

Kenilworth @ Work!

June 2023



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's G=grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NOTES

***Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty,
the one who always was, who is, and
who is still to come. Revelation 4:8b***

These are the words of worship that believers will proclaim in heaven one day. This majestic text based on these words was written approximately two hundred years ago by an Anglican minister, **Reginald Heber**, and it is still one of the hymns most frequently used in our corporate worship, especially on Trinity Sunday, June 4th this year.

Worship is the cornerstone of a believer's spiritual life. The bedrock of the local church is its worship service, and all aspects of the church's ministry are founded here. It is only as a Christian truly worships that he/she begins to grow spiritually. Learning to worship and praise God, then, should be a believer's lifetime pursuit. Our worship reflects the depth of our relationship with God. We must learn to worship God not only for what God is doing in our personal lives, but above all for who God is - God's being, character, and deeds.



Reginald Heber was a highly respected minister, writer, and church leader, serving for a time as the Bishop of Calcutta. His early death at the age of forty-three was widely mourned throughout the Christian world. One year after his death, a collection of fifty-seven of his hymns was published by his widow and many friends as a tribute to his memory and faithful ministry. It is from this collection of 1827 that these words were taken.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

I hope you will be with us on Trinity Sunday as we sing the complete hymn.

I would also like to thank all those who have contributed to our worship musically since September 2022: Karl Berger, Carol Garner, David Jewel, Rebecca Jewel, Jonathan Jewel, Sharese Jewel, Dave Ramsey, Rick Votrobeck and Allison Zimmerman. We were especially delighted to have **Estelle Powell**, an anthropology student at Reed College, join us in the choir. We look forward to her return in September, as well as that of all of our musicians. Music is an essential part of worship adding many types of emotion to the worship experience.

Musically yours,
Barbara Votrobeck, KPC Music Director

The Shamrock and the Trinity

Legend has it that when Saint Patrick told the King of Ireland about the Trinity, the king could not believe three Persons in the Godhead could exist as one. Lifting up a sprig of shamrock, Saint Patrick said: "Here is a perfect leaf with three perfect parts." The shamrock became a well-known symbol of the Holy Trinity. *From Presbyterians Today*





Kenilworth Presbyterian Women Meeting & Bible Study Saturday, June 17

9:30 AM in person and via Zoom

This year's Bible Study: "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight," concludes on June 17 with lesson 9: Sabbath and Community. Based on a reading from the book of Acts, this lesson looks at how community is key for sustaining us in our Sabbath journey.

The Fellowship of the Believers
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

The women of
Kenilworth Presbyterian Church
invite you to join us for our

LUNCHEON Tea Party

SAT **24** JUNE
12 - 3 PM

KENILWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4028 SE 34TH AVE (AT GLADSTONE)

A fundraiser for the ministry at
Shepherd's Door
A shelter for women and children
Guest Speaker:
Holly Hummel, Portland Rescue Mission

Tickets: \$15 Each

RSVP:
email kenilworthpc@gmail.com

Wear Orange on Gun Violence Awareness Days, June 2 - 4

Orange is the color that Hadiya Pendleton's friends wore in her honor when she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15—just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013. After her death, Hadiya's friends and family asked us to stand up, speak out, and wear orange to raise awareness about gun violence. Since then, orange has been the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement.



This year, we once again unite in our call to end gun violence as we come together for Wear Orange. We honor the communities shattered by gun violence alongside the 120 people who are shot and killed, and hundreds more who are wounded, every day in our country. Together, we call for meaningful action to save lives.



We should not have to live in fear that gunfire can ring out at any moment, whether it's at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, while grocery shopping at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, a party in San Bernardino, or at gathering places across the country. We deserve more. Raise awareness by participating in Wear Orange online and in your community.



Since 2018, Kenilworth has been providing financial support for the education of Gloria, a young woman from Rwanda. Gloria is one of the first members of her community to attend university and this month, Gloria is graduating with a degree in law. KPC was able to connect with Gloria through *These Numbers Have Faces*, an organization which works to “educate and equip Africa’s brightest young leaders, empowering them to cultivate thriving communities.”

Jim Presnell, executive director, will travel to Rwanda this month to welcome new students into *These Numbers Have Faces* and to celebrate the 25 graduates. As part of the graduation celebration, Jim will present a card of congratulations and gift to Gloria from Kenilworth.



Shirlee has moved up to the second floor at Friendship Center into a private room. It's looking like that's where she'll stay. It's quite a nice room with a lovely view and she likes it!



Brian will be furnishing it with some things from home to make it nice. Shirlee LOVES VISITORS!!

If you'd like to call and/or visit Shirlee, contact Kenilworth at 503-235-3977 or kenilworthpc@gmail.com

June Birthdays

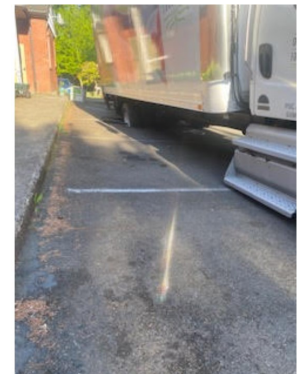
Willa Ramsey	10
Katie Essick	13
Karl Berger	16
Sylvie Levasseur	30



“Your birthday is the beginning of your own personal new year. Your first birthday was a beginning, and each new birthday is a chance to begin again, to start over, to take a new grip on life.” – Wilferd Arlan Peterson

Groceries for Grout May 2023

Here's a snapshot from May 12 of the Oregon Food Bank (OFB) delivery truck at the Woodstock Pantry (WP) at All Saints Episcopal Church. The rear wheel found a sinkhole in our partner's parking lot, lifting the other truck wheels off the ground. Thankfully, volunteers rose to the occasion and safely off-loaded WP's and G4G's groceries, case by case.



