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June/July 2019



## Graduation Sunday and Annual Program Meeting

Sunday, June 2

### Graduation Sunday

Be with us as we bless and honor our high school graduate, Gracie Winn, as well as those who have completed advanced degrees, military training, and certificate programs during our worship services.

### Annual Program Meeting (after 10 AM Worship Service)

We'll gather in Lander Hall to:

- Elect our new Leadership and Ministry Teams
- Recognize a KCC Angel for their Dedication & Hard Work
- Hear reports from this year's teams
- There will be punch and cake, too!

Please make time to be there for this very important meeting of our congregation.

KCC Financial  
Statement

**Ministry News**

Memorial Day  
Pancake  
Breakfast &  
BBQ Pix 2019



Youth Group  
Calendar



June 4  
Women's  
Spirituality  
Continues  
Current Read

June 17  
Theology on  
Tap discusses  
UCC General  
Synod  
Resolutions

June 30  
Rachel's  
House  
Dinner Service

**Casas de Luz Tijuana  
Home Build  
Furnishing Collection  
Has Begun!**



2018 Volunteers & Recipient Family

You are invited to bring your donations to the church during office business hours (8:30 AM to 2 PM) or on Sunday mornings. We will store all of your donations in Lander Hall. If you'd like to donate money for furnishings, we will gladly accept those, as well. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. To get more information now, please contact Jillian Buchanan at [jillian@luciabay.com](mailto:jillian@luciabay.com) or from Pastor Darryl at [darryl@kensingtonucc.com](mailto:darryl@kensingtonucc.com)

[Here is the list of items](#) that are needed to furnish the house.

**Casas de Luz Registrations:** We still have a few spots available for the home build. It is Friday, June 21 to Saturday, June 22. Registration is \$75.00 Per Person and it is open to all members, friends, and visitors; Youth 12+ with Adult and all Adults. Reserve Your Spot! To get more information now, please contact Jillian Buchanan at [jillian@luciabay.com](mailto:jillian@luciabay.com) or from Pastor Darryl at [darryl@kensingtonucc.com](mailto:darryl@kensingtonucc.com).



This welcoming group served dinner on May 26

Postcard Writing Ministry  
Read Latest Postcard  
from Mary Hill Parish in Glasgow, Scotland



San Diego UCC Partnership Churches  
Now on Facebook  
Check Out Partnership for Social Justice (P4SJ) Page

Preschool Director Update



**Coming Up**



## Confirmation Sunday is June 9th!

Confirmation Sunday is one of the most exciting Sundays of the year. Our young people affirm their faith and present their Covenants with the congregation. Their Covenants are always so diverse, creative, and inspiring. This year, we will confirm Eight Amazing Young People at the 10 AM Service, while Three of our Confirmands will present their Covenants at the 8:30 AM. You won't want to miss it!

If you wish to know more about Confirmation, [read Pastor Darryl's Divine Comedy for June.](#)

**This is also Pentecost Sunday!** We encourage all of our members and friends to wear something **RED** that day to worship.



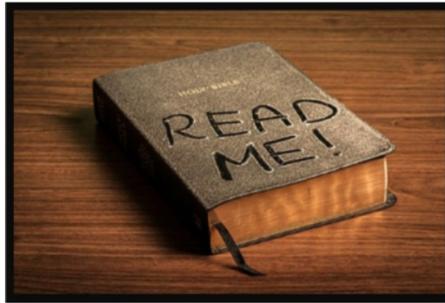
## Calling All 6th Graders!

Parents, your 6th Grader is invited to join the KCC Youth Group, on Wednesday, June 19, 6:30-8:30 PM for a BBQ and fun activities on the church front lawn. Led by Youth Group Leaders



and get the 4-1-1 on the first of two parent info meetings on June 19th.

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## Summer Worship Series

### 10 Essential Stories of the Bible

What if you had to boil down the Christian Faith using only 10 Stories/Narratives from the Bible? Starting on Sunday, June 30, Pastor Darryl and the Ministry of Worship and Nurture are presenting a summer series on this very idea. [Check out](#) the full schedule here.

