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#### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming and inclusive community worshipping in the reformed tradition. As we are empowered by God's grace we strive to educate, serve, and witness to members and friends of Kent First Presbyterian Church and to the people of Kent and surrounding communities, In, with, and through Christ's abiding love.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KENT



### From the Pastor's Desk

April 2011

I am using this newsletter article to give an update on the sabbatical plans for the church. I will have the details of my sabbatical plans in the May Newsletter article.

First, after looking over the financial uncertainties for 2011 and as well as examining what is necessary to be done by the "Temporary Supply" the Temporary Supply position will be half time. This will use only half of the funds saved to pay for the Temporary Supply position. The balance can be used for paying bills if Session so deems it to be used in this manner. Half time is approximately 25 hours per week and the temporary supply will preach 7 out of the 14 Sundays of the sabbatical time. They will also coordinate the other pulpit supplies for the other 7 Sundays.

Second, we have a "Temporary Supply" Search Task Force formed and are working diligently to seek the person God is calling to serve us in this capacity for June, July, and August. The people on the search task force are Rita Dermody, Susan Doody, Neil Bolkcom, and Cheryl Drinkwine. The position is advertised on the Kent First web site, also on the Seattle Presbytery and Olympia Presbytery's web sites. So far we have four candidates that look to be very promising.

The Task Force will bring the selected candidate to session on April 28 and then to the Committee of Ministry (COM) on May 5 for their approval. The month of May will be used for the Temporary Supply to get up and running for the summer. For your information, a Temporary Supply is hired by session not the congregation, but does need the COM to approve as well. There will be a special letter to introduce the Temporary Supply to the congregation. They will be in worship on May 29. The position begins on June 1 and ends on Sunday Sept. 4.

Some of you may feel like we members of the faith community at Kent First Presbyterian Church are just hanging out here by ourselves during the sabbatical time. I can reassure you that the Seattle Presbytery is surrounding us with much care and advice. In fact, at the March presbytery meeting, Randy Roberts- COM representative to our congregation- wanted me to express to you all that they are here to help and support us in any way they can. The others who have surrounded you and I as a congregation in care are Scott Lumdsen, Presbytery Executive, Kevin Nollette,

Interim Presbytery Executive Associate, and the COM chairs. I received many comments of their care at that meeting. The Presbyterian Church is truly a connectional church that will bless us with their presence in my absence.

Please pray for the Temporary Supply Search Task Force as they begin to read Pastor Information Forms (PIF), interview, and discern who God is calling to serve this wonderful church at this particular time. Also know that your officers are up and ready for the task of leading during this time as well.

I know that God is with us, will lead us through this sabbatical time and will reunite us at the end ready to share our experiences and embark on the ministry at hand.

Blessings, Pastor Carol

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Palm/Passion Sunday** -On Sunday, April 17, the church begins holy week with Palm/Passion Sunday worship service at 10:30am. Worship begins with the palm celebration in Jerusalem, and moves finally to the passion, Christ's death on the cross. It is the one service where you will hear the entire story.

**Maundy Thursday** – On Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 pm. we will gather downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, for worship that commemorates Jesus Last Supper and Jesus' prayer for the church. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper in small groups around individual tables, reflect on Jesus' prayer found in the Gospel of John, sing hymns, and drape the cross in black at the end of the service .

**Good Friday** – On Friday, April 22 at 7:00 pm. Kent United Methodist, Kent First Presbyterian, and First Christian Church will gather at First Christian Church on the corner of 240<sup>th</sup> and 116<sup>th</sup> to worship together our annual Good Friday service. The story will be read, hymns will be sung, communion will be shared, and the three choirs will sing as we commemorate the day Jesus died on the cross.

**Easter Worship** – On Sunday, April 24, at 10:30 am we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ with two choir numbers, brass accompaniment, festive Easter hymns, beautiful flowers, an inspiring Easter message, and Holy Communion. The mood of the service takes us from the somber reality of death to the reality and hope of the resurrection.

