



Step Up for Stewardship: November 15 is Dedication Sunday

What time, talent and treasures do you have to dedicate to our church on November 15? Dedication Sunday is the time when the congregation of Kensington Community Church is asked to step forward and make a financial pledge for the upcoming year. Your Stewardship Committee is responsible for coordinating the yearly pledge drive. This year you will see the familiar aspects to the pledge drive, along with a couple of new twists.

As in years past, you will be receiving a pledge card in the mail asking for your commitment; members of the congregation will remind you what Kensington Community Church means to them; and we will celebrate Dedication Sunday with the Spud Bowl following the 10:00 service.

Because we all lead busy lives, the Stewardship Committee will be offering the opportunity to submit your pledge *prior* to Dedication Sunday. Beginning Sunday, November 1, Stewardship Committee members will be available in Lander Hall between services and at 11:00 a.m. with pledge cards for you to complete and turn in. No need to remember to bring in your card.

In addition, you will also be able to sign up for an automatic deduction of your pledge from your bank account, thus allowing you to stay current with your pledge throughout 2010. You may also sign up for eScrip or add a credit card to your eScrip account.

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Join Us to Define "Safe Church" for KCC

November 4, 7 p.m., Lander Hall

Many UCC churches have instituted policies called "Safe Church" which establish rules and make recommendations to safeguard the health and wellbeing of staff, members and visitors. KCC is beginning to explore these policies and we need your input and ideas. On Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7 pm, join us to make a covenant with one another to kindly proceed in defining guidelines that are appropriate and meaningful to our church community. ♦

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The Stewardship Committee has set a goal of 80 pledges for 2010, 20 pledges received by automatic deduction, and 20 new sign ups or additions for the eScrip program. To track our progress, not only on early pledges but also on the automatic deductions and new eScrip sign-ups, Debbie Loomis's 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class has developed a visual aid that will also be in Lander Hall during the Sundays in November.

Recent scripture readings and sermons have focused on Christ's continuing reminder that service is a fundamental requirement for His followers. A pledge of financial support is one way that each of us can be a part of the ongoing spiritual and community services provided by the Kensington Community Church.

Please see any of the Stewardship Committee members (Bob Apgar, Dale Clegg, Lee Howeth, Debbie Loomis, Mick McClain) if you have questions or need additional information.

Peace and Grace,
Lee Howeth ♦



Harvest Sunday: Nov. 22

Share your bounty at KCC's Harvest Sunday church services:

- Please bring the "harvest" of your gardens (flowers, produce, fruits, nuts and pinecones, etc) for the Cornucopia on the church altar.
- Bring your non-perishable items for the needy. ♦



Check It Out!

New Books in the Ruth Cole Library

- Albom, Mitch – Have a little faith
 - Beamer, Lisa – Let's Roll
 - Brennert, Alan – Moloka'i
 - Clark, Mary Jane – Dying for Mercy *
 - Dillard, Annie – The Maytrees
 - Dowd, Michael – Thank God for Evolution
 - Kidd, Sue Monk – Traveling with Pomegranate
 - Kidder, Tracy – Mountains Beyond Mountains
 - Macomber, Debbie – 92 Pacific Boulevard*
 - Sparks, Nicholas – The Last Song *
- *Large print books*

Friday Night Fun Kids' Books and Pizza

We've tackled the Sunday School classrooms, and now it's time to take on the Children's Library!

Join members of KCC's religious education committee as we enjoy a night of pizza and book-sorting Friday, November 13. We'll meet in Lander Hall from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. to go through all of the children's books and sort them into subject categories so they can be re-shelved in a kid-friendly fashion.

It's easy. It's fun. It involves pizza. You might even rediscover one of your favorite childhood books! Grown-ups and kids are welcome. Please let Jodi Cleesattle know if you plan to join us -- (619) 665-6710 or jcleesattle@gmail.com.



A Message from Our Interim Minister

Giving Thanks!