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**Be With Us!**  
**Thurs., July 11, Sat., July 13 & Sun.,  
July 14**

- On Thursday, July 11, create flags and posters for the parade
- On Saturday, July 13, show your Pride, along with other members of the UCC San Diego Partnership in the annual Parade, as a sign of God's love and inclusion of all
- On Sunday, July 14, get inspired by attending a special Pride Sunday Service at KCC

[Learn more here.](#)



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8:30 Half-hour Informal Worship

10 AM Worship, Sunday School & Nursery

## **CASAS DE LUZ HOME BUILD FURNISHING “WISH LIST”**

Below is a list of items that are needed (but not limited to) to furnish the Casas de Luz house. Items can be gently used or new, found in your house, goodwill or stores! If there are duplicates of some items, not a problem – Casas de Luz will use in other builds where needed. When considering furniture, keep in mind that they are small houses, often with several people who will be living in them, so the furniture needs to be on the smaller to mid-size range. We do not necessarily need to have all items but are hoping to provide as much as possible!

### **Kitchen:**

- Pots and pans
- Eating utensils
- Cooking utensils
- Dishware
- Drinking Glasses
- Practical appliances
- Movable cabinets
- Storage containers
- Cleaning supplies
- Broom
- Dust pan
- Dish towels
- Paper towels
- Mid sized garbage cans / bags

### **Bedrooms:**

- Beds (twin, double, futon, small bunk beds)
- Twin or double sized sheets
- Comforters / blankets
- Pillows
- Small dressers
- Small desk
- Lamps / bulbs (standing or table)
- rugs

### **Living area:**

Small table – something with a folding portion is ideal

Chairs for table  
Sitting Chairs (not oversized)  
Small couch  
End tables with storage  
Decorative pillows  
Mirrors / art / wall hangings  
Rugs  
Lamps / bulbs standing or table)

**Bathroom:**

Any hygiene supplies for both men and women  
Razors / blades  
Soap  
Shampoo, conditioner  
Towels  
Bath mat  
Toilet paper

**General:**

School and Art supplies  
Clothing for all sizes, including children  
Toys

# The Divine Comedy:

## *Notes from Pastor Darryl*

June 2019

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, is one of my favorite Sundays of the year: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY! This year, we will confirm nine young people, and confer a special recognition on one special one who passed way too soon. Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, promises to be a service full of magic and wonder, laughter and love.

But as we grow as a community, and many of us come from “unchurched” backgrounds, some have asked, “what is confirmation?” According to the United Church of Christ *Book of Worship*, Confirmation is understood this way:

A person is incorporated into the universal church through the sacrament of baptism. When an infant or a very young child is baptized, the baptismal vows or promises are made by a proxy for the child (usually parents or god-parents).

As a child who was baptized in infancy approaches adolescence, the church offers that person the opportunity to give public assent to the baptismal promises. Confirmation celebrates this occasion of affirmation of baptism in the life of the individual and the local church.

We do Confirmation Sunday a bit differently than most Protestant Churches. So, let me tell you what you can come to expect that day.

- ❖ Our Confirmands will present **THEIR** beliefs about God, Jesus, The Church, Creation, and the Afterlife. We stress **THEIR** beliefs. Some may present a faith that is fairly traditional and orthodox, but others may affirm a faith that is way outside the box.

- ❖ The youth can express their beliefs in a variety of ways, using diverse mediums and media, and that is in concert with how God created them to be. This means that we will see God’s gift of multiple intelligences and emotional intelligences expressed through these amazing, young people.
- ❖ These “Covenants” are an expression of what the Confirmands believe right now. Confirmation is a process, and the service that concludes this part of their spiritual journey, is about affirming their faith as it stands right now. How many of us can claim that our beliefs and faith hasn’t changed, evolved, shifted, or morphed as we aged and experienced life?
- ❖ The Confirmands will also be joining the church that Sunday. Meaning that they now have all the rights and privileges that come with membership. We always celebrate when new people desire to join our church but it is especially wonderful when it is our young people re-affirming their place within our community of faith.

All the Confirmands will present their covenants at the 10 AM Service, and two or three will present their covenants at the 8:30 AM Service. If you see one of our Confirmands, give them a word of encouragement. Tell them that you love them and are praying for them as they take these last few steps in the confirmation process. A lot of hard work and creativity will go into that Sunday – not just by our confirmands but by their mentors as well.

Confirmation Sunday is an important day in the life of these young people and in the life of our church. For it will be a Sunday when we will live out and live in a very real way the words we say each week, “No matter who you are, or where you come from, or where you are in your life’s journey, you’re welcome and loved at KCC!”

Peace. Love. Understanding.

