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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



September 2011

From Pastor Eliana...

Someone recently asked me why I had decided to go into ministry after a dozen years as a journalist. I mulled it over. It certainly wasn't for the pay. Or glamour. But it did boil down to two main reasons.

The first: I love God. I take great joy of knowing that I am in God's presence and am humbled that I can serve both God and the world in whatever small way I am able.

Secondly: I love people. I love to hear their stories and dreams, provide a hand (and heart) when times are challenging, and joyfully celebrate their presence in the world.

Ministry allows me to do both these things and this past summer, I have been blessed to be able to serve here with you all at Kent First Presbyterian Church.

What a delight to be with you in worship, sharing the Good News of the Gospel and looking out to see your smiling faces in the pews. Thank you to the wonderful worship committee who always made sure I knew where I was going, what I was doing and guided me graciously and kindly.

I was honored to pray with many of you as you prepared for surgeries or experienced heartbreaks. I shared sacred time with several church members who have entered the declining days of their lives here on earth. I will carry all this in my heart. This community of faith will always be in my prayers.

Special appreciation to the session of KFPC; a hard working, faithful and joyful group of folks. Thank you for allowing me to challenge and encourage you in discerning who you are as a church and where you want to go.

I am convinced that God is doing amazing things in this place and will continue to call you all to new and life giving ministries. I thank God for each one of you, Pastor Carol and your collective desires to go and serve this aching world.

I leave you with one of my favorite prayers from Thomas Aquinas.

*Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart,
which no unworthy affection may drag downward;
give us an unconquered heart,
which no tribulation can wear out;
give us an upright heart,
which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.
Bestow on us also, O Lord, our God,
understanding to know you,
diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

SEPTEMBER 2011			
4TH	11TH	18TH	25TH
LAY READER			
Jim Drinkwine	Gabriele Power	Sharon Drivdahl	Vernon Elgin
USHERS			
John Akers	Lud Ludwig	Rod Parkinson	Glen Sherwood
Diane Lee	Maureen Ludwig	Al Dermody	Sharon Drivdahl
GREETERS			
Marian Willhite	Jeanne Alexander	Lynda Bollman	Maureen Ludwig

NURTURE MINISTRY

You're Invited!!

to

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Mark you calendars for Sunday, September 11, 9:00AM-10:00AM. This is when our Sunday morning adult education fall quarter begins. We'll start a 6-week DVD video-discussion series by popular Presbyterian preacher-teacher Earl Palmer, *Acts-Gospel for a World that Waits*. Each Sunday we'll hear a stimulating 30 min. video presentation followed by 30 min. of stimulating class discussion from what strikes us about Palmer's "ah-ha" insights.

In this series, Palmer explores the challenges of the early church and its meaning for the believer today. He examines God's coming kingdom and the issues of the return of Christ from a reformed perspective. This video-discussion series is a great way to explore the life of the early church and the two great apostles, Peter and Paul, particularly their impact on our own Christian lives and ministries.

Everyone is welcome! Come and invite a guest to join you! We meet downstairs in room #1- -bring a cup of coffee, settle into comfortable chairs, and expect a great year of conversations-on-the-way!

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

PLEASE REMEMBER! SEPTEMBER 4 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.

MOTHER EARTH FARM WORK PARTY

Here's an opportunity to be part of an important solution to the problem of hunger in the south Puget Sound area. The Kent First Outreach Division has made arrangements for interested persons from this congregation to participate in a work party at Mother Earth Farm on Saturday, September 10.

Mother Earth Farm is an eight acre farm located in the Puyallup valley. The farm produces approximately 125,000 pounds of organically grown fresh fruits and vegetables each growing season, and **all of it is distributed to local food banks and hot meal programs.** Its operation relies primarily on volunteers from a cross section of the community and operates weekdays, and on occasional evenings and Saturdays.

Saturday work parties begin at 8:30 and continue until 3:30. We have arranged to help **from 9:00 until noon.** All necessary tools are provided. Come with a water bottle or thermos, clothes and shoes that can get dirty, sun (or rain) protection and a desire help provide for those in need. Our mission efforts have supported Mother Earth Farm for the past 6 years. All ages are welcome.

Carpooling from the church parking lot will be arranged. To participate, meet here at 8:30 a.m. Please visit the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex and leave us your name and telephone number.

Questions??? Contact Carole Millam, Emil Drivdahl or Mike McCarty

SMALL GROUPS

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Afternoon Circle will meet on Thursday, September 1st at the home of Marian Willhite at 11:30 AM. Please bring a sandwich to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.

KNITTING 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, September 21st at the home of Ruth Jones.

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

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 start the year off with their first Pot Luck at the home of Nora Fisher on September 9th at 6:30 pm. please let Nora know if you will be attending. The hostess will provide the meat and drink.

The Explorers Group welcomes all who want to participate with a group who follow Christ in fellowship, Spiritual enrichment, Community and a desire to use their time and effort to strengthen the church and its community. This group meets the second Friday of each month for a potluck dinner at a member's home. The purpose of this group is service and fellowship.

Twice a year we participate in community projects. This project consists of putting together care bags for the 25 homeless men that stay in our church during the months of June and December. These bags are filled with commonplace items that we are so use to having commonplace in our homes. A new toothbrush, or q tips or soap means so much to someone homeless. Anyone attending church are welcome to come join us we are open to all ages. If you have any questions please call Nora Fisher - 253-520-5480.

PRIME TIME JOURNEY

Prime Time Journey will meet on Monday, September 12th, the second Monday of September instead of the first Monday. The meeting will be at the church at 7:00. The title of the book we are reading is " House of Illusions", by Pauline Gedge.

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 ODESSEY

The Early Edition Odyssey Circle will meet September 27th at the church at 1:00PM. Marjorie Elgin is taking care of ordering the books for this year. Please let her know if you're interested in our study of the Beatitudes. The title of this study is "Confessing the Beatitudes" by Margaret Aymer. The cost of the books will be \$8.00 plus shipping and should be paid to Marjorie Elgin. The hostess for the September meeting will be Diane Lee; Jeanne Alexander will be doing the devotions. At the September meeting we will review the first lesson with study review led by Nora. We will also make a new schedule for hostess, co- hostess, and devotion and study leader. Please keep in mind we need someone to fill all the slots for the year at this time so Sharon can make up the schedule. It is always interesting to take turns as study leader to get every ones views on the subject of that lesson. These lessons are very informative and any ladies of the church are more than welcome to come join the fellowship. Our circle does a Spring Women's Retreat and also sponsors the Robert Walmsley Scholarship each year