



Kenilworth Church PC(USA)

Faith, Love, Action

July, 2018

From Our Pastor

As I write this article, the church is in the midst of Vacation Bible School. We are participating with five other churches in a week of Bible study, fellowship, crafts and excellent food! All of the activity around the church is exciting to see! Rooms are filled with laughing children and the halls echo their voices. Discussion and fellowship abound as people make new connections and friends. This is what this building and this community was created to do. We are grateful to all of our members who volunteered to make this week a special experience for all involved.



I am reminded of Psalm 100 when it states: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." Surely this week we have obeyed this commandment!

As our summer continues, may we be aware of this passage. Each day, let us worship our God with great joy and zeal and in all things be very glad! Let our prayers and praise echo throughout creation! My God richly bless your days!

- Allen

Vacation Bible School



Community Vacation Bible School June 25– June 28 is underway. Volunteers from KPC led by the Williams family (Bob, Trixie and Whitney) are joined by volunteers from participating churches.

Presbyterian Women Retreat

The retreat planning committee met and here's your invitation. **We're gathering on July 14th, Saturday, from 10 to 4.** Thanks to Pastor Allen we will meet at a wonderful place in Montreat at 523 Calvin Trail. If you want to car pool, meet at the church parking lot at 9:30. It'll be a great day which will include a potluck salad lunch. So we need some help from you. Please let us know if you are coming and if you can bring a salad or dessert for the

potluck. If you can't bring a dish, let us know and come anyway. You can email norma at norma@dickandnorma.com

Important: Any woman in our congregation is invited, even if you aren't a member of Presbyterian Women. If you have questions, call Norma at 828-505-0691 or email.

love and light,
Norma Warren, Moderator

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KPC Building and Grounds Update

We are more than 4 years into the rebuilding program for the church buildings and grounds. You have probably noticed many small improvements over the last several months and that work will continue for a few more weeks before available funds are expended. Three of our four major projects have been postponed due to insufficient funding. The three remaining major projects are the roof, sanctuary repairs and Kenilworth Center improvements. There are good reasons to complete the work in the next three years to avoid an overlap with funding of routine maintenance of the church.

It is by design that repair and funding of church repairs has been undertaken in the background while the church pursued its mission as a church. That will not change, but you will hear more this summer about what can be done and how repairs can be completed. Discussion of our church assets and capabilities will be renewed this summer and everyone in the church should have a voice in that discussion.

The church building cannot be the church focus, but our opportunities to support the church mission with a fully functioning building are pretty exciting.
- MIKE

Sidewalk from Bus Stop to KPC front entry and LFR under construction



Rev. Allen Smith operating the heavy equipment



Editor Note: See the April issue of the KPC Newsletter to see the 'North sidewalk and Memorial Garden Plan' to see the big picture. It is going to be beautiful.

- Cal

Scripture readings through August

June 24 Psalm 9: 9-20; Mark 4:35-41

July 1 Psalm 130; Mark 5:21-43

July 8 Psalm 48; Mark 6: 1-13

July 15 Psalm 24; Mark 6:14-29

July 22 Isaiah 40: 28-41; Hebrews 11:1-12:2

July 29-August 26 Sermon Series "Fundamentals of the Faith"

Read two versions of the Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6: 7-14; Luke 11: 1-4

Read two versions of the Ten Commandments : Exodus 20: 1-21; Deuteronomy 5: 1-21

Read "The Apostles' Creed", page 35 in the Glory to God hymnal

- Edna

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Nickle –A-Meal

Nickel-A-Meal. On Sunday, June 3 I was honored to speak at New Vision Presbyterian



Church in Conover, NC about Nickel-A-Meal and to present a grant check for \$8,000! New Vision sponsored a Hunger Grant to support a new food pantry for hungry seniors living at the poverty line but not able to access SNAP funds. New Vision supports Nickel-A-Meal, you support Nickel-A-Meal and that means less hungry people in Western North Carolina! Thank you and keep up the good work. It truly makes a difference in the lives of so many.

-Katie Adams

Fall Programming



Fall planning. It may seem like the summer doldrums to some but in the church office we are busy planning exciting new programming to begin in the fall. We would love your input; after all, this is YOUR church! What new experiences would you like to see as part of the church calendar? Are there new ideas and topics of interest that you would like to explore? Shoot us an email, and let us know what is on your heart and mind to kenilworth-presbyterianchurch@gmail.com.

You can always drop your suggestions in the offering basket at the back of the sanctuary, too.