*Pastor Darryl*

**Kensington Community Church  
Operating Income & Expenses vs. Budget  
For The Four Months Ended April 30, 2019**

| <b>Income</b>                      | <b>Actual</b>    | <b>Budget</b>    | <b>Difference</b> | <b>Prior Year</b> | <b>Annual Budget</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Tithes and Offerings               | \$60,462         | \$58,333         | \$2,129           | \$57,641          | \$175,000            |
| Building Use                       | \$6,613          | \$5,000          | \$1,613           | \$6,797           | \$15,000             |
| Cell Tower                         | \$11,217         | \$11,217         | \$1               | \$10,891          | \$33,650             |
| Interest/Dividends                 | \$9,092          | \$7,167          | \$1,926           | \$7,559           | \$21,500             |
| Rental Income                      | \$21,560         | \$21,560         | \$0               | \$16,730          | \$64,680             |
| Transfer from Funds                | \$4,977          | \$6,026          | (\$1,049)         | \$4,977           | \$18,077             |
| Other Non Operating                | \$0              | \$0              | \$0               | \$1               | \$0                  |
| Operating Non-Contributions        | \$53,459         | \$50,969         | \$2,491           | \$46,955          | \$152,907            |
| Preschool                          | \$95,973         | \$99,169         | (\$3,196)         | \$107,018         | \$247,922            |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b>      | <b>\$209,895</b> | <b>\$208,471</b> | <b>\$1,423</b>    | <b>\$211,614</b>  | <b>\$575,829</b>     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                    |                  |                  |                   |                   |                      |
| Administration                     | \$19,380         | \$18,679         | (\$701)           | \$18,370          | \$56,038             |
| Facilities                         | \$19,168         | \$22,830         | \$3,662           | \$24,960          | \$67,290             |
| Faith Programs                     | \$27,534         | \$27,585         | \$51              | \$14,382          | \$82,005             |
| Ministry                           | \$32,266         | \$34,139         | \$1,873           | \$35,065          | \$102,416            |
| Mission                            | \$2,324          | \$2,075          | (\$249)           | \$5,324           | \$5,000              |
| Music                              | \$12,601         | \$11,467         | (\$1,134)         | \$12,151          | \$34,400             |
| Overhead Alloc to Preschool        | (\$13,333)       | (\$13,333)       | \$0               | (\$13,333)        | (\$40,000)           |
| Payroll Expenses                   | \$3,705          | \$2,900          | (\$805)           | \$3,514           | \$10,300             |
| Preschool                          | \$90,239         | \$91,166         | \$927             | \$83,282          | \$256,058            |
| Rental Property Expense            | \$4,122          | \$2,823          | (\$1,300)         | \$11,715          | \$8,468              |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>    | <b>\$198,005</b> | <b>\$200,330</b> | <b>\$2,324</b>    | <b>\$195,430</b>  | <b>\$581,975</b>     |
| <b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$11,889</b>  | <b>\$8,142</b>   | <b>\$3,748</b>    | <b>\$16,184</b>   | <b>(\$6,146)</b>     |