Autumn -- the leaves are turning, the days are shorter and “crisper,” the skies seem more brilliant (even in the city!), and all seems quieter. Yet, there is this anticipation and excitement in the air. It seems a contradiction of sorts.

At KCC, much the same is happening, at least from my perspective. That might be because I’m the newbie on the block. I’m beginning to settle into the “routine” and getting to know many of you. There is a calmness to all that. Yet, there is expectancy and exhilaration on the horizon, building around the following:

- Our All Saints’ Day worship services,
- Safe Church congregational gathering,
- Stewardship Sunday followed by the famous and delicious KCC Spud Bowl,
- Our Thanksgiving service,
- The special Hanging of the Greens and Advent services
- And our new Christmas gathering -- a dinner event on December 12-- *Calling All Christmas Spirits*.

In all that is happening it is sometimes easy to get overwhelmed with the doing and miss the spirit of the experience itself, as well as miss the Spirit in the experience. During this interim time it is

important to stay tuned into both.

The interim time is always busy with many demands on our time and energies. But it can also be a deeply rich and rewarding time as we begin to dream dreams and envision visions, all the while getting to know ourselves more clearly, too. Let us journey together, knowing that the Holy Spirit will guide and empower us along the path to a greater understanding of who we are and whose we are.

With a grateful heart,
Paula ♦



Cakes Needed: Halloween Carnival Is This Friday!

Remember, our Halloween Carnival is Friday, October 30, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$2.00 for children 12 and under. Games and crafts will keep our fairies, witches and Draculas very busy, so don’t miss the chance to attend!

We need donated cakes for the Cake Walk. Please bring them to the church kitchen by 4:00 p.m. on Friday. ♦

A Big Thank You

The Events Committee thanks John and Debbie Loomis for hosting the adult dinner gathering at Coco's last month. More than 15 attended. If you would like to be added to the list for future events, please call or email Administrative Assistant Donna Hanson. ♦

Moderator Moment

As 2009 is rushing past, KCC's leaders are busy planning for 2010. Among our priorities are:

Stewardship & KCC's Growth

One very important passage that occurs every fall is the stewardship campaign. Stewardship enables each of our church's congregants to reflect on our relationship with God and our community. The Lord provides abundantly, both financial gifts and the gifts of intelligence, health, and life's rich experiences and emotions. Stewardship lends us the opportunity to give back to God some of the gifts we have been given—in profound gestures of appreciation and faith.

One of the biggest challenges KCC's leadership is facing is filling the Director of Religious Education position. The Stewardship campaign results figure prominently in this hiring, because the Personnel Committee, the Trustees, and the Council will then have to decide if the position will be part-time or full-time. We have been unsuccessful thus far trying to fill a part-time position. We feel that both the number and experience of candidates would increase if a full-time position was offered.

Transition Team and Pastoral Relations

As reported in last month's *Chimes*, the Interim Minister Search Committee (IMSC) has agreed to continue on as the Transition Team. Their tasks will be different than the Pastoral Relations (PR) Committee. The PR Committee helps the interim or settled pastor integrate in the congregation. Any compliments or issues about Rev. Paula need to be brought to the attention of the PR Committee.

Open and Affirming Process

Many members of our congregation have posed the question: Is KCC going to adopt an Open and Affirming (ONA) policy? This will occur only if KCC votes to adopt such a policy.

The ONA process is a study that focuses on

education and discernment of opinions. The KCC community needs to discuss the issues in an open forum in which everyone's opinion is heard. Once the discussions have taken place, we can determine the right path for KCC.

I believe that two votes will need to be taken. The first vote would determine the percentage of members needed to adopt a proposed policy. The second vote would be on a proposed policy.

I stated in last month's *Chimes* that other area UCC churches are going through the process. I do not know if the other Partnership churches will adopt ONA policies or not. But I think it is critical to complete the study before the next settled pastor is called. Any potential candidate will want to know where we stand in the study process, as well as our results.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you with your comments, support and suggestions.

