

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FEBRUARY, 2016



We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other; we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. And they'll know we are Christians

by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love. By our love, by our love, and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love. By our love, by our love, and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love.

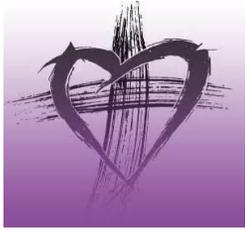
This is one of my favorite camp and VBS songs. As we come to February, a month where Valentine's Day and Lent are focal points, this song calls us to not only share love but to look at how we love. Love is more than flowers and chocolates. Jesus says in Mark 12:30, "Love God with all we have and are and to love our neighbors as ourselves." 1 John 4:7 says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."

What will they know by our love? They will know we are Christians. Christians are or should be followers of Jesus. As Christians we are seeking to know Jesus, love Jesus, live as he did. And when we are seeking Jesus we live differently with our neighbors and our world. We look to build unity. We work for restoration for others in spirit and life. We work side by side. We guard each one's dignity and we save each one's pride. Because of the ways we live. Because of the way we walk with one another God's love is known. It doesn't fade like flowers. It doesn't make us sick like too much candy. God's love lives because we know Jesus shares the hope we have as God's people that God is in our land, and in our world.

May February be a month of love, the deep deep love that journeys with us to Easter and that spreads the Good News. May they know we are Jesus' because of the way we love not only in word but in the way we live with and alongside our neighbors and world.

Pastor Sharyl

Join seminarian Katherine Scott every Sunday in February for Adult Sunday School focused on Lent.



Ash Wednesday Service February 10, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Start Lent off right by joining us for a thoughtful time of worship.

Pick your Lenten Devotionals for Individuals and families in the Assembly Room.

February, 2016 Sanctuary Flowers

February 7: In loving memory of her mother Queen Esther Perren by Florence Perren-Diaz.

February 14: Presented to the Glory of God.

February 21: Presented to the Glory of God.

February 28: By Jean & Ray Gibson in loving memory of their parents and Jean's sister.

~Georgianna Bachman



Notes from the Organ Bench

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) was an American author, educator, lawyer, diplomat, songwriter and civil rights activist. He is remembered for his leadership of the NAACP, an organization he joined in 1917. In 1920, he was the first African-American to be chosen as executive secretary of the organization, a post he held until 1930.

John Rosamund Johnson (1873-1954) was an American composer and singer during the Harlem Renaissance.

In 1901, both brothers moved to New York City to work together in musical theater. Among their earliest works was a suite of "Negro" songs and a show, "The Evolution of Ragtime." They produced two successful Broadway operettas with all- African-American casts: "Shoo-Fly Regiment" in 1906 and "The Red Moon" in 1908. They also created and produced several "white" musicals such as "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" in 1901, "In Newport" in 1904 and "Humpty Dumpty" in 1904.

Our choir anthem for February 7 is "Lift Every Voice and Sing" which the Johnson brothers wrote for a celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. It was first performed by 500 students from the segregated Stanton School (elementary/middle/junior-high) in Jacksonville, Florida in 1900. The song has come to be known as the "Black National Anthem," a title that the NAACP adopted and promoted.

~John McBride, MA, MLS

Grace Note Singers – Tuesdays at 12:45 PM

Rehearsals will be held at the Kingston Presbyterian Church most Tuesdays from 12:45 - 2:00 PM under the direction of **Noel Werner from Nassau Presbyterian Church**. To participate - contact Juanell Boyd at juanellbo@aol.com or 732-940-9442.

Adult Class – Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Assembly Room

We will continue to have light refreshments at 9:30 and a few minutes to “socialize”, announcements, and a hymn.

Class starts at 9:50.



February's Sunday School lessons are all about Lent - presented by Katherine Scott.

We will be looking at some historical perspectives, some reasons why we celebrate, and some rituals involved in Lent. If you have any specific questions about Lent or anything else that you would like me to answer, Katherine will be taking questions until February 7. She will answer these questions on February 28...katherine.scott@ptsem.edu.

March 6: Celebrate the gifts of women, Gloria Frederick, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in our Presbytery.

