



# Kenilworth Church

PC(USA)

*Faith, Love, Action*

*February, 2015*

## Season of Lent Starts with Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

Source: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/worship-resources-lent/>



## MLK Celebration

Thank you to the 200+ people that joined KPC in celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



I want to give a special thanks to Marvin Chambers, Dr. Darin Waters and Dr. Dwight Mullen who shared their expertise and experiences with us. It was a powerful evening reminding us all that we have come a long way but we have got a long way to go in creating an equal and just society.

Many thanks to our event sponsors Adams and Adams Construction, BP Solutions Group and the anonymous donors who made the evening possible.

We greatly appreciate our friends in the press who generously gave air time to our event and helped us get the word out-- Leslie Godbold and Matt Mittan from WZGM AM 1350 and DJ Besbleve and The Midweek Fix on [www.smnradio.tk/dj-besbleve](http://www.smnradio.tk/dj-besbleve).

A BIG thanks to the volunteers that helped set up and clean up the event!  
-Katie

## Congregational Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church congregation was held on Sunday, January 18.

Rev. Dr. Allen P. Smith confirmed that a quorum was present and began the meeting with a prayer. He then called on Don Peterson (Session member, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Church Treasurer) to present some matters to the congregation.

### SESSION VACANCIES:

From an article (written by Don) about "the Session" in the October, 2014 KPC Newsletter: "Our Church has a governing body known as the "Session," which consists of nine "Active 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 "active elders.")"

Don stated that there were three session vacancies to be filled for 2015, these having been created

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**Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. for our "Ash Wednesday" Service - Beginning of Lent Season**

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by the completion of Richard Glenn's term (by Gus Adams), as well as the decision of Judy Taylor and Bob Williams not to run for a second term.

He then gave the 2014 Nominating Committee's recommendations for these three vacancies—for a 3-yr term—as Gus Adams, Millie Bruns, and Bob Craddock. The recommended slate was elected unanimously by the congregation.

#### 2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Don reported that the 2015 Nominating Committee recommendations are Calvin Underwood as chairman and Bob Williams, Jim Henderson, Bill Johnson, and Judy Taylor as members. The recommended slate was elected unanimously by the congregation.

#### CHURCH TRUSTEES (INFORMATION)

Don shared that under State law our church is a "corporation". Trustees make decisions regarding property of the corporation. The Session will serve as the trustees of the KPC corporation.

#### BUDGET FOR 2015 (INFORMATION)

Don stated that a budget committee consisting of himself, Bob Craddock, and the Pastor had begun work on the budget last fall. A budget for 2015 reviewed by the Property and Finance Committee and the Session. It was subsequently approved by the Session on December 10. A copy of the budget was distributed to those in attendance. If you didn't receive a copy and would like one, please see Don. Also, if you have questions, please see Don.

#### BUILDING FUND (INFORMATION)

Don gave an update on the receipts and expenditures of the Building Fund that was opened

on 5-21-14 to be directed toward the repairs and improvement of the KPC buildings under the direction of the Property and Finance Committee. He reported donations of \$75,249.79 and expenditures of \$67,451.23, leaving a December 31 balance of \$7,798.56. He also mentioned that, while successful, the past year was only the first of a 7-yr plan for repairs and improvements and more funds will be needed to go forward with the plan.

#### DONATION ANNUAL SUMMARIES (INFORMATION)

Don mentioned that 2014 donation summaries were being distributed, and he asked that anyone noting a discrepancy on their record to please bring it to his attention. If you have not received your annual summary of donations, please see Don.

- The above report on the Congregational meeting was arranged by the editor using, in part, the meeting minutes prepared by Don Peterson. Thank you to Don for the excellent presentation to the Congregation and for the minutes of that meeting.

## New Members



Jason Minton and Mary Virella became members of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church on January 11.

Jason and Mary have been attending KPC and active for quite a while.

Mary is one of our standby Youth Sunday School leaders and has recently started attending the Church Leadership School at WNC Presbytery.

They shared with the church that they plan to be married on October 24.

We welcome Jason and Mary as members of KPC and congratulate them on their engagement to be married.

## Successful 'Operation Baby Booties' Expanding

Operation Baby Booties is a big success! Thank you to everyone who has donated baby care items to KPC. These items will be distributed to Foster families and parents with economic need in WNC. WE ARE EXPANDING THIS MINISTRY and are accepting donations of feminine hygiene products, adult incontinence products, toilet paper etc. PLEASE continue to donate! These items cannot be purchased with Food Stamps and are desperately needed by Loving Food Resources and area homeless shelters.

See Katie with questions.



## ***Kenilworth Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Was A Big Success: Thank You***



Allen welcoming our 200+ guests



Katie welcoming and introducing speakers



"Mr. Popcorn" preparing his specialty



Holton Brown took care of stage set



Music and sound effects by Gus



Inspirational dance by UAI Boyz



Master of Ceremony, Marvin Chambers



Great Food Galore



Candlelight ceremony



Dr. Darin Waters



Dr. Dwight Mullen



Marvin leading Q&A session

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### *The Kenilworth Church Team*

**The Session:**  
**Rev. Dr. Allen Smith**, Minister and Session Moderator  
**Sally Martin**, Clerk and chair, Education  
**Don Peterson**, Treasurer  
**Mike Cox**, chair, Property and Finance  
**Jeff Scoltock**, chair, Personnel  
**Bob Craddock**  
**Gus Adams**  
**Steve Hill**  
**Millie Bruns**  
**Calvin Underwood**, Assistant Clerk and Newsletter Editor

**Staff:**  
**Katie Adams**, Program Development  
**LaMont DeBruhl**, Sexton  
**Chuck Lockwood**, Music Minister

**AND....YOU!**

### *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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### **Calendar Notables**

There will be a special **Ash Wednesday service** on February 18 at 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent Season.



**Pub Theology** will meet the 4th Wed of Feb, Feb 28, not the 3rd as usual because of Ash Wednesday.

**Special thanks** to Marsha Cox for stepping up and volunteering in the church office. Marsha is creating the church bulletin and assisting in other administrative tasks. Be sure to give Marsha a big hug because she has persevered through an endless saga with our office printer!!

**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)

### **Winter Glove Drive**

The need for winter gloves continues. So please bring gloves to church to donate.

See Julian Marbut to donate or with questions.

