

Kenilworth at Work!

March 2017

From the Pastor's Study



Our Lenten series will explore Biblical foundations and current implications of the values we hold dear.

**Thursday, March 9:
Affirming Mercy and Justice
Seeking alternatives to the death penalty.**

Ron Steiner, member of the OADP (Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty) Board of Directors. Before moving to Oregon, Ron was a member of the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty. New Mexico repealed their death penalty on March 18, 2009.

**March 23:
Affirming Diversity
Sharing his story of immigration.**

Eric, a former refugee and Portland resident

The Dates for the remaining Lenten Dinner will be Thursdays, March 16, and 30, and April 6. Speakers for the specific dates have not yet been identified. The topics are:

- Affirming Creation, a presentation regarding an environmental issue
- Affirming Our Confessions, a presentation about the Belhar Confession
- Affirming Our Community, a presentation about homelessness and affordable housing

The events are open to all, and include a meal. We will gather at 6:15pm and begin eating at 6:30pm. The programs will commence around 7:00pm and conclude at 8pm or soon thereafter. There is no charge, however donations are invited. Please invite friends and family. The dinners will be hosted by church families. Please volunteer to help at one of the Lenten Dinners.



Ash Wednesday Service: March 1, 7:30 pm

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday as a day of mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality save for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more. Though we are dust, we are baptized dust, and that makes all the difference. Come, get your dust revitalized. Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 pm

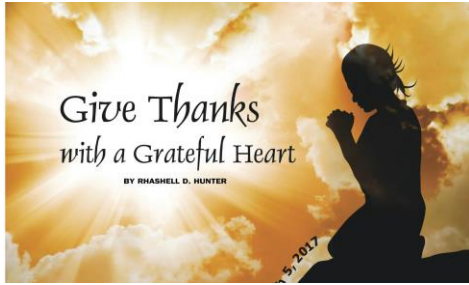
**Presbyterian Women
Monday, March 13 pm, 7 pm
“Who Is Jesus?”**

**What a Difference a Lens Makes
Lesson 7: According to the Non-
Canonical Gospels**

Study Leader: Eleanore Ramsey

In the first six lessons we have seen a diverse presentation of Jesus in our canon, the New Testament. The four Gospels in our canon however are not the only Gospels that circulated during early Christianity. Discoveries in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries have opened up to us a world of early Christian literature that captures the great diversity among early Christians.

PW will volunteer at **Rahab’s Sisters** on Friday, March 10. If you would like to volunteer for this program, please sign up in the Fireplace Room. We are collecting gently used and new socks, blankets and any warm winter clothing for the women at Rahab’s Sisters. Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex marked for Rahab’s Sisters. Thank you.



**Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday
“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”
March 12, 2017**

We are encouraged to live with an “attitude of gratitude.” That means showing appreciation, returning kindnesses, saying thank you and giving thanks with a grateful heart. Because of what God has first given us, we respond in gratitude. Please join the women of KPC at this special worship service.

PWP Cascades Annual Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 1, 2017
10 am – 3 pm

Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Immigration
Leviticus 19:33-34

First Presbyterian Church of Newberg
\$10 pre-registered or \$15 at the door

Sign-up in the Fireplace Room or contact Barbara
Votrobeck: 503-505-4102

Leviticus 19:33-34

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

Kenilworth Preschool Auction Fundraiser

The preschool is planning their annual fund raising auction, which will kick off Friday, March 10th and the auction will run through Sunday, March 19th. If you have an item to donate, or wish to contact a business to seek a donation, please let Pastor David know and he will put you in touch with Christina Enticknap, who is in charge of the auction for the preschool.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING?

- Elected Carol Garner and Rick Votrobeck for another 3-year term on Session
- Celebrated our life as a congregation in 2016 and looked ahead to 2017
- Approved the 2017 budget
- Approved 1% salary increases to church staff
- Approved the pastor's terms of call

Important Dates in March 2017

Kenilworth Community Preschool

Cricket Class: Tues and Thurs, 9:30-12:30

Bear Class: Mon, Wed and Fri, 9:30-12:30

Preschool Online Auction: Mar 11-19

No School: Mar 25-Apr 2

Ash Wed: Mar 1, 7:30p

Birthday Sunday: Mar 5

Burgerville: Mar 7, 5-8p

Choir Practice: Mar 5,12,19,26 @ 12:15p

Communion: Mar 5,10:30a

Daisy Scouts: Mar 1 and 15, 4p

Deadline for April Newsletter, Mar 23

Deliver Groceries to Grout: Mar 24

Finnish Society, Mar 11, 11a-3p

Gifts of Women Rehearsal, Tues Mar 7, 7p

Gifts of Women Sunday, Mar 12, 10:30a

Girl Scouts: Mar 17, 3:30p

Girl Scouts: Mar 19, 3p

Lenten Dinners: Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr 4 @ 6:15p

Parish Nurse: There are no Parish Nurses visits this month.

Prayer Circle: Mar 7,14, 21, 28 @ 6:15p

Presbyterian Women: Mar 13, 7p

Presbytery Meeting: Mar 10-11, Albany PC

Rahab's Sisters: Mar 10, 6:30-10p

Session: No Session scheduled

Tai Chi: Mar 7,14, 21, 28 @ 5:45p

Welsh Society: Mar 4, 11-3p

Worship: Mar 5,12,19,26 @ 10:30a

Yoga: Mar 4,11,18, 25 @ 11a

Wanted:

Hosts for March coffee
hour fellowship time.

Sign up today!

