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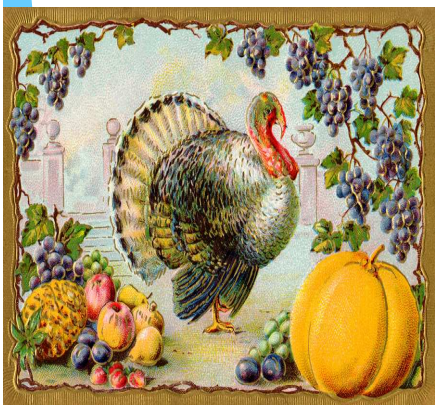
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#### MISSION STATEMENT

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

November 2011



Last week while going to an appointment to my spiritual director I noticed a beautiful tree. As I pondered this tree it became to me a symbol of our church at Kent First Presbyterian.

The tree was mostly green with the exception on one brilliant red branch. Let me explain how this represents KFP.

The green represents the ordinary. All trees are ordinarily green. There are many churches as well. We go about the ordinary business of the church. But at KFP I also see the brilliant red, which represents the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit, working among us. I shared these observations with session and am now sharing them with all of you.

**Red Branch of risking to try new ministry:** These new ministries are not about building us up but about serving those around us in Christ's name. Evidence of this is beginning a tutoring program on Monday and Thursday afternoons and partnering with Tremain McPherson and the youth leaders of Lighthouse Ministry. We also are using new music in worship so that worship in a more purposeful way will include youth, children, and those of different cultures.

**Red Branch of going deeper in our faith:** This is shown in the new endeavor of "Conversations on the Way". The Nurture Ministry Team has been very deliberate in preparation and inviting to this new opportunity. People out in our community and within our own church community have faith questions. They yearn for a safe place to ask questions and to listen to each other. For those who want to possibly go deeper in their commitment to discipleship in Jesus Christ this allows them time to get to know this faith community and to make a commitment to serve Christ here at KFP. This opportunity is rich with the Spirit's movement. Please come and partake in what the Spirit offers you.

**Red Branch of shared wisdom:** We as a faith community can discern the Spirit's movement best when there is an atmosphere of open shared wisdom. Within session and our ministry teams shared wisdom is how we listen for the Spirit's movement. Here are two examples of this shared wisdom.

\*Session supporting the tutoring program and requiring a letter being sent home for parental permission. Without their wisdom we may have missed out on an important communication with parents.

\*Arrange meeting with Iglesia Restauracion Fellowship's session ( a Presbyterian fellowship in Seattle Presbytery) and our session for the purpose of getting to know each other and continue to listen for God's leading. Shared wisdom in this coming up meeting, Oct. 30 is how we will know God's direction.

These Red Branches are evidence of the Spirit's movement within our community and our willingness to be adaptive and move with it.

Yes we might be another ordinary church but there is evidence of extraordinary activity going on within it.

Thanks to be God!!!

Pastor Carol

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

New Series Begins

On October 23 we began a new 6-week DVD video-discussion series: *Focus on Faith: Classic Interviews with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Leaders*. This series continues through Sunday, November 27.

Each week features interviews with some of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's giants of faith as they reveal their hopes and beliefs in confronting age-old questions. Topics include life goals and accomplishments, the meaning of prayer, what happens after death, the meaning of life, the problem of evil, and the role of faith in daily life.

Using a TV newsmagazine style, our six interviews feature Desmond Tutu, Parker Palmer, Adele Gonzales, Joan Chittister, Marcus Borg, and James Lawson.

Everyone is welcome! Come and invite a guest to join you! We meet downstairs in room #1.

For more information, see Nurture Ministry Team co-chair Jim Drinkwine or class facilitator Tom Kirkpatrick.

**JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON THE WAY**

Nov. 8 is the first Conversation On The Way. Join us at 6:30 p.m. to explore, question, and discover.

The evening begins with a light supper and community building. After our meal, we gather to discuss a specific Scripture passage. Each week is a different passage, so if you can't make every Tuesday, that's OK - if you can make each week, that is terrific! Give this a try and you may build a stronger relationship with Christ and others in our community.

Conversations On The Way is a chance to dig deeper into understanding God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus in a way that takes little "outside-of-class" time. Bring your questions, your experiences, and most importantly, yourself!

For more information, contact Jim Drinkwine, Marion Rosenbaum, or Pastor Carol.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (DST)

DST ends on Sunday, November 6th. If DST is feeling like it's lasting longer than ever, that's because it is. DST was extended in 2007 in a bid to save more energy. The extension was only by a week, from the last Sunday of October to the first Sunday of November.

