

Kenilworth @ Work!

April 2025



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

A Message from Pastor Susan McDougall



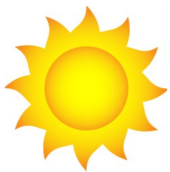
We are now just a little more than halfway through the season of Lent, a time that traditionally sees persons observing Lent by giving something up. But there is also a practice of taking up. For some it has been a time to quietly contemplate the deeper meaning of their faith, perhaps through the Lenten dinners or through personal prayer. For others, the deeper meaning is brought forth in service to others and to the community. What is true is that Kenilworth is both a place of spiritual reflection and a place that attends to the needs of others, a place of giving up and taking up. Kenilworth gives up and takes up that most precious commodity: time.

We live in an age when the online universe clamors for our time. Work—and the worry that our work lives may suddenly and inexplicably disappear—occupies our time too. Some of us are growing older and with it comes many moments spent in the offices of health care providers. Others of us *are* the care providers. And the precious moments that we spend in the simple enjoyment of family and friends is time that revives the soul.

That Kenilworth and its members and friends also still faithfully and beautifully worship each week, find time to gather for Lenten dinners and Bible studies, feeds the community through Groceries for Grout and helps to educate the immigrant community through English for Speakers of Other Languages classes, all the while giving of its building to house a cooperative preschool and many community meetings suggests to me that Kenilworth, in giving up and taking up, has found a way to observe Lent all year long. Kenilworth makes time a blessing.

So as we move into Easter, and all the solemnity and joy that this season entails, take a moment or two to look around you at all your fellow beloved children of God and give thanks for the blessing of time well spent.

Pastor Susan



Bright Sunday to Shine at KPC on April 27

“Risus Paschalis” (Easter Laughter), begins with the premise that God played a joke on the Devil. The Devil thought that evil had won with the death of Jesus on the Cross. God got the last laugh by raising Jesus from the dead. In 15th century Europe, priests played jokes on the congregation in the week after Easter. That tradition gave rise to Bright Sundays in the USA over the past several decades.

The seeds of holy humor were sown into KPC by Rev. Elmer “Bud” Frimoth in the 1960’s. A harvest of laughter has followed. Since 2011, Bright Sunday has taken the form of skits, jokes, and songs. More recently, there have been chancel comedies adapting the stories of Noah, Jonah, the Prodigal Child, Moses, Joseph (the OT one) and Adam and Eve into a Portland context.

This year, the stories of Naomi and Ruth and Boaz will be juxtaposed into Portland. Writing and casting are in progress. Rehearsals will include a read through, probably as a Zoom meeting in mid-April, (the 12th?) with a rehearsal on Saturday April 26. The Sunday will also feature an open mic for jokes suitable for church, some hymns with adapted lyrics, and an all congregation kazoo band. Colorful attire is invited.



**BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NOTES
EASTER IS COMING!!**



Yes, Easter will be here before we know it. I'd like to make a plug for some special worship services on the horizon and encourage you to be a part of them.

April 13 is Palm and Passion Sunday. We've mostly celebrated Palm Sunday in the past, but Pastor Susan has decided to open the service with Palm Sunday, but then move into Passion Sunday after the choral anthem at the very beginning during which time the palms will be brought up the aisle and placed in the front. This will take us through Holy Week scriptures leading up to, but not including the Resurrection. It promises to be a reflective experience.

April 17 is Maundy Thursday. Worship will begin at 7:30 pm. Pastor Susan has chosen a service presented in the Presbyterian Outlook that includes Holy Communion. This service includes sections from the Gospels that recount Jesus' final moments with his disciples. The scripture will not only be read by Pastor Susan, but also the voices of Jesus and Peter. The choir will sing its favorite Maundy Thursday anthem, "Think of Me and Remember" by Joel Raney. We were so pleased by the attendance at the Ash Wednesday service and hope as many or more come to experience this special service.

April 20 is Resurrection Sunday. The KPC Chancel Choir will jump start worship with "He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!" and the congregation will join in in the middle of the anthem singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." It is such a joyful Sunday and I'm sure it will conclude with Hot Cross Buns during fellowship time.

April 27 will not be a letdown after all the above as it is Bright Sunday, a day to which we always look forward. Unfortunately, I will have to miss it as I will be at my alma mater to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Morningside University Choir by joining with at least 124 other alumni in concert. I'll miss the joy of Bright Sunday, but I look forward to a reunion with college friends.

Blessings to all of you in this coming month. I pray it enriches your life.

