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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KENT

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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.

As I begin a new year I feel the joy of praise and thanksgiving swell within me. As I reflected on this joy I realized the source of this joy. It is the fellowship of the community of faith. In Greek it is expressed as koinonia. This word expresses the holiness of community and simply means "one who shares something with someone." This sharing has two dimensions, vertical and horizontal. Vertical relates to the relationship each person of the Christian faith has with and in Christ. Jesus Christ shares himself with each Christian and is active in and through each believer. It is in the vertical relationship that we are enriched in our relationship with Christ. In the building of this relationship we have the power and courage to face difficult situations, we have peace when the world is in chaos, and we know we are forgiven and loved.

The horizontal dimension is when we reach out and share something with one another. When we pray with and for one another, when we reach out to those in need, when we comfort a person in distress, when we share our material blessings with those who do not have means, and when we share in doubts, laughter, joy, pain, and sorrow together we extend Christ to one another who is present in each of us. In community we experience the joy, love, comfort, and peace of the presence of Christ.

This new year I have seen and personally experienced this koinonia. The first is personal. I felt Christ's comforting presence through your sharing of words spoken, your words written in cards and letters; and in your presence. I grieve the physical absence of my father, Jack Casseday, but I do not grieve without hope. My hope is that dad is in the presence of Christ and so am I through all of you. Christ shares himself and gives me hope beyond the grave through the sharing of his life on the cross. I have hope in Christ's presence here with me through your sharing of yourselves with me. I thank you and I thank my Lord, Jesus Christ.

The other reason I am filled with joy is in the sharing of our financial means. Council met last Sunday to create a budget that would enable us to continue to grow in our ministries yet live within our financial means. Well, because of your generous sharing, council made some cuts that were not essential to our ministries and was able to keep those that are. This means I, your pastor, will remain full time, Michelle Austin, our church office manager, remains at 20 hours a week; and Richard, Music Minister, will be on for nine months. Rex Flynn, our custodian, will be cut to three days per week, but he will be able to carry out the essentials of keeping our church clean and ready for use. Thanks be to God! We will share our God given gifts and talents to further the vertical sharing of our Triune God with us, and strengthen the koinonia, and the horizontal sharing among the fellowship of Kent First Presbyterian Church.

I sense that koinonia, the vertical and horizontal sharing is growing and is vital to the life and health of Kent First Presbyterian Church. I pray that we will all grow in our fellowship with Christ and with each other.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00AM-10:00AM

New Series Begins

A new 5-week DVD study-discussion is beginning: *Psalmist's Cry: Scripts for Embracing Lament*. Renowned theologian, beloved bible teacher, and modern-day prophet, Walter Brueggemann explores the Psalms as guides for how to express feelings honestly.

This DVD study allows us to focus on spiritual healing rather than maintaining rigid control over our lives. Brueggemann's insightful, fresh, and timely presentations will stimulate in-depth class discussions that nurture our faith and life.

Everyone is welcome! Come and invite a guest to join you! We meet downstairs in room #1. For more information, contact class facilitator Tom Kirkpatrick, or Nurture Ministry Team chair Jim Drinkwine.

GAMES AFTERNOON - FEBRUARY 11

What better way to spend a cold February day than inside with a bunch of friends playing games and munching on snacks! Please join us in the fellowship hall from 1-4pm on Saturday, February 11 with your favorite board game, card game, or other activity. We are also inviting the Light House Youth, so this is a good opportunity to get to know them on a more personal basis. Please bring a snack, appetizer or beverage to share, and come ready to have a good time.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

All are invited to begin the journey to Easter by coming to the Ash Wednesday worship service on February 22 at 7:00 pm. This is a service in which we remember who we are, as creations of God that make mistakes, and whose we are, in spite of failure we belong always to God. Communion will be served and there will be a ritual with ashes. Invite your friends!

WE CARE**PLEASE REMEMBER! FEBRUARY 5 IS WE CARE SUNDAY**

Please bring your gifts of nonperishable food and clothing to church. Outreach Division volunteers will deliver them to The Kent Food Bank & Emergency Services 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 backpacks, bedding, towels, baby powder, lotion and diapers, especially sizes 4 - 6.

