



Meet Our Newest Members!

A highlight of Easter's festive services was the welcoming of the four newest members of Kensington Community Church. Here they are:

Eddie Noah

Family is at the center of Eddie's life. Son of Vicki Apgar and stepson of Bob Apgar the younger, stepgrandson of Helen Apgar and Bob Apgar the elder, Eddie is also the proud husband of Karla, proud stepdad of Johnathan, and the proud father of newborn Max – whose appearance in church in recent weeks set the whole congregation cooing.

Eddie is a life-long resident of the San Diego area. A difficult early adulthood, filled with challenges, brought him to a profound realization of the fact that life is both short and precious.



KCC has helped enormously in that realization, and in his becoming a mindful, positive role model for his new wife and youngsters. As Eddie puts it, "I have found my niche and my values in life. It's a beautiful thing." Eddie's KCC sponsor is Duke Clark.

Karla Noah

Karla, who is originally from Minnesota, came to San Diego as a girl and attended the La Mesa schools. Newly married to Eddie, she is the mother of four, of whom the two at home are baby Max and big brother Johnathan.

As an at-home mom, Karla's greatest joys involve raising and enjoying her sons. She also loves horseback riding and music – every kind of music except opera, and especially country music.



Karla's KCC sponsor is Marg Stark.

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Melanie Winn

Originally from the Los Angeles area, Melanie came south to San Marcos and then, five years ago, moved to Kensington with husband Steve.

Together their favorite pastimes involve the outdoors – camping, hiking, and kayaking, especially among the redwood trees of northern California.

Melanie is a notable cook and baker, and loves to

“Meet The Kitchen” Lunch May 4 – Please Come!

It’s a wonderful new kitchen, but how do we use it?

Whether you are an old-timer intimidated by the gleaming new equipment; whether you are a newcomer wondering where on earth everything is stored; whether you are a teacher or parent or youth leader looking forward to kitchen fun with your group; whether you have always yearned to participate in the conviviality that comes when people work and play together over food – all of you, everyone, is welcome to “Meet the Kitchen.”

On Sunday, May 4, after the 10:00 worship service, adults and teenagers are invited to gather in the kitchen for a tour of what is where and for instruction on the new equipment. Afterwards, we’ll divide into small groups and make ourselves a tasty lunch using our new-found skills.

Please sign up on the sheet in Lander Hall or let Donna in the church office (619-284-1129 or info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com) know so we can plan on the right amount of ingredients for our lunch. Please come! ♦

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Sunday worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome!

garden. She also enjoys their little Yorkie, Mollie.

Melanie’s KCC sponsor is Lilian Cooper.

Steve Winn

When Steve and Melanie moved to Kensington, they bought the house that had been owned by Steve’s grandmother. Old-timers might remember her – Dorothy Ryan.



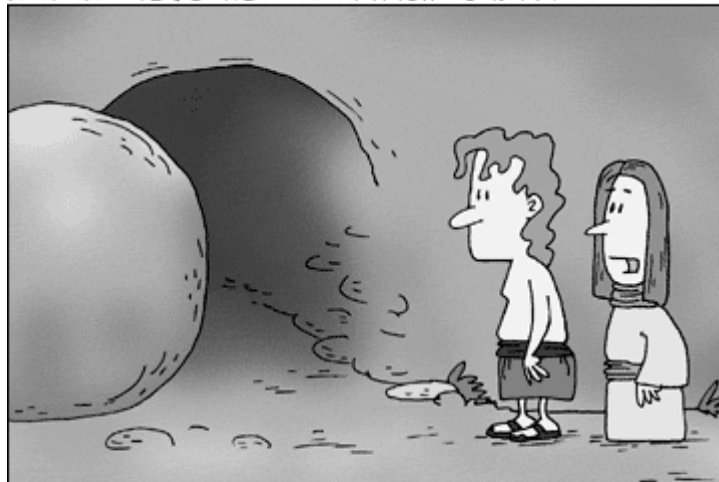
Steve came to San Diego in his youth, when his father was stationed here, and then stayed on. Besides camping, hiking, and kayaking with Melanie, he loves to surf and does so every chance he gets; he also spends time working on the Winns’ house.



Steve works for the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park. His KCC sponsor is Jerry Cooper.

Please offer your warmest welcome to these newest members of KCC! ♦

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Pastor's Ponderings

Part of my sermon last Sunday was a response to recent stories in the media about Trinity United Church of Christ and its recently-retired pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Rarely do I have my own experience to compare with the stories I hear or read about in the media. But with these stories, it's different. It's a church in the UCC – our denomination – whose pastor, Jeremiah Wright, I have met and heard. Because I have other knowledge to compare with media portrayals, I have learned how warped and even hurtful they can be. The media's portrayal of Trinity UCC and Rev. Wright has been both warped and hurtful.