Musically yours,
Barbara Votrobeck



Carol Garner	6
Alan Zimmerman	10
Nancy Youngs	14



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- ◇ O Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for your creation.
- ◇ O Lord, help us to recognize the sacredness of all of your creatures as signs of your wondrous love.
- ◇ O Lord, help us turn from the selfish consumption of resources meant for all and to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable. *-author unknown*



<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/sustainability-prayers>

LOST and ...

Small toolbag containing B&D rechargeable electric drill and attachments. Laura has the charger and would like to find the drill.





Presbyterian Women Gathering, Wednesday, April 2 12:00 Noon via zoom



- If you have wondered what is happening with Presbyterian Women...
- If you have questions about where to send Thank Offering or Birthday Offering or Least Coin or other monies....
- If you want to honor someone in your church with an Honorary Life Membership....
- If you want to talk with other Presbyterian Women....

Join our conversation this Wednesday at noon via zoom for a time of **connection and collaboration** with fellow Presbyterian Women! This is an opportunity to share what your PW group is doing, exchange ideas, and support one another in our shared mission.

All PW are welcome—come be part of the conversation!

Link to join the meeting:

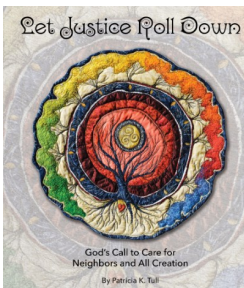
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Let's connect, inspire, and grow together. **We hope to see you there!**

Kenilworth Presbyterian Women Saturday, April 19 Meeting 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am

This year's Bible study "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation" continues on April 19 with lesson 8: Intergenerational Justice.

The main Idea of lesson 8 is: "Like the authors who reflected midstream on the meaning of ancient Judah's story with God, who held onto unreal-ized hopes for their future, we have a story with God, a story whose meaning is changing." Edith will lead the lesson.



A Prayer for Justice

God and guide of every generation, our children could well say with Jerusalem's exiles, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." We do not wish this to be so. Help us take responsibility now for the sake of future generations. Amen.

Kenilworth's Presbyterian Women present

SATURDAY BRUNCH

Everyone is welcome at our brunch fundraiser! Enjoy a hearty buffet of delicious foods and learn about Eastside Village. This growing national movement enables older adults to age at home and in their community safely, affordably, happily, and healthily for as long as they choose.

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

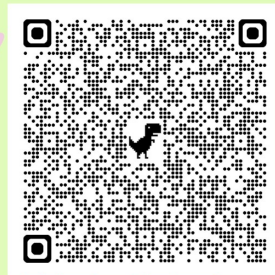
Saturday, May 17

Tickets - \$20

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For more details visit www.kenilworthpc.com

Scan and select PW to purchase tickets



A GREAT GIFT FOR MOTHER'S DAY!



Juan Soto and Jamie Truitt, from the Oregon Food Bank (OFB), made an official visit to our pantry on February 7. They offered suggestions on managing our intake process. As a result, we implemented a lottery system, as used in neighboring pantries. It's not flawless; having been received well by some and not-so-well by others.

Probably most memorable for all was the Valentine's Day snowfall. OFB canceled their delivery and G4G canceled our pantry. A neighbor kindly posted signage in case clients ventured to our site. We ultimately received 30+ banana boxes of assorted groceries on the 21st. I asked for 8-10 volunteers to sort and shelve the contents the following Monday. TWELVE volunteers made quick work of it and enjoyed lunch and friendship afterwards.

With some trepidation, we moved from 34th Avenue into the church parking lot on March 7. It was a beautiful springlike day with sunshine and warm temperatures. The rest of the month we were soaked with rain and winds. Nonetheless we smiled and enjoyed the improved safety of not being in the street and having room to grow. THANKS TO EVERYONE for making this pantry such a joy! Laura

People served in February

- 1,233 people from 327 households
- 33 Wednesday deliveries
- 11,470 # total groceries received
- 9,767 # Oregon Food Bank
- 673 # New Seasons - Woodstock
- 323 # QFC – Westmoreland
- 708 # Other Donations
- Volunteers
- 303 Hours
- 30 People

People served in March

- 1,371 people from 391 households
- 35 Wednesday deliveries
- 14,351 # total groceries received
- 12,683 # Oregon Food Bank
- 899 # New Seasons - Woodstock
- 453 # QFC – Westmoreland
- 316 # Other Donations
- Volunteers
- 359 Hours
- 32 People