**Kensington Community Church**  
**Fund Activity Statement**  
**1/1/2019 - 4/30/2019**

| Fund / Account                 | Starting<br>Balance | Year-to-date<br>Income | Year-to-date<br>Expenses | Current<br>Balance |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Church Operating               | \$0                 | \$113,922              | \$107,766                | \$6,155            |
| Preschool Operating            | \$0                 | \$95,973               | \$90,239                 | \$5,734            |
| <b>Operating Total</b>         | <b>\$0</b>          | <b>\$209,895</b>       | <b>\$198,005</b>         | <b>\$11,889</b>    |
| Advance & Repay                | \$880               | \$229                  | \$543                    | \$566              |
| Altar Flowers                  | \$0                 | \$570                  | \$641                    | (\$71)             |
| Campership                     | \$0                 | \$105                  |                          | \$105              |
| Capital Improvement Fund       | \$985               | \$505                  |                          | \$1,490            |
| Endowment Grants               | \$9,208             | \$485                  | \$400                    | \$9,292            |
| Endowment Youth Choir Income   | \$214               |                        |                          | \$214              |
| Events                         | \$1,330             | \$5,187                |                          | \$6,518            |
| Joann Morrison Educ. Fund      | \$23,000            |                        |                          | \$23,000           |
| Library                        | \$455               | \$20                   |                          | \$475              |
| Memorials & Bequests           | \$85,319            |                        |                          | \$85,319           |
| Music Fund                     | \$514               | \$20                   | \$125                    | \$409              |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund    | (\$955)             | \$5,271                | \$2,271                  | \$2,046            |
| Perrigo Fund                   | \$13,530            |                        |                          | \$13,530           |
| Radick Fund                    | \$87,107            |                        | \$4,977                  | \$82,130           |
| Missions                       |                     |                        |                          |                    |
| Special Mission Collections    | \$166               | \$365                  | \$365                    | \$166              |
| Fund Raisers                   | \$0                 | \$3,632                |                          | \$3,632            |
| Other - Donations, Etc.        | \$0                 | \$180                  | \$334                    | (\$154)            |
| UCC Delegate Expense Fund      | \$300               |                        |                          | \$300              |
| Undesignated Funds             | \$616,917           | \$3,989                |                          | \$620,906          |
| Youth Group                    | \$2,992             |                        |                          | \$2,992            |
| <b>Non-Operating Total</b>     | <b>\$841,960</b>    | <b>\$20,558</b>        | <b>\$9,656</b>           | <b>\$852,862</b>   |
| Endowment Fund                 | \$118,667           |                        |                          | \$118,667          |
| <b>Fund Total</b>              | <b>\$960,627</b>    | <b>\$230,453</b>       | <b>\$207,661</b>         | <b>\$983,419</b>   |
| Liabilities                    | \$3,740             |                        |                          | \$608              |
| Rental Security Deposit        | \$5,825             |                        |                          | \$5,825            |
| Deferred Income                | \$21,750            |                        |                          | \$19,043           |
| Deferred Preschool Tuition     | \$9,443             |                        |                          | \$13,932           |
| <b>Funds &amp; Liabilities</b> | <b>\$1,001,385</b>  |                        |                          | <b>\$1,022,827</b> |
| Cash                           | \$500               |                        |                          | \$500              |
| Checking Account               | \$30,899            |                        |                          | \$22,674           |
| Savings Account                | \$955               |                        |                          | \$955              |
| Other Current Assets           | \$72,306            |                        |                          | \$68,904           |
| Accounts Receivable            | \$177               |                        |                          | \$114              |
| UCF Endowment Fund @Cost       | \$118,667           |                        |                          | \$118,667          |
| UCF Investment Account @Cost   | \$191,917           |                        |                          | \$191,917          |
| Stifel Nicolaus Inv Acct @Cost | \$585,963           |                        |                          | \$619,096          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>            | <b>\$1,001,385</b>  |                        |                          | <b>\$1,022,827</b> |

|                                     | Actual    | Gain(Loss) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| UCF Endowment Fund @ Mkt Value      | \$274,695 | \$156,028  |
| UCF Investment Account @Mkt Value   | \$272,007 | \$80,089   |
| Stifel Nicolaus Inv Acct @Mkt Value | \$617,566 | (\$1,530)  |

**KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Ministry Financial Results**  
**For The Four Months Ending 4-30-2019**

| <b>OPERATIONS</b>             |                  |                  | <b>Favorable/<br/>(Unfavorable)</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                 | <b>Actual</b>    | <b>Budget</b>    |                                     |
| Finance & Stewardship (MFS)   | \$113,922        | \$109,302        | \$4,619                             |
| Kensington PreSchool (MKP)    | \$95,973         | \$99,169         | (\$3,196)                           |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b> | <b>\$209,895</b> | <b>\$208,471</b> | <b>\$1,423</b>                      |

| <b>Expense</b>                  |                  |                  |                |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Finance & Stewardship (MFS)     | \$20,346         | \$20,686         | \$339          |
| Kensington PreSchool (MKP)      | \$74,350         | \$75,265         | \$916          |
| Mission & Outreach (MMO)        | \$2,324          | \$2,075          | (\$249)        |
| Personnel & Resources (MPR)     | \$80,024         | \$82,428         | \$2,404        |
| Worship & Nurture (MWN)         | \$20,961         | \$19,875         | (\$1,086)      |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | <b>\$198,005</b> | <b>\$200,330</b> | <b>\$2,324</b> |

|                                    |                 |                |                |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
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|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|

| <b>FUNDS</b>                | -----ACTUAL----- |         |               |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------|---------------|
|                             | Income           | Expense | In/(Out) Flow |
| Finance & Stewardship (MFS) | \$11,069         | \$8,832 | \$2,237       |
| Mission & Outreach (MMO)    | \$4,177          | \$699   | \$3,478       |
| Worship & Nurture (MWN)     | \$5,312          | \$125   | \$5,187       |

|                             |                 |                |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Non Operating Totals</b> | <b>\$20,558</b> | <b>\$9,656</b> | <b>\$10,902</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|

| <b>YTD Flow</b>      | <b>IN / (OUT)</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Funds Flow | \$11,889          |
| Net Funds Flow       | \$10,902          |
| <b>Total Change</b>  | <b>\$22,792</b>   |



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I love getting to see the amazing things you do via Facebook. Your church's values to love and welcome every one is something I hope becomes the norm in every church! I enjoyed getting to know Nic, they are an extraordinary talent.

