

## Kenilworth @ Work! September 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*



We live in an era of uncertainty. The uncertainty of floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes – climate change. The uncertainty of aggression through war, gun violence, human trafficking and international conflict. The uncertainty of employment, inflation, illness – a global pandemic.

We guess humanity always has in one form or another. Long ago, the Psalmist wrote: “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4, NRSV). Today, as a community of faith, we claim God’s promise – you are with me.

We’re grateful for our commemoration of *A Season of Peace* culminating with the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday (Oct 1<sup>st</sup>). This offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to siblings in Christ who work for peace every day. Your support of this offering helps

encourage our church partners in Ukraine as they struggle against the trauma of war. It helps congregations begin to address the growing mental health crisis and the increase in the number of suicides in their communities. It provides resources for congregations seeking to address issues of gun violence in their communities.

This is why we give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ’s peace. From our congregation, where we retain 25% of this Offering to support its important role in our community; to the region, where 25% is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website [pcusa.org/peace-global](https://pcusa.org/peace-global) to learn how your support of this Offering helps peacemaking efforts both in the U.S. and around the world. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community. KPC challenges each of us to consider how we might increase our witness and increase our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We pray that the God of Peace might open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

As Presbyterians, we claim Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness and grace that he shows us. God is with us. May we joyfully bring that peace to all those we care for, love and serve.



**We Welcome  
Pastor Olivia Tabert and  
Rev. David Hutchinson**



Pastor Olivia Tabert will lead worship on September 3, 10 and 17. Rev. David Hutchinson will lead worship on September 24 and through the month of October.

**Rev. David Hutchinson** was born in Minneapolis and grew up in Iowa. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Union Theological Seminary (NYC) and George Fox University. Now retired, he served three churches in the Presbytery of the Cascades: Colonial Heights, Westminster (Portland) and Plymouth. He lives in southeast Portland with his wife Nancy. They love camping hiking and kayaking.



Freshly graduated from the San Francisco Theological Seminary this spring, **Olivia Tabert** wields a master's degree in Theological Studies. She also has spent over a decade in the graphic design field. Olivia Tabert presently works as an adjunct professor in George Fox University's Art & Design department. Here, she brings her passion for art, faith, and culture to illuminate students' perspectives. Olivia has lived in Oregon since 2006. Prior to that, her academic path meandered through Political Science and Philosophy studies at the University of California, San Diego and the University of Bristol, U.K. Beyond her design and theological ventures, Olivia enjoys landscaping and culinary exploration. Presently she calls Northeast Portland home--where she shares her abode with her cherished feline companion, Moon.

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**A Journey through  
the Wilderness**

Beginning on September 24 and continuing through October, sermons will take a journey through the wilderness toward a promising future. Whether it is the current season of leadership transition at Kenilworth, or changes in our own lives, these sermons will seek to reorient us. Life is full of change and transition, and sometimes that can leave us feeling like we are finding our way in some strange land. The wilderness is exciting, which can be both good and bad. Worship this fall will try to be honest about the bad while also seeking out the good.

To do this, the six week sermon series by Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson will be guided by the Old Testament. Exodus texts about wilderness wandering. This is one of the central stories in the Bible, and is strikingly relevant in this current time. You can find this Exodus story in chapters 16 through 33 if you want to read ahead. Or just come to worship and listen. Then with this wilderness story as a base, Rev. Hutchinson will also make connections to Matthew's gospel, Paul's letters, and our own lives, along the way. If you have ever been grumpy or felt lost there might be something here for you. If you have ever experienced amazingly unfair grace, given or needed reassurance, there might be something here for you. If you have any unfinished business that you hope to bring to conclusion there might be something here to help.

Sermon titles and texts:

September 24	"Bumping into God"	Ex.16:2-15; Phil. 1:27-30; Matt. 20:1-16
October 1	"Blessed Reassurance"	Exodus 17:1-7
October 8	"Base Camp"	Exodus 19:1-6
October 15	"No Substitutes"	Exodus 32:1-14
October 22	"An Earthly Tent"	Exodus 33:7-16; 2 Cor. 5:1
October 29	"Unfinished Business"	Deut. 34:1-12; 1 Thess. 2:1-8



Kenilworth Community Preschool



Happy September everyone! It's back to school for KCP this month along with all the schools in our area. The KCP board has been hard at work behind the scenes updating the parent portal on our web page, wrapping up loose ends from last year, and setting goals for fundraisers and fun in the year ahead.

Preschoolers have been gearing up for school throughout August with play dates in the yard. Play dates have been a summer staple for KCP for many years as families get to know one another, kiddos become comfortable with new people and our space prior to our school year beginning. Our first All School Meeting and work party will be on September 9th from 10-2. Families will be oriented to our school, have teacher training, and help out with projects around the building. Play dates will continue the first two weeks of September, and school will begin on September 18th. Kindly, Allisen Hein



NEEDED: Drivers to Take Polystyrene to Tigard

During the first two weeks of September, some of our regular drivers will be unable to take loads to the recycling center in Tigard. If you can take a load or two, please let Becky or Laura know. Or just take some Styrofoam whenever you can. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

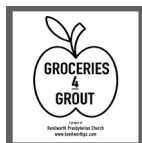


Mt. Scott Park Presbyterian Church will again host GriefShare on Thursdays at 6:30pm beginning September 7 and continuing through December 7.

GriefShare is a faith-based grief support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, family member or friend. Participants can register by calling Mt. Scott Park PC at 503-771-7553 or online at griefshare.org.

Rev. Sue Van Stelle
Mt. Scott Park Presbyterian Church,
5512 SE 73rd St. Portland, OR 97206

Groceries for Grout



The outdoor, shopping-style pantry will stay at KPC for the month of September while evaluating the pros/cons of a return to Grout Elementary School's grounds. We passed the Oregon Food Bank compliance visit at the end of July and continue to improve operations. NEW VOLUNTEERS are needed to help, especially with gleaning at Target Galleria. Email groceries4grout@gmail.com for info.



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## Kenilworth Presbyterian Women - Saturday, September 16 Meeting 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am in person or via Zoom



The flea market was a success. It was reported we made over \$500. We want to thank all of you who helped set up and take down, sell baked goods or made items to sell. (See photos below.) Special thanks to Carl Berger and Dan Upchurch for all their hard work before, during and after the event.

It's time to think about this year's Bible study. This year we will be looking at the Sacred Encounters from the books of Luke and Acts. You may find an introduction to the Bible study from the author at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orHnWu72Akg> If you don't have a Bible study guide and would like one, please let Allison Zimmerman know at [pdxally@gmail.com](mailto:pdxally@gmail.com). Hope to see you at the Bible study either in person or on Zoom.

The Fall gathering is coming up soon. There is a sign up sheet in the Fireside Room. If you'd like to attend the gathering, please sign your name and we will send in the registration as a group. We will make sure that transportation is provided for all who would like to attend. Your Moderator, Carol Garner



## Cascades Presbyterian Women In-Person Fall Gathering Saturday, September 30 10 am - 2:30 pm Bringing Out the Best in Each Other

John Knox Presbyterian Church  
452 Cummings Lane N Keizer OR 97307



As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

Workshops: Sharing ideas, strategies and practices that work

- How to Do PW: Facilitator: Rebecca Jewel, Secretary, PWP Cascades
- How to Do Community Gardening: Facilitator, Mary Jo Emmett, John Knox Community Garden Coordinator
- How to Do a Food Pantry: Facilitators: Janes Holmes and Connie Brenner. PWP CT members

Gathering Time: 9:30 am Program will begin at 10 am

This is an in-person gathering. There will be no virtual option.



**A Message from Tim Winslea Parish Nurse**

Dear Friends, I wanted to reach out and remind you all that September is Suicide Prevention Month. Although the Church is always called to be active in response to all health realities, we have a particular role in helping our communities concerning suicide prevention.

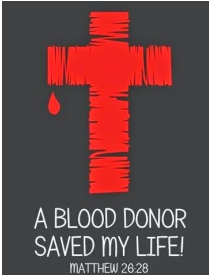
For our prayer gatherings in September we will address four specific attributes that make the Church such an important resource for people who are contemplating suicide. As always, you are invited to join in prayer each Wednesday at the following zoom address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965> Meeting ID: 813 2767 8965

Blessings and peace, Tim

**Wednesday Noon Themes:**

- 9/6 *The Role of Community: Our life in your life*
- 9/13 *The Role of Theology: Life can be better*
- 9/20 *The Role of Sovereignty: Whose life is it*
- 9/27 *The Role of Mission: We can make life better*





**American Red Cross  
Blood Drive**  
**Thursday, September 14**  
**12:30 to 5:30 pm at Kenilworth**

To schedule your appointment or for more information, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Sponsor Code: Kenilworth

**September Birthdays**

Myles Broberg	13
Laura Schaefer	14
Eve Ramsey	19
Allison Williams	29



*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy." Philippians 1:3-4*

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**



OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

If you would like to support recovery efforts after the wildfires in Maui and the hurricane in the southeastern United States, you may make your donation at:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) website:  
<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hawaii-wildfires/>  
<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-idalia/>
- Kenilworth Presbyterian Church website  
<https://kenilworthpc.com/> using the GIVE NOW button or by check in the Sunday morning offering designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

**More random thanks to:**

- Rick, for faithfully finding fabulous preachers to fill our pulpit on Sundays
- Louise, for vacuuming the Groceries 4 Grout carpet
- Former Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, for 100 sets of lightweight Corelle's dinner, dessert plates & coffee cups. They're a welcome replacement for our heavy dinnerware.
- Again, former Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, for 30 stacking chairs
- Rick & Dave's Moving & Storage for delivering the stacking chairs
- R&D M&S for installing door-closer on SE 'Preschool' entry
- Bill, for mowing the grass, trimming bushes, keeping us neat
- Nancy, for coordinating our Community Garden
- Barb, for playing our organ during the July 2<sup>nd</sup> worship
- Judy & Floyd for adding bowls to our Corelle dinnerware collection
- Pastor Search Committee for staying on-course in spite of disappointments





## Session Highlights June 11, 2023



- Session welcomed our new Moderator, Rev. Susan Van Stelle, Pastor of Mt. Scott Park Presbyterian Church in Portland.
- July 2nd, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> our Worship leader will be Rev. Susan McDougall, Spiritual Care Director for Miramont Pointe, a senior living community in Clackamas. Rev. Dr. John Hubbard will return July 23. Lay Pastor Shela Sullivan will lead Worship July 30 and August 6. Then, Rev. Susan McDougall will return August 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Session voted to accept the Green Team's proposal to celebrate God's creation with an outdoor Worship service August 27 led by Rev. David and Rebecca Jewel. Jonathan and Sharese Jewel will host the outdoor Worship service on their acreage near Vancouver, WA with a picnic to follow.
- The Search Committee scheduled a special visioning meeting Sunday afternoon, July 23. The Regular July Session meeting will be scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 30.
- The new Building Use Agreement has been distributed to the various groups using space in our building. New child supervision practices are in place. Insurance coverage seems to be the most difficult requirement for some of the groups to achieve.
- A new automatic closure device has been installed on the East exterior door. Another has been purchased to be installed on the emergency exit at the first landing in the back stairwell.
- Session regretfully accepted the resignation of Presbytery Commissioner Annette Mandel. We pray that treatment may be found to restore her strength and energy.
- Elder Rebecca Jewel was elected to join Elder Katie Essick completing KPC's two Commissioner delegation to the Presbytery of the Cascades.  
Rick Votrobeck, Clerk of Session

## Session Highlights August 20, 2023



- Interviews have been conducted with two candidates, the third candidate accepted a new position elsewhere. Reference reviews and discernment continue.
- Rev. David Jewel has agreed to lead Confirmation and Membership Conversations providing he and Becky will have time to complete their change of residence before the conversations begin. A proposed curriculum outline has been distributed to Session members for their review.
- An invitation article will be prepared for the September newsletter, and the conversations will be open to all interested in participating. Rick will announce the invitation in Worship Sunday September 3, 2023.
- The sign-up sheet for transportation to Worship in the Woods currently suggests a 7-passenger van will be needed. The van will leave from the church at a time yet to be announced..
- An email invitation to Worship in the Woods and the all-church picnic will be extended to the usual Worship mailing list plus Pulpit Supply friends. Response will be needed to assist making food purchase plans.
- Two Elders plan to meet with Anonymous Group leadership to help assess when the recent storage shed vandalism occurred.
- Parish Nurse, Rev. Tim Winslea, RN will be invited to meet with Session in September to share more details of the recent PUN clinic proposal.
- Preschool opening will be postponed to September 20 due to Teacher Allisen's health restrictions. The end of year schedule will be extended accordingly to accommodate the change.
- Rick and Jonathan will contact Presbytery representative to register for October - November Building use Webinars. Jonathan will attend an August virtual interest session.
- The next Red Cross Blood Drive at KPC will be September 14, 1 pm to 5 pm.
- The regular September Session meeting is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 17, 2023.  
Rick Votrobeck, Clerk of Session



**BARB'S  
NOTE-ABLE  
NOTES**

The following was the featured article on August 12, 2023 in the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer. I found it...interesting. 😊

**A hundred Presbyterians walk into a bar...  
And the music they make is moving and memorable.**

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) annual Music & Worship Conference celebrated a Beer & Hymns night Tuesday at the RailYard in Black Mountain, North Carolina. There's something about holding a pilsner glass full of one's favorite beer and singing praises to God with more than 100 fellow conference-goers singing right along. That was the happy lot for members and supporters of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians attending the recent Worship & Music Conference at Montreat Conference Center, many of whom attended the Beer & Hymns event held at the RailYard in nearby Black Mountain.



"It's great to see people enjoying themselves and making music," said the Rev. Bill Davis, PAM's development manager and the pastor of Community of Grace, A Presbyterian Church in Arvada, Colorado. "Our lights go on when we sing a hymn that's been a favorite since when we were 8 years old."

"It's a member appreciation event," Davis said of Beer & Hymns. "It's a way to saying thank you to the hundreds of PAM members who attend the Worship & Music Conference. "The conference is the great musician and pastor reunion," said Davis, whose job it was Tuesday to display each hymn on big-screen televisions scattered throughout the RailYard. "They love singing and being together, and beer is the social lubricator."

Virtually everybody in the crowd had substantial singing chops on display. They were led by singer Luke Browder, a new faculty member at Clemson University; guitarist Skip Yingling, director of music ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and keyboardist Wil Smith, senior organist and the Austin Lovelace Composer in Residence at Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver.

"We just threw together a set list. We've got some great musicians, and so we just jam," Browder said during a brief break between sets. PAM members are such great singers "that a lot of times I don't have to do anything. We just drop out and let the room sing. It's a room full of musicians and pastors, and so we're just there to facilitate."

Singers were given a songbook that contained 14 hymns and a few pithy sayings about beer, including this one from Dave Barry: "Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza."

Here's what Thomas Jefferson had to say on the topic: "Beer, if drunk in moderation, softens the temper, cheers the spirit and promotes health."

The beer-drinkers sang with confidence and with passion, including these hymns: "Blessed Assurance," "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "Guide my Feet," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Shall We Gather at the River?" "Because He Lives," Lord, I Lift Your Name on High," "For Everyone Born," and "Amazing Grace," all during the first set alone.

Marlon Hurst, the director of music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina, was the co-director of the 2022 Worship & Music Conference, when the Beer & Hymns event premiered at an outdoor venue. "It was off campus, and it was magical," he said, even though conference-goers were entering the third year of the pandemic. "It was extraordinary. It was cathartic." "Walking in here tonight and seeing people here singing their faith — that's what the church should be like," Hurst said. "It's a beautiful picture of what the church should be." *Mike Ferguson, Editor, Presbyterian News Service*

**KPC Choir Rehearsals begin September 3 following Fellowship. Y'all come!! Sorry, there won't be beer.**

Musically yours, Barb Votrobeck



## Kenilworth Presbyterian Women Present Check to Shepherd's Door

Presbyterian Women presented the mission of Shepherd's Door with a check for nearly \$3000.00. These funds were raised at the PW Tea Luncheon held on June 24. The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church contributed a portion of the funds. Shepherd's Door is a ministry of the Portland Rescue Mission that focuses on women and children. Holly Hummel accepted the check during the Flea Market on August 5.



### HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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July 20, 2023

Dear Becky and Ladies of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your invitation to the upcoming Tea Fundraiser for Shepherd's Door. Unfortunately, those of us that are interested in attending are unable to do so due to prior commitments. We truly appreciate your efforts to support such a worthy cause.

Therefore, our Church Council has decided to send a donation to your cause. Enclosed, please find our gift of \$1000 from the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church congregation to put toward Shepherd's Door.

Although most of us haven't been able to attend the events we have been invited to, we hope you will continue to send the invites. We really would like to get together at some point.

Thank you again for the lovely invitation to such a worthy cause and for supporting the community.

Warmly, Penny Fowler, Treasurer, HTLC for the HTLC congregation.

## Outdoor Worship and All-Church BBQ at the Van Jewel's Clubhouse in Vancouver



Although worship got a late start due to a problem with the lack of sufficient seat belts in the rental van, KPC held a lively worship service surrounded by luscious grape vines and roaming chickens. During the wait for the van to arrive, Allison entertained the waiting congregation with a "Name That Tune" of hymn favorites. We did notice that Lutheran hymns were not very well known by those present.

The message shared by David and Rebecca Jewel looked at the meaning behind chapter 38 of the book of Job. There were insights into some of the words used in the original text. In Chapter 38, God speaks to Job out of the whirlwind (tornado,) reminding Job that God is, and has always been, in charge of creation.

The service was followed by a BBQ lunch featuring many wonderful dishes. We were encouraged to pick some grapes to eat or take home.