Session Highlights - March 16, 2025

- The Mission Committee reported one rent bill and one utility bill was subsidized in March.
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes have had up to 6 regular participants.
- Session voted to add an additional ESOL literacy class on Wednesdays 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Session voted to purchase a SimpliSafe Security system to assist in monitoring church doors that have often been found open during morning rounds.
- The Elder training retreat has been rescheduled at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA for Saturday April 12, 2025.
- Lenten Dinner Programs are inspired by the book *Pause, Spending Lent with the Psalms* by Elizabeth Caldwell
 - March 13 Paths: Focused on how our children receive guidance choosing right paths.
 - March 20 Faces: Rev. Tim Winslea shared iconic faces of many faithful Biblical witnesses.
 - March 27 Blessings: Pastor Susan focused on contemplative prayer using Lectio Divina.
 - April 3 Tables: Psalm 23 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."
 - April 10 Waiting: Psalm 130 "My whole being waits for my Lord."



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- The Creston - Kenilworth Neighborhood Association is being revived and will begin meeting regularly in the fireplace room the fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Session approved Louise Langley's and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) leadership of an 8-week Peer-to-Peer event for Veterans. Classes will be conducted in the fireplace room from 10 a.m. to Noon, eight consecutive Mondays beginning April 21, 2025.
- The Portland Music Collective is seeking a new space for their teachers to offer private music lessons. Session authorized research of the possibility that KPC might be able to provide suitable facilities within our schedule of events.
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be April 17, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
- The next regular Session meeting will be conducted during the Elder Training Retreat at Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA, April 12, 2025.

GREEN TEAM REPORT

Kenilworth Presbyterian Church has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2026. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.

Began in 2010, this PC(USA) national program is celebrating 15 years of certifying churches and celebrating environmental ministry across 4 major areas of a congregation's life: worship, education, facilities, and outreach in the community.

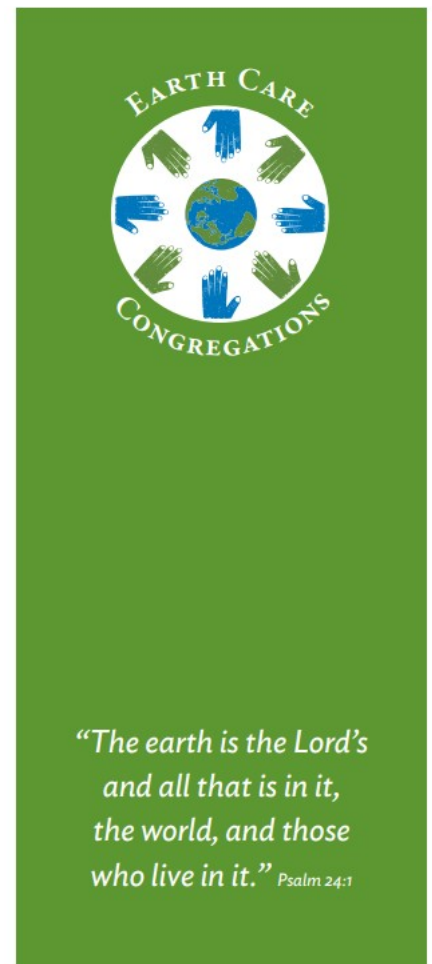
Earth Care Congregations exist as strong community partners in their own areas as well as models for Presbyterian congregations across the country. One of the goals of this program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life. By the time a church has recertified for several years, the earth care ethic becomes ingrained in a congregation's culture, spreads to the surrounding community, and impacts the personal lives of individual church members.

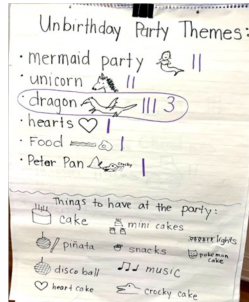
Obtaining this status speaks to the serious commitment that KPC has made to care for God's earth. First certified in 2017, this begins our ninth year as an Earth Care Congregation. And we couldn't have done it without the cooperation and commitment of all of you. Thank you.

KPC is just one of the 361 congregations in 41 states that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. This denominational program for churches has lasted longer and been more successful than other models we've seen that are both less rigorous and more resourced. And it's the individual churches that deserve all the credit for the success of the program. Our Earth Care Congregations are vital parts of their communities and unrivaled witnesses to caring for God's creation and we are so thankful for their work in the world, " says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Becky

For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program visit www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.





KCP Auction 2025

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