I met Rev. Wright briefly when I was the UCC's national staff minister for campus and young adult ministry. The event was a national conference for college students in 1998. We had invited Rev. Wright, along with other internationally known speakers like Desmond Tutu, to address the students.

Why did we invite Rev. Wright? Because under his leadership, a moribund little church of a few dozen members in the South Side of Chicago, an area that resembled nothing so much as a Third World war zone, had transformed into a vibrant, multicultural, 8,000-member church, the largest in the UCC, that was a living witness to Jesus Christ. And what happened when we invited him? Rev. Wright's sermon was thoughtful and inspiring, but it wasn't inflammatory. In fact, it wasn't even edgy. I remember it as being quite mellow.

So when the stories appeared portraying Rev. Wright as a raving lunatic and showing Trinity UCC as a cult-like church, not even Christian, I was shocked. A profoundly Christian ministry, representing decades of faithful discipleship, trashed for a sound bite. Why would anyone do this?

The motivation behind these portrayals is, of course, due to a political campaign involving Trinity's most famous member, Barack Obama. But motivations aside, the warped and hurtful portrayal comes from rudeness and, yes, ignorance.

Consider Trinity UCC's slogan: "Unashamedly Black and Unapologetically Christian." It reflects the

intersection of an attempt to reclaim African cultural moorings with a strong Christian commitment. Had journalists and bloggers done their homework, they could have addressed their ignorance of African American liberation theology. The perspective has been around for decades. Indeed, it is a perspective that is as old as the prophetic tradition of the Bible.

Those who heard my sermon last Sunday heard me refer to prophets like Amos and Isaiah and compare their language with, not just media-hyped snippets, but the full context of Rev. Wright's sermons and ministry. You also heard me tell of a sermon preached by Martin Luther King, in which Dr. King catalogued the many ways in which America has failed its poor, especially its black poor, and included the phrase that "America is going to hell" for these failures. I would not preach those words, but Amos might; Ezekiel might; Isaiah might. This is the prophetic tradition.

African American liberation theology is old news, available to anyone willing to educate themselves. But we have just observed many who weren't willing, or who didn't bother, to do so. They constructed distorted and hurtful images of a pastor, a church, and its people, and in doing so they forced knowledge and truth into exile.

Before this episode, I knew that media routinely tell only part of the story, and that they can, and do, distort the truth to suit their audience. But I didn't realize *how much* truth can be distorted, and how hurtful that can be. Journalistic inquiry is an ethical practice. Reporters ought to respect those they write about even as they are supposed to seek the truth. I think this ethical dimension has also been driven into exile.

I am sad as I write this; sad especially for the pain experienced by our brothers and sisters at Trinity United Church of Christ, including Rev. Wright, but also for the pain experienced by the broader United Church of Christ. I pray that our sisters and brothers may be able to forgive those who have hurt them, and so be healed. I hope you will join me in this prayer.

Grace and peace,
Bruce ♦

Needed: Sunday School Teachers and Helpers

I know many of you have a heart for our children and young adults. The Religious Education Committee has done a tremendous job maintaining our Sunday School program, looking after the educational needs of our young people, and being sure that teachers were available during the times of interim pastoral positions. We are now working to give teachers a long needed break by providing substitutes and volunteer teachers.

We currently need a substitute teacher for the fourth and fifth graders, a teacher to rotate in on occasion for the second grade class, and a substitute teacher for the junior high class. There is an established Sunday School curriculum. We simply need more of you! Please help by letting us know what your interests are.

Please call me at 619-284-1129, ext. 304, or email judy@kcc.sdcoxmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

Judy Atwater
Interim Director of Religious
Education and Programs ♦

A Note from Judy Atwater...

I'm settled in my office! Most of you know the former preschool office location, and this is now my office. If you are not as familiar with KCC, you will find me right next door to the main office.

My office hours will generally be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and Wednesdays from noon until 4:00 p.m. Generally I will be present on Sunday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Now that I have an office phone and email address (judy@kcc.sdcoxmail.com and 619-284-1129, ext. 304), I would appreciate it if you would use those rather than my home phone and email. Thank you for your patience. I look forward to you coming by!
Judy ♦

Congratulations, Donna!

KCC is truly blessed to have found its official new, non-temporary, Office Administrative Assistant: Donna Hanson, who has been serving so ably in the temporary role. We're delighted that you're with us, Donna! ♦

Lectionary Readings

Here are the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for upcoming services. Bruce will pick two from this list each Sunday.

- April 13: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.
- April 20: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.
- April 27: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21. ♦

Techno/Business Buffs Needed

Do you know anything about small business phone systems? We need someone to help investigate what the best telephone and Internet options are for the church.



If this seems like your calling, please contact Jay Trischman, Chair of the Trustees, via email at trischmanj@saic.com. Thank you! ♦

Memorial Day Breakfast

On Monday, May 26, KCC will be the hub of neighborhood excitement, what with the church's breakfast and barbeque and the community's parade.