Plan to come and invite your friends and family to join you at all of these Holy Week worship services.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION – 9:00AM-10:00AM****NEW SERIES TO BEGIN – “MUSIC-IN-THE-CHURCH”**

On Sunday, March 27, we begin a new series- a four-week “music in the church” series - featuring our own Music Ministry Director, Richard Power. In this series (March 27 – April 17), Richard will be sharing his “music & faith” story, taking us on a “field trip” to the sanctuary to learn all about our outstanding organ, and teaching a “hymnology 101” session to help us better appreciate the music we sing in worship.

This class meets downstairs in room #1 each Sunday morning from 9:00AM-10:00AM. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact class facilitator Tom Kirkpatrick.

**GREAT MISSION AUCTION AND DINNER**

**When:** Saturday, June 4th, 2011

**Where:** Kent First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Menu:** Lasagna, green salad and garlic bread

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person or \$12.00 per family

**Activities:** Bid on dessert, donate and bid on an event or service at the oral auction or buy raffle tickets to win a quilt or a hand painted planter. Raffle tickets will go on sale the first of May.

All proceeds from the event will equally support the New Life Fund and the Bethel Evangelical Secondary School at Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia.

Be thinking about what you would like to donate to the oral auction.

**Donation slips will be available the last week of April.**

We will only be able to have 15 to 18 oral auction items this year, as we must be cleaned up and out of the church in time for H.O.M.E., so get your donation slips in ASAP so your great item will be included. ***(There will be no silent auction.)***

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS****SPRING CLEANUP IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 16 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Yes--spring is just around the corner and we try to have the church looking good for Easter.

Please mark your calendars for Sat., April 16, at 9:00 a.m. and come and lend a hand. There will be tasks for those who want to work outdoors and tasks to be accomplished indoors. A task for everyone: men, women and youth.



**FINDING THE HOPE**

Semiannual Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 30, 9:30a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Kent First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

9425 S 248<sup>th</sup> Street

- 9:30 – 10:00 Gathering time; beverages, fruit and brunch breads
- 10:00 – Noon Guest speaker and discussion leader, Mary Pneuman
- Noon – 1:00 Catered lunch
- 1:00 – 2:45 Guest speaker and discussion leader, Mary Pneuman
- 2:45 – 3:00 Closing and snacks from the Holy Land

**What would we learn and where would we find hope** if we could visit Christian women in the Holy Land, raising their families and seeking empowerment in their faith communities? How can we help? On April 30, in the comfort and security of our Fellowship Hall, Mary Pneuman will share her observations gained over seven visits to the Holy Land. In October, 2009, Mary traveled to Palestine, Israel, and Jordan with a delegation of Episcopal women from the Pacific Northwest. Their theme was *Christ One Body, Women's Connection to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan*. They explored tangible ways to support women and the peaceful witness of Christians living with tensions among Jews, Muslims, and other Christians.

Please register by April 28 to participate in this day of fellowship among women.

Questions? Contact Jeanne Alexander or Carole Millam

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ attached

Make check to Kent First Presbyterian Church and write *WOMEN'S RETREAT* in the lower left hand corner.

**NEW FAITH EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITY**

Asking questions about God, faith, or the church? Lifelong Christian? Every faith journey is unique and we want to explore your path with you.

Join us for supper on Tuesdays, beginning May 3, as we begin exploring, encouraging, challenging, and inviting a deeper life of faith.

Scripture shows us the original apostles needed to ask questions and learn. Peter, Thomas, and others often struggle with the teaching. Through questioning, they came to understanding. Through understanding, they led lives in which both believing and living are centered in Jesus Christ.

Regardless of where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to these Tuesday supper-discussions. So, if you're new to Kent First, you are welcome. If you have attended KFP for years, you are welcome. If you haven't attended a service and have questions, you are welcome.

For more information, contact your Nurture Ministry Team co-chairpersons, Jim Drinkwine or Marion Rosenbaum, or Pastor Carol.

**EASTER BREAKFAST**

The men's breakfast group will once again be hosting an Easter breakfast on April 8, at the church beginning at 8:30 and ending at 10:00am. The service is great, the breakfast is delicious, and the fellowship around the table is priceless.

**UPDATE ON BESS - A RECIPIENT OF PROCEEDS OF THE UPCOMING MISSION AUCTION.**

As you know, proceeds from the Mission Auction coming up on June 4th will go equally to the New Life Fund and to Bethel Evangelical Secondary School (BESS). You are probably already familiar with the importance of the New Life Fund, which provides energy bill assistance to those in emergency situations, so I would like to provide a bit more information on BESS.

