



# Kenilworth Church

## PC(USA)

Faith, Love, Action

August, 2016

### From Our Pastor

This week the lectionary offers the reader a section from Psalm 71. The images are powerful—especially considering the turbulent times we find ourselves in today. If we spend anytime watching, reading or listening to the news, we are drawn into stories of terror, violence and uncertainty. The world is falling apart. We can assume nothing.



We have also seen many people lose faith in institutions which, in times past, created stability meaning and belonging. Where do we find our stability? What gives us meaning? What is the ultimate concern of our life?

Of course, these questions are not new. Each generation has grappled with these questions and sought ways to bring meaning and understanding to their existence.

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### Calling All Women!

**C**oming this fall: a Bible study group just for women. Our initial meeting will be **Sunday, September 11, from 9:30 to 10:40 in the church parlor.** The group will provide an opportunity to build an inclusive, caring community of women; make new friends; and explore God's Word together.

We will be using a Bible study resource from the Presbyterian Women of the PCUSA. Copies will be available that day. We will be meeting once a month. The exact schedule is still to be determined.

We want your input on September 11th as we go forward. If you sing in the choir, please come until you need to leave for rehearsal. The Bible study resource asks, "Who is Jesus?" Come join other women of Kenilworth and find out! Contact **Edna** with questions.

### Profile: Joyce Gibbens

Joyce Gibbens remembers the sermon John David Stewart preached for her entitled "Bloom Where You Are Planted." She had a copy and played it often, she says—and, obviously, she has taken it to heart—for she has "bloomed" in all the places she has lived and worked.



She was born in Dallas, NC (Gaston County) "into a loving family," the youngest of six children. Her grandparents were Presbyterian, and the male members of her family served as Elders in the church. Her brother Everette became a Presbyterian minister, serving in NC, VA, and MO. (Everette's daughter Ann attends KPC on occasion.)

In May 1939, she moved with her family to Asheville, attended Claxton and Montford grammar schools, David Millard Junior High, and Lee Edwards High School.

Her family joined First Presbyterian Church in 1939 and Joyce joined in 1942. Joyce joined

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### Nickle-A Meal Grant Awarded to LFR

**B**ecause of your financial commitment to the Nickel-A-Meal program, and your volunteer support of Loving Food Resources, they are eligible for grant funds to support feeding their clients through the Presbyterian WNC Hunger Committee.



On behalf of the Hunger Commit-

tee I proudly presented a check in the amount of \$3,750.00 to LFR on August 7!!!

Thank you for being conscious of the hungry in our community and thank you for working tirelessly to make sure that all of God's people are fed.

- Katie

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We are part of this tradition. We are part of the human condition.

Perhaps this is one of the many reasons why we still look to the Psalms for answers and stability. And Psalm 71 is as relevant today as it was when it was first written. In this passage God hears the human condition and we are reminded of that hope and stability that only faith in God provides. As you read the passage, listen as though you are hearing it for the first time. Let the power of God's word speak to you in this moment as God speaks in every moment throughout history.

Psalm 71:1-6

*In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.*

*In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.*

*Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.*

*Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.*

*For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.*

*Upon you I have learned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.*

*My praise is continually of you.*



*(Joyce Gibbens continued from page 1)*

KPC in the late 50s. She served Kenilworth as an Elder during the tenures of both pastors Leroy Secrest and John David Stewart. While in Asheville, she and her husband also joined the Civil Air Patrol, retiring after 25 years.

She worked for the Charles Store, first as a clerk before moving to the office. She later worked as a service clerk for Southern Life Insurance Company in locations in the Legal Building, the Jackson Building, the Northwestern Bank Building, and finally in Executive Park, taking early retirement (after working for 34 years) to care for her husband Roy's mother. Says Joyce: "I was the daughter-in-law that she chose to live with."

Joyce's husband was working for Lockheed in Atlanta when the company wanted him to move to Meridian, MS., where Joyce took care of her mother-in-law (who was blind with heart and other health problems) for a year until she died at 89. In Meridian, Joyce also did volunteer work with the church and with the General Federation of Women's Clubs; she received the 50-year pin for service to them—25 in Asheville and 25 in Mississippi. Joyce also worked with Presbyterian Women, serving as a Circle leader, a Bible leader, and as an Enabler for six churches. For five years she served as moderator of the Presbytery of Mississippi for Presbyterian Women. She also served the MS Presbytery for four years as a member and moderator of the Mission Committee. Finally, she served as an Elder as follows: three-year terms as Chair of Christian Education Committee as well as three-year terms as Building and Grounds Chair.

Now, Joyce has returned to Asheville and to KPC where she continues to "bloom," flowering in the sanctuary and in the choir.

