



Kenilworth Church

PC(USA)

Faith. Hope. Love

June, 2014

From Our Pastor

I am happy to offer a wee thought for the first edition of our new newsletter. First, a big thank you to Calvin Underwood for organizing and editing the publication!



I would like to begin with the Word of God as recorded by Paul in his letter to the congregation in Rome:

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

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Our Newest Members

Welcome to the Kenilworth Church family to our newest members.

Steve and Terry Kadel of Waynesville joined on May 25. Originally from the suburbs of Washington, DC, and after 15 years in central Florida, they love calling the North Carolina mountains home. Steve works in technology in the financial industry while Terry is in retail sales.



Darren Schach of Asheville joined on June 1. Darren lives at the Kenilworth Inn apartments with his wife of 22 years and their two dogs.

Kenilworth Church Needs TLC

Our church is a gift to us from an earlier congregation. The building is a tool of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. In the last few years, we as a church have been through big changes and tough financial times. The church needed the usual repairs during the lean years, but we could only



"band-aid" the problem. Today the church is in disrepair and critical repairs have been identified for immediate attention. It’s a big job, but clearly one that we can accomplish. Watch for news during the upcoming weeks and months and decide for yourself how you can help with the effort to put our church back in good repair.

Mike Cox

Our Mission : Kenilworth Presbyterian Church 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.

Love God... And Love Your Neighbor

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Paul was a passionate writer and follower of Christ. He was no stranger to suffering and indeed embraced suffering for Christ. We can take a certain comfort in his words to us: *“And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us...”* In the here and now many times we are suffering and we endure numerous pains and disappointments. We undergo and endure the everyday stresses of our world.

The good news comes to us from a voice of faith and a voice that has not only suffered but even boasted about it. The Apostle knew that God was with him. Paul beheld God in everything and knew that ultimately God was in charge. As we begin each new day, may we remember to step back and see—truly see—God in all that we do and all that we experience.

Blessings,

Allen

Child Care Available

Child Care is now available to children following the ‘Time with the Children’ part of the Sunday Worship service. Special Thanks to Trixie Williams for providing this important coverage so parents can attend church service.

Love God... And Love Your Neighbor

Congratulations to Katie

Congratulations and ‘Thank You’ to Katie Adams for successfully completing the Church Leadership School program! Katie finished her studies at the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Church Leadership School in Morganton on May 24, 2014.

Students attend classes every other Saturday for two years. The courses include Old Testament, New Testament, Theology and Preaching. With the completion of the program, Katie can seek to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor in a local congregation, work with our congregation on a deeper level or seek other opportunities in the Presbytery. For now, Katie is looking forward to seeing how God will use her gifts here at Kenilworth Church.

As we all know, Katie has contributed greatly to our Church as the part-time administrative assistant. She is responsible for ‘marketing’ our church as a venue for weddings and family reunions. This has given KPC greater recognition in the community. She has also spearheaded the Kenilworth Community Garden that has produced over 2000 lbs. of produce for Loving Food Resources. LFR helps provide food to families of the terminally ill people in Western North Carolina.

Through her schooling, her husband, Gus, and Dr. Rev. Allen Smith have been very supportive, she said. Allen noted that “... Katie has outstanding gifts in ministry and she will continue to serve the church with energy and a passion for social justice. We pray God’s blessing on her as she continues to serve those in need.”

Meet the Greeters

Thank you to Marsha and Mike Cox for being our Sunday Greeters for the Month of June (except the 15th). To volunteer as Greeters, just sign the ‘sign up’ sheet in the narthex.



Gardeners Needed

Our Kenilworth Giving Garden was part of a city-wide garden tour on June 7. This was a great opportunity for the community to see our commitment to providing food for the needy through [Loving Food Resources](#).



Thank you to Katie, Gus and anyone else who has volunteered to help bring the garden to fruition.

Anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry should come to the Garden any Thursday at 6 p.m. Experience not required. Just a willingness to pitch in. See Katie for more information.

