
No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

An Open and Affirming Congregation * Member of Greater Kirkland Ecumenical Parish
A Greening Congregation * Affiliated with the Center for Progressive Christianity
An Advocating Congregation of the Faith Action Network

From our Pastor:

Dear church,

As a boater, summer is one of my favorite times of the year. Once the inevitable week of above average temperatures strikes our region in early March, I find myself eagerly awaiting summer so that our family can enjoy warm days on Lake Washington. About a week ago our family was enjoying a Friday night on the lake when our engine faltered—leaving us stranded in Juanita Bay. As my frustration mounted, I found myself relying on the stranger in the only boat within shouting range to tow us to the dock in Juanita Bay, as well as on Michael Gaskill who met us at the dock and provided some emergency engine service—enough to get us back to where our trailer was parked so we could get off the lake for the evening. We were never in danger, but we were clearly in a rather helpless state...and in the aftermath I have found myself thankful for Brian, the boater who towed us to the dock, and the Gaskill family, who interrupted their Friday night to lend us a hand. I have reflected on how difficult I found it is to ask for help—even when there were few other choices. One of the reasons I believe in the church is because it is a place where we are supposed to be able to ask for help...to have strong enough ties to one another to be able to be honest about our struggles—with our questions of faith, with the challenges in our work and family life, and with our health. While we often celebrate the transformational work that the church does in the lives of others, it seems that we often shy away from asking for the help we need. And so I invite you to remember that our family of faith is here not only to celebrate in your moments of joy and success, but also to stand beside you in the midst of whatever struggles you may encounter. If there is one place where we should be able to be real...it is with our family of faith!



One of things we are preparing for over the summer is the return of Camp Unity to our parking lot at the end of August. Our church council has extended an invitation to the board of Camp Unity (of which Al Carter is a member) to be the next host site beginning on August 25th. The current census at Camp Unity is 35 people and once the approval for the Temporary Use Permit comes from the city we will again be offering our safe space to the residents of Camp Unity. I am thankful for our church's long history of advocacy for and hospitality to tent encampments. We will be looking for church folks to help support Camp Unity's move in and set up, as well as bring in lunch on the days of their move. Stay tuned for details!

Finally, as you probably know Ben von Ullrich and Dan Barnts are moving to Bozeman, Montana. Ben has ably led our deacons in their efforts at greeting visitors and recruiting worship leaders. Pat Jovag and others are taking over this work and we will be using our church email to help recruit worship leaders. Many of you have taken turns at this duty, but while it is often thought of as a task or duty, I recently heard Van Kichline describe being a worship leader as an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. So, when you are asked to sign-up I invite you to think of how your faith might grow and how you might inspire others as you lend your voice to opening worship, reading scripture, and inviting others to share in the spiritual work of giving.



Blessings,

Ryan

Address update:

Ben and Dan
PO Box 4819
Bozeman, MT 59772



Thank You to everyone who contributed to our May Mission Project in support of the New Bethlehem Project, a Day Center in Kirkland for families experiencing homelessness on the Eastside.

Through donated items, and cash donations to the Common Cents Fund, we were able to provide the following items to the New Bethlehem Day Center:

- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Razors for men and women
- Shaving crème
- Bath soap
- Children's shampoo
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Tooth paste and tooth brushes



Again, thank you for your continued support of our outreach mission projects throughout the year. You have been very generous. We are indeed, the Hands and Feet of God, just as our banner in the Narthex states.

Summer Worship Experience for Children



During the summer months, the children will be staying in the worship service with their parents, with a new twist this summer.

At the front of the sanctuary, we are providing a carpeted place for the children to gather quietly during the worship service. There will be special items to interest them during the service such as paper, color crayons, quiet toys, books, puzzles and a variety of special packets.

Each week during the Time for Young Disciples, an item that a child has placed in the Mystery Box will be the focus of Ryan's message to the children, connecting the item to God. Each week a different child will take the Mystery Box home with them and bring it back the following week with something new inside. The item must fit in the box; cannot be a living animal; and cannot be something that could be dangerous to have in worship.



