



Kenilworth Church

PC(USA)

Hope, Peace, Love, Joy, Advent

December, 2014

From Our Pastor

Advent marks the beginning of the New Year in our liturgical calendar. Advent is a time of looking forward to the coming of the Christ child and how we will live our faith in the New Year. This is the reason the figure of the Christ child is not added to the nativity until Christmas Eve



Each Sunday, we celebrate the season by lighting a candle in our Advent wreath. Candles are a welcome part of our life. We use them in different ways including the marking of a birthday



or other important life events and candles offer light, warmth and welcome to all.

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Bob, Richard, Gus, Jeff and Marvin say ‘Come join Kenilworth Presbyterian Church for a full day of Christmas celebration on December 21. Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome.’

Christmas Cantata

The annual Christmas Cantata, “Love Came Down at Christmas”, will be presented by the Kenilworth Choir on December 21st at the 11 o’clock morning service. This year promises to be an extra special blessing as the choir tells the Christmas story through song and narration.



Please invite your friends to this special event during the holiday season.

- Chuck Lockwood

Christmas Potluck luncheon will follow the Cantata on December 21.

Then, also on December 21, **Cookies and Carols** on the front lawn of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Join us as we sing Christmas Carols by the twinkling lights and vintage Nativity Scene and enjoy lots of cookies.

Love God... And Love Your Neighbor

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On Christmas Eve, we light the candle in the center of the wreath know as the **Christ candle**. Christ is the light of the world, and Christ is the light that the darkness cannot overcome. This candle represents this light and reminds us of the presence of Christ in our lives and in the world. As the Gospel of John reminds us:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

As we enjoy our journey through advent, let us remember the importance of light in the world and our call to bring the light of Christ to others. Just as we light candles in worship to remind us of the coming and the presence of Christ, we can be that same light for those we meet. Small deeds of light can change the world and the darkness will not overcome it. When we offer the love of Christ in the world we, in some way, light a candle in a world filled with too much darkness. **May we all reflect the light of Christ during this season and throughout the year.**



Kenilworth Legacy

Remembering KPC in your will or trust should be a natural extension of your lifetime giving. We have been remiss in not reminding our members of this and we have missed out on some needed financial strength thru this lack of outreach to our members. A committee consisting of Gus Adams, Bob Williams and Bill Chater has been formed to help make it easier for you to remember KPC in your planning. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

-Bill Chater

New Group: Pub Theology

A new study group begins Wednesday, December 17 at 6pm! The new group is called Pub Theology. We will be meeting at Appalachian Vintner located at 745 Biltmore Ave. (on the right before you enter Biltmore Village coming from KPC) at 6pm to discuss Theology and how it forms our faith tradition. Appalachian Vintner has beer, wine and non alcoholic beverages for sale. This will be a very casual and fun group. Invite your friends!

- Katie



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2014 Building Repairs—The Year in Review

From the Book of Order we read that; "The property of the Presbyterian Church, of its councils and entities, and of its congregations, is a tool for the accomplishment of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world."

In 2014 we took some very big steps towards meeting our obligations for the care of the buildings that support the mission of Kenilworth Church. In the spring of 2014 the Session adopted a seven year plan for repairing the church and providing for improved safety and accessibility. At the beginning of the summer the Session authorized the creation of a building repair fund. The Property and Finance Committee was authorized to conduct fund raising efforts and to manage the expenditure of those funds for the repair of the church. The effort to raise money for building repairs was remarkably successful and a more ambitious repair effort was undertaken in 2014. By mid-summer the committee had taken bids and a contract was awarded for repair and painting of the main building and Loving Foods building. That work is now complete and the woodwork, except for the Fellowship Building, is protected for years to come against damaging weather.

The Property and Finance Committee has begun prioritizing work for 2015 as well as looking to the financing of the next phase of repairs. There will be more news at the congregational meeting in January and a 2015 repair plan will be in place by March. There are six years left in the plan, but the first year of repairs for Kenilworth Church was a very good year.

