

# Kenilworth @ Work!

## May 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**



Hello Friends,

It has been over two weeks since we left for vacation. We managed to attend church online this past Sunday, and it reminded me how much we enjoy being in worship with you. Even though Earth Day was officially April 22nd, we will celebrate God’s Gift of Creation to us this Sunday, May 5th. Becky Jewel has generously given her knowledge and imagination and energy to Sunday’s service. It will be a wonderful and meaningful time of worship.



We are an Earth Care Congregation, one that recognizes that restoring creation is not a short-term concern to be handled in a few years, but a continuing task to which the nation and the world must give attention and commitment. We were first recognized in 2017, thanks to Elder Peggy Morgan’s efforts. Laura Schaefer and the Green Team took over, and Becky Jewel succeeded Laura in 2021.

Acting Stated Clerk of the PCUSA (Presbyterian Church USA) Reverend Bronwen Boswell recently stated that “we recommit ourselves to advocating for policies and practices that address the root causes of climate change and promote environmental justice for all Creation and for all people in it. This includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions, transitioning to renewable energy sources, standing with communities impacted by environmental racism, oppression, or extractive industries, and promoting sustainable and equitable development. We urge Presbyterians to challenge consumerism and be mindful of consumption. We also recognize the importance of supporting communities already experiencing the harmful impacts of climate change through adaptation measures, disaster relief, and economic assistance.” It is a tall but urgent challenge, one that Kenilworth has stepped up to. This Sunday we have an opportunity to reflect on the worthy efforts Kenilworth has already made, as well as to lift the future of this mission to God in prayer.

Wishing you blessings of both body and spirit - Pastor Susan



A tradition since 1922, the Birthday Offering is collected in the spring to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering has funded senior services, health programs, domestic violence shelters, education programs, and much more. The women of Kenilworth invite everyone to be a part of the Birthday Offering. Recipients of this year’s Birthday Offering are:

**Bethel Hills Apartments & Recreation Area in Marthasville, Missouri.** Bethel Hills is a faith-based community where adults with and without developmental disabilities are provided with supportive housing, and opportunities to live, learn, and worship together.

**Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Café Gingko in Louisville, Kentucky.** Located in an economically disadvantaged area, the small yet dedicated congregation serves free dine-in meals at Café Gingko (named for a ginkgo tree located at the building’s north entrance.)



 **Save the date. Save our future!**  
Register at [bit.ly/climatevigil](https://bit.ly/climatevigil)

### Statewide Community Vigil for the Right to a Healthy Environment

May 4, 2024 @ 8-9pm  
State Capitol Mall, Salem, OR

  
**Climate Vigil**  
be the light



**ECUMENICAL  
MINISTRIES  
OF OREGON**  
Celebrating 50 years | 1974 - 2024



Will you stand with us to support everyone's right  
to a healthy environment and a stable climate?

In partnership with the Oregon Coalition for an  
Environmental Rights Amendment



**Kenilworth  
Community Preschool**

*Spring*  
**OPEN  
HOUSE**

**May 4th  
10 am - 2 pm**

4028 SE 34th Ave, Portland, OR 97202

Bring your child to explore  
the classroom and while  
you learn about our school  
from current families.



**Plastic and Styrofoam Recycling**  
**Saturday, May 11 10 am to 12:30 pm**  
at the Oregon State Bar  
16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd in Tigard

James Recycling will be accepting the  
following: Plastic straws  
Screw on caps

Plastic #2, Plastic #4, Plastic #5

The items must be sorted by type or  
number. The fee is \$3 per large grocery  
bag. You can put several bags of sorted  
plastics into the large bag. All items  
must be sorted, clean and dry.

James Recycling will also be taking rigid  
Styrofoam. The fee is \$10 per 45 gallon  
bag. They are not taking #6 plastics at  
this event. For more information:

<https://jshrecycling.com/>

### Check out Kenilworth's website

<https://kenilworthpc.com/> for  
pictures of special days in April:



Bright Sunday

Gifts of Women Sunday

Spring Gathering of the  
Presbyterian Women of the Cascades

Look for the heading  
"Gallery" on the  
front page  
of the website.  
Scroll down to  
see past events.



- o If the heat bothers you, plant a tree.
- o If the water bothers you, plant a tree.
- o If you like fruits, plant a tree.
- o If you like birds, plant a tree.
- o And if you like life, plant many trees.

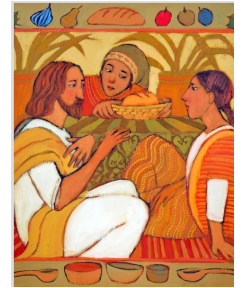




## Kenilworth Presbyterian Women - Saturday, May 18 Meeting 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am



This year's Bible study *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* concludes with Lesson Nine: People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples. The main idea of the lesson is "The community of faith relies on the power of Jesus Christ in times of crisis." Next year's Bible Study will be introduced followed by brunch.