Nursery Care for our younger children, ages 0—5yrs will continue throughout the summer under the care of our nursery care provider.



Kirkland Congregational Church Prayer List

In your time with God this week, please lift up the following people in prayer:



Ele Nash
Jerry Rutherford
Ruth Wiesen
Judy Hjorth

Meredith Gaskill
Sarah Johnson
Verna Thormahlen

LaVerne Ferguson
Dorris Knibb
Barbara Lynch

Victims of abuse

Victims of crimes and violence
Residents of Camp Unity

Victims of natural disasters
Residents of Tent City4

Please contact the church office to add someone to the prayer list or to have a name removed. Call 425/822-3811 or email kccucc.office@gmail.com.



by Sarah Johnson

The following is a news release from FIRE:

INTERFAITH GROUP INVITES FAITH COMMUNITIES TO JOIN IN KIRKLAND 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Fostering Interfaith Relationships on the Eastside (FIRE), a non-profit group that works to build trust and understanding among faith communities, invites members of all faith traditions and communities to join them walking in the 2018 Kirkland 4th of July Parade. The theme of the parade is "United We Stand".

Participants are encouraged to wear clothing typical for their faith to help show the diversity of faiths participating in the group, T-shirts promoting peace and understanding, or other clothing of their choice. Those walking should wear sensible shoes; hats and sunscreen are advised. Participants are welcome to carry signs and banners promoting peace, love, unity, and understanding.

The parade starts at noon. It follows a route through Marina Park and around the downtown core, a total walking distance of about one mile. Participants are asked to line up at the designated point in the Market neighborhood north of Heritage Park by 11AM. The position in the parade and the exact location at which the FIRE group will assemble will be assigned around July 1.

For more information on the parade including the route, visit:

<http://celebratekirkland.org/parade.htm>.

Ryan is planning to walk please let him know if you want to join him!



FEED THE HUNGRY

Interesting data

about the number of people served by Kirkland Hopelink Food Bank for the month of April 2018:

- served just over 1,700 households
- usually distribute between 130,000 and 150,000 pounds of food a month
- recent Letter Carriers' food drive brought in 44,130 pounds of food for the food bank.

by Gale Peterson

Greetings from the Deacons

In order to simplify the process of volunteering to be the Lay Worship Leader on a Sunday, Terri will be sending out an email asking for people to sign up. In the meantime, if you know of a date that will work for you, give Terri a call or email her at church at: kccucc.office@gmail.com to volunteer. If it is more convenient call or text me at: 425.753.3877, or email me at: pjovag1@earthlink.net.



*Please do **not** leave a message on my land line (425.753.3877) listed in the Church Directory. I do not regularly check it.*

We need Lay Leaders July 8, 15, and 29 and the entire month of August. If summer will not work for you, consider Sundays in September.

So, please check your calendars and sign up as a Lay Leader. It is good way to share your faith, time, and talent. Terri will provide you with the scripture before Sunday, so you can become familiar with it.

Thanks for considering sharing on a Sunday as a Lay Leader by reading the scripture and guiding the congregation through the Offering.

by Pat Jovag



Living the Season after **Pentecost**

by Gale Peterson



The Season after Pentecost is the longer season of the Christian year.

It begins after the great celebration of Pentecost and continues until the Sunday before Advent. It is long. It is vibrant. It is active.

There are no big festival days within the season, so it would be easy to imagine it like a long, empty highway stretching out in front of us. But what seems like emptiness can be an invitation to special mindfulness and attention.

The traditional colour of this season is green. In the natural world, green is a colour of infinite variety – just think of how many shades of green can be found on a single tree or in one small field. When we start paying special attention, we see green everywhere in all of its differences and variations. It's the same with the stories of this season. When we start paying special attention to the stories of ordinary lives and relationships, we begin to see the variety of tones and hues of God's presence.

