



# Kenilworth Church PC(USA)

*Faith. Love. Action.*

November, 2014

## From Our Pastor

Welcome to November! We are in the busy season of the



church year: pet blessings, Halloween candy, thanksgiving and advent. Christmas will be here too soon. This is an exciting time in our faith community. We eat too much and we sleep too little. Our time is filled with celebration and anticipation but there is also a feeling of frantic movement and pending deadlines.

For the majority of us, time moves too fast and for children, time moves too slowly--Christmas morning cannot come soon enough. The perception of time is different for all of us. It all depends on what we want or what we need in a particular moment. The apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians:

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children...*

No matter how we see time or understand our reality in it, we can take comfort in the ultimate reality that God transcends time and is in control. We cannot control time, but God does. In

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Can you feed yourself on \$4.06 a day? The Hunger Committee of our Presbytery invites Presbyterians to join them in this exercise the week of November 16-22. \$4.06 a day or \$28.42 for the week is the amount our state of North Carolina offers those who qualify for the "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" known as SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program.

The SNAP program currently serves more than 47 million participants nationally in about 23 million low-income families. The SNAP program has almost doubled in the last five years as more people struggle to make ends meet.

If you choose to take the SNAP Challenge, November 16-22, you will engage in a spiritual exercise. The Hunger Committee recognizes that Presbyterians might come down on different sides of the political issue as to what is a fair amount of SNAP benefits for our Federal and NC government to provide. However, when we identify, if only for a week, with those who count on SNAP benefits to feed their families, we increase our

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## Thanksgiving Food Pyramid Feeds Those in Need

One of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church's ministries is to help feed those in need. We do this in many ways. Most notably we have Loving Food Resources (LFR) residing in a KPC building and our members support LFR with their time and money.

Each November, KPC member and LFR volunteer, Julian Malbut heads up the Annual Thanksgiving Pyramid to collect non-perishable (especially canned goods) for LFR to assist those in need. Click on the LFR logo for more info about LFR.



Julian reminds us that "It's time to start purchasing your food donations. Last year, we had 1,144 items totaling over 2,000 pounds...one ton. This year, with your compassionate help, we can challenge the height of the pyramids of Egypt. LaMont might have to raise the roof like he did in the old days."

He says "Watch your grocer's circulars...I recently purchased 40 cans of Laura Lynn vegetables @ 50 cents a can. You don't have to go bonkers. If each of us congregants donated 19 items at that

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the fullness of time, God sent his son. In the same way, all time leads to God's plan for the world and for each of us. Therefore, in a very real sense, we can rejoice in the fact that we live in time and do not control it. Enjoy this time of the year.

## KPC Candid Camera

Send your high resolution pictures of church related activities, along with a caption, to Calvin for the newsletter. Note: Low resolution picture do not print well.



Linda and Betsy sowing grass in the Memorial Garden. Photo by Cal



Chuck enjoying a burger at the Blessing of Pets. Photo by Theresa Kadel



Mary and Allen scraping paint with LaMont supervising. Photo by Rich-

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respect for our brothers and sisters engaged in this struggle and we gain the personal experience which guides us in making faithful political decisions.

Our Presbyterian Church (USA) has a website providing information about the SNAP Challenge as well as devotional material at [www.pcusa.org/snapchallenge](http://www.pcusa.org/snapchallenge).

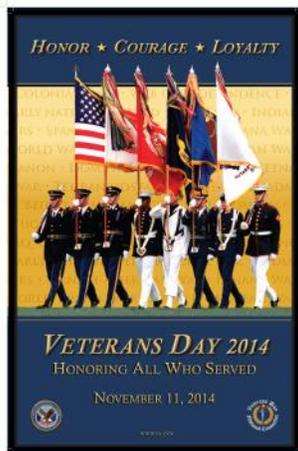
Within our Presbytery of Western North Carolina there is a Facebook group, "End Hunger WNC" and a blog "endhungerwnc.blogspot.com" through which we can share our experiences the week of November 16-22.

Will you take the SNAP Challenge? For one week, November 16-22, the week before Thanksgiving, spend no more than \$4.06 a day to feed yourself and each member of your family.

- Katie Adams



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price, the cost would be less than \$9.70 (including tax) for each month weighing approximately 748#. October + November would result in 1,496 items surpassing our 1,144 from last year."

"Don't let them go 'round hungry...especially during the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas."

If you'd like to help Julian with this project, see him this coming Sunday. Bring your food donations.

## Update on Seven Year Plan

We're wrapping up Church repairs for 2014. Water damage has been virtually eliminated for the main building and the Loving Foods Resources building and most of the carpentry repairs have been completed for the main building. Leaks into the woodwork have been eliminated. The Kenilworth Center (Fellowship Building) was not repaired and continues to suffer from water infiltration at the edge of the roof and down into the woodwork. That is to be addressed later.

We have completed one fourth of the work for the seven year repair plan in our first year with significant contributions and reductions in the work plan. You have to have known the particulars to appreciate the significance of the work that was accomplished this year. Be assured, it was a good year for the Church.

Most repair work for the church will be suspended during the winter months and resume in the spring. We're making plans for 2015 repairs and will need your help again next year, but for this year, **THANK YOU**.

-Mike Cox, Property & Finance

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## Blessing of the Pets



**B**lessing of the Pets was held **Sunday, October 19 at 11am**. Rev. Smith welcomed members and guests. After a brief message and prayer, everyone, including the pets, mingled and enjoyed the activities. After a cool start, the day warmed up and was beautiful.

We had a cookout of burgers and hot dogs grilled by Calvin Underwood, with toppings by Judy and Dave Taylor and others, photographs by LaMont, face paintings, music by our resident DJ, Gus Adams, caricature portrait drawings by [Brian Vasilik](#) and more!



Special thanks to Allen and Mary Smith for retaining Mr. Vasilik for the portraits.



One of my favorite moments was when Gus played “Who let the dogs out” and Marvin got all the dogs barking in unison. Mike Cox’s hounds win my vote for best voices.

A great time was had by all God’s creatures in attendance.

- Calvin. Photos mostly by LaMont and Mike



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### ***About the Newsletter***

If you would like to share a word of appreciation, some personal news, give feedback to the editor, etc. please contact me at [calvin.underwood@gmail.com](mailto:calvin.underwood@gmail.com)

***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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### ***Kenilworth Church Website***

Our Kenilworth Presbyterian Church website is now open. It has been under construction for a couple of months to replace our old website. You will find that it looks great and that is a place where you can access lots of good information. [Click HERE](#) to go for a tour.



Or you can access the website at <http://kenilworthpresbyterianchurch.org/>  
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At our new website, you will find the current month's calendar of events and newsletter.

You can also find the latest posts on our Facebook accounts. Keep up with the latest news here.

I encourage you to tour all the features of our new and improved website. See Rev. Smith's video invitation to our Church. Enjoy the slideshow featuring KPC church members. Share the link with your family and friends.

Kudos to Katie Adams for heading up this website development project. Katie reminds us that websites are always continuously being improved. She invites your feedback to be sent to her at [kenilworthpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kenilworthpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) so that our website can continuously improve.

**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)