getting a "little rusty." We are not fooled--when he pulls on his painter's pants and mans his ladder, the walls applaud. When he dons his plumber's togs, all the commodes flush, and, in his cap, atop his mean machine, lawns look out!

- Nancy Dillingham

Murmurs

If I Could Hear My
Mother Pray Again

Mothers' Day Tribute

How sweet and happy seem those
days of which I dream
When memory recalls them now
and then
And with what rapture sweet my
weary heart would beat
If I could hear my mother pray
again

If I could hear my mother pray
again
If I could hear her tender voice as
then
So happy I would be, would mean
so much to me
If I could hear my mother pray
again

She used to pray that I on Jesus
would rely
And always walked the shining
gospel way
So trusting still his love, I seek
that home above
Where I shall meet my mother
some glad day

Within the old home place her
patient smiling face
Was always spreading comfort
hope and cheer
And when she used to sing to her
eternal king
It was the songs the angels loved
to hear

Her work on earth is done the life
crown has been won
And she will be at rest with him
above
And some glad morning she I
know will welcome me
To that eternal home of peace and
love

If I could hear my mother pray
again

- Submitted by Julian Malbut - from a
text written by Englishman James
Rowe who settled in Georgia in the
early 1700's. Song composed by and
released in 1922 by John Vaughan.

Choir News

Summer is almost here which means the choir gets a much deserved break and we will all share our praise sing before service. Starting Sunday, June 5th, the service will begin about 15-minutes early with a time of singing worship songs, some old, some new, to prepare us for worship. Last year was a great success, so plan on joining us.



Sunday May 29th will be a service of favorite hymns and honoring those who served in the country's armed forces. Please write down 1 or 2 of your favorite hymns (no Christmas or Easter please) and turn them in to Chuck. – Chuck

Stand Against Racism



KPC made its Stand Against Racism known with a special service on April 26. 10% of the offering went to Just Folks, a community group focusing specifically on food service and free food distribution programs. Pictured above: From left to right Allen, Julia from Just Folks, Edna.

Garden Docents Needed for Kenilworth Garden Tour!

Asheville GreenWorks is having a garden tour in Kenilworth on **Saturday, June 25th** from 10:00-3:00 p.m. This will be their 17th year of doing garden tours in various parts of Asheville. Not only will Kenilworth Church serve as the main hub of the tour but the gardens of Kenilworth Church and Loving Food Resources will be featured on the tour!



Would you like to volunteer a couple of hours being a garden docent (super star ambassador) for KPC? Please let Katie Adams know if you would like to volunteer. There needs to be two docents in the garden on two shifts. The first shift will be from 10:00 -12:30, the second shift – 12:30 - 3:00. The incentive to being a docent is that if you put in 2 1/2 hours in one the gardens, you can see the rest of the gardens **for free** for the other 2 1/2 hours (\$25 value)!

Tina Joyner Elected

Tina Joyner was elected Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of WNC at their Spring Gathering in April. Way to go Tina!! (Pictured below).



Red Tent Ministry

The Asheville Period Project that was started by the Red Tent Ministry of Kenilworth Church was chosen to receive a Special Offering taken up at the Spring Gathering. I had the wonderful opportunity to speak to the 180 women in attendance about the way that the Period Project is blessing homeless and low income women in Asheville. The special offering totaled over \$1800!! WooHoo! Thank you Presbyterian Women.- Katie



Loving Food Resources presents its 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel. To learn more and to purchase tickets, **CLICK ON THE LFR LOGO.**



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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 calvin.underwood@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 15
(50 days after the Resurrection)*

Rev. Dr. Allen Smith gave a great 4 point sermon. In case you missed it,

1. We gather as a 'Community' to serve and to support one another and our neighbors.
2. We promote 'understanding' of one another and 'working together'.
3. We promote 'equality'
4. We 'show up', present and accounted for in service to God.

Bonus. We embrace the spontaneity of God.

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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