**Birthday Offering:** May is the month for the Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering. On the first two Sundays of May, we'll learn about the recipients of this year's Birthday Offering. Please consider contributing as you are able. The Birthday Offering will be dedicated on Sunday, May 19th.

Here's a link to bonus comments about lesson three from Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir, author of the Bible study <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2024/02/28/sacred-encounters-lesson-nine/>



**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

### Blood Drive

**Kenilworth Presbyterian Church  
Thursday, May 30 12:30 to 5:30 pm**

To schedule your appointment or for more information please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code: Kenilworth

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Come to give blood May 20 to June 9 for an EXCLUSIVE Red Cross shirt, while supplies last!

## SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

**WARM SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!!**

### ~LOCATION~

1141 WARM SPRINGS STREET,  
PO BOX 869  
WARM SPRINGS, OR 97761  
SAT. 08/10/24, 10:00AM-4:00PM

### ~KINDLY RSVP~

BY OR BEFORE 06/01/2024  
(CALL/TEXT) JO AT (541)480-8016  
WE NEED A HEADCOUNT FOR NOON MEAL/SALMON BAKE





# Kenilworth

Community Preschool

Happy May everyone! As always preschool has been a busy place! We have been germinating seeds and watching roots grow in the windows as well as sprouts in cups. We have several different types of seeds and are noticing the difference as they sprout. Our peas are really taking off in the community garden and our strawberry patch in the play yard is full of blooms! Kiddos have also been watching our caterpillars grow and are anxiously awaiting the coming stages. Both units help to build patience, slow down, and focus on small observations and changes.



In the art studio we have been having a ton of messy fun with clay! It has been a full body sensory experience as they have been using their hands and feet to explore. This week the clay has moved up to the table and we are using tools to shape it. These units will take us through the end of the school year.



I am excited to announce an amazing team to replace me as I am finishing up my time at KCP. Kira Billek and Kara Revis are a dynamic duo of a teaching team! Both hold Master's Degrees in Teaching and come to us as KCP alumni families. Both also have served as president on our school's board and know the ins and outs of every aspect of this amazing organization. I could not have asked for a better team to continue the work, and ensure a seamless transition and bright future for KCP.



Kindly, Allisen Hein

## Groceries 4 Grout

We were back at Grout Elementary on the first Friday of the month (April 5) and had pleasant weather for all four Fridays in April. Thanks all! Laura Schaefer



### People served

1,091 people from 340 households  
37 Wednesday deliveries

### 10,715 # total groceries received

7,575 # Oregon Food Bank  
2,146 # Imperfect Foods  
660 # New Seasons - Woodstock  
125 # QFC - Moreland  
90 # purchased  
120 # other donations



### Volunteers

256 hours  
22 people





## Session Highlights April 14, 2024



- Session met with Ms Kara Reavis and Ms Kira Billek and approved the terms of their new preschool teacher/co-director contracts. Kara will fill 70% of the three-quarter FTE position during the 2024/2025 school year, and Kira will fill the other 30% of the three-quarter FTE position.
- Kira Billek presented the proposed amendments to the Kenilworth Community Preschool Bylaws as approved by the Preschool Parent Board. Session also approved the amendments as proposed.
- Katie Essick has accepted Session's request that she continue to serve as Kenilworth's Commissioner to Presbytery for 2024. She joins Becky Jewel who was affirmed last month.
- Presbytery Commissioner Becky Jewel presented two overtures for Session's consideration. At their April meeting Cascades Presbytery will be asked to vote their support for these two overtures to General Assembly which meets in Salt Lake City in July.
- One Overture: On Becoming Free from Plastic Pollution is brought by the Presbytery of the Susquehanna Valley. KPC already works to achieve the goals proposed in this overture. Session voted unanimously to support the presentation at the Presbytery of the Cascades meeting.
- The second Overture: Protecting Utah's National Monuments and Wildlands for Ecology and Justice is brought by Presbytery of Utah. It asks the PC/USA to join other faith leaders in the US who are urging ongoing protection of the restored Bear Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. In addition to protecting God's creation it offers support of the indigenous people who call this area their sacred place and home. Session voted unanimously to support the presentation at the Presbytery of the Cascades meeting.
- Becky also reported a group of participants in the Portland CROP Walk April 28, 2024 would like to be recognized as the Kenilworthian Walkers. Session consented to the group's recognition as affiliated with KPC.
- Pastor McDougall has requested the pulpit be moved to the side so it is not positioned directly in front of the cross.
- 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 voted to approve the proposed 2024 budget as amended.
- An Elder training retreat is schedule from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver WA.
- The Preschool Parent Board has collected bids totaling between \$5,000 and \$6,000 dollars to replace the wooden fence around the play yard with a similar structure this summer. Session voted to pay half the cost of a four ft. high cedar fence that includes similar entrance gates to those in the current fence structure.
- The church HVAC assessment will be reenergized because of the ongoing repair needs.
- A neighborhood piano teacher, Mel Hart, will be invited to visit the church to determine the possibility of using church space to teach piano lessons.
- Earth Care Sunday will be May 5, 2024.
- Pentecost is May 19.
- The May Session meeting will be May 19, following the fellowship hour.
- The next Red Cross Blood Drive at KPC will be May 30.