Rich Wayman,
Your Moderator



Concerts in Kensington Homes ~ Fall 2009



*Sunday November 1, 2009 4:00 p.m.
4249 Ridgeway (80 seats)*

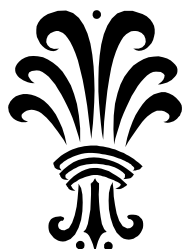
**Jamie Laval, US National Scottish Fiddle
Champion and Zac Leger,
Guitar/Bouzouki/Uilleann Bagpipes**

Laval and Leger perform a program of traditional music from around the Celtic diaspora, including Scotland, Ireland, Bretagne, Galicia, Quebec and Appalachia.



*Friday December 11, 2009 7:30 p.m.
Kensington Community Church,
4773 Marlborough Drive (100 Seats)*

**Join us for our annual event of Christmas and
holiday music featuring choir and
instrumental music, highlighting some of San
Diego's best vocal soloists!**



A reception follows each concert. Tickets: \$24 includes reception with the artists. Buy tickets at Kensington Video, 4067 Adams Ave. (619)284-2477 (Cash or check only).

**Net proceeds benefit the Friends of
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KCC Preschool Enjoys Bustling October

Our preschool remained busy and bustling in October. The month included:

- The 4's class visited the farm at the Bonita Pumpkin Patch.
- Our entire staff renewed their CPR certification. The teachers attended a Saturday morning SDAEYC conference at one of our local adult centers.
- Preschool Sunday was a great success with great attendance from our families. The children performed two songs and joined us for Sunday school.
- The Burn Center of San Diego paid our students a visit. Students and staff met in Lander Hall for an all-school assembly to learn about fire safety.

At this writing we are in anticipation of the exciting and spooky Halloween carnival, sponsored by KCC. Happy Halloween! ♦

Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Kathleen Andrews

Mary Gutierrez

Steve Martin

Ron Morebello

Jean Skripek

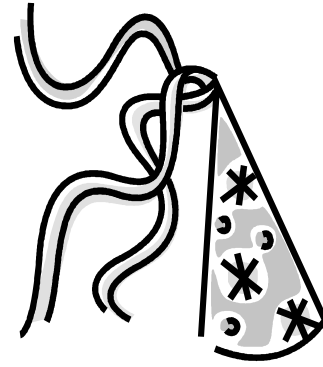
Marilyn Tarbox

Shirley Wells

and the family and friends of Lowell
Hansen.



To get a name added to this list, please contact
the church office (info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com or
619-284-1129). ♦



November Birthdays

Take a moment to wish them well!

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| 1 | Marg Stark |
| 3 | Virginia Phares |
| 5 | Pete Rapp |
| 7 | Mick McClain |
| 9 | Charles Gorder, Sr. |
| 10 | Steve Winn |
| 12 | Willma Compher |
| 13 | Harold Culver |
| 15 | Joan Reilly |
| 16 | Betty Lou Uhazie |
| 22 | Monica Beran |
| 28 | Grant Choy |
| 29 | Kay Vavra |
| 30 | Brittany Tarbox |

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BAKING FOR BOO'S: HALLOWEEN CAKES NEEDED FOR CAKE WALK
PLACE: KCC KITCHEN
WHEN: ANYTIME BEFORE 4 P.M. ON OCTOBER 30.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS: SAFE CHURCH MEETING
PLACE: LANDER HALL
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 P.M.

SERVE: SORT BOOKS & ENJOY PIZZA
WHERE: CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AT KCC
WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 5:30 P.M.

PLEDGE: DEDICATION SUNDAY & SPUD BOWL
PLACE: KCC
WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

GIVE THANKS: HARVEST SUNDAY
PLACE: KCC
WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
BRING NON-PERISHABLE GOODS FOR THOSE IN NEED.

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