

Kenilworth @ Work!

October 2023



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



The month of October begins with World Communion Sunday, (October 1) and ends with All Saints Day (November 1). Each of these days remind us that we are surrounded by others, like one leaf among many. On World Communion Sunday as we share the Holy Meal, Christians around the world partake with us. We are all connected to the source of life in Christ, and to each other. We are like so many leaves, each connected to a tree.

On All Saints Day we remember those who have inspired us and gone before us. Our prayers and memories might include those who have died and are dear to us. Like the brightly colored leaves of fall, those from generations past are carried on the wind. They leave us with memories of beauty, like the gold, red and brown leaves of autumn.

Autumn is a season of transition and change. The splendor of falling leaves reminds us that we might be inspired by life’s changes. It is our opportunity to make these changes bright and good, rather than changes of despair.

In some ways the idea of a special Sunday set aside as “world communion” is misleading. We celebrate the Lord’s Supper with Christians of every time and place whenever we do so. However, in the winter of 1935 a group of ministers met to study the needs and possibilities of the church during the depression. In the Lord’s Supper, they saw great opportunity to unite the membership in a time of great need. This early ecumenical awareness, connecting in the midst of a common challenge, led to the first World Communion Sunday on November 11, 1936. In 1937 the General Assembly changed the date of World Communion to the first Sunday of each October.

In addition to our celebration of the Lord’s Supper, this is the season in which we collect the Peacemaking Offering to support peacemaking efforts throughout the world.

I have enjoyed being with you and hope we can all sense the possibility and the hope of being together for a brief season. My sermons will continue to follow the Exodus story in the Old Testament lectionary readings. We are connected to this ancient story, and to one another. Our memories as well as our futures are a part of that great ongoing story. Grace and Peace, Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson

A Journey through the Wilderness Toward a Promising Future

This six week sermon series began on September 24 and continues through the month of October.

Sermon titles and texts:



October 1	“Blessed Reassurance”	Exodus 17:1-7
8	“Base Camp”	Exodus 19:1-6
15	“No Substitutes”	Exodus 32:1-14
22	“An Earthly Tent”	Exodus 33:7-16; 2 Cor. 5:1
29	“Unfinished Business”	Deut. 34:1-12; 1 Thess. 2:1-8



In Memoriam: Rev. James P. Freda, Jr.



We were shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Rev. James P. Freda, Jr.

Jim died on September 15 at his home in SW Portland. Jim was a dear friend to all at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church. At one time some years ago, Jim served as an interim pastor at Kenilworth. More recently, he was a parish associate, a member of the choir, and Bright Sunday Band. An ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament, Jim was a member at large of the Presbytery of the Cascades. A funeral service and committal was held on Friday, September 29, 2023 at Gethsemani Funeral Home and Cemetery, with family in attendance. Former KPC pastor Rev. David Jewel officiated.

A Celebration of Jim’s Life and his Witness to the Resurrection is being planned for Sunday, October 15 at Kenilworth, at 1:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

The Sunday schedule for October 15 will include our Sunday Worship at 10:30 am followed by a brief fellowship time. Following the memorial service that begins at 1:00pm there will be a reception for family and friends. Light refreshments will be provided. Plans are being made to enable virtual attendance via a Zoom meeting.

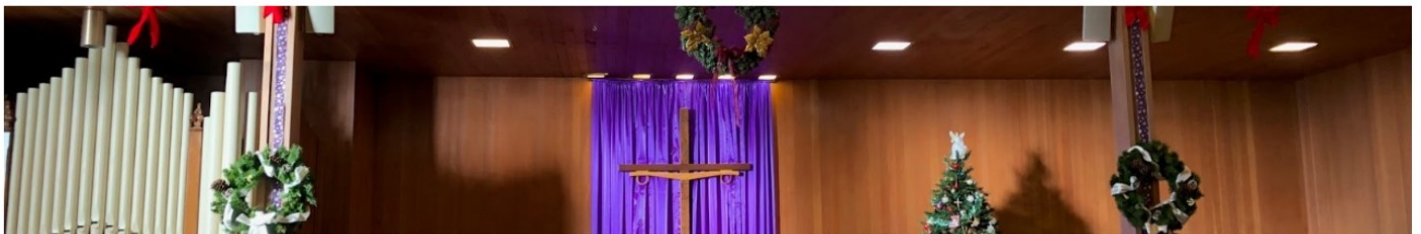
Our prayers are extended to all who mourn the loss of our dear friend.

From the Sound Desk

Did you miss last week’s service? Did you want to hear that great sermon again? I know we all have had that urge to go back in time and though it may not be physically possible you can at least check out prior services on the new Kenilworth YouTube Channel.

Over the past month we have been streaming, recording, and cataloguing prior worship services to Youtube so they can be viewed by everyone into perpetuity.

If you would like to check out our channel, please go to Kenilworth Presbyterian Church - YouTube www.youtube.com/@kenilworthPC and go to the Live section. Jonathan Jewel



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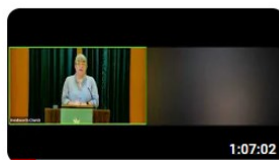
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Dumpster Day at KPC Saturday, October 14



Get rid of your bulky trash or help pick up litter from our neighborhood streets
SE 34th Ave between Gladstone and Francis

In partnership with Kenilworth Presbyterian Church and SOLVE
sponsored by Metro Regional Refresh Fund

Get rid of bulky trash: 10 am til our dumpsters are full (or 1 pm, whichever comes first)

Suggested Donations per Load Size (Suggested donation only. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.)

- \$20 - Small load in a car or sedan
- \$30 - Medium load in a Pickup truck
- \$40 - Large load in a van or large truck
- Larger loads negotiable on site

Volunteer for a shift and get rid of your stuff for free!

*SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EACA82CA0FCC70-clean2/27121836#/>

Bring:

- Bulky, hard-to-dispose-of household waste
- scrap wood
- yard debris
- unwanted furniture
- small appliances
- #6 Block styrofoam and #6 plastic! These will be recycled at Agilyx.
- Reusable household items such as furniture, cookware, dishware, and small appliances will be donated to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore.

Do Not Bring:

- No Food Waste
- No Construction Materials (this includes, but is not limited to, plaster, concrete, dirt, sheet rock)
- No Hazardous Materials (including paint, aerosol cans, liquids, batteries, pool chemicals, thinners, poisons, toxins, herbicides, fluorescent light bulbs (CFL), etc)
- No Large Appliances: air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, compressors, or other items containing Freon, etc.

Kenilworth Prayer Circle Mondays 4:00 PM via Zoom



If you have prayer requests, please email, text or call Barbara Votrobeck. I will share the request with all who want to be part of the Prayer Circle via email. Barb

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18



Sara Levasseur	8
Connor Starling	19
Rick Votrobeck	22
Sam Youngs	30
Bob Mandel	30



Kenilworth Presbyterian Women - Saturday, October 21
Meeting 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am in person or via Zoom
Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts



On September 30th, Barbara Votrobeck, Becky Jewel, Carol Garner, Edith Starling and Allison Zimmerman attended the PW Fall Gathering hosted by John Knox Presbyterian Church in Keizer, Oregon. Welcoming us all was Vallory Bunday. Opening music and devotion was led by Barbara Votrobeck. Information about the Churchwide Gathering was provided by Carol Garner. Workshop facilitators were Becky Jewel - How To Do PW, Mary Jo Emmett- How To Do Community Gardening, Jane Holmes and Connie Brenner - How to Do a Food Pantry.



The next PW meeting and Bible study is Saturday, October 21st. Becky Jewel will lead this month's lesson from the Bible study: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. The main idea of lesson two is how "Jesus' presence and human vulnerability can result in a personal and communal transformation." God Bless, Carol Garner, Moderator

Link to bonus comments about lesson two from Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir, author of the Bible study:
<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2023/09/14/sacred-encounters-lesson-two/>

Session Highlights September 17, 2023



- The Search Committee met with their Commission on Ministry (COM) liaison Rev. Dave Dornack, Sunday, September 24.
- The Wellbriety Group has decided to leave KPC to seek another venue for their meetings.
- Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Dumpster will be October 14, 2023. Two dumpsters will be located in our church parking lot and two more in the parking spaces outside the church on 34th. 34th Avenue will be one-way traffic south-bound from SE Francis to SE Gladstone that day only.
- Rick and Laura are registered to participate in the Presbytery-sponsored webinar series **Transitions Fall Cohort** designed to give congregations greater confidence to explore all options to make big changes in how they approach their relationship with their building.
- Red Cross Supervisors were forced to turn several donors away due to reduced staffing at the Kenilworth PC Collection Site, however they did collect 13 Units, excellent results under the circumstances.
- The Denomination's Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected during the World Wide Communion Worship Service October 1, 2023. 25% of this offering remains with the local church, dedicated to a local peacemaking mission.
- Session has dedicated this year's local peacemaking mission contribution to Operation Nightwatch, serving the homeless community in Portland.
- Chris Rolling, Director of Operation Nightwatch will be invited to present a minute-for-mission to bring more information to our congregation on the support the Operation provides.

Rick Votrobeck, Clerk of Session



Kenilworth Community Preschool

Kenilworth Community Preschool is back in session! Little ones are hard at work making new friends and experiencing school. We have been examining apples and learning how an apple tree grows. From the seeds in the apples we taste, to a walk through the community garden investigating the big apple tree. Apples along with lots of paint, books, messy hands a great volcano explosion (and a whole lot of laughter) has rounded out our first weeks. Alongside these themes we also focus on friendship and kindness at the beginning, and throughout the year. Fundraising efforts are in full swing as we wrapped up pie sales with wreaths coming soon! In October we will continue to celebrate the seasons with art, joy, and all the questions children bring into the classroom. Allisen Hein



BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NOTES



As we are strolling through the autumn season, we welcome the return of the Kenilworth Choir. It is good to hear their voices enhancing our worship again.

I want to thank those who supplied special music for us during the summer: David Jewel, Paul Youngs, Jonathan Jewel, Vallory Bunday, and Jonathan Tang.

We were saddened by the sudden and unexpected passing of Rev. Jim Freda, a longtime bass in our choir. One of his favorite hymns to perform with the Bright Sunday Band was "I'll Fly Away." He has now flown to be with Sue and his Lord and Savior and we will sorely miss Jim. Rest in peace, friend.

Musically yours,
Barb Votrobeck



Camping Out in God's Word

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then, you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." Joshua 1:8

For the Christian, meditation is as simple as thinking deeply about God or pondering about something in God's Word. The Holy Scriptures offer many opportunities to meditate. *Joshua 1:8* urges us to turn God's Word over and over in our minds throughout the day and evening so that we correctly learn how to apply it to our lives.



Meditation is like camping. Once you arrive at the campsite, set up a tent, and arrange the supplies, you can relax and rest. What do you do while resting? You may sit in a folding chair to watch the sunset and ponder about the beauty of God's creation while the sun slowly sinks into the horizon. That's an example of meditation—contemplating God's handiwork! As you reflect on how awesome God is, a Scripture may pop into your mind, like Psalm 8:3, that you can think about for the rest of the evening!

Lord, I am thankful for Your Word. Make me alert to the daily opportunities you provide for me to meditate on Your Truth.

By Althea Debrule

<https://freedailydevotionals.com/camping-out-on-gods-word-devotional-thought-for-today/>

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