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 Food Bank & Emergency Services.

The response of our congregation to those who need help has been warmly received.

Thank you for continuing to CARE.

SMALL GROUPS

KNITTING GROUP

The knitting Group meets the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **Men's Fellowship** group meets at 7:30 A.M. the first and third Saturday of each month at the Golden Steer restaurant in Kent, located at 240th and 104th

EXPLORER'S GROUP

The Explorers Group will meet Friday, February 10th at 6:30 at the home of Nora Fisher. Since it is Valentines Day soon the theme is something red. I will be making Lasagna and red velvet cake for dessert. Plan on bringing any food that is red for the Pot Luck.

PRIME TIME JOURNEY

Prime Time Book Group will meet Monday, February 6th at 7:00 in the fireside room. We will be reviewing the first 150 pages of the book titled "Knit Two" in a series of which we previously read the first book of this series titled "The Friday Night Knitting Group".

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.

EARLY EDITION ODYSSEY

The Early Edition Odyssey Circle's February meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, in the Fireside Room at 1:00. All women are invited to attend this afternoon event of fellowship, study and refreshment. Judi Craft will be hostess, assisted by Shirley Doe. Lois Parkinson will lead devotions and Ruth Jones will facilitate the study: lesson 5 of Confessing the Beatitudes. Contact Nora Fisher, Early Edition Odyssey chair, for more information.

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

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ADAM WRAPS UP THE VERY LAST OF THE ANIMAL NAMING PROJECT

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COUNCIL MINUTES**SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 22, 2012**

- To put General Fund surplus into the Reserve Fund quarterly.
- The 2012 budget was approved with the changes stated below and with a quarterly review of the budget.
 1. The Music Minister/Organist was increased from an 8-month to a 9-month position.
 2. Mission spending for Presbytery/Synod is increased to \$4,000.
 3. \$5,000 was added to Building and Grounds General Repairs budget to repair the sidewalk and stairs.
 4. The Secretary's hours were changed to 20 hours per week.
- Ukraine Church's building usage charge was reduced from \$600 to \$550 and they will be asked to help with church clean up and other non-monetary things.
- Sunday, February 12 will be a service of wholeness.
- Communion will be served in 2012 on the first Sunday of every month, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve.
- There will be four special offerings in 2012: One Great Hour of Sharing on April 8, the Pentecost Offering on May 27, the Peacemaking Offering on October 7, and the Christmas Joy Offering on December 23.
- Council approved a donation box in the narthex for fleece blankets for Children's Hospital.
- Approval of Neil Bolkcom as Treasurer, Kay Payne as Financial Secretary, and Cheryl Drinkwine as Clerk of Council.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for all the get-well calls and cards you folks have sent to me since I became ill - with what seems like months ago - this debilitating disease of the lungs. I am still on 24-hour oxygen and resting and taking my medicine as directed by my doctors. Hearing from you all has been a real source of encouragement for me - and Vernon. We covet your prayers and thank you for continuing to support us in this vital way. Marjorie and Vernon Elgin

These sentences (with all the bloopers) actually appeared in church bulletins
or were announced in church services:

“The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.”

The sermon this morning:”Jesus Walks on the Water”.

The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus.”

“Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale.

It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house.

bring your husbands.”

“Don’t let worry kill you off—let the church help.”

“Miss Charlene Mason sang ‘I will not pass this way again’,

giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

“For those of you who have children and don’t know it,

we have a nursery downstairs.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

It is getting to be that time of year again. Spring clean up is scheduled for Saturday March 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. So sharpen your garden tools, make sure the gloves don't have any holes in them, find you muck boots and come join us as we clean the Church inside and out!

The Building and Grounds team is looking for a caretaker for the Memorial Garden. The team is very busy keeping the grounds up along with the other areas of the church that need attention and can not dedicate the time consistently needed to keep the garden up. So if you would like to help care for the garden please contact Diane Lee or any member of the Building and Grounds team.

Following is the Projects list for 2012. A partial list of the projects for the winter/spring time frame has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects please contact the designated person to get more details. A "Fix It" list has also been posted for you to write down items that need to be repaired. The team reviews the items on the list and adds them to there regular work party time scheduled for Wednesdays.

