



# Kenilworth at Work! July & August 2026



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 SESSION

**Let's Talk About Grace** "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound..."  
I'd be willing to bet that we all know, or at least recognize, this song.  
But what is grace?



The Bible repeatedly calls grace a "gift." This is an important analogy because it teaches us some key things about grace.

First, anyone who has ever received a gift understands that a gift is much different from a loan, which requires repayment or return by the recipient. The fact that grace is a gift means that *nothing is owed in return*.

Second, there is no cost to the person who receives a gift. A gift is *free to the recipient*, although it is not free to the giver, who bears the expense. The gift of salvation costs us sinners nothing. But the price of such an extravagant gift came at a great cost for our Lord Jesus, who died in our place.

Third, once a gift has been given, ownership of the gift has transferred and it is now *ours to keep*. There is a permanence in a gift that does not exist with loans or advances. When a gift changes hands, the giver permanently relinquishes all rights to renege or take back the gift in the future. God's grace is ours forever.

Fourth, in the giving of a gift, the giver voluntarily forfeits something one owns, willingly losing what belongs to them so that the recipient will profit from it. The giver becomes poorer so the recipient can become richer. This *generous and voluntary exchange* from the giver to the recipient is visible in 2 Corinthians 8:9: "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."

Finally, the Bible teaches that grace is completely *unmerited*. The gift and the act of giving have nothing at all to do with our merit or innate quality (Romans 4:4; 11:5-6; 2 Timothy 1:9-10). In fact, the Bible says quite clearly that we don't deserve God's salvation. Romans 5:8-10 says, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. While we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son." Grace does not stop once we are saved; God is gracious to us for the rest of our lives, working within and upon us.

Let's all look for ways to share God's grace with others.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year Kenilworth contributed \$694 to One Great Hour of Sharing.



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. OGHS responds to a variety of causes – disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees – and serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Thanks to those who help improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.



**American Red Cross  
Next Blood Drive at KPC**

**Thursday, July 23 12:30 to 5:30 pm**



**Lights. Camera. Take action!**

All who come to donate blood at our blood drive will receive a Fandango Movie Ticket by email (up to \$15 ticket price and fees). In July, the American Red Cross asks donors to celebrate summer and help save lives by securing their blood donation appointment. Making and keeping donation appointments helps maintain a strong blood supply for anyone who may need a transfusion. Spark joy for patients in need by giving blood.

To schedule your appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) Sponsor Code: Kenilworth



**Groceries 4 Grout Food Pantry**

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard... This nursery rhyme comes to mind when a person enters our workroom. Our shelves are unusually empty.

Thankfully, the tables at Friday pantries are NOT empty. OFB produce, New Seasons and QFC gleaned dairy & breads, City Teams Ministries meat, cheeses & deli items, along with purchased eggs provide the clients with many welcome choices. Missing are the shelf-stable items like vegetable oil, rice, pasta, canned beans & tomatoes and flour/masa that are no longer available from OFB. Let Laura know if you know how to get wholesale prices for items like these.

	MAY 5 Fridays	JUNE 4 Fridays
Households	692	514
People served	2,702	2,037
<b>Total # groceries received</b>	<b>20,001</b>	<b>13,244</b>
Oregon Food Bank	9,551	8,786
New Seasons - Woodstock	1,532	1,214
QFC – Westmoreland	2,212	908
City Team Ministries	3,513	1,417
Garden donations	60	76
Other Donations	50	365
Purchased	1,334	882
<b>Volunteers</b>		
Hours	446	342
People	36	34



*You are invited to join us . . .*

**\*ORGAN-PIANO DUETS  
& SING-ALONG**

**Sunday, July 5 4:00 PM**

*Celebrating 250 years of  
United States history  
through music*

**\* Picnic to follow the program**

**AMERICA**  
**250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
1776 ★ 2026  
*Land of the Free, Home of the Brave*

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
7810 SE 15th Ave in Portland  
-Corner of 15th & Lambert St-

Marie, organ  
Allison, piano

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**July**



Eleanore Ramsey 18  
Rebecca Jewel 26  
Amir Yousefi 29

**August**



Zulmay Yousefi 6  
Frances Broberg 23  
Jody Lane 28



## Farewell to Carol and Dan

**K**PC said goodbye to Carol and Dan during worship on June 21. They were given a small version of the Kenilworth yoked cross as a farewell gift. Dan was given a framed copy of Romans 8:22-23. Dan was known for waving that scripture during worship when a particularly bad pun was used.