March 13: John McBride, a member of our choir and a musicologist will lead the class... ***The History of the Hymn.***

March 20: Palm Sunday Breakfast.

March 27: Easter.

Christian Education

Youth Group: February 12 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Please join us as we prepare a special surprise for Easter morning! We'll also have snack and play some games.

Our next youth group will be March 4.

~Karen Emmons

Women's Bible Study – Thursday, February 11

Come to the Waters - Led by Kathy Peterson

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 11, from 12:00 until 2:00 PM. Kathy Peterson will lead the study of Lesson 6 "Waters of Justice and Righteousness." The prophet Amos told the Israelites that the Lord was angry with them because of their hollow worship. What they said and did in worship had little to do with their lives. He called for the waters of righteousness and justice to flow. This lesson moves us to act on our faith in our daily lives.

All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a sandwich.

Dessert and beverage will be provided.

For information or transportation, call Christy Parker at 732-329-8709.

~Alice Wright



Care Givers

"I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." ~Psalm 121:1–2

Caring for loved ones can be a challenging season of life. Let's create a space to care for you. Once a month let's gather, let's pray, let's be encouraged alongside each other so we can care for those in our lives who need us. Join Pastor Sharyl on the **2nd Saturday** of each month **8:30-9:30 AM** in the Ladies Parlor for a time of encouragement, safety for you and care.

~Pastor Sharyl

SERVING AT KPC

February 7

Head Usher: David Raduzycki
Ushers: Amy Raduzycki
Melissa Hodge
Leah Hodge
Communion: Scott Hodge – Prepare
Refreshments: Christian Education
Hospital Visitation: Mickey Shimonura
Sound Technician: Chris Emmons
Children's Message: Leah Hodge

February 14

Head Usher: Beatrice Hwong
Ushers: George Luck
Victoria Luck
Corey Hwong
Refreshments: Mickey Shimonura
Hospital Visitation: Elise Cheng
Sound Technician: Rip Diringner
Children's Message: Katherine Scott

February 21

Head Usher: Joe Reitano
Ushers: Christy Parker
Steve Parker
Joy Allen
Denise Liu
Refreshments: Music & Worship
Hospital Visitation: Elise Cheng
Sound Technician: Brian Hou
Children's Message: David Raduzycki

February 28

Head Usher: Nancy Wright
Ushers: Robinson Family
Refreshments: Membership & Outreach
Hospital Visitation: Janet Rubinstein
Sound Technician: Bryan Huttar
Children's Message: Rip Diringner



February Birthdays

01 Heather Diaforli-Day
01 Alexander Clifton
07 Rebecca Robinson
07 Melissa Hodge
11 Karolina Iordache
13 Chun Guo (Cindy)
15 Kimberly Clifton
15 Bill Bachman
17 Otilia Chiorean
17 Debora Schultz
18 Meredith Luck
18 Zachary Yan
21 Helen Luck
21 Susan Shuke
22 Charles Baunach, Jr.
22 Richard Petersen
24 Julia Yan
26 David Raduzycki

February Anniversaries

15..... Natasha & Joseph Reitano – 7th



Ash Wednesday Service
February 10, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

NOTES

February Scripture & Sermons

February 7: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43), Katherine Scott Preaching, Teddy Zhou, Liturgist

February 10: Psalm 69 **Ash Wednesday** Pastor Sharyl
Worship with prayer stations in the Sanctuary

February 14: Luke 4:1-13, Pastor Sharyl, Preaching, Noelle Lordache, Liturgist

February 21: Luke 4:21-30, Pastor Sharyl, Preaching, David Raduzycki, Liturgist

February 28: Luke 13:1-9, Pastor Sharyl, Preaching, Rip Diringer, Liturgist

Session Update

The session met on Monday January 25th and finalized our session structure.

President of the Corporation: Florence Perren-Diaz

Vice President: Laura Bedient

Clerk: Amy Raduzycki

Music & Worship: David Luck

Buildings & Grounds/ Housekeeping: Brad Clifton and Tony Biaonno

Christian Education: Karen Emmons

Stewardship: Florence Perren-Diaz

Membership & Outreach: Rebecca Robinson

Mission: Laura Bedient

Nominating: Rebecca Robinson

Member at large: Corey Hwong

For the coming year we will be looking to complete some fund raising activities to fulfill our budget income. We are hoping these events will reach out to the community, be fun and get many people involved. The start of this committee is Karen Emmons, Rebecca Robinson and Amy Raduzycki.