Volunteers are needed to prepare and to cook and to serve and to clean up. Please let Mike Trempe (mtrempe@cox.net or 619-283-3543) or Donna in the church office (info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com or 619-284-1129) know how you can help. ♦

Do You Love A Parade?

All interested in creating a KCC presence in the community Memorial Day parade, please let Donna know (619-501-1129 or info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com). We'll figure out a time to meet and plan! ♦

Tarts And Tunes

Sunday, June 22, brings a wonderful opportunity for fun, fellowship, and fundraising! Proceeds will benefit the KCC music program.

Starting at 4:00 p.m., the KCC choristers will offer a delightful concert. Then all will adjourn to a dessert reception in Lander Hall. To add to the fun and the funds, there will be a silent auction, including items contributed by artists from our community, church members, and others. Watch your *Chimes* for more details! ♦

Kensington Community Concert

Tickets are going fast for the Kensington Trio's French dinner concert at Bleu Bohème at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. Get yours now at Kensington Video, 4067 Adams Avenue, or contact Ron Morebello (rmorebello@rmorebello.cts.com) for more details. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Kensington/Normal Heights Library. ♦

Pilgrim Pines Children Need Our Help

Pilgrim Pines has offered wonderful summer experiences for children and adults for years, providing fun, spiritual growth, and the beauty of nature, all under the watchful care of outstandingly qualified counselors. For many, this is their only time away from the noise, pollution, and danger of city life.

Pilgrim Pines sponsors a "campership" program which makes these opportunities available to those who otherwise could not afford to come. And these camperships need to be funded.

Would you be willing to offer a child who is thirsty for this sort of experience just the cost of a bottle of water, \$3? That amount from every member of KCC would make a big difference.

Pilgrim Pines gives its campers a taste of God's pure mountain water. Please help these children quench their thirst. If you are interested in giving, please contact Judy Atwater (judy@kcc.sdcoxmail.com or 619-284-1129, ext. 304). ♦

Folk Art Exhibit And Sale

A special treat is in store for art lovers and humanitarians alike on Saturday, May 10, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. UCSD's AIDS Research Institute and the Zimbabwe AIDS Treatment Assistance Project have teamed up for a show and sale of Zimbabwean paintings, African masks, and Weya Village story quilts.

This art is known for its use of vibrant primary colors and active scenes of both everyday life and important celebrations. All art purchases will be partially tax deductible, with net proceeds going to purchase medication for HIV-infected people of Zimbabwe and to help fund research into HIV prevention, treatment, and vaccines.

The exhibit and sale will take place at Mission Hills UCC, 4070 Jackdaw Street, San Diego. Admission is \$20, and wonderful appetizers and wines will be available.

For more information, please contact KCC's own Dale Clegg (619-528-0882 or daclegg@cox.net) or Kim Schafer of the AIDS Research Institute at kschafer@ucsd.edu or 858-534-5545. See you there! ♦

UCC Conference Gathering *All Invited!*

KCC is a member of the UCC's Southern California-Nevada Conference, which is holding its annual gathering in Glendale on June 20 and 21 with the theme "God is still weaving."

The list of workshops looks fabulous, with something for almost everyone. The worship promises to be uplifting. There will be stories and songs and food and fellowship. And there will be the chance to meet and get to know our new Interim Conference Minister, Jane Fisler Hoffman.

These gatherings are a great way to get to know your wider church and to build deeper connections to your local church.

Plan to attend! If there is interest, we can carpool; let Donna in the church office know (619-284-1129 or info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com). ♦

Heritage Builders

The Stewardship Committee is enrolling new Heritage Builders, a group formed to acknowledge and celebrate anyone who has included KCC in their will or estate planning. Anyone who honors KCC with a legacy gift – in any amount, no matter how small – will become a lifetime member of the Heritage Builders.

In fact, the church would be blessed by some small donations! Have you noticed how balky and stubborn the old Christ Candle has become? How shabby and out-of-date some of our paraments are?

The Heritage Builders' annual banquet is coming up fast, on May 6. Consider giving back some of the abundant gifts you have received from God. For questions, ask Fredric Radick (858-566-3927) or Rich Wayman (619-287-0549). ♦

Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Nancy Brest
Marian Brewster
Marjorie Cooper
Ron and Sue Franklin
Those who are unemployed,
underemployed, or seeking
employment
The family and friends of Glenn Grantham



To get a name added to this list, please contact the church office (info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com or 619-284-1129) or the *Chimes* (klarson26@cox.net or 619-501-1187). Also, please let us know when it's time for the name to be removed from the list. ♦

Prayer List Updating

As previously announced, in the resurrection spirit of Eastertide, the April 9 issue of the *Chimes* has started fresh on the prayer list, in case any names lingered on past the time of need.