Love  
Rach  
x

## In Our Prayers

Hollis Allen & his family,  
Stone Allen,  
Brian Brewster,  
Martha Ceriani,  
Sue Ehlers,  
Tricia Filet,  
Sheryl G.,  
Larry Hanson,  
Jan Johns,  
Terry Kolasa,  
Joann Kingsbury,  
Ellyn Lanier,  
Chuck Lee,  
Jan LeVan,  
Millie Medigovich,  
Nancy Ownby,  
Marie Pujol,  
Peter Schroder and all the  
family and friends of  
Kimi Lindsey-Schroder,  
Ed Williams,  
And, the family &  
friends of  
Jessie Brimhall.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Damon Curtin-Schamu,  
Azin Tabrizi,  
Susan Cox
- 3 Kristin McKenney,  
Janet Richardson
- 8 Susan Curtin-Schamu
- 10 Duke Clark
- 11 Gayle Trempe,  
Scot Wais
- 14 Cindi McClain
- 17 Jodi Cleesattle
- 19 Marie Trischman,  
Maddy Warner
- 20 Andrew Trempe
- 22 Christopher Apgar,  
Marjorie Lyn Thomas,  
Tennie Wiggins
- 23 Sheila Naismith
- 26 Jan Johns
- 28 Carol Hill
- 30 Carla Mathison



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Robert Farrell
- 4 A.J. Loomis
- 6 Bonnie McCarthy
- 7 Elizabeth Clegg,  
Cecilia Mason,  
Kris Winter
- 17 Brendan McCarthy,  
James Naismith
- 25 Marsha Dodds
- 30 Donna Hanson,  
Izabella Havens
- 31 Ilah Jo Ely,  
Eddie Warner

## **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

### **MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2019**

Spring is in the air with many changes, not only in our weather, (San Diego finally had "weather") but our surroundings, as well. The children are making tremendous strides in change. The changes in growth are most evident in all the children. I find it so fascinating each and every year to observe the physical transformations and cognitive development in our preschoolers. The extra clothing the children brought to store in their cubbies back in the fall, no longer fit them in the spring. Our 2's classes delight in visiting the larger playground, finding out they can finally reach and climb to greater heights, which was virtually impossible back in September. Pushing on peddles of a trike has miraculously become easier and for some, finally possible. Those shorter legs that have finally lengthened and strengthened can now push, hop, skip and jump to a preschool child's amazement and sheer excitement! The last four months of school as you can see, are very busy and it keeps our school active and fun to the very end!



-Connie Cleland, Director

**2/25**-Pre-Registration

**3/4**-Deadline for Registration, Chapel, KPPA meet

**3/5**-Open Registration begins

**3/5, 6, 19, 20**-Munchkin Music

**3/9**-Church Rummage Sale

**3/13, 14**- The Raptors visit our school

**4/1**-KPPA meet

**4/2 & 4/3**- Munchkin Music

**4/10**-Open House, Book Fair, Bake Sale

**4/15-21**- Spring Break

**4/20**-Easter Egg Hunt

**4/22**-School Resumes, Summer School Registration

**5/6**- KPPA meeting

**5/8 & 5/9**- Mother's Muffin Morning at drop off

**5/11**-KPPA Spring Fling 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Park & Rec, 4612 Park Blvd, San Diego, 92116

**5/13-17** -Teacher Appreciation Week

**5/14, 15, 28, 29**- Munchkin Music

**5/27**-Memorial Day Parade, no school!

**6/1**-Family Picnic, 10 AM at Civita Park, 7960 Civita Blvd., San Diego 92108

**6/3**- KPPA meeting

**6/6 & 6/7**-Last days of school and 4's Graduation 6/7, 5:30 p.m.

**6/11-7/3**- Summer School



**Thursday, July 11,  
Saturday, July 13,  
& Sunday, July 14**

**Help Make "Christian" LGBTQ Flags  
to wave During the Pride Parade**

Thursday, July 11, gather at 6:30 PM in Lander Hall to Make Flags and Posters to use during Pride. There will be Prideful foods and drink. This is fun for the entire family!

**WALK IN THE PARADE with our Partnership Friends**

Saturday, July 13, 10 AM to 1 PM

(details coming soon as we get closer to the date of the parade)

Show your Pride by wearing your new Partnership T-shirt (available in July) and walking with the members of the UCC San Diego Partnership in the Parade as a sign of God's love of all!