BESS is a high school run by the Bethel Synod of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, located in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia. PCUSA Mission Co-Workers Larry and Barbara Moir teach English there and carry on a long-standing relationship between the school, the Bethel Synod, and the PCUSA. Kent First has been an ongoing partner in that relationship, with Mike and Janelle McCarty formerly working at BESS and the synod, and with two prior summer mission trips to BESS that our church has been a large part of. We recently asked Larry and Barbara, and the director of the school, Gammechu Zacaraius, about a need that we could help raise funds for through the Mission Auction. They indicated that the greatest current need at the school is funds for new textbooks, but as they stated in the email below, there are plenty of needs. Here is their message to us:

We are sorry it has taken a couple of weeks to get back to you. Larry and I have only been back a week - and have been busy getting back into the routine. In addition, Gammechu has been at meetings for 3 days on top of his already very busy schedule. The following are ideas that we have come up with for possible fund-raising projects.

The most important need, right now, is money for the new textbooks that the government is requiring. About half of the books are ready for purchase and the rest of the subjects should be done within in the next year - or so.

After that, there are a number of other ideas - and needs, most of which would need to be purchased here in Ethiopia (either in Addis or Dembi Dollo)

- an overhead projector to be used with a laptop
- paint for the inside of the chapel
- repair work to the stage in the chapel
- new bulletin boards
- paint for the inside of the teachers/staff housing & necessary repairs
- paint for the tea house
- new uniforms for the workers
- new bulletin board/display case outside of Gemmechu's office (like the one there)
- desks for Technical Drawing classes
- curtains for the boys dorm
- paint for the staff room and new flooring
- new cups and plates for the staff room

There is always the need for funds for diesel fuel for the generator during study hours, and the maintenance shop has a long list of projects to tackle when there is money available. There is the need to eventually (and maybe even sooner than later) replace at least one vehicle. Since we have arrived, there has only been about one week when all three vehicles were running. Right now, there is one running with the hope that a second will be finished with repairs soon. Repairs may be on the body of the vehicle, the suspension, the motor, etc.

There is always the need for funds to purchase exercise books for the scholarship students. WE have been blessed that a number of people have sent pens, fixers (remember, pencils?), calculators and English Bibles - but the need will be there for next year as well. Red and Blue pens for the teachers continue to be a big need.

The teachers have not had a salary increase since you were here and it is becoming a critical need for them. They have been good about waiting while Gammechu and the synod try to figure something out.

I hope that this will give you some good ideas. Please feel free to ask more questions or tell us what we can do to help.

We hope all is well with you.  
Blessings, Barbara



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Volunteers help serve customers of MSC's Federal Way Food Bank.

January 10, 2011

First Presbyterian Church of Kent  
 Mr. Emil Drivdahl, Outreach Team Chairman  
 PO Box 5217  
 Kent, WA 98064

Dear Friends:

**Thank you for your support!** Your gift will go to work immediately helping people create hopeful futures out of second chances. Whether they need job training, education, energy assistance, food and clothing, housing and/or advocacy for the elderly and disabled, Multi-Service Center is here to provide a hand up. Your very generous unrestricted gift of \$250, received November 24<sup>th</sup>, gives Multi-Service Center the flexibility to help people with just the right resources for their particular need.

The floundering economy has forced many to make tough choices – sometimes choosing between paying for housing, food, utilities, transportation or medicine. Multi-Service Center recognizes that more than ever, our neighbors, co-workers, family and friends are making tough choices like these to survive.

Using a variety of services customized for the individual, dedicated MSC staff have been successfully helping people and changing lives since 1971. We make a difference in our community *only* because people like **you** stand beside us in caring for our neighbors. Together, we can help people at the crossroads of life take those first steps on the path toward a bright and promising future.

Thank you on behalf of the many individuals, children, and families who look to the Multi-Service Center for help in times of need. Your support makes a difference in their lives.

Sincerely,

Dini Duclos  
 Chief Executive Officer

*Thank you all so much for your wonderful gift! My God's blessings be with you.*

The Internal Revenue Code requires that we acknowledge contributions in writing and that we state that no goods or services were provided in return for your gift, which we so state. Tax ID # 23-7120815. Please retain a copy of this letter for your tax records. Your charitable deduction may be disallowed if you are unable to provide this.