The session also created a task force to increase our rentals to help with our income. Florence Perren-Diaz will head the task force alongside Brad Clifton.

Please let any of us know ideas you might have or if you want to join in on our planning.

The **Annual Meeting and lunch** was postponed due to the snow storm and will now be held on February 2t after worship.

~Amy Raduzycki



Free Tax Preparation

Did you know that the AARP Foundation TaxAide Program offers **free** tax preparation to **all ages**? The program is aimed primarily at seniors with low- to mid-income, but it does not discriminate on age, race, religion, sex, income, etc. There are a few items that are "out of scope" for the program and I would be happy to discuss them with you in church or you can call me, Brian Barceló, or the church office – 609-921-8898 for further information. Volunteers are also needed and welcomed.

~Brian Barcelo

Music & Worship Notes

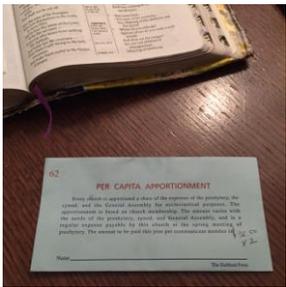
The Music and Worship Commission met on Wednesday, January 13 and reports from Pastor Sharyl and our Music Director Jean Volk included plans for:

- Ash Wednesday Service on February 10
- Tone Chimes will play in Worship on February 14
- Palm Sunday Service on March 20
- Maundy Thursday Service on March 24
- Good Friday Service on March 25
- Easter Sunrise Service at Lake Carnegie with Kingston United Methodist Church
- Our Easter Worship service will offer a blend of our many musical talents – including the Praise Band, Adult Choir, Bell Choir and Children’s Choir
- Adult Choir Cantata is planned for Mother’s Day, May 8

The next meeting of the Music and Worship Commission is scheduled for Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 PM.

~David Luck

Membership & Outreach



Have you paid your PCUSA dues yet? Every year, Kingston Presbyterian Church pays the Presbyterian Church USA a *per capita*

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/> per member.

For 2016, the *per capita* is \$32.50 per member. If you have two members in your household, you would be asked to pay \$65.00, three members, \$97.50, four members, \$130.00, etc.

If you are a pledging member, you will find an envelope like the one pictured, in your pledge envelopes. If you do not have pledge envelopes, please consider sending KPC a check for your *per capita* dues, with ***per capita*** written in the memo.

When members don’t pay their per capita, it takes funding away from important commissions in our church, such as Mission and Christian Education. Please help our church serve you, our community and our world in the most effective way possible by paying your *per capita* TODAY!

~Rebecca Robinson

Our 2016 Haiti Trip Postponed



Although we love going, serving, living out our faith and representing our church alongside Dr Katie and Nurse Cherie to God’s people in Haiti this February isn’t the time to go. After much conversation and prayer it was decided that with the political situation in Haiti and

especially Port au Prince, travel could be dangerous. With the elections and the stepping down of the President there is a lot of protesting and unrest. Katie felt it was wisest for us not to come at this time. We are hopeful we might be able to go later this spring or early summer but we will have to wait and watch the situation. Please join us in prayer for the people of Haiti.

~Pastor Sharyl

Deacon's Corner

At our January Deacons meeting, we elected **2016 Officers** as follows:

Moderator: Jeanne Radimer
Vice Moderator: Marie Luck
Secretary: Robin DeGutis
Treasurer: Janet Rubinstein
Nominating Committee: Nancy Luck

2016 duties are assigned as follows:

Fellowship: Event Coordinator(s) – Jeanne Radimer and Anne Deak
Nurture: Church Wide Ministry – Nancy Wright
Home/Hospital Visitation – Mariko Shimomura
Prayer Chain – Elise Cheng
Funeral Receptions – Mariko Shimomura and Jeanne Radimer
Outreach: Crisis Ministry – Mariko Shimomura
Forrestal Service – David Raduzycki (appointed by Deacons), Nancy Wright, Robin DeGutis, and Mariko Shimomura
Special Collections – Nancy Luck and Robin DeGutis
GriefShare – Marie Luck and Anne Deak
Deacons Corner – Janet Rubinstein
Church Garden – Marie Luck



DID YOU KNOW? This past Christmas, beautiful handmade cloth wreaths made by the **KPC Craft Group** were given to the residents at Forrestal who attend our service there and to our homebound congregants.