If you or your loved one is in a situation of continuing need, however, we want to continue to pray! So be sure to get your prayer list names – both new and continuing – to Donna in the church office (info@kcc.coxmail.com or 619-284-1129). ♦

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service in celebration of the life of Glenn Grantham on Saturday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m., followed by an ice cream social to honor Glenn's passion for ice cream.

Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends, including the Trempe and Trempe-Thomas families. ♦

Pastor's Continuing Education

Bruce Larson will be out of town from April 17 through 24 for his annual professional continuing education.

On Sunday, April 20, KCC will have the pleasure of hearing the preaching of Rev. Bob Lindeman, the church's former interim pastor from some years back. Come and say hello to an old friend! ♦

Chimes To Take A Week Off

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated April 30, not April 23, as the editor takes a late but badly needed spring break. ♦

April Birthdays

- 1 Olivia Chaffee
- 5 Florence Clark, Dude Stephenson
- 6 Don Treyz
- 7 Barbara Radcliffe, Joycelyn Schroeder, Marjie Wilson
- 8 JoAnn Bachman, Sofia Jadloc
- 11 Cathy Stephenson, Patrick Trempe-Thomas
- 14 Jessie Brimhall, Eleanor White
- 15 Michael Wais
- 18 Robert B. Apgar
- 19 Julia Keller, Amy Neal
- 20 Tyler Lowe
- 22 April Neal
- 23 Julia McKenney
- 24 Katherine Larson
- 25 Jim Ward
- 26 Karen Jenks
- 30 Susanne Sapier



If your name, or the name of someone you love, should be added to this list, please let Donna know at 619-284-1129 or info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com. ♦

As The Building Blooms, So Does The Capital Campaign

What amazing sights are to be seen as new spaces are created and new vistas formed! It is easy to see, now, how the results of the Capital Campaign will enhance our worship and our fellowship together. Your contributions are still enthusiastically welcomed, so that the whole wonderful vision can be brought to fruition.

Thanks to these generous donors:

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Berkshire, Jeannette	Hengst, Mary Annah and Nolan	Short, Laura and Tim
Billingsley, Henry	Holloway, Betty	Slocomb, Eleanor
Bourda, Betty	In Memory of Betty Holloway	Stephenson, Cathy and Dude
Brammer, Joyce	Holloway, Richard	Swann, Mary Jane
Brewster, Marian	Holloway, Stephen	Thomas, William
Brimhall, Jennifer and Lee Howeth	Hosler, Kathy	Thompson, Margie and Steven
Brimhall, Jessie	Hughes, Ralph and Jerrie Stringer	Trischman, Jackie and Jay
Broselle, Carl and Susie	KCC's Aerobics Group	In Memory of Amy Utz
Broselle, Dennis and Judy	KCC's Junior High Youth	Vancott, Nancy
Bryan, Russell	KCC's Preschool Parents Auxiliary	Vavra, Kay
Burgess, Margaret	KCC's Senior High Youth	Vik, Mary
Ceriani, Martha	KCC's Young Adult Group – the "Oldtimers"	Vreeland, Helen
Christison, Susan	Kelsen, Sylvia	Walker, Andrew
Clark, Florence	Kennedy, Betty	Walker, Elizabeth
Cooper, Jerry and Lilian	Kieta, Gladys	Ward, Jim and Penny
Cooper, Marie	Lander, Bertha	Wayman, Dick and Joan
Craig, Betty	Larson, Bruce and Katherine	Wayman, Rich
Crane, Kit	Loomis, Debbie and John	Wells, Leslie and Tom Wheeler
Cross, Ellen	Loop, Earline	Wender, Jacqueline and Paul
Curtin-Schamu, Susan and Damon Schamu	Lowe, Robert	Winn, Amy and Kevin
Davis, Pauline	Marcoux, Alice	Winter, Zoa
Davis, Carolyn and Stephen	Mason, Ben and Edith	Young, Sharon
In Memory of Lilah DeVries	McCarthy, Bonnie and Brendan	
Diener, Mary	McClain, Cindi and Mick	
DiMille's Italian Restaurant	McClure, Lucretia	
Downing, Margaret and Rex	McKenney, Carl and Rebecca	
Ehlers, Bill and Sue	Medigovich, Milica	
Eilers, Barbara and Bill	Morrison, Joann	

The list keeps growing, but there's still room for **your** name! ♦

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL: LIFE OF GLENN GRANTHAM

PLACE: KCC

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2:00 P.M.

MEN: MEN'S BREAKFAST

PLACE: KCC KITCHEN AND CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 3, 8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST: ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST

PLACE: KCC LANDER HALL

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 4, 9:15 A.M.

FOOD AND FUN: MEET THE KITCHEN

PLACE: KCC KITCHEN

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 4, 11:15 A.M.

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