You ALL helped take up the slack during vacations, holidays and my health adventures. THANK YOU! I'm glad to report that I'm 99% recovered and really appreciate the thoughts, messages and prayers sent on my behalf. The monthly statistics show your strong commitment to this project:

1,490 people served (452 households)
62% are families from Grout Elementary
12% are families from Kenilworth Park Plaza
26% are others from the area

14,555 pounds of groceries received
452# gleaned from New Seasons Woodstock
1,287# gleaned from Imperfect Produce
9,489# from the Oregon Food Bank
1,287# shared from Woodstock Pantry



210 hours donated by 21 volunteers
Together we make a difference. THANK YOU ALL!
Laura Schaefer



Session Highlights May 21, 2023



- Our new Moderator has not been confirmed by COM, therefore Rev. Dr. Tom Nolen was authorized to moderate our May meeting. (See note below.)
- Lay Pastor Shela Sullivan will lead Worship June 4. Rev. Dr. John Hubbard will return June 11. Rev. Dr. Tom Nolen is scheduled for June 18, and Kris Voss-Rothmeier for June 25.
- The Search Committee received one non-denominational direct application, but he was not yet qualified for this position.
- The new Building Use Agreement is now being distributed to the various groups using space in our building. Special emphasis is being placed on the necessity for child supervision.
- Session voted to have automatic closure devices installed on two exterior doors.
- Session authorized a 10% cost-of-living adjustment for the Office Assistant, Music Director and Custodian effective January 1, 2023. The total budget increase is \$1,577.08
- The two additional estimates for updating the church heating system have not yet been received.
- Laura reported both of Allisen Hein’s Teaching contracts (2022-23, and 2023-24) have been completed and signed.
- Permission was granted, authorizing use of church tables for a July 1, 2023 wedding reception in our church neighborhood. A \$50 donation will be gratefully received.
- The Green Team requested permission to co-host the Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association Dumpster Day, currently planned for Saturday, October 14, 2023. During the event, 34th Avenue would be temporarily restricted to one-way traffic between Gladstone St. and Francis St., with collection dumpsters in our parking lot. Session voted to approve the request.
- **The Greene Foundation** has funded a \$5,000 grant to Kenilworth Community Preschool. Grant funds might be used for facility updates and/or scholarship assistance for families with financial hardship.
- Session authorized Jonathan Jewel to research an alternative hosting service for our Worship services. Preliminary examination appears to have much better sound quality than we currently experience on Zoom.
- The regular June Session meeting has been scheduled for June 11, 2023 at approximately 1:00 pm. The meeting was moved up one week to avoid conflicting with Father’s Day celebrations June 18.

Rick Votrobeck, Clerk of Session

After the May Session meeting, the Presbytery Commission on Ministry appointed The Rev. Susan Van Stelle to serve as our new Moderator. Sue is the Pastor of Mt. Scott Presbyterian Church here in Portland.

KCP Receives Memorial Grant

Kenilworth Community Preschool has received a grant from the J.S. Greene Memorial Foundation to fund much-needed projects to improve the school and better serve our community.



The J.S. Greene Memorial Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable giving organization honoring the life of John Scott "Scotty" Greene, who passed away in 2013. The foundation was started by his wife, Merilynn, as a way to continue his legacy of generosity. Scotty was a big supporter of organizations and initiatives that serve children, especially those providing education and basic needs. The Greene's grandson, Wyatt, attended the preschool for the 22-23 school year in the Cricket's class. Scotty would have been so proud to see the strong work the kids and the community put in to make Kenilworth such a wonderful place.



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Community Preschool

Just like that, another year of Bears crossed the rainbow bridge, rang the church bell, and are off to kindergarten. The end of the school year at KCP is always bitter sweet. I look back at how much everyone has grown, and the beautiful community that has been built. I love living

where I teach, because I know that I will see these families again at the park, the store, and out and about in our local community.

Our cricket class is excited to return next year as bears, and parents continue to work on projects to improve the building. School officially ended before Memorial Day, but families returned this week to help close up the classroom, trim up the play yard, weed the bean house, and give a fresh coat of paint to a top floor space. (See photos on next page.)

Our final weeks were filled with insects and gardening, butterflies and strawberries. A sweet way to welcome summer. KCP families stay connected throughout the summer attending weekly play dates at neighborhood parks and watering our garden. Stop and say hello if you see them out watering, playing in the play yard, or working on their biking skills on the traffic playground out back. Summer play dates will resume in the play yard Wednesday mornings in August and school will begin September 7th. Enjoy the sunshine. Kindly, Allisen Hein





Kenilworth Community Preschool parents trimming up the play yard and giving a fresh coat of paint to a top floor space.

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