Project List for 2012 (Revised 1/3/2012)

If you see a project you want to do, please let Diane Lee or the Building and Grounds committee members know.

BUILDING

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Replace burned out light bulbs in the sanctuary.	X		X
Service elevator	X		
Backflow valve test	X		
Repair air vent in back of sanctuary		X	
Check tables for lose or missing screws	X		X
Inspect & repair furniture	X		X
Lubricate furnace fan motors - September		X	
Replace furnace filters – March, September and January	X	X	X
Repair roof over Sanctuary		?	
Inspect roof and clean gutters	X		X
Install check valves for kitchen sink	X		
Clean carpet – Sanctuary & Office			X
Clean, seal, polish basement floors		X	
Bark front bed	X		
Murphy oil all pews	X		X
Inspect and repair EXIT lights	X	X	X
Repair bi-fold door panels @ rear of sanctuary	X		
Repair weather striping on landing doors	X		
Clean furnace vent pit			X
Vacuum lint from refrigerator	X		
Reset thermostats	X	X	X
Adjust heat vents	X	X	X
Patch holes made by Flickers		X	
Hang and remove balloons	X		X
Replace dish washer drive belt	X		

PORTABLE

Clean out trailer	X		
Repair trailer roof		X	

GROUNDS

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Prune bushes by church entrance	X		X
Prune plum trees @ north end of the property	X		
Pick-up garbage on all property	X	X	X
Cut lower branches off all trees	X		X
Rake pine needles and cones off lawn	X	X	X
Turn water ON for HOME shower trailer July 1		X	
Turn water OFF for HOME shower trailer August 1		X	
Fill and flatten out ruts and mole holes on lawn areas	X		
Service lawn mower -----B&G	X		
Sharpen mower blades	X	X	
Mow lawn and weed eat rough areas and edge weekly	X	X	X
Weed Memorial Garden	X	X	X
Locate end of drain	X		
Sidewalk repairs		X	
Cut brush on east side of parking lot	X		
Use weed eater along Canyon Drive	X	X	X
Remove old fence	X		
Power wash entry		X	
Cut brush on south east corner of lot		X	

PROJECTS TO STUDY

Demolition / Removal of Portable			
Replace sidewalks			
Handicap rest rooms			
New roof	X		

WORK PARTIES

Spring cleanup April ?? at 9:00 AM (Easter Sunday April 8, 2012)	X		
Fall clean up (1 st Sat. Nov. 3rd at 9:00 AM) ?			X
MOST WEDNESDAY AM	9 to12am	9 to12am	9 to12am

FEBRUARY 2012

5TH	12TH	19TH	26TH
LAY READER			
RITA DERMODY	KAY PAYNE	GABRIELE POWER	SHARON DRIVDAHL
USHERS			
GLEN SHERWOOD	WENDELL ALEXANDER	LUD LUDWIG	GLEN SHERWOOD
SHARON DRIVDAHL	JEANNE ALEXANDER	MAUREEN LUDWIG	SHARON DRIVDAHL
GREETERS			
JEANNE ALEXANDER	MAUREEN LUDWIG	MARIAN WILLHITE	LYNDA BOLLMAN

\$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$\$\$ FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

INCOME

General Fund	\$146,145.40
Other Giving	\$3,883.77
Building Use	\$15,185.00
Reimbursements	\$1,464.78
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$18,132.98
Transfer to Sabbatical Fund	(\$12,000.00)
Transfer from Sabbatical Fund	\$5,387.50
<u>Other</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$178,199.43</u>

Program	\$49,946.36
Mission	\$10,681.62
Payroll	\$132,789.77
Reimbursable Expenses	<u>\$1,372.68</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$194,790.43</u>

RECONCILIATION

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$16,591.00
Income	\$178,199.43
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$194,790.43</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$0.00</u>

Specified Funds * \$64,403.07

Gen/Spec Funds \$64,403.07

Bank/BECU Bal. \$64,403.07

* Specified Funds includes Reserve Fund of \$13,171.40