- Katie

Period Project

As summer heats up, more transient people need help! During warm months, the distribution of hygiene items through the Asheville Period Project really increases. Because of the many kind donations of hygiene items to the Asheville Period Project we have been able to provide hundreds of items to men and women in need. We have distributed toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, incontinence underwear, deodorant, maxi pads, tampons, shampoo, soap, lotion and razors. We are currently running very low on travel size shampoo and conditioner, so please raid your hotel rooms for these supplies as you travel this summer. Remember,



Hygiene is Health! These hygiene items were delivered to a drug treatment facility that has no budget line to provide hygiene items for their clients (think about that). Thank you for making sure that the dignity of these women and men is upheld!

Blessing Our Pets

Dog is Love! On Sunday, May 6 we hosted a Blessing of Pets service which proved to be a tail wagging good time. Over 80 friends, neighbors and their furry animals joined us for this wonderful community event! We had a pet photographer, a cartoonist drawing pet portraits, Pelican's SnoBalls, pupsicles, balloons, food and music!! The weather was perfect and all had a wonderful time sharing in the celebration of God's wet nosed creations.

Pictured are Rev. Edna Banes, Dick and Norma Warren and their dog, Joy.

- Katie



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An Unexpected Fourth of July Celebration - Part One

by Shirley Mathis

There is an old saying that if you want to give God a good laugh, tell him your plans. And this story is a case in point. Looking back, it turned out to be a much more interesting and rich experience than we ever could have thought of on our own.

This took place many years ago and, as always, several friends and I had made plans for our annual fourth of July sunrise breakfast, this year at the rudimentary picnic area on top of Big Bald Mountain in Madison County. It was seldom used except by occasional thru-hikers on the Appalachian Trail for overnight tent camping as the AT followed the North Carolina-Tennessee border across the top of The Bald.

We chose to use the fireplace and picnic tables on the far side of the area so as not to disturb the sleeping hikers in two tents nearby. Not long after we got started cooking bacon, a teenaged boy came out of one of the tents and started picking and eating wild berries along the periphery of the clearing, gradually making his way slowly toward us. A gentle breeze was blowing our smoke his way and every once in a while he would stop and take a deep breath, obviously savoring the scent of bacon cooking on the wood fire. When he got closer, we exchanged a few pleasantries and finally asked if he would like to join us for breakfast, which he quickly accepted, but also mentioned that he was hiking with another boy and there were two girls in the other tent, so – what could we say? – we invited them to join us also. As you can probably guess, they consumed a hearty breakfast, leaving barely enough for perhaps an egg and a piece of bacon apiece for the rest of us.

In our conversation, we learned that they had been on the Trail for several days, starting in Georgia, and hadn't had a real shower since starting their hike and were running out of clean clothes. After a quick conference, we invited them to come down the mountain to our log cabin to take showers and do their laundry, to which they readily agreed. It took Jean-with-the-Jeep two trips to get everything and everyone transported to the cabin. Our breakfast friends then left for home, likely for a nap and then to enjoy a quiet rest of the holiday.

We assigned the main floor bathroom to the girls, and the boys used the bathroom on the lower level. When they finished showering and started on the laundry, it became obvious that the several loads of laundry would not be finished before lunchtime, so – we asked if they would like to stay for lunch, with the obvious affirmative answer. I don't know if they were "typical" or exceptional teenagers, but to their credit all four of these young people were intelligent, polite, eager to help, very thoughtful and pleasant. Without being asked, both the boys and the girls cleaned their bathrooms after they had finished showering!

Jean-with-the-Jeep took the boys to a nearby stocked trout pond where they caught and then cleaned fish for lunch while the girls and I stayed home and made potato salad and cole slaw. We grilled the fish and enjoyed a pleasant lunch on the deck. Afterward, while the girls helped with kitchen duty, the boys (voluntarily!) split logs for kindling and unloaded a supply of firewood for us. By then the laundry was done, but none of our young friends seemed in a hurry to leave, so we spent the afternoon getting better acquainted, hearing their stories of hiking the AT, learning about their families, what their plans were for the future, and devouring snacks, good mountain water, and soft drinks. I had forgotten how often and how much food active teenagers can consume! We learned that the youngest and most outgoing boy, Dennis, had just graduated from high school and his parents had "given" him the summer to hike the Trail as a graduation present. He quickly caught up with the older boy, who was also hiking alone, so they teamed up. The older boy had graduated from college and was hiking the AT before starting postgraduate studies. The two girls were friends and, I believe, were rising college sophomores and using their limited vacation time to hike part of the AT. I only remember Dennis's name, possibly because he was the most outgoing and talkative one of the group. The older boy was more mature and the unspoken leader. Both girls were quiet and shy but eager to be helpful.