Does DST really save us that much energy? A report published in 2008 by the U.S. Department of Energy found that four extra weeks of daylight savings time could conserve 1.3 trillion watt-hours per day, enough to power 100,000 homes for a year, according to [Scientific American](#)

We can blame Benjamin Franklin for the sleep schedule disturbing clock changes, even though DST wasn't put into affect until World War I made the need to conserve energy an urgent matter. The U.S. stayed on DST year-round during WWII, and then implemented it seasonally during the energy crisis of the 1970's. Unless, of course, you're in Hawaii, Arizona (except for the Indian Reservations),



**PLEASE REMEMBER! NOVEMBER 6TH IS WE CARE SUNDAY**

Please bring your gifts of nonperishable food and clothing to church. Outreach Division 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 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 Community Service Center.

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

**Thank you for continuing to CARE.**

**THANK YOU**



I want to say a big thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits and help to doctors' appointments during my recent surgery and recovery. I am blessed to have such dear friends and a loving congregation.

Marion Rosenbaum

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**



The colored windows in the sanctuary have a new sparkle thanks to Rod Parkinson who washed the outside of the windows.



The fireplace in the sanctuary was sealed off by Rod Parkinson and Bill Jones.



Emil Drivdahl installed Plexiglas lenses on the parking lot entry sign lights. The lenses will prevent the rain from getting to the fluorescent bulbs.



Rod Parkinson contacted PSE regarding some type of gas meter support to reduce the risk of a gas leak following an earth quake. PSE inspected our meter installation and installed a support under the meter.



Thanks for all the help keeping our facility safe and a great place to worship.



## SMALL GROUPS

## AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Afternoon Circle will meet Thursday November 3, 2011 at the home of Marian Willhite at 11:30 a.m. ADDRESS: 514 Kenosia Ave., Kent; Apt. C209. All women are invited, bring a sandwich to share, dessert, coffee and tea are furnished. We have fellowship, devotions and Bible Study. If you have any questions call Church Office 253-852-3370 or Marian Willhite 253-852-2881.

## KNITING GROUP

The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 16th.

## 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 for November will meet at Rita and Al Dermody on November 11th at 6:30. Please contact Rita and let her know if you are planning on coming and what you are bringing. We will be discussing what we need for the Christmas bags for the homeless men staying in our Church in December. The bags are made and are waiting for the December meeting to be filled then delivered to the church.

## PRIME TIME JOURNEY

The Prime Time book group will meet in the fireside room of the church at 7:00 on November 7th. We will be reviewing the first 150 pages of the book "The Paris Wife".

## 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

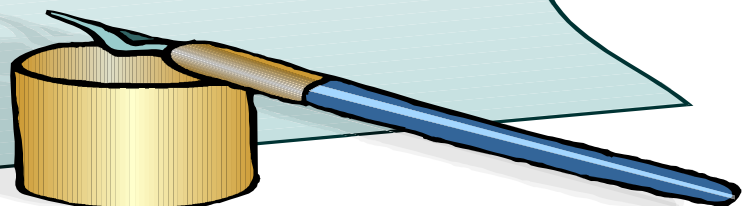
The Early Edition Odyssey will meet November 29th at the Church at 1:00. The study will be Lesson Three: Greatly Honored are the Humbled led by Margaret Johnson. Hostess will be Ruth Jones and Lois Parkinson and Devotions will be by Jeanne Alexander.

## 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](mailto:g12gesher@aol.com)

*"Thank you for all the cards, e-mails & phone calls since my Back Surgery on August 31st. The low back surgery went well but the pain took some time to get under control. I have one complication, the nerve in my left leg is inflamed but will calm down as it heals. My doctor wants me to be off work another 8 weeks. But Good News, I started Physical Therapy on October 22nd. I appreciate all the cards & I hope I'll be able to come back to worship in the near future. Bless you all!*