During the summer, Pastor Ryan will be preaching from the scripture texts that are the focus of the Summer Camp Curriculum. The theme is "Beyond Belief! The Universe of God." The scripture texts in this article are for the Common Lectionary. You may use these texts for your

July 1: *Brushing Up against Grace*

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Mark 5:21–43



Something to think about, talk about, or do

A worried father begs Jesus to heal his dying daughter, while a desperate woman tentatively reaches out to touch Jesus' cloak. Two people from very different circumstances are drawn to Jesus in hope and faith. Jairus is a leader, wealthy and respected. The woman is ritually unclean, an outcast who has spent all her money looking for a cure. God's compassion has no boundaries, and Jesus reaches out to bring healing and new life.

Together this week ~

- Suggest names of people that are in need of healing love.
- Say a prayer for them and for those who are caring for them.
- Make a simple gift for those who care for the sick – a basket of treats and a note of encouragement.

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you that you care for those who are in need of healing. Help us to reach out to those in need. Amen.

July 8: *Brush Away the Dust*

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Mark 6:1–13



Something to think about, talk about, or do

Jesus returns to his hometown to teach, but the people simply cannot accept God's message from someone they have known since childhood. Still, Jesus' mission doesn't come to a crashing halt as a result of their rejection. Instead, Jesus sends his disciples out two-by-two to proclaim God's love in word and deed. They were to take nothing with them to help them in their task; instead, they were to be utterly dependent upon the hospitality of those who would welcome their message.

Together this week ~

- Talk about times when it has been difficult to share Jesus' message.

- What obstacles might the disciples face if they were to go out two-by-two today?

Prayer ~

Generous God, your love for the world is so big it just needs to be shared. Sometimes that is hard to do. Help us to find the courage to share your love with others. Amen.

July 15: Who Does God Say We Are?

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29



Something to think about, talk about, or do

The writer of the letter to the Ephesians tries to put into words the glorious plan God has for the whole world. It describes a time when all of heaven and Earth will unite in celebration of God's glory. Out of unconditional love for us, God has sent both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to guide us into a close relationship with God.

Together this week~

- Plan a festive meal to celebrate the presence of God in your life. Involve every one in the preparation.

Prayer

God of joy, we give thanks that you are always with us. Help us to remember and celebrate your presence every day. Amen.

July 22: Household of God

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

Psalms 89:20–37

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56



Something to think about, talk about, or do

Through his life, teachings, and ministry Jesus united all people – even those who were former enemies – and encouraged all to move from strict adherence to legal details to new

understanding of the overall nature of God's law: Love God, and love your neighbor in the same way as you love yourself.

Together this week~

- Talk about ways we can treat people as friends instead of strangers.
- What is one thing you might do this week to break down walls that separate?

Prayer

Loving God, help us to build your church, one hug, one kind word, one helpful act at a time. Amen.

July 29: Into the Land of Faith

2 Samuel 11:1–15

Psalms 14

Ephesians 3:14–21

John 6:1–21



Something to think about, talk about, or do

Great crowds of people follow Jesus, looking for miraculous signs. When it becomes clear that the people are hungry, a young boy offers to share his lunch. Jesus uses the child's gift to provide food in generous abundance. We, too, are called to be faithful stewards of God's gifts. We may wonder what we can do to make a difference. Jesus shows us that in God's realm, even an offering as small as a few loaves and fish can be used to work a miracle.

Together this week~

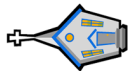
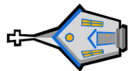
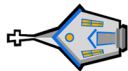

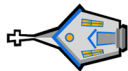
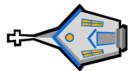
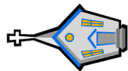
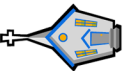
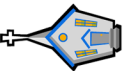
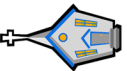
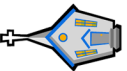
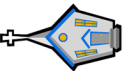
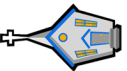
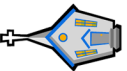
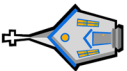
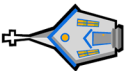
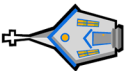
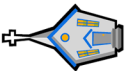
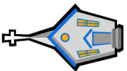
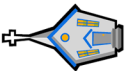
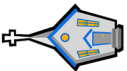
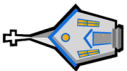
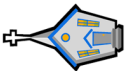
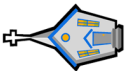
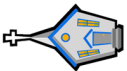
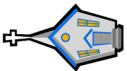
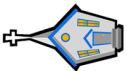
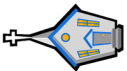
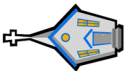
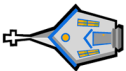
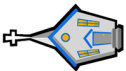
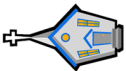
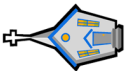
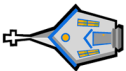
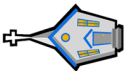
- Think if a time when it looked as if there wouldn't be enough: food, time, volunteers, resources; then suddenly everything turned around, and there was plenty, even more than was needed.
- How has God provided for your needs through the gifts of others?

