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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

March 2011

The overall theme for Lent this year is 'Where Do You Get That Living Water' (John 4:11) . The sub themes are:

- First Sunday of Lent – March 13 – The Need for Living Water
- Second Sunday of Lent – March 20 – In Search of Living Water
- Third Sunday of Lent – March 27 – The Gift of Living Water
- Fourth Sunday of Lent – April 3 – Beside Still Waters
- Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 10 – The Spirit of Living Water

The Worship Ministry Team studied the scriptures and came up with these themes to enrich our worship and our lives this Lent. Lent is a time to examine our lives and to return or turn toward Jesus Christ. This prepares us for receiving the Good News of Easter, the resurrected Christ.

The Nurture Ministry Team has also been at work thinking of activities that would enrich our lives this Lent. What was decided was quality time with each other and in scripture. On Tuesday evenings, beginning March 15, at 7:00 pm and Thursdays, beginning March 17, at 1:00 pm there will be a Lectio Divina study group of the scripture passages that will be preached on that coming Sunday.

Lectio is a time to hear the scripture passages read slowly three times and then followed by time for reflection. Then we share our reflections following the instructions of your group leader. You need not be familiar with the scriptures to come. You need only an inquisitive heart and yearning spirit to learn.

On Tuesday evenings your leader will be Rebecca Nevelle and on Thursday afternoon your leader will be Margaret Johnson. Lent is a time to reflect on our growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ. What better way to do this than reading scripture and being in a safe community to reflect and share. There is no such thing as a wrong answer or an answer that is unimportant. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family to come and join us. As we get into scripture you will discover the living waters of Christ. Come, drink, and be satisfied.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

ROMANS – THE GREATEST BOOK

We continue our Sunday morning DVD series by Earl Palmer, *Romans – The Greatest Book*. Here is an update about our current series.

For Millennia the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans has been the bedrock of reformed theology. Come join us on Sunday mornings from 9-10AM and benefit from popular bible teacher Earl Palmer's deep content, scriptural analysis, and devotional reflection. Up-coming topics include: Christian life; the love of God; if God be for us; costly faith; surprising promise; the gifts; and strategy unfolds.

This class meets downstairs in room #1. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Nurture Ministry Team chairpersons Jim Drinkwine and Marion Rosenbaum, or class facilitator Tom Kirkpatrick.

GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE FOR THE**GREAT MISSION AUCTION AND DINNER**

When: Saturday, June 4th, 2010

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.

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

(There will be no silent auction.)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

By the time you read this, the church lawn will have been mowed for the first time in 2011.

Spring Cleanup is just around the corner. We usually try to have the church looking good for Easter, which is April 24th this year.

Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to come and lend a hand.

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. 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER ! MARCH 6 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.**

KNITTING GROUP NOW MEETING

A new group has been formed for persons who would like to get together to knit. A dozen persons responded and the first gathering was at the home of Ruth Jones on Feb. 16.

Some of the items being knitted are blankets and caps for babies at Pediatric Interim Care, hats for persons with cancer, and hats to be given to homeless men at Christmas time.

The group decided to keep meeting on the third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at the home of Susan Doody located at 23220 - 109th P. SE in Kent. If you have questions, call Susan at 253-854-1599.

Afternoon Circle will meet at Marian Willhite's Apartment at Farrington Court, 514 Kenosia Ave. S. - Apt C209 - Kent. We meet at 11:30 AM. All women are invited. Bring a sandwich to share. Dessert, coffee and tea are furnished. Any questions call the church 253-852-3370 or Marian 253-852-2881.

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 March 7th for lively discussion and fellowship. We meet in the fireside room on the first Monday of every month. New members are always welcome.

EXPLORER'S GROUP

The Explorer's Group will meet on Friday, February 11th, at the home of Bill and Ruth Jones. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins.

EARLY EDITION ODESSEY

The Early Edition Odyssey Circle will meet Tuesday, March 22, in the Fireside Room at 1:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend this afternoon event of fellowship, study and refreshment. Jan Hefford will be hostess, assisted by Judy Craft. Sharon Drivdahl will lead devotions and Margaret Johnson will facilitate the study, chapter 6 of Journeys Through Revelation; Apocalyptic Hope for Today. Contact Nora Fisher, Early Edition Odyssey chair, for more information.

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 @ g12gesher@aol.com

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.

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.

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.

MARCH 2011

6TH	13TH	20TH	27TH
LAY READER			
Vernon Elgin	Marion Rosenbaum	Janelle McCarty	Sharon Drivdahl
USHERS			
Horace Ludwig	Rod Parkinson	Glen Sherwood	Wendell Alexander
Maureen Ludwig	Al Dermody	Sharon Drivdahl	Jeanne Alexander
GREETERS			
Jeanne Alexander	Tori Bell	Maureen Ludwig	

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

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

INCOME

General Fund	\$12,792.00
Other Giving	\$248.00
Building Use	\$1,676.00
Reimbursements	\$105.00
Transfer to Sabbatical Fund	(\$12,000.00)

Other

TOTAL **\$2,821.00**

Program	\$4,264.86
Mission	\$848.48
Payroll	\$11,611.01
Reimbursable Expenses	\$105.00
TOTAL	<u>\$16,829.35</u>

RECONCILIATION

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$16,591.00
Income	\$2,821.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$16,829.35</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$2,582.65</u>

Specified Funds * \$107,571.08

Gen/Spec Funds \$110,153.73

Bank/BECU Bal. \$110,153.73

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 13th