Rick Votrobeck, Clerk of Session



## GREEN TEAM REPORT

## Taking the Train for Sustainable Travel

With thanks for <https://earth911.com/> and Gemma Alexander



Taking the train is rarely a practical option for travel in the US. And that's a problem, because passenger trains are usually the most environmentally friendly way to get between two cities.

Americans have some of the largest carbon footprints in the world, mostly because of our driving habits. Most of us generate more miles commuting than taking road trips, but when it comes to regional travel, automobiles are only matched by flights for carbon inefficiency. By comparison, standard diesel rail travel generates a quarter the emissions of a single-passenger vehicle. And when the electricity source is low-carbon, electric trains generate only a small fraction of the emissions of a diesel train engine.

The next time you are planning travel, consider taking the train. There are many options leaving (or returning to Portland.) David and Becky have fallen in love with train travel and have travelled on the Empire Builder, The Southwest Chief, Coast Starlight, Amtrak Cascades and the Lake Shore Limited. They have also encouraged others to ride the rails this summer, including Rick, Barb, Jon and Sharese.

There are many options for taking the train for your regional domestic travel, like to Seattle or Eugene or points further south. Not only will it make your travel more sustainable, but you could also save money. Even when it costs a bit more, rail travel is a cultural experience that will enrich the trip, and it definitely provides more interesting views than sitting in the aisle seat of a short haul flight.

Becky Jewel

**Many thanks** to everyone who helped make our "last" Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery Gathering a huge success.



- Those who hung banners and posters
- Those who cleaned, dusted or vacuumed
- Those who moved tables, set tables or cleared tables
- Those who provided food, dished up the food, or cleaned up the food
- Those who created handouts, photocopied handouts or passed out handouts



- Those who welcomed, sat or ate with our guests
- Those who swelled the number of people from Kenilworth at the event

Thank you all. We had many wonderful comments about the day. It was only possible with the help of many hands working together.

Becky Jewel



## BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NOTES



# Easter Sunday

We were very fortunate to have **Will Stellbrink** enhance our worship service with his trumpet playing. We were also blessed with **Jonathan Jewel's** tenor voice singing "Forever" following the sermon and the **KPC Choir** anthem. The "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by many in the congregation at the end gave praise for the Risen Lord!

On May 12th we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Our closing hymn will be "Jesus Shall Reign".

The spread of Christianity has been phenomenal. In spite of cruel persecution of Christ's followers in the first three centuries A.D. and from time to time through the years since, His kingdom has continued to spread to "realms and people of every tongue." Periods of attack on believers have served only to increase their fervor and growth. Then in recent years with the development of technology - radio, television, Internet, Bible translations, and distributions - the preaching of the gospel has been heard by more people than ever before in history.

When this stirring hymn was written in 1719, however, the evangelist missionary movement that we know in our time had scarcely begun. In 1779 William Carey was one of the first to try to persuade Christians to carry the gospel message to unenlightened people of the world. **Isaac Watts** was certainly quite prophetic when he paraphrased this text from Psalm 72. It is still considered one of the finest missionary hymns ever written and has been sung in countless native tongues. In the South Sea Islands in 1862, five thousand primitive people sang this hymn as the king abolished their native laws and established a Christian constitution.

It is thrilling for us to realize that the praise of Jesus, Bethlehem's humble Babe, is continuing to spread and that some day soon His kingdom will "spread from shore to shore" and every tribe, language, people, and nation will bow down and exalt His name together.

You can hear it here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJYLXUovpjw>

*Jesus shall reign where 'er the sun does his successive journeys run,  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
To him shall endless prayer be made and endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.  
People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.*



Musically yours, Barb Votrobeck



## May Birthdays

Timothy Kayrouz	2	Peggy Morgan	7	Peter Broberg	28
Alexander Kayrouz	4	Barbara Votrobeck	11	Sean Youngs	29
Phillip Back	5	Katie Kayrouz	25	Edith Starling	29



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## Crop Walk for Hunger, 2024

The Kenilworthian Walkers arrived at the starting point of the walk in the pouring rain. However, during the opening remarks, the sun peaked out and our walk began. Eight hardy folks and one intrepid pooch joined many others on a nearly 3 mile path from the Park Blocks along the Willamette and across two bridges before returning to our starting point. We endured pouring rain and brilliant sunshine. And we raised \$530 for hunger aid. 25% of all funds raised will be donated locally to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The remaining funds will be used by Church World Service to help others in the world raise their own food. Thank you to the walkers: Jerry, Karl, Becky, Barb, Sharese, Jon, Nancy, Paul and Tippy. And thank you to those who donated funds to this worthy cause. If you would like to donate, it's not too late. Here's a link to the website:



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<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/kenilworthian-walkers>

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