Prayer

Generous God, you know what we need and often you find amazing ways to help us. May we find strength as we reach out to help others. Take our gifts and use them in incredible ways. Amen.



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship at 10:30am 	2 	3 	4 <i>Happy 4th of July!</i> KCC Office closed 	5 	6 Meredith Gaskill 	7 
8 Worship at 10:30am 	9 	10 Gerhard Dieckmann 	11 	12 	13 	14 
15 Worship at 10:30am 	16 Evan Peterson Kids Camp 	17 kids going into Intermediate 	18 grades 2 - 4 Camp 	19 kids going into Camp 	20 Rainbow Retreat grades 5 - 6 	21 ages 18+ 
22 Worship at 10:30am 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 KCC Office closed 	28 
29 Worship at 10:30am  Conner Griswold	30 KCC Office closed 	31 Family 	Camp 1 			



KCC UCC Camp Scholarship Fund 2018

Each year we make an effort to provide 50% of the camp registration fee for each camper from KCC UCC that attends a summer camp, and/or a retreat at either of our camp locations. This fund is available for all children, youth, and adults. In the past years, the fund has supported campers at Kid's Camp, Intermediate Camp, Junior High Camps, Senior High Camps, Family Camps, Women's Retreat, Men's Retreat, Confirmation Retreat, Regional and National Youth events.

The Outdoor Ministry Programs in our Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ are among the best. Our Camp and Conference Centers of Pilgrim Firs near Port Orchard and N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene, outside Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, are outstanding facilities in magnificent locations that are changing lives for the better, forever.

Last year, many KCC UCC adults, children, and youth attend a camp or retreat at one of our sites. Each one was offered a Camp Scholarship covering 50% of the registration fee. We want to be able to send our youth, our children, our adults, our families to the camp or retreat of their choice this year, but we need your help.

During the summer, the Christian Education Committee will be accepting donations to the KCC Camp Scholarship Fund after church to reach our goal of \$1000. Support your church family as they experience the wonders of the outdoors and explore their relationship to God, themselves, and to others.

**Please give
generously!!!**



N-Sid-Sen Camp & Conference Center 2018

Senior High Aqua Camp - July 8—14
(going into 10th grade-entering college)

Kid's Camp - July 15—18
(going into grades 2-4)

Intermediate Camp - July 15—21
(going into grades 5-6)

Rainbow Retreat - July 20—22
(age 18+)

Family Camp #1 - July 29—August 4

Junior High Aqua Camp - August 5—11
(going into grades 7-9)

Family Camp #2 - Aug 19—25

For information, call 208.689.3489 or
visit n-sid-sen.org.

Pilgrim Firs Camp & Retreat Season 2018



Service/Mission Camps
June 24—29, July 15—20

For information:
call 360.876.2031
or visit pilgrimfirs.org



**Help Send Me to
Camp**

Donations accepted
throughout the
summer.



Please note:

The KCC office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day.

The office will also be closed Friday, July 27th and Monday, July 30th.

Ryan will be in Wenatchee with Dick Johnson and Martha Baldwin attending a regional stewardship conference on July 21st and 22nd.

Ryan will be serving as the Director of Family Camp at N-Sid-Sen from July 27th through August 4th. The Rev. Tom Sorenson will be leading worship on July 29th.

Christian Education Director Gale Peterson will be away for the month of July and will return the week of August 6th.



Kirkland Congregational
— UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST —

106 - 5th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED