

Kenilworth @ Work! April 2024



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

From the desk
of Pastor
Susan McDougall



He is risen! He is risen indeed!

We have celebrated Easter, and now we are now moving into the weeks before Pentecost when we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. It may be bittersweet as we remember both the death of our Lord and those we love who have gone before us. But it is also a time to thank God for his grace and mercy towards us, and to appreciate and enjoy the blessings he has bestowed upon us.

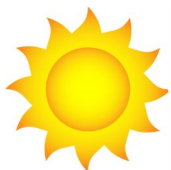
What better way than to lift our hearts to him in laughter! This coming Sunday, April 7, we celebrate a Kenilworth tradition—Bright Sunday. The seeds for Bright Sunday were sown into the DNA of Kenilworth by the Reverend Bud Frimoth. Some might have said that Bud had a wicked sense of humor. It is better understood as Holy Humor, seen through the lens of his clown ministry in hospitals around Portland, where he and his wife Lenore, and later on Bud and his daughter Margaret, brought healing and cheered the hearts of many. Come join us as the group I will lovingly refer to as the Kenilworth players, under the masterful direction of Pastor David, give us a new perspective on the garden of Eden.

The following Sunday, April 14, we celebrate the Gifts of Women. Our own Katie Essick has given us a wonderful script, and it will be a joy and privilege to honor women and the contributions they have made to the church.

Our cups runneth over.

Blessings, Pastor Susan

Bright Sunday April 7



Bright Sunday will feature an original play in the on-going pattern of biblical characters coming to Portland.

This year, it’s

**“Adam and Eve Come to Portland:
Turning Over a New (Fig) Leaf in PDX.”**

Heaven only knows what awaits them here!

Gifts of Women Sunday April 14



Gifts of Women Sunday will also feature an original play. This year’s theme is

**Wonder Woman:
Real or Myth?**

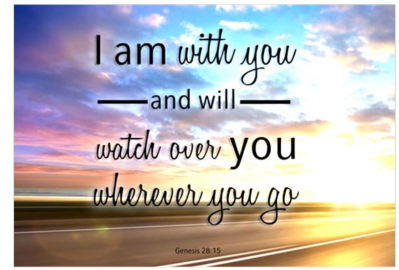
We’ll celebrate the varied gifts of women in our biblical history and those in current times in our community and beyond.





Cascades Presbyterian Women Final Spring Gathering, Saturday, April 13 Building Relationships Across Borders Gather at 9:30 am, Program begins at 10:00 am Hosted by Kenilworth Presbyterian Women

*I am with you and will watch over you
wherever you go...Genesis 28:15*



This will be the last Cascades Presbyterian Women's Gathering. There will be a celebration service honoring the women who have gone before, leading the way.

Speaker: Karri Wicka, A Presbyterian Woman from the Presbytery of Alaska-Northwest, who will share her experiences at the US/Mexico border during the 2023 USA Mission Experience.

Offering recipients: Groceries4Grout, a food ministry that serves many immigrant families in SE Portland and La Casa de Paso, a non-profit providing temporary, emergency shelter for asylum-seeking women and children at the United States/Mexico border in Tijuana

The program will end with a worship service, communion and a celebration of the service of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery.

If you have any memorabilia or stories about Presbyterian Women in the Cascades in the past, please bring to the event to share.



Kenilworth Presbyterian Women - Saturday, April 27 Meeting 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am



This year's Bible study *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* continues with Lesson Eight: Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship. The main idea of the lesson is "Baptism connects us to God and the community of faith."

LOOKING AHEAD: Men's Retreat, October 11-13

The Rose City Park Presbyterian Church Men's group is planning a retreat at Menucha retreat site on October 11-13 and they have invited PUN (Portland Urban Network) churches to join them. Tim Winslea will be the featured coordinator/speaker.