Carol and Dan will be sorely missed. They have been a vital part of KPC's mission and fellowship. Their shoes will be hard to fill.

Carol has served on Session and sung in the choir. She has been the PW moderator for many



years and has led PW in hosting our annual Tea Party. She has also provided transportation for many non-drivers, who will now have to find another way to get to church. Carol was active in PW in the Presbytery, serving on the Coordinating Team. Carol has most recently led a Wednesday Bible study. Dan has prepared the communion table for many years. Both Carol and Dan have willingly stepped up to appear in Bright Sunday skits. Dan received the Golden Kazoo award this year for his support of Holy Humor.

We will miss them and we wish them many happy years in Goldendale, Washington.



## A Message from Carol

### What Kenilworth church means to our family and a little bit of history

**M**y mother Carolyn started coming to Kenilworth back in 1982. She was on Session many times and sang in the choir until her heart issues.



As I usually worked on weekends, my children Aimee and Jason started going to Sunday School in 1983 and were baptized here. One of my most memorable events was the Christmas play where 4 year old Jason proudly walked down the aisle as the little drummer boy as the children's choir sang. I asked my daughter Aimee what memories she had. She said when they moved the bell out front, the kids would run around it playing Pac-Man. Aimee and Beth Littlehales would play hide and seek in the church. They also finished all the leftover grape juice after communion. Aimee and her husband were married in 1992 by Pastor Holiday and the ladies of the church threw her a baby shower for my first grandchild.

Many family events like weddings and memorials for loved ones took place at Kenilworth. The people of Kenilworth have always been a source of support and encouragement.

I became a full time member in 2001 and want to thank everyone who helped in my spiritual journey: teaching Sunday school and music & art camp, Session, choir, Presbyterian Women. Helping with fundraiser planning, teas and rummage sales were always fun for me. I did some things I would never have imagined without the faith others had in me, like teaching Bible study and even preaching.

Dan started coming to Kenilworth after he moved in with me after our mother's passing in 1998 and later became a member. He helped prepare the communion on Sundays and helped with cleanup after refreshments while waiting for me to finish choir rehearsal. Dan was always there to help when needed.

Know that you all will be forever in our hearts, each and everyone of you! So this is not farewell but Happy Trails until we meet again. Dan and I are off to see what God has in store for us and our next adventure.

May the Peace of God be with you, Carol and Dan



## **Session Highlights June 4, 2026**

- Session convened a Special Meeting to consider four specific items of business
- Part of the Pastor Search Team had met with a candidate in an informal question and answer session. Session received the report favorably and decided to seek references and preaching videos.
- Zulmay Yousefi had requested baptisms for his wife, Rayesa, and two sons, Amir Muhammad and Amir Ashira. Session received the request with intentions to contact the three candidates personally to confirm their request and to discuss their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism,
- Allison Zimmerman and her friend Marie will perform a patriotic concert and sing-along at Immanuel Lutheran Church July 5, 2026. Allison inquired about the possibility of also performing the concert and sing-along at KPC. Session voted to authorize the use of the Sanctuary for performance of this concert at some future date, but not part of a Worship service.
- Laura Schaefer offered to donate a bench made from a live edge slab salvaged from the 2020 Santiam fire. Session gratefully agreed to accept the bench to be placed on the front porch and to move the old bench to a different location.



