



Kenilworth Church

PC(USA)

Faith, Love, Action

March, 2015

From Our Pastor

It is hard to believe that we will be celebrating Easter in a few weeks. In last month's newsletter, we read about the season of **Lent** and what it calls Christians to do. This month let us look at **Easter** and what it means for our Christian faith.



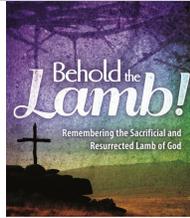
Easter celebrates **Jesus Christ's** resurrection from the dead, and many believe that it is Christianity's most important holiday—despite the fact that our society seems to love Christmas more! It is a moveable feast because it does not fall on a set date every year.

The origin of the word **Easter** is unclear. Many scholars believe it is derived from the name *Eostre*, a Teutonic goddess of springtime, new life and fertility. The word also has roots in a Latin term for white week—a reference to the white robes converts would wear for baptism. It is also interesting to remember that we have egg rolling events to reminds us that the stone was rolled away from the empty tomb!

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Behold the Lamb!

Please mark your calendar and tell your friends....you don't want to miss the KPC Choir's presentation of **Behold the Lamb! on Sunday, March 29th at the 11am service....**right here in the sanctuary. This musical and narrative journey underscores the significant price that Jesus paid for our freedom and salvation. It recalls Israel's release from Egyptian bondage with the Passover Lamb, a foretelling of God's divine plan to provide the Holy Lamb as the ultimate sacrifice for our spiritual freedom. The despair of Christ's crucifixion eventually gives way to joy in a triumphant celebration of His resurrection! Blending some original work with timeless hymns you know, it will be a compelling worship experience and a dramatic reminder of God's relentless love and grace.



I hope to see everyone there.....and I promise no snow :)

- Chuck

New Members

Welcome to our newest members, **Mitzi Shamble and Leslie Godbold.**

Mitzi has been Presbyterian all her life. She married a Presbyterian minister and was married for almost 60



years. KPC member Polly Johnson is the oldest of Mitzi's six children. Mitzi enjoys singing in the KPC choir.

Leslie has 4 children (2 boys, 2 girls), 2 teenage grandsons and a 4 year old granddaughter.



After 20 years as a Chief Financial Officer for a group of corporations she is currently an on air radio host and executive producer for 8 radio shows. She also is a motivational speaker for groups and corporations.

Welcome Back Home

Joyce Gibbens, who was a KPC member prior to moving away 30 years ago, is in the process of moving back to Asheville. Welcome back home, Joyce.

March 29 is Palm Sunday, 'Behold the Lamb'

April 5 is Easter

Love God... And Love Your Neighbor

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The history and scholarship of Easter is rich and interesting. However, for us, **Easter** is the very real celebration of new life made possible through the death and resurrection of **Jesus Christ our Lord**. And, we are called to see ourselves as new creations in **Christ Jesus**. As we move through Lent into the **Easter** season, may we be called to embrace the joy and hope it offers us in our lives and beyond.



On **Easter** morning, the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty—Christ is risen! May we, then, make a space in our lives to allow the risen Christ to dwell within us!

Blessings,
Allen

Our Newest Elder

On January 18 the Congregation elected Millie Bruns as our newest Elder for the 2015 Session.

Millie is a graduate of Wright State University, in Fairborn, Ohio where she earned a degree in psychology with honors.

She worked in the real estate industry for 23 years as an agent and loan officer.

Millie owned and operated a business called "Tender Loving Visits" until her husband became ill.

She served as a Deacon in the Judson Baptist Church in West Carrollton, Ohio before moving to Asheville in January, 2010. She became a member of KPC shortly thereafter.

Millie has served on the Prayer group, collaborated with Bob Craddock to start a weekday Bible study group and has worked on the Memorial Garden.

We thank Millie for her service, past and future.

Building Repair Plan for 2015

The Property and Finance Committee has adopted the **2015 Building Repair Plan** to continue the progress made in 2014 towards completion of the Seven Year Plan.

Land of the Sky UCC has offered to provide forward funding for the replacement of two interior doors with a small loan from their church. The loan will be repaid by an adjustment in their rent. This work will include replacement of the choir room doors to better control the interference of choir practice with services and the replacement of the Narthex toilet room door to continue efforts to provide an accessible toilet for the sanctuary. These doors are expected to be installed in March.