- Mike Cox

KENILWORTH CHURCH

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 1 11:30am lunch bunch at Ryan's Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall Ralph and Natalie Staschke Anniv.	2 Tai Chi 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall	3 Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall Millie Bruns & Jim Henderson Bday Wednesday Night Discussion Series 6-7:30pm in the Parlor	4 Breakfast at IHOP 9am Tai Chi 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall Calvin and Linda Underwood Anniv.	5	6		
7 Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Refreshments 12pm	8 Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall	9 Tai Chi 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall	10 Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall Session 6:30-8:30in the Parlor	11 Breakfast at IHOP 9am Tai Chi 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall	12 Millie Bruns Bday	13 Kenilworth Residents Association Holiday Party 6-9pm Fship Hall	
14 Sunday School 10am Holton Brown Bday	15 Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall Marvin Chambers Bday	16 Tai Chi 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall	17 Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall David Lee Bday Pub Theology- Appalachian Vintner 6pm	18 Breakfast at IHOP 9am Tai Chi 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall Allen and Mary Smith Anniv.	19 LFR Cookie Party 4-9pm in the Fship Hall Norma Warren Bday	20	
21 Sun. School 10am Cantata! 11am Luncheon 12pm UCC- Blue Christmas Service 5:30pm Cookies and Carols lawn of KPC 7pm Steve&JulieBrown Anniv.	22 Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall	23 Tai Chi 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall	24 Christmas Eve Refreshments 6pm Service 7pm	25 Christmas!! 	26	27	
28 Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Refreshments 12pm 5 Cents a Meal	29 Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall Linda Nelson Bday Steve & Terry Kadel Anniv.	30 Tai Chi 5:45p in the Fellowship Hall	31 Aerobics 2-3pm in the Fship Hall				

Love God... And Love Your Neighbor



Thank You, Marsha Cox, for the Surprise Pie Day for refreshments after Service on Nov. 2. Yummy !



Snow at Kenilworth Church on Nov. 1—photo by Katie



The LFR Building, like the Church, had missing and loose paint allowing moisture to penetrate our wood.



Painters removed loose paint, sealed where needed and repainted



Newly painted LFR Building

Pastor Appreciation

Thank You, **Mary Virella**, for catching that October was “**Clergy Appreciation Month**”, for circulating an appreciation card for congregation signatures and for presenting it to our pastor, **Rev. Dr. Allen Smith**, on November 2. It was a slightly belated, but much deserved, gesture of our appreciation for our pastor.



Before Painting



After painting

Our Church steeple, soffits and windows needed paint. Take a walk around the Church and LFR buildings and see the newly repaired and painted surfaces and the new guttering. Thank you to Mike Cox for his leadership and to everyone for their support.

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We had 7 congregations and many individuals sign up for the SNAP Challenge! How wonderful that so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ were willing to walk in the shoes of hungry Americans. The challenge was especially meaningful as it took place the week before Thanksgiving.

My personal experience was one of hunger. I also chose to take public transportation to buy my food and the 3 mile trip to Aldi took 2 1/2 hours round trip on the bus! The food that I purchased was mostly packaged and high in sodium as the very small food budget allowed for few fresh choices. I am so glad that the challenge is over but it has certainly opened my eyes to the every day challenge of millions of hungry families. I was especially thankful for my blessing this Thanksgiving and the bounty of food on my table. Thank you KPC for working so hard to eradicate hunger in our community!

- Katie

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Kenilworth Presbyterian Church collected 764 cans of food for needy people served by Loving Food Resources!

The food was distributed by LFR for Thanksgiving.

Thank you for making the food drive so successful. Special thanks to Julian Marbut for spearheading this project.

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Your "Nickel-a-Meal" Donations at Work

Loving Food Resources and LABCCM's Veterans Restoration Quarters both received grants through the "Nickel-a-Meal" collection! Their will be an awards ceremony at our December 14 Sunday Church Services.

The "Nickel-a-Meal" that we collect for on a weekly basis goes to fund grants that support organizations working to eradicate hunger in our community. Organizations that submit for grant funds must be endorsed by a Presbyterian church in WNC. KPC was able to endorse both organizations and both were awarded \$5,000 each.

To learn more about the Nickel-a-Meal' program click [HERE](#).

- Katie

Christmas for Children in Foster Care

If you want to buy Christmas presents for kids in Foster care in Buncombe county, the angels will be hanging on the KPC tree starting Sunday, December 7. Presents need to be brought to the church no later than December 18 so the kids will have gifts to open on Christmas.

- Katie

KPC 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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Loving Food Resources Annual Cookie Party, December 19

Join with Loving Food Resource's friends, volunteers and community members to help fill 200 holiday cookie boxes with delicious home made cookies on Friday, Dec. 19th from 6 to 8 PM.



The boxes will be distributed to the clients of Loving Food Resources the following morning along with their regular food items.



Along with cookies for clients, there will be holiday treats for everyone to enjoy, holiday music and LOTS of cold milk! You are invited to bring at least four dozen homemade or bakery cookies to help fill the boxes. By the end of the night we will have "raised" about 600 pounds of homemade goodness for our clients to enjoy.

Cookies can also be dropped off the day of the party until 5 pm at Ace Hardware located on Merrimon Avenue in North Asheville.

For more information contact Betty Sharpless atbsharpL614@aol.com, at 828-254-8832.

Editor Note: For more information on LFR, click on the LFR logo to go to their website.

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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

The church office will be closed December 24 Through January 1 for the Christmas holidays. - Katie



Thank you to **Tucker Geringer** for playing “taps” during our “Remembrance Sunday” service.



Congratulations to **Holton Brown** and his Asheville High Cougar football team on a successful 2014 season. Also, thank you for volunteering at LFR.

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. 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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