## **Session Highlights June 28, 2026**

- The parking lot striping is completed.
- The Wells Fargo branch bank off Powell on Cesar Chavez will close permanently September 23, 2026. Our corporate officers are making plans to open new accounts at OnPoint Credit Union and closing the KPC Wells Fargo accounts.
- Preschool fall enrollment remains undetermined. Two are departing, but several others have submitted intentions to enroll.
- The first Summer Art Camp week was completed June 26. New Journey meetings were held in the Sanctuary to accommodate the camp downstairs and access to the kitchen was provided for their use. In the future, signs will be posted to remind church members to leave the kitchen door unlocked.
- The second PUN roundtable was held June 10 above the Recovery Café at the former Calvary Presbyterian Church. Special guest was Scott Longacre, the case worker on staff at Columbia Presbyterian Church in Vancouver. Scott was able to share his experiences establishing this new staff position and examples of the wide variety of cases he assists. Laura Schaefer explained the outreach of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon with an established staff and history.
- Rev. Tim Winslea offered to continue preparing the weekly prayer and study at noon, Pacific, from his new home in Greece for a monthly stipend of \$400 from PUN Savings. PUN representatives at the meeting decided to accept Tim's offer as an Independent Contractor (no longer on staff), and to advise Lake Grove Presbyterian Church to discontinue monthly grant contributions for the Parish Nurse salary.
- Session reviewed the report of reference responses and a provided sermon recording, and voted to invite the candidate for an interview.
- Session reviewed the report of a discussion with Rayesa, and voted to approve the Baptism of
- Rayesa, Amir Muhammad and Amir Ashira as requested.
- Session suggested Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm as a possible time to schedule Allison Zimmerman's Patriotic Concert and sing-along at KPC.
- Congratulations Rebecca Jewel, 2026 Synod Assembly Vice-Moderator elect.
- Jonathan Jewel agreed to establish a written policy for filing older YouTube KPC Worship recordings for private access only.



- Session approved the purchase of two additional SimpliSafe security cameras.
- A donation has been arranged for a professional landscaper to provide a half-day service on maintenance of the church grounds.
- The NA group meeting in the fireplace room Saturday mornings has disbanded.
- Session consented to use of KPC media to announce and promote a Presbyterian Men’s Retreat at Manzanita, October 12 - 13, 2026.
- Rick Votrobeck presented a pair of hand rail extensions to improve safety on the stairs to and from the chancel. Session voted to approve the hand rail installation.
- No regular Session meeting is scheduled in July. Next Regular Session meeting will be August 23, 2026.
- Weekly pulpit supply:
 

July	5	Rev. Steve Parker
	12	Rev. Scott Dalgarno
	19	Pastor Matthew Heisler
	26	Chaplain Andrew Turner
August	2	Rev. Michaela Drummond
	9	Dr. Roger Newell
	16	Pastor Shela Sullivan

### GREEN TEAM REPORT



The Green Team has been collecting recyclables for several years. Some of the items are easy to recycle.

- Old glasses, sunglasses, glasses cases and hearing aids are taken to the Lion’s Sight Center in NW Portland
- Corks to Scrap
- Clear #1 plastics and plastic film to New Seasons Market in Woodstock
- Cardboard to the dumpster at Grout Elementary
- Electronics to Free Geek
- Batteries and LED light bulbs, and fluorescent light bulbs to various places that have recycling bins.

All of the other plastics that we are collecting are taken a second floor room where they are sorted by type or number and bagged.

Recently we took 9 grocery bags of pill bottles, #5 plastic and screw and pop off lids to James Recycling in Beaverton. At the redemption center, we checked in and paid \$3 for each bag. Around the room were large bins with labels. We located the bins for each of our bags and dumped the contents into the bins. Volunteers sorted quickly through the bin and handed back any items not acceptable.

Out of the nine bags, we were handed just four small pieces of plastic and one lid that was not accepted. There was also a bread tab that had gotten into the wrong bag.

In addition, we were handed a token for a free bag the next time we brought items to the center.

If you are aware of other recycling possibilities, please contact the Green Team. Thank you for being a part of our recycling efforts.



## BARB'S NOTE-ABLE NOTES

### *Speaking of Grace....*



Calling himself a “wretch” who was lost and blind, John Newton recalled leaving school at the age of eleven to begin life as a rough, debauched seaman. Eventually he engaged in the despicable practice of capturing natives from West Africa to be sold as slaves to markets around the world. But one day the **grace** of God put fear into the heart of this wicked slave trader through a fierce storm. Greatly alarmed and fearful of a shipwreck, Newton began to read *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis. God used this book to lead him to a genuine conversion and a dramatic change in his way of life.

Feeling a definite call to study for the ministry, Newton was encouraged and greatly influenced by John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield. At the age of thirty-nine, John Newton became an ordained minister of the Anglican church at the little village of Olney, near Cambridge, England. To add further impact to his powerful preaching, Newton introduced simple heartfelt hymns rather than the usual psalms in his services. When enough hymns could not be found, Newton began to write his own, often assisted by his close friend William Cowper. In 1779 their combined efforts produced the famous *Olney Hymns* hymnal. “Amazing Grace,” stanzas 1-4, was from that collection. Stanza 5 was added later by John P. Rees.