*Blessings, Always  
LoveyKeele*



# MUSIC NOTES

Dear congregation and friends,

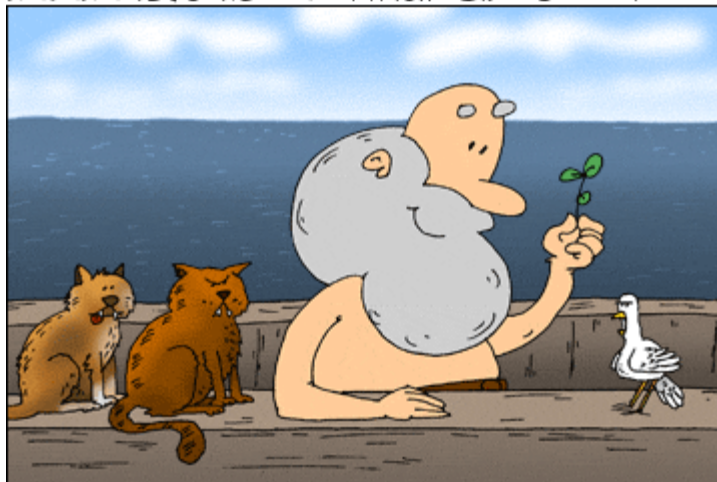
In our focus to reach out to our community, and the various ethnic groups, our worship division has stepped forward to take our next step in the process of being more inclusive. Our friend Justin, has loaned us his drum set, to use at various times and appropriate places in worship. Our first step in this process was to diversify the genres of music from different cultures in our songs and other musical aspects of worship. We have been doing exactly that for the last 3 years. A second step was taken, with bringing in groups of musicians to participate in worship from Kenya, along with the Ugandan Orphans

Children Choir. A third step was to purchase and use percussion instruments with our children and youth several Sunday's ago. Now comes the fourth step, bring in a set of drums and cymbals. The committee wishes for all of us to observe the possibilities for the future, especially in light of the presentation made by Tremain last week. We have a real opportunity to blend our worship format into one that reaches out to include many new cultures. Percussion

instruments have been a major part of musical worship in the Old Testament, New Testament, and Christian Churches around the world. So has Liturgical Dance. Remember King David? So, in the months ahead, remember the words of Psalm 150:1-6 "Praise the Lord! Praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds: praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with loud sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!"... Indeed let us do that! Please

feel free to give Carol, Rita, Kay, Susan, or me your input as we travel this new road together! Many songs of joy be yours! Richard

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(See Genesis 6-8)

09-16-2011

YOU THROW THE CATS OVERBOARD AND I'LL  
TELL YOU WHERE I FOUND THE BRANCH



### **WELCOME TO THE LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH GROUP**

The Lighthouse Youth Group has begun meeting at the church on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. The group began meeting a couple of years ago in the home of the group leader, Termain McPhearson. The group has grown to about a dozen members and needed more space to meet and to grow in size. The goal of the leader, Termain McPhearson, is to help young people know about our Lord and Savior. Scripture verses from the Bible are selected to read and discuss.

In August, the Mission and Outreach committee met with Termain and learned about his group and their need for a meeting place. For several years the committee has been discussing the need to reach youth in the community who have no church background. The Mission and Outreach committee is excited about working with Termain to develop a Christian youth group in Kent.

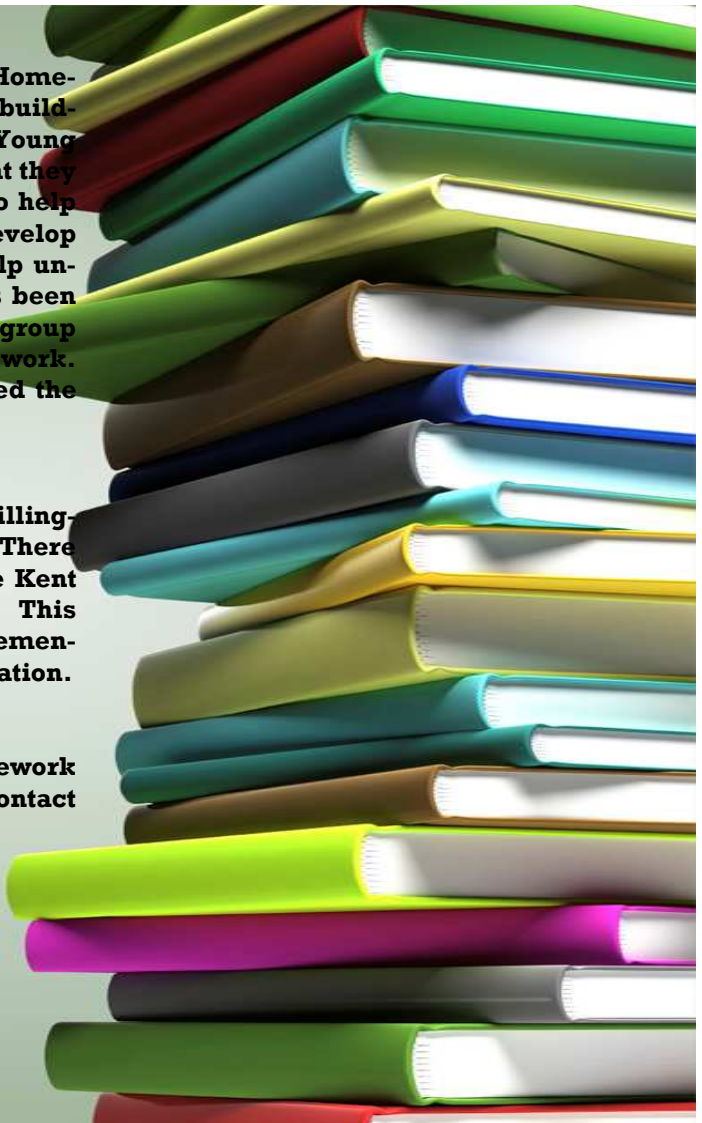
The members of the Lighthouse Youth Group are looking for ways to raise money to support some of the activities of the group. If you have a lawn to be mowed, weeding to be done, a house cleaning project, or other similar work; please contact Mike McCarty of Emil Drivdahl to put the youth in touch with you.

