



# Kenilworth Church PC(USA)

*Faith, Love, Action*

*August, 2020*

You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone — any person or any force — dampen, dim or diminish your light ... Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won.

Rep. John Robert Lewis 1940-2020

## A Challenging Time



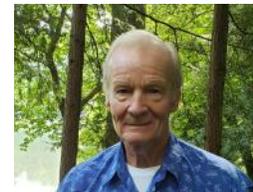
- ◆ “The past six months have been a challenging time for our world!”
- ◆ “Will this tragedy ever end?”
- ◆ “Everyone is learning how to do things in a different way.”
- ◆ “Nothing will be the same.”

These statements are a few of the feelings that have been expressed lately. Of course, everything is different, and nothing will be the same. I would love to be writing this article at the end of our ordeal; unfortunately, we do not know when it will end.

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## Welcome Our New Member

*Note from the Editor – David Herbert joined our church via a Sunday morning Zoom session on April 26<sup>th</sup>. David has provided the following to help us get to know him.*



For sixty of my ninety years I was married to Dorothy who passed away in November of 2019. Each day with her was treasured time which brought us three wonderful married children and their spouses (two now in California and one in Maryland) and six amazing grandchildren. Her gift to the world was her outstanding mothering, community volunteering and 30 years of teaching and administration in higher education. Together we hiked the Alps, ascended the highest peaks in the US, motored and biked through Europe and camped in our local Smokies.

My professional activities have included: Executive Director of the Children’s Home Society of North Carolina and California, Director of the Center of International Poverty Studies (Bangladesh-Thailand), Associate Director of the Grove Arcade Foundation, Clean Water Fund of NC, DC Federal Probation Officer, etc. I have served in the USAF and opened and operated businesses as a Real Estate Broker and Licensed Private Investigator. Community activities have included California Governor’s Commission on Youth, NC Governor’s Commission on Aging, Chair of Crime Stoppers Board, Manna Food Bank, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Kenilworth Residents Association. My personal interests include State and National track and field events, boating, hiking, music, travel, reading and social activism.

I have been a Kenilworth resident for over twenty years. I look forward to my membership with Kenilworth Presbyterian Church. Please let me know how I can assist. – David Herbert

We are still in the day-to-day grind of living in and through a global pandemic.

Nevertheless, I am keen to remind people of all that has been accomplished by our community along the way. Our church has been present and accounted for during this time. Hundreds of calls have been made – neighbors and friends checking in and making sure people are OK. Food has been distributed to those in need and to others who needed to have their day brightened. Donations to our local charities have increased, and volunteers are not in short supply! Along with Loving Foods, our church has helped to distribute and collect over 250 meals and 2500 pounds of food and other resources for the community.

Our own Period Project has created the cities' first hygiene hub, and Loving Foods is in the process of creating a Pop-Up Pantry to distribute food to those who need a quick meal. We have created new and exciting ways to be community and to worship with one another. We are redefining what community is and what it can be in our future.

Perhaps, Charles Dickens said it best when he penned the profound and simple opening: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." In many ways, it has been both. We have witnessed unspeakable tragedy and pain and we have seen how communities with the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of God make the gospel real in this broken and beautiful creation.

However we understand this time and whatever is to come, I believe that one thing is certain: Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Our church community has been a living witness to this fact. Thank you! - Allen

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## Stories We Love to Tell

"I Love to Tell the Story" is one of my favorite hymns. (It is number 462 in our hymnal). I not only love to tell the stories, I love to read and hear them. This summer has been a special treat for me as we have read and discussed a number of stories in the Bible – some we know well and others that might be new to us.



So far, we have remembered the stories of Adam and Eve, Hagar, Rebekkah, Samuel, David and Goliath, and Samson and Delilah. During the rest of August we will look at Jonah; Deborah; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; and Daniel. As we learn more about these characters, we are able to see ourselves in them. They were not perfect people, but all of them teach us something about Biblical times and the God who is faithful to all God's people.

Below are the scripture passages you can read to set the stage for our Sunday messages:

<b>August 9</b>	Jonah	Jonah 1-4
<b>August 16</b>	Deborah	Judges 4-5
<b>August 23</b>	Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego	Daniel 3
<b>August 30</b>	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6

To paraphrase the hymn I love: "And when in scenes of glory, we sing the new, new songs, 'twill be the old, old stories that we have loved so long."

Amen and blessings,

Edna

## Weekly Fellowship Opportunities

**Sundays 11:30 am** – Gather with others in the congregation via Zoom for the Sunday Morning Gathering.

**Mondays 11:00 am** – Join Allen, Edna and others in the weekly Bible Study session on Zoom. This is a casual and fun group.

**Thursdays 11:00 am** – Meet in the Sanctuary and join Allen and Edna and others as the Sunday morning message is recorded. You may help with readings and/or watch the video in action. Attendance is limited to 10 people.

## Message About A "Giant of A Man"

We are celebrating the Home Going of a Giant of a Man who dedicated his life to the service of others, with special emphasis in civil rights for All Peoples. John Lewis was a man inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr. He joined the civil right movement, was an active Freedom Rider and a speaker at the 1963 March on Washington. Because of his drive and desire he became one of the "Big Six" leaders of the 1960's. His career later led him to continue his fight in Congress where he served 34 years.



I knew him best through efforts in masonic activities. On many occasions there were opportunities to just talk. One thing remained through all his positions, he was a very humble and easy to talk to man. Right now, I find myself asking the question that is left for you and me. To whom do we pass the mantle? With this thought in mind, I'd like to share this poem.