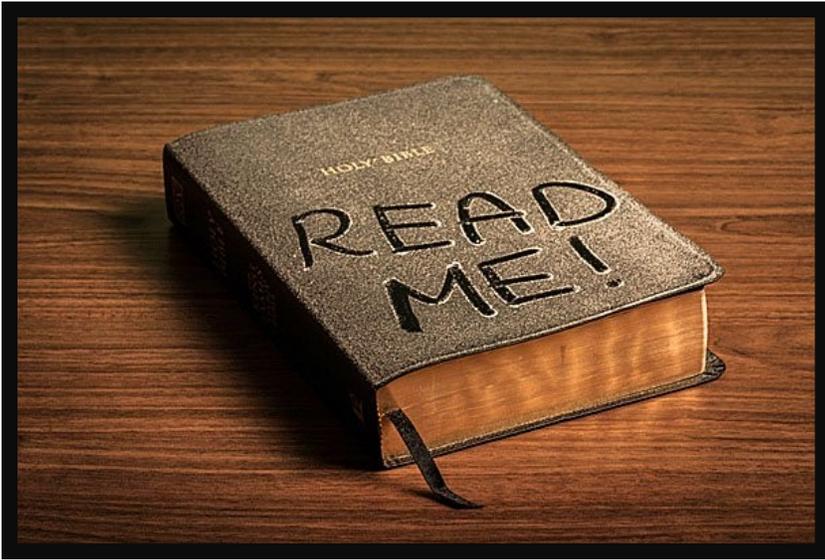
**Pride Themed WORSHIP at KCC**

Sunday, July 14, at both the 8:30 AM & 10 AM

Come experience an inspirational service using special prayers and poems and song in a time of praise and worship for God's amazing love and grace toward all people!

For more information, please contact Pastor Darryl at

[darryl@kensingtonucc.com](mailto:darryl@kensingtonucc.com)



# Summer Worship Series

## Ten Essential Stories of the Bible

What if you had to boil down the Christian Faith using only 10 Stories/ Narratives from the Bible? Pastor Darryl and the Ministry of Worship and Nurture are presenting a summer series on this very idea.

Come hear the stories that are foundational to our faith.

Come celebrate Christmas in July and Good Friday & Easter in August.

Starting June 30 and running through Sept. 1.

**June 30:** Creation

**July 7:** Sarai & Abram

**July 14:** The Exodus

**July 21:** God's Still Small Voice

**July 28:** Christmas

**Aug. 4:** Feeding the 5000

**Aug. 11:** The Crucifixion

**Aug. 18:** The Resurrection

**Aug. 25:** The Welcoming of Outsiders

**Sept. 1:** The Culmination of all Things

# Youth Group Summer News



## Calling all 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Is Your Child in 6<sup>th</sup> grade?

The Youth Group invites 6<sup>th</sup> graders to join the group on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM for activities and a barbecue on the front lawn. Check out the KCC Youth Group and get a feel for what fun times you will have in the fall. Youth Group is a silly, meaningful, artistic and social group of 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders who meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 during the school year. Barbara Runco and Enrique Dudley lead the group of 8-15 youth.

OWL Reminder for Parents: If you are interested in the Our Whole Lives (OWL) human sexuality and values-based program for your kids entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, check out the meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>, during Youth Group.

Do you have an older teenager who has not experienced the OWL Program yet? Older teens are accepted in the program as well. Check out the OWL link for more information.

## What does Youth Group do? We...

- Competed in Darryl's Bible Jeopardy against other partnership church youth groups at the annual lock-in. Lest we forget, there was a fantastic game of hide and seek during the lock-in!
- Enacted the live nativity in December.
- Learned to make stuff: This year, we learned to make Chinese dumplings, pie crust (Did someone say pie, Pastor Darryl?) and chai tea from scratch.
- Learned about different holidays. This year we learned about Diwali, Orthodox Easter, Passover and Chinese New Year.



Above: Live Nativity 2018.  
Below: Earth Day activity.



### What we do in Y.G. continued...

- Participated in old traditions and created new one: Youth-teaching-youth activity, Star Wars-themed activity, volunteered at the Halloween Carnival, the Memorial Day concession stand and the last egg hunt at the Guepin's home.
- Enjoyed trips to Ultrazone Laser Tag, Mission Trails, Haunted Trails in Balboa Park, Aquatica Park and Mount Laguna.
- Did a fantastic job assembling over 100 cold weather kits for the homeless.
- Welcomed special visitors: On separate occasions, Rabbi Devorah Marcus (Passover), KCC member Simon Yee (Chinese New Year) and many feathery representatives from the Raptor Institute visited the group (educational presentation).
- We also share a meal together each week, play games (did we mention hide and seek?), laugh, support each other and grow together.