Bill Johnson helping Allen Smith distinguish the weeds from the vegetables in the ‘Giving Garden.’



Treasurer Change

Karen Flynn, our volunteer Treasurer for the past 3.5 years has resigned effective June 1. Although Karen is not a member of KPC, she is a neighbor and has served our Church well. She has expressed a need for change and plans to do some traveling. We thank her for her service and wish her the very best in her next endeavors and travels.

Don Peterson, who has served as Assistant Treasurer, as well as Session Clerk, has been appointed by the Session to serve as Treasurer. Thank you, Don, for all you do for our Church and for taking on the role as Treasurer.

When you see Karen or Don, give them each a pat on the back and Thank You.

Nickel-A-Meal Hunger Program

Nickel-A-Meal Hunger Program is one of the ministries that Kenilworth Church supports. We may contribute a nickel or 5 cents per meal to this program.

“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.” You can [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

You can put money in the Nickel-A-Meal basket in the narthex each Sunday or on the last Sunday of the month, as indicated in our calendar.

Church Assessment Underway

The Session has engaged consultants to guide us in examining our Mission/Vision for our Church and in creating a Plan for how to best achieve that Vision. Members of the Session and congregation have met with Jim Wallis, a local consultant, and with [New Beginnings](#), a Presbyterian consulting group. Special thank you to the Presbytery of WNC for paying most of the fee for the New Beginnings Assessment Process. The Congregation will soon be asked to give their input in the process. The next step in the New Beginnings process is dividing the congregation into four groups in July. These groups will be led through a process of discussion about the church’s future. The church will gather this information together and take steps from there. A complete report will be compiled and presented to the Congregation by this fall. So put on your thinking caps and stay tuned. You’ll hear more from the pulpit and in the July newsletter.

Kenilworth Center

Our own Fellowship Hall, now marketed as the **Kenilworth Center**, is available for family reunions, weddings, parties, corporate development, concerts etc. We also make our sanctuary and grounds available for weddings and such. Since we have this nice facility, we should share it and, of course, use the proceeds for Church purposes. Refer your interested friends and relatives to Katie for more information.



Memorial Garden to Get TLC

The Memorial Garden, pictured below, will receive attention. Currently it is overgrown and in need of trimming and some new plantings. Thank



you to Betsy Chater, Millie Bruns, Linda Underwood and Julian Malbut for agreeing to work on sprucing up the Memorial Garden.

New Website Under Construction

A new website for Kenilworth Church is ‘**under construction**’. The current one is out of date. The new one will contain more up-to-date information about our Church, its Mission and Activities. It will be a wonderful source of information about our Church, current events and news. This newsletter will have clickable links to take you there. Stay tuned for further developments.

Sign-Up

There are two sign up sheeting on the table in the narthex. One is for ‘Refreshments’ after Sunday Worship Service. The other is for Sunday ‘Greeters.’ Please consider signing up to help out with these two important functions. Contact Judy Taylor with questions or suggestions.

Hops for Hope

The Kenilworth Church Giving Garden has just planted hops and created the first urban hop growing project in the city of Asheville. The hops are located in the garden behind Kenilworth Church. When asked why the garden is growing hops, Katie Adams, garden volunteer responded, "We grow food in the garden to support a food pantry that is located on our church campus. We decided that by growing hops we could potentially grow another crop the food pantry needs, money! We recognize that Asheville is Beer City and we see this as an opportunity to help meet the needs of our craft brew town while we help meet the needs of our hungry neighbors." When asked if it is unusual that a church is growing hops Katie responded, "Not at all. You cannot separate the history of brewing from the church. We are just going back to our roots!"

Kenilworth Church is experimenting with Zeus hops which grow well in the climate of WNC and will be expanding to other varieties. "We should have a small harvest available this year and we are looking to greatly expand the project next year with more trellises, varieties and older established hops." said Katie.