Worship Leaders

Shirlee Ebert is now
scheduling Sunday worship
leaders.

Please consider saying
"Yes" when asked to serve.
Thank you.

Looking ahead to April:

PWP Cascades Spring

Gathering, April 1

Last Lenten Dinner: April 4

Palm Sunday: April 9

Maundy Thurs: April 13

Good Friday Service at

Piedmont PC, April 13

Easter: April 16

Bright Sunday: April 23

Book Exchange: April 30

**Consider contributing your
Per Capita assessment
\$31.43**

March Birthdays

March 6: Dave Ramsey
March 9: Shirlee Ebert
March 10: Hubert Newton



Enjoy a night out at
Burgerville
Tues Mar. 7, 5-8 pm



Remember the pets. They get hungry too!
Bring a donation of pet food this month for SnowCap

News from Session Meeting: February 16, 2017

- 2016 Financial records review has been completed.
- Memorials for Jeanne Rivers totaling \$400 are to be moved to the Wells Fargo Savings account pending a decision on the best use of those funds.
- The local share of the Peacemaking Offering totaling \$124.75 will be moved to the Wells Fargo Savings account until a local Peacemaking Mission can be identified.
- The Congregation approved a 1% increase in the Pastor's Housing Allowance at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Session approved the Pastor's Stated Supply contract under those terms.
- Session accepted a progress report on the Performance Improvement Plan for Preschool Teacher, Melinda Larson.
- We are awaiting notification if Kenilworth Presbyterian Church is to be designated an Earth Care Congregation.
- The theme for 2017 Lenten Dinners will be "This We Affirm."
- The first Lenten Dinner will be March 9, 2017, Affirming Justice & Mercy. Guest speaker will be Mr. Ron Steiner with a presentation about alternatives to the death penalty.
- On a date still to be determined one Lenten Program will be entitled Affirming Our Confessions. Pastor David Jewel will lead a presentation on the Belhar Confession which was added to the PC(USA) Book of Confessions at the General Assembly in Portland last summer.
- Invitations for guest speakers Affirming Creation, Affirming Diversity and Affirming Our Community have been delivered, but confirmations of names and dates have not yet been received.



Grocery Bags for Grout – Friday, March 24

We will deliver seven bags for the Spring Break school holiday on Friday March 24. Please bring items to share in groups of seven, if possible. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful program.



BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NEWS



THE MUSIC OF LENT

On March 1st, Ash Wednesday will begin our season of Lent. Hymns that we sing during Lent are usually reflective. One such hymn is "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." I'd like to share with you some background on this hymn. I'll be quoting from *Amazing Grace: "366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions"* by Kenneth W. Osbeck.

While preparing for a communion service in 1707, Isaac Watts wrote this deeply moving and very personal expression of gratitude for the amazing love that the death of Christ on the cross revealed. It first appeared in print that same year in Watts's outstanding collection, *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*. The hymn was originally entitled "Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ." Noted theologian Matthew Arnold called this the greatest hymn in the English language. In Watts's day, texts such as this, which were based only on personal feeling, were termed "hymns of human composure" and were very controversial, since almost all congregational singing at this time consisted of ponderous repetitions of the Psalms. The unique thoughts presented by Watts in these lines certainly must have pointed the eighteenth-century Christians to a view of the dying Savior in a vivid and memorable way that led them to a deeper worship experience, even as it does for us today.

Young Watts showed unusual talent at an early age, learning Latin when he was five, Greek at nine, French at eleven, and Hebrew at twelve. As he grew up, he became increasingly disturbed by the uninspiring psalm-singing in the English churches. He commented, "The singing of God's praise is the part of worship most closely related to heaven; but its performance among us is the worst on earth." Throughout his life, Isaac Watts wrote over six hundred hymns and is known today as the "father of English hymnody." His hymns were strong and triumphant statements of the Christian faith, yet none ever equaled the colorful imagery and genuine devotion of this emotionally stirring and magnificent hymn text.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

As we traverse through Lent, take note of the text of the hymns we sing. Is there one that speaks to you?

Musically yours, Barb Votrobeck – KPC Director of Music

PARISH NURSE HEALTH BEAT

March 2017

Note: There are no Parish Nurses visits to KPC this month

Parish Nurse Contact: Judy Hubbard 503-310-9534

HEALTH TRIVIA:

Cell Phone Danger – A new study shows that in both hand-held and hands-free cell phone use caused a 40% increase in reaction time during a simulation of a pedestrian entering a crosswalk from the driver's peripheral vision compared to drivers not using any cell phone. Reason? The cognitive power needed to hold a conversation decreases the ability to process visual information.

Takeaway: NEVER use ANY cell phone while driving.

(From: Bottom Line Health)

MORE THAN FORGETFULNESS?

It is upsetting to forget why you walked into a room to do something or if you forget someone's name, but remember a short time later, it is probably a normal aging event. If you find yourself struggling to retain information that you just learned or if memory lapses are permanent or paired with profound inattention, such as leaving the stove on all day, tell your doctor. There is good testing available to discern mild aging cognitive impairment versus more serious diagnostics such as Dementia or Alzheimer's. Some causes can be reversed or slowed so early intervention is important.

(From: Consumer Reports Health)

SHOULD SENIORS SEE A GERIATRICIAN?

These are Internists or Family Practice physicians who are board certified to care for older adults. It is appropriate to see one if you have multiple health issues, take multiple medications or have some kind of memory issues. Discuss with your current doctor; he/she may be comfortable handling your problems, but a referral would make it easier to get in to see one who specializes in multiple problems.

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