From left to right: Mission trails Saturday hike, Orthodox Easter egg wreath and honey cake, Mission trails Saturday hike.

### Mark Your Calendars!

- **Last meeting** for this school year: June 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Upcoming Special Events: (Dates TBD)**

**Laguna Mountain Hike:** End of June, Early July  
from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Drop-off and pick-up @ Lander Hall

**Aquatica Park Trip:** Late July

Drop-off and pick-up @ Lander Hall

## Dear KCC Community,

It's that time of year when our parents, children, youth and those who teach professionally await the end of the school year. They are making summer plans and looking forward to a respite from the school year.

Like many of you, I can't wait for my summer vacation. In addition to a trip to Mariposa to visit my family in August, I'm looking forward to the summer solstice. When I moved to California in 2001, I arrived on the summer solstice. For my first glowing evening in the state that became my home, I walked across the Golden Gate Bridge with my cousin followed by a burrito dinner. That night was the beginning of many adventures for me in California. This year, I will celebrate by taking a trip to Sunset Cliffs to mark another year living in this beautiful state.



The summer solstice continues to symbolize new beginnings, change and opportunity for me. Speaking of new beginnings, we have a lot going on in June, and during the summer and fall in Faith Formation. Check out the fun activities below!

Lastly, let me know what you are doing this summer! I would love to hear about your plans. Wishing you a safe and joyful summer.

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## Is your child in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade?

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**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders** - Check the Chimes for the information about **Our Whole Lives** (OWL), a value-based human sexuality program designed by the United Church of Christ and Unitarian Universalist Church Association. Yes, we are talking about sex. Yikes! Don't worry; we will tell you about the program so that you can make an informed decision for your child. Check out the link in the Chimes for information on the first of two OWL parent meetings. OWL starts in September.



# KEEP CALM AND GO TO YOUTH GROUP

## Calling all 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Now is your chance to check out the KCC Youth Group. Be sure to check the Chimes for the invitation to **Youth Group** on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Graduation Celebration at the 10 AM Service**

Join us for a special celebration of our member, Gracie Winn, who graduates from high school this June. The Youth Sunday School class is invited to attend the full service.



- **June 9<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Sunday at the 10 AM Service**

Join us for a special moment in the lives of our confirmands. The confirmation class of 2018-2019 will share their personal stories of faith in speeches, song and video. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the full service.

- **June 16<sup>th</sup>, Dedication of the 4<sup>th</sup> Through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Classroom to Our Beloved Kimi Schroder at the 10 AM Service**

In Sunday School, the children and youth will make Father's Day gifts and prepare for the dedication that follows the church service.

- **June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 AM & 10 AM Service**

Welcome the KCC members and congregants who completed the Casa de Luz house-build in Tijuana and watch the video presentation. Bring tissues. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the full service.

If you are curious about the **Confirmation Program at KCC**, the 10 AM service on June 9<sup>th</sup> is a great opportunity to witness the culmination of personal growth for our confirmands.

- **June 30<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School**

This is the last day of Sunday School for the teachers and teacher assistants, followed by a special private luncheon to honor them.

# What is the Theme of Sunday School this Summer?

Each summer the children spend four to six weeks learning about a new theme with me and special summer program volunteers while our hard-working Sunday School teachers take a well-deserved break. The children and youth spend time playing, moving and creating in small groups and as a massive ball of energy in Lander Hall.

This summer the focus is on breath, sound and movement. The idea is to add new skills and coping mechanisms to your child's (or children's) emotional toolbox. To learn more about the goals of the program, please watch the [Ted Talk by Susan Kaiser Greenland](#). We won't focus entirely on this model, but it provides the background for the intentions behind this 4-week series.



## 2019 Summer Schedule

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Movie in the Youth Room

July 14<sup>th</sup>  
& July 21<sup>st</sup>

Summer Sunday School Program:  
Finding Stillness Through Breath  
and Movement



July 28<sup>th</sup>

Craft and Refreshments

August 4<sup>th</sup>  
& August 11<sup>th</sup>

Summer Program continues



August 18<sup>th</sup>  
& August 25<sup>th</sup>

Craft and Refreshments

September 1<sup>st</sup>

Movie in the Youth Room

September 8<sup>th</sup>

Rally Day  
The Blessing of the Backpacks  
The Start of the New Sunday School Year

## Teachers in Action

As an example of the brilliance and thoughtfulness of all of our Sunday School Teachers, Miss Betsy and Mr. Wes started Sunday School by adding movement to the routine. They found noticeable differences when they exercised and played with hula hoops with the children in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade class for just five minutes.