- Nancy Dillingham

## A Poem to Ponder

by Nancy Dillingham

### Summer Etude



Tommy toes multiply  
split open in their ripeness

Crook-necked 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

## Christians for a United Community

In response to the repeated episodes of violence in our nation and community, you are invited to a special service of lamentation, healing and hope presented by Christians For A United Community on **Thursday August 25th, 2016 @ 6:00pm.** WNC Baptist Fellowship Church at 240 Haywood Street will be hosting this event. Childcare will be available. All faith denominations are invited. More information can be found at their website <http://christiansforaunitedcommunity.com/>

## Choir News

The choir will start back practicing on Sunday, September 4 at 10:15am in the choir room. All voice ranges and types are welcome.



- Chuck

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## Summertime Wrap up!

**B**urgers on "The Block" Party August 6 was a huge success!! Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers, KPC Mission Committee and the 60 + people that showed up! Tom Gaddy of Burgermeister's restaurant came out of retirement just to cook for us that day. The music was funky, the food was amazing but the fellowship with our dear friends at Just Folks Organization really warmed our hearts. We look forward to Saturday's on the block next summer!!

### Kenilworth Church participated in the first "Praise in the Park" August 13!!

DJ Besbleve, long time friend of Kenilworth Church, organized the first "Praise in the Park" at Triangle Park August 13. Different churches, Christian Hip-Hop artists, vendors and ministry leaders from the southeast were asked to speak, preach and sing from 12-8pm. **Katie Adams** was asked to speak about the different ministries that Kenilworth Church is a part of, especially the Asheville



Period Project. Millie Bruns and Katie also distributed Period Packs to anyone at the park that was in need. What a great day making new friends and learning how God is working in the world.

## Asheville Period Project donates to People Being Jesus (PB&J) Ministry in Hendersonville!

**D**ebbie and Lynda from PB&J Street Ministry in



Hendersonville reached out to us about their desperate need of feminine hygiene products. PB&J serves a huge number of homeless and poverty stricken individuals, and they have a very difficult time securing tampons and pads for their clients. Because of the generous donation from Western Carolina Rescue Mission of several cases of tampons, we were able to share 2 cases of tampons (432!!) with our sisters in Hendersonville!! Because of you, the Project works!

-Katie

## KPC Needs You

**I**f interested in serving on a KPC Committee, 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**

Garden: **See Katie**

## Thank You From LFR

**F**or those who weren't at the service on August 7 to hear my little spiel, I extend my heartfelt thanks on behalf of



**Loving Food Resources** for the tremendous support provided by Kenilworth Presbyterian Church. We feel like we're getting a rebate on our rent check each month thanks to your generous monetary donations. We also appreciate your food donations from the garden and from the red barrel.

We have had a busy spring and summer as we developed an aggressive but achievable three-year Strategic Plan, a Fund Development Plan, and a budget for the next fiscal year. One of our goals for the coming year is increasing the amount of food our Outreach clients receive. Currently, our Outreach clients only receive one pre-packed box a month. It is our goal to establish drop sites in outlying counties, just as we have in Hendersonville, so we can increase their deliveries to once a week.

Another goal for this year is our healthier eating initiative. We have partnered with Lenoir-Rhyne University and one Saturday each month during the fall semester we will have two dietetic interns who will provide health information, recipes, samples, and cooking demonstrations for our clients, using food that can be found in our pantry. We are very excited about this new partnership!

We rely on the support of our faith communities and we have a special place in our hearts for the people of KPC. You are the best landlords ever!

Blessings,

Nancy Gavin, LFR Director

Editors Note: See page 1 about the award. To learn more about Loving Food Resources, CLICK the Logo.

## **Back of Sanctuary Transformed into Usable Fellowship and Meeting Space**



Thank you to Allen and Mike Cox for the vision and Thank you to everyone who worked on this project to make it happen.

### **Scripture of the Month**

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." 7 But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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## **Murmurs**

by Julian Marbut

### **"Crying In The Chapel"**

By Don McLean

You saw me crying in the chapel.  
The tears I shed were tears of joy  
I know the meaning of contentment  
Now I am happy with the Lord

Just a plain and simple chapel  
Where humble people go to pray  
I pray the lord that I'll grow stronger  
As I live from day to day

I've searched and I've searched  
But I couldn't find  
No way on earth  
To gain peace of mind

Now I'm happy in the chapel  
Where people are of one accord  
We gather in the chapel  
Just to sing and praise the Lord

Evr'y sinner looks for something  
That will put his heart at ease  
There is only one true answer  
He must get down on his knees

Meet your neighbor in the chapel  
Join with him in tears of joy  
You'll know the meaning of contentment  
Then you'll be happy with the Lord