– Marvin Chambers

### THE DASH by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth  
and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

## Property & Finance Update



On June 28th our congregation voted to move forward with the sale of our Manse and corner Lot property. It is our hope that the proceeds of this will enable us to renovate our Sanctuary space. The Property and Finance committee began the process of bringing our campus into the modern era several years ago with the 7-year plan. Through fundraising, grant writing efforts, and ultimately the sale of this property, we hope to bring this vision to completion. While Covid-19 has brought uncertainty and separation into our lives, we are hopeful that our spaces will be renewed during our absence and be a bright spot to return to once the world returns to a "new" normal. —Whitney Williams, P&F Chair

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*There is a Space  
In memoriam: 2020*

There is a space  
where you were

a room  
where you breathed

a place  
vacant now

where you lived

When the sun rises  
and the dew dries

it is my eyes  
that move over the land

a world  
arid and barren

unrecognizable  
without you

—Nancy Dillingham

*KPC People in the News*

**Nancy Dillingham, “Virtual Demo Artist of the Year at Mountain Made Gallery**

Mountain Made Gallery in the Grove Arcade is creating a public history journal for “The Year 2020” and has chosen Nancy Dillingham as “Virtual Demo Artist of the Year 2020.”



Each month, Mountain Made will post one of Nancy’s 2020 poems and feature one of her books on their online blog and will set up two interactive art stations inside the gallery—one for patrons to contribute their own poetry, personal musings, and thoughtful insights on the year 2020 and one where they may contribute their artistry to a watercolor poster.

Around November, the project will culminate in a printed book, and the poster will serve as its cover. Mountain Made will take donations for the books and will donate monies to a local charity or charities. For more info, visit Mountain Made’s blog at [mtnmade.com/blog](http://mtnmade.com/blog).

**Katie Adams and the Asheville Period Project**

On April 17<sup>th</sup> the first Hygiene Hub was set up in Asheville! Women in need will be able to access life saving hygiene items when they need them. The Hygiene Hub is located in front of Kenilworth Church. The Hygiene Hub is ADA compliant, located on the bus line and is on campus with a food pantry. With the current economic climate and the importance of contactless distribution this is ground breaking. The Hub is stocked with condoms, panty liners, soap, shampoo, conditioner, sanitary pads, tampons and Period Packs for the unsheltered.



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## Why?

by Shirley Mathis

With so many changes in our lives recently, I feel like I'd been asleep and had awakened in a different world.



Because of the universal pandemic virus, schools, offices and businesses not considered essential are closed and people who can are requested to quarantine themselves at home. When going out in public, they are requested to wear masks and observe social distancing. In spite of all these precautions thousands have died from the coronavirus and people are still getting infected. Many people have no symptoms but still can be carriers of the disease. WHY was this allowed to get out of hand, and when will it end?

Recently I have heard that virus-free college students have had "Coronavirus parties" to which people who have tested positive for Covid-19 are purposefully invited. The first virus-free student who catches the disease is apparently awarded a prize! What are they thinking? WHY are they ignoring the seriousness of this disease, not just for themselves but for the possibility of passing it on to others?

We hear increasingly frequent news stories of police brutality and racial profiling. The police are often concerned for their own safety while attempting to do their job of preserving law and order. Road range has become a common problem. But WHY do some police officers feel it necessary to use possibly lethal measures to subdue suspects being stopped and/or placed under arrest? On the other hand, WHY do people feel free to shoot anyone with whom they disagree? And WHY are even young students able to obtain guns to use? WHY can't disagreements be settled by discussions and compromise instead of with violence?

Lately there have been riots and marches and demonstrations by groups demanding equal rights. Often these are reasonable problems that deserve to be acknowledged and discussed and changed, but through legal and legislative channels. Too often a small group of agitators incite anger and encourage others to use weapons to injure innocent people and destroy property, to break into stores and steal or damage whatever valuable things they can get their hands on. The "bad guys" seem to feel that they are above the law with no regard for the possible consequences or how many innocent people they might injure or kill or the property of others they might destroy. What has happened to respect for the rights and property of others, and respect for those who attempt to uphold the laws that we all should observe? WHY do so many civilians feel it necessary to have guns to protect themselves, their families, and their property? WHY are they able to purchase high-powered automatic weapons to do this?

I have no answers, only questions.

- Shirley

# Dylan's Birthday Parade the KPC Way



With much shouting of Birthday Wishes and honking of horns, congregation members paraded by Dylan's house.



Whitney Williams and Andrew Hiler deliver presents and balloons as Dylan and Trevor watch.



Hopefully this unique Birthday will be one that Dylan always remembers.

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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 Janet Tysinger at 361-443-5013 or at [jltysing@yahoo.com](mailto:jltysing@yahoo.com).

**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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## **Kenilworth Bell Pealers**



James Graves pealing...

Since early April, the bells of the Church have been pealing for one minute at noon daily. Residents of the Kenilworth neighborhood reached out and asked that the bells ring during the pandemic as a sign of hope and unity. Several members of the Church are now masters in the art of pealing. Many thanks to Everette Woolsey, Trevor Gioia, James Graves, Eve Layman and Janet Tysinger.

## **New Editor at KPC**

Cal Underwood has handed off the newsletter editing to Janet Tysinger starting with the August issue. She has extensive experience with computer technology and has dusted off her knowledge of *Publisher* to carry on Cal's tradition of recording important church events. This is her first go at editing but she is excited about working with the contributing reporters to create monthly issues.



Contact her if you are interested in contributing or when you have an event or experience you want to share with the church community. It is even more important now to share while we are physically separated. Be sure to take and share pictures! She can be reached at 361-443-5013 or by email at [jltysing@yahoo.com](mailto:jltysing@yahoo.com).

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