The church will have what they are calling, "The Great Hop Swap" in late summer when the hops are harvested. Katie added that the hops will be available in exchange for a cash donation to the food pantry.

The Kenilworth Church Giving Garden is an urban farm-to-table initiative to serve the clients of Loving Food Resources. [Loving Food Resources](#) serves people



living with HIV/AIDS and anyone in Home Hospice care in all eighteen WNC counties. The garden was founded in 2011 and is tended by church and community members. If you would like to volunteer with this exciting project, please contact the church office at 828-252-8872.

Building Assessment

The Session appointed a Property and Finance Committee with Mike Cox as chairperson. Other Committee members are Gus Adams, Bill Chater, Bill Johnson, Don Peterson, Calvin Underwood and Jeff Scoltock. That Committee has met monthly. At its initial meeting, the Committee discussed its responsibilities to utilize the Kenilworth Campus in terms of the highest & best use of this property for the needs of its various stakeholders and the Mission of our Church. Also to properly maintain the buildings and to ensure the safety and accessibility for all its members.

To accomplish this objective, a firm vision statement needed to be formulated along with a master plan that is compatible with these needs for the foreseeable future. Towards this end, an assessment of the conditions and needs of our church property was conducted. A list of needs was developed and prioritized. Realizing that everything could not be accomplished at once, a 7 Year Plan was developed. This Plan included such things as 'repair of guttering and soffits' which are leaking causing interior damage.; exterior painting needed to protect the wood and interior; ensuring handicap accessibility; ensur-



ing safety of the congregation, etc. You should take a look around the Church to see for yourself some of our needs.

This 7 Year Plan was presented by the Property and Finance Committee to the Session on April 9. The Session adopted the Plan and committed "to providing the resources necessary to carry out the plan (to include contributions, using the property to generate revenue, and/or selling church property."

At the June 3 meeting of Property and Finance, it was agreed that we must get started on the job at hand. The most pressing need is to protect the building structure and interior by repairing the guttering and soffits and by painting the exterior. There are other pressing needs.

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Calvin

Thank You LaMont

Kudos to LaMont DeBruhl for an excellent job of repainting and fixing up the bathrooms in our Fellowship Hall. They look great!

Adult Sunday School

Come join our Adult Sunday School class as we continue to explore the Gospel of Mark. The Class is led by Rev. Dr. Allen Smith. It meets at 10 a.m. and is an open ended class meaning you can come when you can. There is always coffee and, thanks to Julian Marbut, there are cookies too.

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About the Newsletter

This newsletter will be a monthly publication of the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church. Its purpose is to keep you, as a valued member of this Church, aware of what is being done to put our Mission into action and to make you aware of opportunities for you to be involved.

It will be emailed to those with email to save time and resources. A few hard copies will be printed for members without internet.

Would you like to share a word of appreciation, some personal news, give feedback to the editor, etc. please contact me at calvin.underwood@gmail.com

Blessings,

Calvin

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Church Directory

The new *Church Directory* is now available in the narthex. One per family, please. If you haven't already, please pick up your copy.

Father's Day

Pot Luck Luncheon

Richard Glenn has announced a special menu for the June 15, Fathers Day, Pot Luck Luncheon. He is preparing 'Ribs'. Yum. So bring in a dish to complement that delicious entree and enjoy. Remember, you don't have to bring anything.. Just come and enjoy being with your church family. Visitors are also welcome.

Thank you, Richard, for being our Master Chef.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to:

Margaret Ann Bishop 6/8

Jonah Bjorlie 6/12

Charlie Emrick, Bill Johnson &

Linda Bannister 6/16

Allen Smith 6/18

Stephen Lorenz 6/22

Interesting Observation: None of us got married in June:)

Congratulations and introducing Bill and Polly Johnson's son, daughter in-law and new granddaughter, Avery Grace Lorenz. Best Wishes to the entire family.



Happy Father's Day —June 15—to all you Fathers