### **HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE GROUP**

The Mission and Outreach committee has started a Homework Assistance Group that meets downstairs in our building on Monday and Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m. Young people come to the group bringing their homework that they need some guidance on. The goal of the leaders is to help the young people understand their assignments and develop good study habits. Some of the participants need help understanding English. The most common request has been for assistance with math, geometry and algebra. The group started with four persons coming for help with homework. As the word gets out about the program, it is expected the group size will grow rapidly.

At this time ten of our members have expressed a willingness to help with the Homework Assistance Group. There are still at least six persons helping in schools in the Kent School District including East Hill Elementary School. This willingness to help the youth in the community is a tremendous outpouring of love and concern from our congregation.

If you would like more information about the Homework Assistance Group or would like to volunteer to help, contact Ruth Jones or Termain McPhearson.



[Download the September issue of The Spirit](#)

The September issue of [The Spirit](#) is available for download. In this issue:

- Rev. Eyde Mabangalo on "Neighborhood Exegesis"
- BellPres' The Bible Plain and Simple
- David Brenner reports on the August Gathering of the Fellowship of Presbyterians
- Rev. Kevin Nollette on avoiding the pitfalls of bad copier contracts
- A look at Workshop Rotation and Godly Play in action at MIPC, CHP and UPC.
- An excerpt from Lynne M. Baab's latest book, *Friending*
- Marcus Whitman Pres. turns 50 and more



10-13-11

Dear Pastor Carol,

Please relay to the session and congregation our deep thanksgiving to God for the regular pledge from Kent First to the Synod. We are sharing the support of amazing ministries. Today I praise God for the salary we have been able to cover for Keith and Sally Johnston in Anaktuvuk Pass, AK, for the last two years.  
God bless you! Joyce Emery

THANK YOU-KNITTING GROUP



October 20, 2011

Women's Knitting Group  
First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 5217  
Kent, WA 98064

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate 20 years of providing a safe and caring home for newborns that have been affected by pre-natal drug abuse, all of us at the Pediatric Interim Care Center, The Newborn Nursery, wish to sincerely thank you for your recent donation of baby blankets and hats.

We are so appreciative of the gifts that help support these little ones. Through your generous donations, we are able to continue to provide the care that is so necessary to these little ones as they struggle through the withdrawal effects.

In addition, your contributions have made it possible for us to be able keep daily baby care costs down. This has resulted in savings to Washington State taxpayers of over 75 million in the past 20 years!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Barbara Dremmen  
Executive Director

NOVEMBER 2011			
6TH	13TH	20TH	27TH
LAY READER			
Joan Ackerman	Jim Drinkwine	Rita Dermody	Kay Payne
USHERS			
Wendell Alexander	John Akers	Lud Ludwig	Rod Parkinson
Jeanne Alexander	Diane Lee	Maureen Ludwig	Al Dermody
GREETERS			
Carol Dunford	Sharon Drivdahl	Jeane Alexander	Maureen Ludwig

**\$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$\$\$  
FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

**INCOME**

General Fund	\$116,341.40
Other Giving	\$2,860.73
Building Use	\$10,936.00
Reimbursements	\$952.68
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$6,000.00
Transfer to Sabbatical Fund	(\$12,000.00)
Transfer from Sabbatical Fund	\$5,387.50

Other

**TOTAL** **\$130,478.31**

Program	\$37,798.52
Mission	\$8,136.32
Payroll	\$101,295.64
Reimbursable Expenses	\$1,057.68

**TOTAL** **\$148,288.16**

RECONCILIATION

**GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$16,591.00
Income	\$130,478.31
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$148,288.16</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>(\$1,218.85)</u></b>

**Specified Funds \*** \$83,126.19

**Gen/Spec Funds** \$81,907.34

**Bank/BECU Bal.** \$81,907.34

\* Specified Funds includes Reserve Fund of \$25,304.38