Until the time of his death at the age of eighty-two, John Newton never ceased to marvel at the **grace** of God that transformed him so completely. Shortly before his death he is quoted as proclaiming with a loud voice during a message, “My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior!” What **amazing grace!**

From *Amazing Grace: “366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions”* By Kenneth W. Osbeck

*Amazing grace - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

*‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.*

Musically yours,  
Barbara Votrobeck,  
KPC Music Director

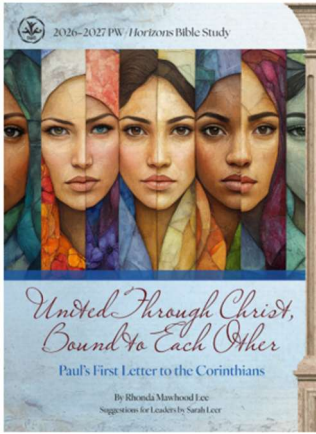
### Save the Date: Men’s Retreat

#### October 12-13, 2026

Conversations have begun regarding a gathering of KPC men on Oct 12-13, 2026. This would be for the primary purpose of fellowship and relaxation. Those attending would leave KPC following Sunday worship, and return Monday evening and/or Tuesday mid-day. Rev. Jewel will host the event at the Jewel of Deny-All beach house near Manzanita. Details TBA.



## KPW Bible Study for 2026-27



An integral part of each PW meeting is our Bible Study time. We use the Bible Study guide provided through Presbyterian Women, Inc. We completed the current study, “Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ,” at our June meeting. The study seemed particularly pertinent to our group. We began the study as our church was reeling from the loss of our pastor, trying to maintain our sense of well-being and mission.

The first chapters featured resilience, the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or stress. Names came to mind. We posted these on a bulletin board in the hallway at church. Names such as Gabby Giffords, Marian Anderson, Eleanor Roosevelt, Harriet Tubman, Malala Yousafzai, and Greta Thunberg. There were more,

including some of our own members.

We learned that joy is not the same thing as happiness, that joy, the second fruit of the spirit, can occur in the midst of difficult circumstances. And we learned that as followers of Jesus, we are not alone.

We will begin a new Bible study at our September PW meeting. This study, “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other,” will look at what Paul wanted the church at Corinth to be and do. His words of wisdom to the Corinthians are still relevant today.

We invite all women to join us for PW Bible Study and mission. Our meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning at 10. If you are interested in participating in, please let Barb know. We will order the Bible study guides in August and want you to have one to use.

## PW Women’s Retreat in June

Seven women gathered at the Manzanita Beach house known as JODA, or Jewel of Deny-All for a 3-day retreat. Five carpooled together following fellowship time on Sunday, June 14. The temperature that day on the beach was 91 degrees. After a delicious meal at the Happy Elephant we gathered in the living room to talk. The screen doors on either side of the house were open to encourage cross ventilation due to the heat. About 9:30 pm the side door opened and a very social Bassett named Measles bounded in with his owner to join us. Another joined the party early on Monday morning. We ate well. We talked. We visited the beach and the shopping area in Manzanita and then ventured down the coast for corn dogs at Rockaway Beach and a stop at the Little White Church shop where many things were purchased. And we played Blank Slate, a word game that kept us laughing. It was a wonderful time of relaxation and good fellowship. Maybe you can join us next year.

We have heard that the KPC men feel left out. Maybe they should plan a retreat at JODA.



There are never too many cooks in the kitchen.





A small, but congenial, group have been meeting monthly to discuss “hot” topics or things that people might have some differences of opinion about. After a delicious meal, we have gathered around the fireplace for a time of reflection on such topics as the history of Iran, what young people want from religion, singing for health and aging well.

There have been no arguments, no raised voices, and only one or two colorful words spoken. One person remarked that it felt good to be able to talk without someone making them feel bad about their opinions.

The June Hot Topic was disabilities and religion. We met at the Jewel’s Crow Nest home, enjoying hamburgers and hot dogs cooked 10 stories up. The final question was: “When you get to heaven will your disability, scars, and imperfections be gone.” The answers were varied and interesting. All of our discussions are varied and interesting.

Hot Topic will take a summer vacation in July and resume either in August or September with more timely topics for discussion. We hope more will join in the fall to explore sometimes challenging or perplexing issues.

-Becky

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