Emergency Shelter, Transitional & Low-Income Rental Housing • Federal Way Food Bank • South King County Clothing Bank  
 Literacy • Employment Services • Home Energy Assistance Program • Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program



## COLLECTION FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ON APRIL 17

For the past 60 years our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing have helped fund disaster assistance, and hunger programs, and has assisted in the self development of people.

2 Corinthians 9.8 "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing have been making a difference. But there is always more to be done. Give generously so that communities around the world can experience God's hope in the midst of hard times. Because we give, their lives will never be the same.

We are bringing a bit of heaven on earth to those in need. Together we watch God's love grow. Time and time again God uses our gifts to the offering to rescue people from tsunamis, floods, storms, fire, famine, and earthquakes.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE WHAT A DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE WITH YOUR GIFT TO ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. If for some reason your gift was not placed in the offering on April 17, bring it on any Sunday after that for the next four weeks.

## DRAFT HORSE PLOW AT MOTHER EARTH FARM

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND, 10:00AM - 3:00PM.

You are invited to the annual Draft Horse Plowing of the fields at Mother Earth Farm! The Hames and Tugs Draft Horse Club return each year for this exciting community event. You'll want to watch these amazing folks work their incredible horses on the eight-acre organic farm. A potluck lunch will take place around the noon hour, so bring a covered dish, a lawn chair and your camera! Carpooling is strongly recommended, as parking is limited at the Farm. Participation in the lunch is, of course, optional.

Carole Millam will assist in arranging carpooling for those interested in leaving from Kent First. Others may want to drive directly from the MS Walk in Tacoma on that same morning

To attend on your own, pick up a map from the bulletin board in the Narthex. Call Carole Millam (253-631-6987) for more info.

\*date is tentative depending on weather and ground moisture content. Watch for updated info.

## PLEASE REMEMBER! APRIL 3 IS WE CARE SUNDAY

Please bring your gifts of nonperishable food and clothing to church. Mission Committee volunteers will deliver them to The Kent Community Service Center whose shelves are in constant need of our donations. All categories of food are needed, including baby food and infant formula. Donated clothing goes out quickly. All sizes, infant through adult, are welcome. Men's clothing is often scarce. Just remember that used clothing should be clean and ready to wear because the Service Center does not launder or mend donations. Other needed items include back packs, bedding, towels, baby powder, lotion, and diapers.

Monetary contributions are also welcome. You may place your check or cash donation in the "bank" on the table. Make your check out to Kent First Presbyterian Church and write "food bank" in the memo area. Our treasurer will send your donations to the Community Service Center.

The response of our congregation to those who need help has been warmly received. **Thank you for continuing to CARE.**

**M.S. WALK FOR A CURE - Sat. Apr. 2 at 9:00 a.m. in Tacoma**

Team Name: Ruth - 75th Birthday



What better way to celebrate my 75th birthday than to participate in the M.S. Walk.

I have benefited so much from the continued research regarding M.S. that I want to add to the funding for M.S. research and service to people with Multiple Sclerosis.

There are so many people who benefit from the research being done. Come and celebrate progress and hope for the future with my family and friends. It just feels really good to be walking with thousands of people.

If you would like to walk with me, or make a donation contact Ruth Jones in person or at 253-854-6748. I will be glad to give you more information.

**SESSION MINUTES**

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF SESSION JANUARY 20, 2011**

- Authorize serving of communion on specific dates.
- Authorize collection of four special offerings throughout the year.
  - Authorize leasing a new photocopier.
- Authorize study leave for Pastor Carol, March 21-27.

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF SESSION FEBRUARY 17, 2011**

- Authorize two Lectio Divina classes during Lent on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons.
  - Set date of Summer Festival for Saturday, July 30
  - Divide proceeds of Mission Auction evenly between the New Life Fund and the Bethel Evangelical Secondary School.
    - Mission Auction will be June 4.
  - Give Kent First's local share of the 2010 Pentecost Offering to Childcare Worldwide (\$491.60)
- Sponsor a new small group, a Knitting Group, who will knit items for special causes.
- Authorize task force to hire temporary supply during Pastor Carol's sabbatical, including creating a job description and reviewing resumes.