After just one five-minute exercise routine, children wiggled less and had longer attention spans. Due to their observations and ideas, children who used to feel less comfortable are now present, engaged and joyful. The 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers, Miss Judit and Miss Becky, adopted this practice after hearing about the learning benefits.

## Is Your Child Moving up in September?

- **Children who are 3-years old** usually start Sunday School in Miss Marcia's class in September. Parents and caregivers work with Miss Barbara and Miss Marcia to determine transition dates and special needs of each child.
- **If your child starts 1<sup>st</sup> grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. Parents and caregivers work with Miss Barbara and the co-teachers to ease the transition.
- **If your child starts 4<sup>th</sup> grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. For parents and caregivers who are concerned about the transition, please contact Miss Barbara so that she can assist with a smooth transition.
- **If your child starts 7<sup>th</sup> grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. For parents and caregivers who are concerned about the transition, please contact Miss Barbara so that she can assist with a smooth transition.



# Our Whole Lives Program & Sexuality and Our Faith News

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## In the News at KCC

- Save the Date: Upcoming Parent Overview
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- What to Expect From this Program?

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## Upcoming Parent Overview

Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 8 PM

Here's your chance to learn about OWL/SOF Program with Pastor Darryl and to meet some of the new trainers. In September, there will be a second parent meeting where all four trainers will be present. We hope that the combination of two meetings will encourage dialogue and on-going communication about this opportunity for your family.



This event occurs concurrently with the last youth group of the year. Check out this incredible justice-oriented program while your 6<sup>th</sup> graders are attending youth group. Pizza and salad will be served at the meeting.

## **Announcing the KCC Trainers for the 2019-2020 OWL/SOF Program**

Volunteering to be a trainer for the OWL/SOF Program is a major commitment. It requires a 3-day weekend training to acquire certification, facilitating program activities throughout the 2019-2020 school year and a comfort level in discussing sexuality with teenagers.

### **Our Fearless KCC Trainers:**



Sara Anderson



Stephen Colón



Barbara Runco



Sharon Young

They represent three generations—Millennials, X-Generation, and Baby Boomers—contribute a varied skill-set, and a steadfast commitment to facilitating the sexuality program for several cycles. For these trainers, facilitating this program is an extension of their shared belief in the values of KCC.

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

- The program is designed for and offered to KCC 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (the cost is a nominal materials fee).
- Older KCC teens who have not participated in the program are invited to join the group (the cost is a nominal materials fee).
- The program is also offered to the community (the cost increases for families who are not affiliated with KCC).

### **What is the Our Whole Lives & Sexuality and our Faith Program?**

- Sexuality education is one of many goals in the justice advocacy of the United Church of Christ. Along with the Unitarian Universalist Association, UCC created a value-based human sexuality program to augment and support the teaching by parents. The Our Whole Lives (OWL) Program is a comprehensive sexuality education program that is taught alongside a faith-based companion curriculum called Sexuality and Our Faith (SOF). The

foundation for the curriculums is the [Guidelines for Comprehensive Sexuality Education, Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> Grade](#) which was published by the Sexuality and Information Education Council of the United States (SIECUS).

- Our Whole Lives, together with Sexuality and Our Faith helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, health and behavior in the context of their faith. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. It provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills and understand the social, emotional and spiritual aspects of sexuality.
- For more information, check out [OWL on Wikipedia](#).

### **What to Expect From this Program**

- Our leaders for the 2019-2020 school year are trained during a 3-day workshop with other trainers from the Unitarian Universalist Association and United Church of Christ churches.
- Parent orientation programs that engage parents in the sexuality education of their children.
- KCC uses a well-designed, teacher-friendly leader's guide published by the UCC.
- UCC materials incorporate worship and religious values into the program.
- Up-to-date information and candid answers to all participants' questions.
- Activities to help participants clarify values and improve decision-making skills.
- Effective group-building to create a safe and supportive peer environment.
- Education about sexual abuse, exploitation and harassment.
- Opportunities to critique media messages about gender and sexuality.
- Acceptance of diversity.
- Encouragement to act for justice.

Please contact Barbara Runco, Director of Faith Formation, with your questions and enthusiastic support for this justice-driven UCC program.

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