You'll search and you'll search  
But you'll never find  
No way on earth  
To gain peace of mind

Take your troubles to the chapel  
Get down on your knees and pray  
Your burdens will be lighter  
And you'll surely find the way

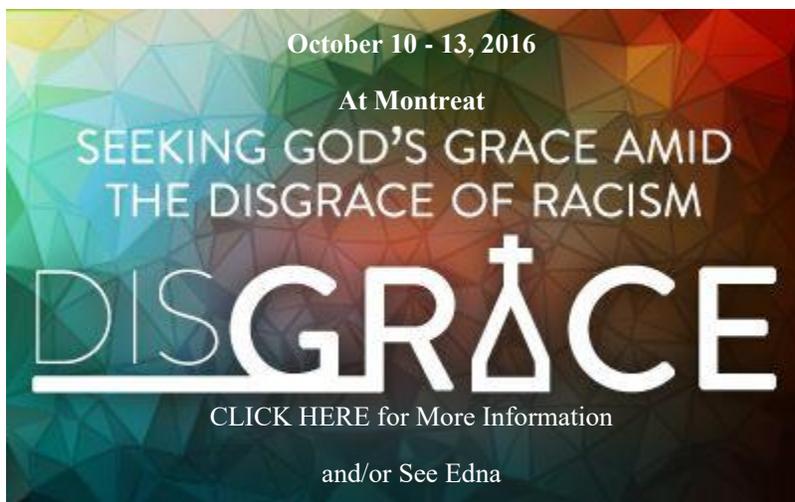
Submitted by Julian

Thank you, Julian for organizing the KPC 11th Annual Asheville Tourists /KPC-USA Baseball game outing Sunday, August 21 at historic McCormick Field.



- Editor

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## Session Elder Nomination Process

Our Church has a governing body known as the “Session,” which consists of nine “Ruling Elders” elected by the congregation, usually with a "class" of three being elected each year. Each active elder may serve a term of three years and is eligible for reelection to serve a second three-year term. After serving two consecutive terms, under normal circumstances, one must then be off Session for at least a year. (In the Presbyterian U.S.A. church, once elected and ordained as an elder, always an elder, but those currently serving on Session are called "ruling elders.")

The Session usually meets once per month, with the pastor serving as a non-voting moderator. The agenda usually involves consideration of policy and/or budgetary matters, hearing of committee reports, and taking actions deemed to be in the best interest of the Church and its mission.

**Current Elders are: Gus Adams, Bethany Brown, Steve Brown, Millie Bruns, Mike Cox, Bob Craddock, Steve Hill, Katherine Jowers, and Calvin Underwood.**

Those whose terms expire at the end of 2016 are Mike Cox, Steve Hill and Calvin Underwood. All three are eligible for a second consecutive term.

The 2016 Nominating Committee will meet during September to select proposed slates. One slate will be for 2016 Session vacancies. The other slate will be for three positions on a five-member 2016 Nominating Committee. (Two of the members are appointed by Session from its membership, including the chairperson.) Anyone interested in serving on either body can make it known to any member of the **current Nominating Committee: Calvin Underwood, chairperson; Bob Craddock, Judy Taylor, Bob Williams, and Shirley Mathis.**

The slate of nominees will be presented for consideration at a Congregation meeting to be held in November.

- Calvin

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## Thank You, Neighbor



While attending the Tai Chi group led by Bob Williams, Joni Parrish, our neighbor, saw that the potted tree in our Kenilworth Center was in need of care and she responded to that need. Thank you, Joni, to for reviving and nurturing this beautiful plant.

## Thank You

Thank you to the following who are serving on committees of the Presbytery of WNC.

- Millie's Bruns and Bob Craddock are on the Evangelism Committee.
- Marvin Chambers is on the Nominating committee.
- Katie Adams is on the Hunger Committee.
- Allen is chair of the Commissioned Lay Pastor sub-committee.
- Tina Joyner is Moderator of the Presbyterian Women of the presbytery .

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### *The Kenilworth Church Team*

**The 2016 Session:**  
**Rev. Dr. Allen Smith**, Session Moderator  
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**Bethany Brown**  
**Steve Brown**  
**Millie Bruns**  
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**And, You...**

### *About the Newsletter*

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August 25 6 pm	Gardening Hour
September 4 10:15 am	Choir resumes
September 11 9:30 am	Women's Bible Study begins
September 14 6:30 pm	Session

**Child Care volunteers** are needed for Sunday morning...just in case. Please see Mary Virella-Minton.

**LFR Needs Egg Cartons.** Just leave them at the LFR door. 

**Thank You.**  
**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](http://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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