Some of you will know that asbestos pipe insulation was used in the furnace rooms of the main building and the Loving Foods building when those systems were first installed. No one should tamper with this insulation. The insulation will be removed and properly disposed of this Spring by a company certified for the removal of such materials. Air quality tests will be conducted in the boiler rooms upon completion of the work to ensure that the materials have been properly removed. The insulation will be replaced with fiberglass pipe insulation in the fall before heating season resumes. This project is our highest priority for 2015 and can be accomplished for around \$10,000, half of which is already in the building fund. Please help us raise the necessary additional funds to support this spring project. Meanwhile the Property & Finance committee will be exploring options for financing the larger part of the 2015 repairs.

We are pleased to announce that a youth group will be available this spring for carpentry, gardening and painting around the church. Currently on the list of potential projects is painting of the rails in front of the church, stain for the back decks, painting of the wood

rails in the courtyard, gardening and replacement of the pickets that separate the loving foods entrance from the boiler room stair. A few members of our church will need to be present to facilitate their efforts and make sure they have the necessary supplies and supervision. Please watch for announcements concerning this important work day and **please thank Land of the Sky UCC for arranging this program.**

The larger projects this year are being planned for the summer and will be undertaken by contract. Like the main building last year, the roof edge for the Kenilworth Center (fellowship hall) will be replaced this year to eliminate leaking into the woodwork and the exterior of



the building will be painted. A new pair of doors are planned between the Narthex and loving food to provide a fire separation between the two buildings. Electrical upgrades and electrical fire safety issues will also be addressed for the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

On balance this year's efforts are similar in cost to those undertaken last year. Everyone is reminded that, at Kenilworth Church, our giving programs to others remain our highest priority. All are urged to give to the Building Repair Fund to the degree that they deem appropriate, knowing that God has provided for the full repair of the church and that it will be accomplished while we continue to tend to the needs of others.

- Mike Cox

Love God... And Love Your Neighbor

Winter Clothing Drive

Editor Note: For several years, Julian Marbut has spearheaded a 'Winter Clothing Drive' to collect winter clothing for those in need. This initiative was started by Russ Barnes, an LFR client and Julian's friend. Julian has dedicated this continued initiative to Russ Barnes. Thank you to Julian for sharing his story and for his efforts to continue the winter clothing ministry.

Russ Barnes was a friend of mine.

"I met Russ several years ago as he was a "client" at Loving Foods Resources (LFR) the food pantry located behind the main building of KPC-USA.

At the time I was serving on Session as Building & Grounds and Finance Chair and he requested permission to set up a table on the front lawn of the church during the cold winter months in order to pass out warm clothing to those in need such as gloves, toboggans, coats, hats, scarfs, etc. That request was granted.

It was indeed an inspiring sight to see that little man in the bitter cold as I attended my volunteer duties at LFR. I would take him coffee and other things but he always wished to remain outside doing what he thought needed to be done.

Russ had AIDS and didn't look too well even when we first met. That didn't even come close to deterring him from his mission, his goal.

Sometimes he wasn't there. Occasionally he had to be admitted for medical attention due to his illness. I missed him even then and I sure miss him now.

Several years ago Russ was there no more, blessedly going home to be with the Lord.

That's when I started the "Russ Barnes Clothing Drive" for those in need.



This year, with the generous help of the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church congregation, and others, we came close to a goal of 500 articles of clothing and for that, **I thank you.**"

- Julian Marbut

Operation Baby Booties

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. This is an ongoing ministry. So keep those baby items coming.

See Katie with questions.



Richard Glenn carrying in baby clothes

- Katie

Dignity Drive

Dignity Drive to support area homeless shelters and Loving Food Resources. It may not be a pretty subject but the fact is that personal care items are **DESPERATELY** needed by Loving Food Resources and area homeless shelters.

Personal care items cannot be purchased with Food Stamps so many people have to rely without basic care items such as soap, toilet paper, diapers, adult incontinence products and feminine hygiene products.

Please bring these items to KPC for distribution or see Katie with questions. If you would like to donate funds towards the purchase of these items please write "Dignity Drive" on the subject line of your check.