The usual format is as follows: **Friday** afternoon arrival, participants find their bunk, general getting acquainted, an orientation by the Menucha staff, dinner then an evening session starting our retreat experience. **Saturday**, breakfast followed by a morning session, lunch, then general recreation time until dinner. After dinner another session. **Sunday**,



pack up, breakfast, worship service and then leave for home before noon. There is, of course flexibility in that schedule. The final cost per person will be decided later, but will be about \$190. We cordially invite men from KPC to join us. If you are interested please respond to George Johnson at Rose City Park PC. George's email address is lesgeoj@comcast.net



Groceries 4 Grout

Last month's desperate need of egg cartons is satisfied. As luck sometimes has it, the weeks worth of empty cartons were put in storage

since we are again receiving eggs in cartons from OFB. Maybe a lego-like building contest using egg cartons is in our future?

Rain canopies weren't needed on any of the five Fridays in March. Two families donated the useable food from their empty households. Our shoppers' response to the free bottled water gleaned from those wasn't anticipated. How can we do better in equitably distributing groceries between the first and last in a line of 75-80 patrons? I don't think my geometry or algebra helps answer that.

I enjoyed working with the youth who shared some of their precious Spring Break time with us. I also continue to be amazed by the generous financial support G4G receives. Grout PTA continues to reimburse the van rental cost, so funds will extend through the summer.

In appreciation of all that you do, Laura Schaefer, director

People served

1,459 people from 447 households
61 Wednesday deliveries

18,273 # total groceries received

12,870 # Oregon Food Bank
2,436 # Imperfect Foods
1,233 # New Seasons - Woodstock
200 # QFC - Westmoreland
1,516 # Other Donations

Volunteers

352 Hours
32 People



BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NOTES



In the ancient world, no celebration was considered more glorious than the march of triumphant returning warriors through their capital city. Many visual depictions have been made of the victorious Roman soldiers in the early centuries marching proudly through the streets and arches of Rome, leading captive slaves and hearing the boisterous approval of cheering admirers.

Christ our Savior fought the greatest battle of all time against the prince of this world and all of his legions. Our Lord returned triumphant to His Father, having conquered not only sin, death, and the grave, but Satan and hell also. Now He sits on the Father's right hand as the ruler of His kingdom and our personal advocate before God.

But the day of our celebration is just ahead. One can picture with imagination the procession that will occur in heaven when the Captain of Our Faith, Christ Himself, leads His Bride, the Church, through the heavenly portals amidst the shouts and songs of praise and glory to the "risen, conqu'ring Son."

"Thine Is the Glory" was originally written in 1884 in French - "A Toi la Gloire," by Edmond L. Budry, a pastor in Vevey, Switzerland. Nearly forty years later, it was translated into English by Richard B. Hoyle and appeared in the *Cantate Domino Hymnal* used by the Student Christian Federation.

You can listen to it here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmetr66LrWQ>

Musically yours, Barbara Votrobeck



**GREEN TEAM
NEWS
April 2024**

Congratulations! We are recertified as an Earth Care Congregation for 2024. Thank you for all the ways you help make us a green church.



*“The earth is the Lord’s
and all that is in it,
the world, and those
who live in it.” Psalm 24:1*



PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM
recertifies

Kenilworth Presbyterian Church

as an

EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

**for its environmental stewardship achievements in worship,
education, facilities and outreach actions in the life of the church.**

Signature *Jessica Maudlin* Date 3/8/2024
Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns

What happened to the Styrofoam recycling? You may have noticed that the large box for collecting Styrofoam and #6 is no longer sitting on the church porch. We have stopped collecting these plastics due to the loss of the recycling plant. According to the Agilyx webpage, the recycling project was a five-year test of the feasibility of the advanced chemical recycling of polystyrene. Despite proving that the recycling technology was successful in removing over 6 million pounds of plastic from landfills, the company has shut the plant. Agilyx is in discussions with other local organizations that may be able to resume collection of these materials in a new location in the coming months. They will provide another update once those details have been finalized.

What we are recycling? We continue to recycle clear #1 plastics and plastic bags, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, eyeglasses, tabs from bread bags, and small screw caps. These may be left the recycling center at the end of the hallway to the storeroom. Rebecca Jewel

*“Preserve and cherish the pale blue dot,
the only home we’ve ever known.” —Carl Sagan*





Session Highlights March 17, 2024



- David McDougall has requested a transfer of his membership from First Presbyterian in Vancouver, WA to KPC.
- Session increased the salary of the Office Administrator to more closely represent the number of hours Laura has been contributing. The increase will be retroactive to January 1, 2024.
- Session decided to continue the practice of locking and monitoring the front doors during Worship services in response to the security alert issued by the Presbytery of the Cascades in December, 2023. Karl Berger has volunteered to greet any late arrivals in the Narthex for an additional 10 minutes at the beginning of the Worship services.
- Session reviewed and amended the proposed 2024 budget, but final approval was postponed pending further clarification.
- The polystyrene (Styrofoam) collection project has been discontinued due to the shutdown of the Agilyx recycling center in Tigard. Reportedly, by July 1, 2025 recycling facilities in the Portland area will begin accepting polystyrene destined for recycling facilities.
- Session agreed that the purchase of another garden shed dedicated to storage of polystyrene is unnecessary at this time
- An Elder training retreat is schedule from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver WA.
- Defne Oztek and Sarah Smilkstein are the Preschool Parent Board representatives on the preschool teacher search committee. They join Rick Votrobeck representing the Session and current teacher, Allisen Hein. Help Wanted ads have been distributed via the PCPO (Parent-Child Preschool Organization) of cooperative preschools, Craigslist, and the KCP alumni community. Interviews hope to be scheduled during the first week of April.
- The chimney for the furnace serving the Sanctuary and Basement fellowship room has been cleaned, but the exhaust flue needs to be replaced. Efforts to repair the ignition controls continue to be exasperating.
- Session elected Rebecca Jewel as one KPC Commissioner to Presbytery. A second KPC Commissioner for the April 19-20 Presbytery meeting at Westminster PC of Portland has not been identified.
- Elders were encouraged to register for the Interfaith Campaign and Collective Sun Webinar designed to assist non-profit organizations in researching the possibility of converting to a solar electricity conversion system.
- Session agreed to consider a proposal from the Mu Phi Alumni Fraternity of Oregon to host a series of concerts/recitals with all proceeds designated towards the repair of the KPC organ.
- Pastor Susan will be on vacation April 18 - April 30 and Laura Schaefer will be on vacation April 26 - April 29.
- The April Session meeting will be moved up to April 14 at 1:30 p.m..



Carol Garner	6
Alan Zimmerman	10
Nancy Youngs	14





To our worship team,

How wonderful to again have Lenten dinners, programs and a daily devotional. I enjoyed “Local Pilgrim” and its challenge to *learn and reflect on local happenings*. My highlighted copy includes phrases like

- Equally beautiful and mundane
- The reality of our limits
- The precious chance
- Stories have the power to change the world
- The wilderness is where God fashions streams of grace
- Life is letting go.
- We belong to one another
- Chill out, be still and quiet, remember to rest, slow us down, sit and chant and enjoy the hospitality
- There’s always room. Share abundantly.
- Liberate ourselves and others from all that separates us
- Join the creative fun
- God’s hand guiding me to the words, knowledge, challenge, laughter and discovery that I need



That’s a lot to ponder. Thanks to ALL who helped make Lent special this year. Laura

Dear Friends of Kenilworth
Presbyterian Church,



OPERATION NIGHTWATCH
Serving Portland's Unhoused Population Since 1981.

Thank you for your recent gift to Operation Nightwatch of \$112.50, given on February 18, 2024. Your gift is both thoughtful and generous.

Thank you for supporting Operation Nightwatch. Your generosity has helped us continue our mission of promoting dignity, community, and social connection. For four nights each week, our guests are treated to warm hospitality by our staff and volunteers, enjoying conversation, hot coffee, food, and a just a break from the isolation of unhoused or marginally housed circumstances. Beyond catching a movie or playing a game with volunteers, our guests can access mental health services on a walk-in basis. As well, we are able to offer basic first aid and ever-needed foot care. These services are offered to all guests on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; on Wednesdays, we offer a special our services to female-identifying guests to meet their unique needs.

Our services would not be possible without the generosity of donors like you. Thank you for helping continue to provide hope and connection for Portland’s unhoused community.

Warmly, The Operation Nightwatch Team