By late afternoon, after another quick conference, we asked if they would like to have supper before they headed back up the mountain, and we knew their answer without even asking. We had "all-American" hamburgers and hot dogs planned for us for the rest of the long holiday weekend along with potato chips and canned baked beans, but that instead became our holiday supper. By then the sun was going down and there was a chill in the air so we built a fire in the fireplace (which the boys were eager to do) and ate inside. For dessert we roasted marshmallows in the fireplace, which was a fun treat for all of us. We "oldsters" had had a long, nonstop day and were fading fast, so finally Jean-with-the-Jeep announced that she wanted to get them up the mountain and get them safely settled before dark, to which they reluctantly agreed. They thanked us profusely for our hospitality and for making the holiday so special for them. After spending the day together, although (after the sunrise breakfast) it was not the quiet, restful holiday we had planned, it was one I also shall never forget.

Although the day was about over, there is more to this story, but will save the ending for Part Two (next page).

An Unexpected Fourth of July Celebration - Part Two

by Shirley Mathis

After a tiring but delightful day hosting and getting acquainted with the four young people we met during our annual fourth of July sunrise breakfast on top of Big Bald Mountain, it was time to take them back up the mountain to their campsite as darkness was approaching. When we reached their camping area, they confirmed, as expected, that everything was just as they had left it. As we were saying our final good-byes, one of the girls suddenly exclaimed, "Oh! Look!" and pointed toward the east where the biggest, brightest moon was slowly coming up over the distant mountains. All conversation stopped and we all huddled together, hugging each other, watching the moon climb higher and seemingly coming closer in our direction. It was as if God has sent his brightest and best "night watchman" to watch over our young friends. When we finally left them, we knew they would be in good hands. It was truly another mountaintop experience I shall never forget.

First thing the next morning was a trip to Ingles in Mars Hill to replenish our food supply as, like Mother Hubbard, our cupboards were bare. It was as if a hoard of locusts had come through and stripped us of everything edible! However, it was worth it in exchange for meeting and being able to help these fine maturing teenagers and celebrating the holiday with them.

We then went back to Plan A – enjoying a quiet, peaceful rest of the holiday weekend at the cabin. We reminisced about yesterday's unexpected July fourth celebration, wondering what time "the kids" got back on the Appalachian Trail, where they would be spending the night, etc.

That Christmas we got cards from each one of the four hikers. The two girls had left the AT, as planned, the following weekend, already making plans for continuing on the Trail where they left off for another two-week hike next summer. Both boys made it all the way to the end of the AT and sent pictures of them standing by the sign atop Mt. Katahdin in Maine.

As I write this, I can't help but wonder if this wonderful experience would have even happened in the present time in today's world. First, would parents even consider allowing their teenage children to go hiking for weeks and/or months at a time, alone and without adult supervision and protection? And if they did, would at least one of the young people be carrying a weapon "for protection"? Would they be leery about going off with people they had just met and didn't know, to an unknown destination, possibly with the intent to do them harm?

From our standpoint, would we have been willing to share breakfast with these unknown teenagers, who were (probably) more fit and stronger than we were? Although we had good intentions, might we have been concerned that they might take the Jeep to get off the mountain and see a chance to vandalize homes in the area, or worse? I shudder to even think about these possibilities. We might have missed the wonderful experience of meeting these fine young people and enjoying that unplanned and unexpected July 4th celebration with them. Thank heaven fifty years ago those things were not thought about and were far beyond the realm of possibilities. In many ways, those really were the "good old days" and gave us this unforgettable, pleasant experience.

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A Poem to Ponder

by Nancy Dillingham

Summer Etude



Tommy toes multiply
Split open in their ripeness

Crooked neck squash
Curl like tiny kittens

Cucumbers hide
In viny darkness

Zinnias and marigolds
Glow by the paling

Lithe, lean bodies
Always in motion
Reach for the sky

Frogs holler at dusk
And lightning bugs

Set the world on fire

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 **Marsha Cox (Hospitality Committee)** for more information.

Thank you.

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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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 atcalvin.underwood@gmail.com

The Congregational Care Committee assists the minister and session in providing pastoral care and other support as needed to members and friends of the congregation. If you are aware of someone with a need, please contact **Leslie Godbold** at lesliegodbold@aol.com or call (828) 231-8842.

Member/Attendee Information Form

We are gathering basic information for our soon-to-be published KPC Member Directory and we are also updating our 'regular attendee' basic information.

Please complete and submit to Don one of the Information Forms, the yellow sheets found on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for help with this important project.

- Cal

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 without regard to race, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, education or economic class. We strive to exhibit God's unconditional love and hospitality to all people. . We share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to serve God in our community and the world.*

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