**CHOIR SCHEDULE**

- Choir Rehearsal: Wed. April 13th and Wed. April 20th
- Performance of : "Song of the Shadows" with multiple choirs at Kent Lutheran Church (TBA) Good Friday April 22
- Sing on Palm Sunday April 17th
- Sing on Easter April 24th
- Sing at Choir Festival at Zion Lutheran, the evening of May 1st (TBA)
- Choir Rehearsal: May 25th
- Sing on Carol's last Sunday before her Sabbatical on May 29th

### AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Afternoon Circle will meet on April 7th at the church. We meet at 11:30 AM. All women are invited. Bring a sandwich to share. Dessert, coffee and tea are provided. Any questions call the church 253-852-3370 or Marian 253-852-2881.

### KNITTING GROUP

The new knitting group met for a second time. The group enjoyed socializing while knitting. Come join the fun and knit blankets and caps for babies in Pediatric Interim Care, hats for persons with cancer, and hats to be given to homeless men at Christmas time.

The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20th at the home of Nora Fisher located at 21202 110 Avenue SE in Kent. If you have questions, call Nora at 253-520-5480.

### EXPLORER'S GROUP

There is no Explorer's meeting in April.

### SMALL GROUPS

#### PRIME TIME JOURNEY

This month Prime Time Journey is reading the book, "The Weird Sisters" by Eleanor Brown. This is a story of relationships, sisters, and the wisdom that comes with age and books. Please join us on April 4th for lively discussion and fellowship. We meet in the fireside room on the first Monday of every month. New members are always welcome.

#### MORNING PRAYER

Get a powerful start to your Monday Morning!!! You are invited to join us every Monday morning at 7:00 for a quiet, but powerful, time of prayer. We gather in the sanctuary, the setting is comfortable, and the prayers are informal but meaningful.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer chain. Our church has two prayer chains, one telephone and one e-mail. If you are in need of prayers for your life or would like to be part of this ministry you may call the church office 253-852-3370, Maureen Ludwig, 253-852-7532 or e-mail Gene Sherwood at g12gesher@aol.com

#### EARLY EDITION ODESSEY

The Early Edition Odyssey Circle will meet Tuesday, April 26, in the Fireside Room at 1:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend this afternoon event of fellowship, study and refreshment. Sharon Drivdahl will be hostess, assisted by Shirley Doe. Gene Sherwood will lead devotions and Diane Lee will facilitate the study: chapter 7 of Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today. Contact Nora Fisher, Early Edition Odyssey chair, for more information.

#### MENS BREAKFAST

The **Men's Fellowship** group meets the first and third Saturday of each month at the Golden Steer restaurant in Kent, located at 240th and 104th.

#### OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Out to Lunch Bunch meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. We enjoy fellowship with each other over lunch at a local area restaurant. All are welcome to join us. Questions? - call Maureen Ludwig, 253-852-7532.

## APRIL 2011

3rd	10th	17th	24th
LAY READER			
Brad Kibbel	Mike McCarty	Gabriele Power	Kay Payne
USHERS			
Diane Lee	Horace Ludwig	Rod Parkinson	Glen Sherwood
John Akers	Maureen Ludwig	Al Dermody	Sharon Drivdahl
GREETERS			
Marian Willhite	Marion Rosenbaum	Lynda Bollman	Marie Heft

**\$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$\$\$**  
**FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

**INCOME**

General Fund	\$32,736.00
Other Giving	\$471.25
Building Use	\$3,376.00
Reimbursements	\$210.00
Transfer to Sabbatical Fund	(\$12,000.00)

Other

**TOTAL** **\$24,793.25**

Program	\$9,146.79
Mission	\$2,196.96
Payroll	\$22,249.71
Reimbursable Expenses	\$210.00

**TOTAL** **\$33,803.46**

RECONCILIATION

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$16,591.00
Income	\$24,793.25
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$33,803.46</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$7,580.79</u></b>

**Specified Funds \*** \$107,142.34

**Gen/Spec Funds** \$114,723.13

**Bank/BECU Bal.** \$114,723.13

\* Specified Funds includes Reserve Fund of \$32,000.00