On January 18, 2016, we celebrated **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday** with a luncheon and "**Day of Service**". It was a great success! 25 people attended, and they made 56 hats, 19 scarves, 3 blankets and 20 activity bags filled with crafts made that day to fill them, as well as donations received that day. The scarves, hats and blankets, as well as the items donated to our mitten tree, were all delivered to HomeFront, a worthy organization serving the homeless in Mercer County. The activity bags will be delivered to HomeFront after the KPC craft group puts everything together this week.



As you have in the past, please continue your donations to the **Crisis Ministry**. Personal care products, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, razors, soaps, lotions, feminine products, etc. are not covered by food stamps, so they are always in need of such items. Put your donated products in the basket in the narthex, and please remember to save your McCaffrey's receipts for the basket, too. To learn more, please visit their website: <http://www.thecrisisministry.org/>

The **Forrestal Service** is every third Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:00 PM. This popular service is well attended by an average of 20 residents, and is held in the Community room on the first floor of the nursing unit building at The Pavillions at Forrestal. Check in at the Security Desk. The address is 5000 Windrows Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540. If you would like to attend this inspiring service, please speak to Dave Raduzycki or any Deacon.

If you would like to join our **KPC prayer chain**, please let Elise Cheng know by speaking to her or sending her an email at echeng.kpc@gmail.com.



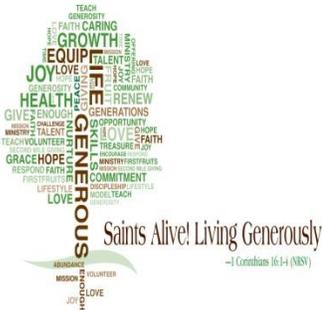
If you are interested in **visiting shut-ins**, please contact Mariko Shimomura or any Deacon about joining this rewarding ministry.



Have you ever heard of the Presbyterian Coffee Project? It's a wonderful mission project that's been around for years. If you would like to learn about it, here's a link to the website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/enough/presbyterian-coffee-project/>

~Janet Rubinstein

Stewardship Commission News



Your year-end financial statement from Financial Secretary Steve Parker included the totals of your contributions to KPC in 2015. We are extremely grateful for your very generous financial gifts in support of KPC's ministries. Not only did many members submit a pledge for KPC's annual operation during the stewardship emphasis but several members and friends pledged additional amounts for the steeple renovation.

We are also aware that if you submitted a pledge for 2015, there may have been times during the year when you missed contributing the pledged amount. If your statement shows that at year end there was a remaining balance, we hope that if you are able, you will complete your 2015 pledge. In any event, we are thankful for your generous financial gifts and for your time and talents and we look forward to working with you in 2016 to the Glory of God.

~**Florence Perren-Diaz, Stewardship Commission Chairperson**



KPC Website – <http://kingstonpresbyterian.org>

The **Home Page**, **News Page**, and ministry pages are continually updated with seasonal graphics, photos, and current information. Don't forget to look for **Rev. Dixon's** monthly ***Pastor's Message*** in the **About Us** Menu, and the Sunday School Adult Class schedule can now be found on the **News Page**. **Headlines** on the **Home Page** will point to news about major events, and changes in schedules or activities due to weather events or emergencies. Donors to the Steeple Task Force can contribute their 2016 pledges online

through PayPal.

We know that many of you enjoyed listening to the audio versions of the Sunday School Christmas Pageant and the Christmas Eve service that were uploaded to the **Sermon page**. We will continue to upload to the Sermon Page the sermons and special music provided by the KPC Adult and Handbell choirs and the KPC Praise Band, ***Calling on Him***.