- Katie

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

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Kenilworth Community News

KPC Supports Local Dancer

Ronald Trammel, one of the amazing Hip Hop dancers that performed at the KPC Celebration



of Dr. MLK, is going to audition for "[So You Think You Can Dance](#)" on March 8!

The praise and worship fund raising service held at the Agape World Outreach Church on March 1 was a big success.

KPC donated \$140 towards Ronald's expenses. Ronald appreciates his friends at KPC very much and sends his love and gratitude.

Please keep Ronald in your prayers as he sets out to achieve his dream.

- Katie



Leslie Godbold's Baptism.

Photo by Linda Underwood

Black History Breakfast at St. John 'A' Baptist

St. John "A" Baptist Church hosted a wonderful Black History Breakfast on Saturday, February 28, 2015. The speaker for the breakfast was Civil Rights worker **Isaac Coleman**. Mr. Coleman was a civil rights worker in Mississippi during Freedom Summer and has worked tirelessly in Asheville since 1971. Mr. Coleman shared personal experiences and educated us all on his Super Hero- Harriet Tubman! Thanks to our dear friends at St. John "A" for hosting such a superb event.



Photo courtesy of The Urban News

- Katie

Send your high resolution pictures of church related activities, along with a caption, to Calvin for the newsletter.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt Needs You

The annual **Kenilworth Easter Egg Hunt** will be **Saturday, April 4 at 11am** on the front lawn of KPC.



We will be needing plastic eggs and candy to fit inside the eggs before our egg stuffing party to be held near the end of March. The date will be announced at Church.

Please bring in candy and plastic eggs for the hunt. We usually hide around 600 eggs and this is one of our most beloved events.

If you would like to volunteer to stuff eggs, to help hide eggs or help during the hunt, please sign up in the Narthex!

- Katie



Jennifer, Tucker and Sierra Volunteering to serve ice cream at last years Easter egg hunt

Session Roster for 2015: As reported in the February KPC Newsletter, on January 18 the Congregation elected Millie Bruns, Bob Craddock and Gus Adams to the KPC Session. On February 22 the Session met to organize for 2015. The following is the Session roster for 2015 showing the committee assignments. Please see any Elder if you have questions.

2015 KPC SESSION ROSTER	
NAME , (term)	DESIGNATION
Allen Smith	Pastor, Moderator
Gus Adams, (2) thru 2017	Property & Finance
Millie Bruns, (1) thru 2017	*Education, Outreach & Hospitality
Mike Cox, (1) thru 2016	*Property & Finance
Bob Craddock, (1) thru 2017	*Outreach & Hospitality
Steve Hill, (1) thru 2016	*Worship & Vision
Sally Martin, (2) thru 2015	Education, Outreach & Hospitality
Don Peterson, (1) thru 2015	Property & Finance, Clerk of Session, Treasurer
Jeff Scoltock, (2) thru 2015	Property & Finance, *Personnel
Calvin Underwood, (1) thru 2016	Property & Finance, Asst. Clerk of Session

Treasurer/Clerk: Don Peterson

Asst. Clerk: Calvin Underwood

Committees (*chairperson)

Education

**Millie Bruns*, Richard Glenn, Sally Martin, Mary Smith, Mary Virella

Outreach & Hospitality

**Bob Craddock*, *Millie Bruns*, Julian Marbut, Sally Martin, Judy Taylor

Property & Finance Committee

**Mike Cox*, *Gus Adams*, Bill Chater, Bill Johnson, *Don Peterson*, *Jeff Scoltock*, *Calvin Underwood*

Worship & Vision

**Steve Hill*, Katie Adams, Bill Chater, Katherine Jowers, Bob Williams

Personnel

**Jeff Scoltock*, Jim Henderson, the 4 committee chairpersons above

Nominating Committee of 2015: **Calvin Underwood*, Jim Henderson, Bill Johnson, Judy Taylor, Bob Williams

(*Active Elder/Board members are in italics.*)

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KPC Church members interested in serving on a Committee should contact Allen Smith. If interested in serving as an Elder in the future, please contact Allen or any of the Nominating Committee.

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

Staff:
Rev. Dr. Allen Smith, Minister
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

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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