The website is sorely in need of volunteers to help with the website. While technical knowledge about software is not required what is needed is a computer and average familiarity with email and Microsoft Word or other word processing software. If you're interested in helping KPC to stay connected with our members, friends, and ministry partners in the world please email webmaster@kingstonpresbyterian.org.

~**Submitted by Webmaster, Florence Perren-Diaz**

Mission Commission

In reviewing the Mission activities in 2015 for the annual report, it was a pleasure to note the number of our Mission Partners who paid us a visit and shared details of their work and ministries throughout the world. We were able to spend time with Dr. Katie Wolf twice, to report on Friends for Health in Haiti. Several of our members actually paid her a visit early in the year to give hands-on assistance and emotional and spiritual support to her and Cherlie. We heard about the work that Rev. David Riddell is doing in France and around the world as Director of World Team when he visited and we were again blessed last year by our time spent with Rev Kishore Joseph and his physician wife and son who traveled from India.

The unfortunate fact last year was that we were forced to reduce our donations to these folks as well as all our other Mission Partners by between 25 and 30%. The challenge this year for the members of the Mission Commission and for all our Kingston Presbyterian Church members and friends is to find a way to avoid an additional reduction of about that amount again this year.

We are hopeful that there will be some fundraising activities that our church can do to put back some of that money into our budget. But it will be a challenge that I am hoping all will give assistance with in the coming year. It has been a priority to KPC's mission dollars to use them to support not only spiritual sustenance but also physical sustenance by providing food for the hungry and medical treatment of their illnesses and injuries.

In these past 5 years, we on this Commission have been able to get to know so much more about each of our Partners and they have come to know more about us and our church family. Realizing that our lessened giving will reduce their ability to minister to those in need gives us a challenge to work to bring this amount of money to equal or even exceed what we were able to provide last year.

So, please give this your thoughts and prayers as we work to find ways to raise money and as you consider your personal giving. We are all thankful that we do not do any of this alone, we are assisted by you, our members and friends and are blessed and guided by our gracious Lord. Thank you.

~Laura Bedient
Chairperson

Train of Life (A devotional shared at Deacons)

At birth, we boarded the train and met our parents and we believe that they will always travel at our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train and they will be significant: our siblings, friends, children, grandchildren and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they have vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So we must live in the best way: love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important because when the times comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

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February, 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 AM Al-Anon	2 12:45 PM Grace Note Singers	3 10:00 AM Craft Group	4 7:30 PM Choir 8:00 PM Al-Anon	5	6 9:00AM – 12:30PM Korean School
7 9:30 AM Church School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Refreshments 12:20 PM Tone Bells	8 10:00 AM Al-Anon 7:15PM Deacons	9 12:45 PM Grace Note Singers 7:30 PM Recorders	10 Ash Wednesday 10:00 AM Craft Group 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	11 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM M&W 8:00 PM Al-Anon	12 6:30 PM Youth Group	13 8:30 AM Caregiver Group 9:00AM – 12:30PM Korean School 3:30 PM Piano Recital
14 9:30 AM Church School 11:00 AM Worship/ Communion 12:15 PM Refreshments	15 Presidents' Day Office Closed 10:00 AM Al-Anon	16 12:45 PM Grace Note Singers	17 10:00 AM Craft Group 7:00 PM GriefShare	18 7:30 PM Choir 8:00 PM Al-Anon	19 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	20 9:00AM – 12:30PM Korean School 9:00 AM Presbyterian Women
21 9:30 AM Church School 11:00 AM Worship/Praise Band 12:15 PM Annual Meeting/Lunch 3:30 PM Forrestal Service	22 10:00 AM Al-Anon 7:30 PM Session	23 12:45 PM Grace Note Singers	24 10:00 AM Craft Group 7:00 PM GriefShare	25 12:00 PM Book Discussion Group 7:30 PM Choir 8:00 PM Al-Anon	26	27 9:00AM – 12:30PM Korean School 4:00 PM Flute Recital
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Save the Dates

February 10 - 7:00 PM, Ash Wednesday Service

February 21 - Annual Meeting/Lunch