



Kensington Community Church

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Friday, November 20, 2020

**This Sunday, November 22, 2020, is the 25th Sunday following Pentecost.
Thanksgiving Sunday.**

Our Worshipful Experience will be Available at 6:00 PM, Saturday, November 21,
via our YouTube Channel, Facebook Page, and on our website.

Saturday, November 21 — Filming continues for the 2020 Nativity.

Sunday, November 22, Sunday School will meet via Zoom.

9:00 AM — Pre-K through Kindergarten Class

10:00 AM — 1st Grade through 3rd Grade Class

10:00 AM — 4th Grade through 6th Grade Class

11:00 AM — Youth Class (7th Graders through 12th Graders)

Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 PM — KCC Youth Group will meet via Zoom.

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving from Kensington Community Church!

Sunday, November 29, at 9:00 AM — Pre-K thru Kindergarten Sunday School Class will meet via Zoom.

Sunday, November 29, at 4:45 PM— Drop-off Items for Rachel's House.

Sunday, November 29, at 5:30 PM—Serve at Rachel's House.

-- *"Come, Sing a Song of Harvest" by Fred Pratt Green* --

Come, sing a song of harvest, of thanks for daily food!
To offer God the first fruits is old as gratitude.

May God, the great Creator, to whom all life belongs,
Accept these gifts we offer, our service and our songs.

And lest the world go hungry while we ourselves are fed,
Make each of us more ready to share our daily bread. Amen.

Advent at Kensington Community Church

Home Advent Candle Wreath Lighting: Every Sunday of Advent, we will be lighting our KCC Advent Wreath during our Worshipful Experience. We invite you to do the same from your home. You will need five candles (traditionally 3 blue or purple, 1 pink, and 1 white or gold). But be creative! Make it your own! And join us on our Advent journey of welcoming the Light of God into our hearts.

November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent: Sunday of Hope (blue/purple)

December 6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent: Sunday of Peace (blue/purple)

December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent: Sunday of Love (pink)

December 20 – 4th Sunday of Advent: Sunday of Joy (blue/purple)

December 24 – Christmas Eve (white/gold)



Nativity Movie: Our Youth Group and Sunday School Classes are creating a movie version of our Live Nativity Play. The movie will be the centerpiece of our Worshipful Experience on December 13. This has been a labor of love, and we thank our young people for all their hard work on it.

Communion in the Manger: You are invited to KCC on Sunday, December 20, to receive Communion from Pastor Darryl in the manger/stable on our church lawn. There will be many safety precautions and protocols in place, and details of those will be forth coming. To be as safe as possible, and ensure good physical distancing, we will offer communion at two different times depending on the first letter of your last name.

If your last name begins with A – L, please come to KCC from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

If your last name begins with M – Z, please come to KCC from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

We also will need plenty of “ushers” to help that morning. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Darryl as soon as you can. He will be offering a training for our ushers to make sure we keep folks safe and it is a spiritually uplifting time for all.

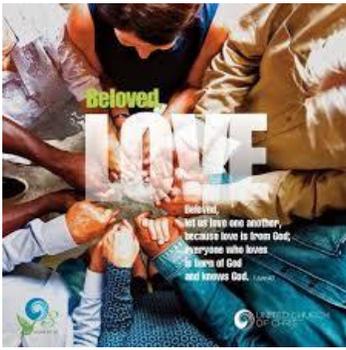
Christmas Eve: The Ministry of Worship & Nurture continues to monitor our county’s tier, and to develop plans for Christmas Eve at KCC. Please be looking for those details in days to come!

KCC Giving Tree: This year, KCC will be working with the San Diego Refugee Tutoring program at Ibarra Elementary. Our giving tree will be Gift Cards for the SDRT teenagers in the program or items purchased from an Amazon Wishlist for the elementary-aged students of SDRT.



Gift Cards should be for \$10.00 and be from places such as Starbucks, Subway, Jamba Juice, El Pollo Loco, McDonalds, etc. Gift Cards can be mailed to KCC or dropped off by putting the gift cards in our mailbox in the courtyard.

The Amazon Wishlist link is coming soon! We will publicize it as soon as we get it from SDRT.



Our 2021 Stewardship Campaign is Underway!

This year's Stewardship theme is, "*Beloved, Love*".

We are reminded that love is a call to action, as we care for each other in community. Our annual campaign is now underway. Please look for your materials in the mail. If you do not receive any materials from us, please let us know and we will send them out to you.

Your faithful stewardship allows us to plan the way forward for KCC as we navigate the challenges of mission and ministry during this pandemic.

After your own prayerful discernment, we invite you to please send in your "Estimated Giving Cards" back into the church as soon as you are able. If you have not received this year's Stewardship Materials, and would like them, please let the church office know. 619-284-1129 x301 or info@kensingtonucc.com. God has done, and continues to do, remarkable things through and with us. We are grateful for your continuing financial support.

Pastor Darryl will be away to Texas this week starting, November 21, and returning to San Diego on November 30. He is driving to Texas with Willow to attend the One-Year Anniversary Remembrance of the passing of his mother, as well as to be with family over the holiday. He will be keeping to all of the safety protocols, and has been COVID-19 tested before leaving and will be tested upon his return.

If you are in need of pastoral support while he is in Texas, please reach out to him via text, email, or call him. He does ask that you please be patient, as it may take him some time to return your communicate.

Sunday School—This Sunday

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9:00 AM — Pre-K through Kindergarten Class

Meeting Link all classes:

<https://zoom.us/j/89552323542>

Meeting ID: 895 5232 3542

Passcode: 508681



In December, the 1st graders through 6th graders will bake together but THIS TIME, they are baking their favorite Christmas cookies.

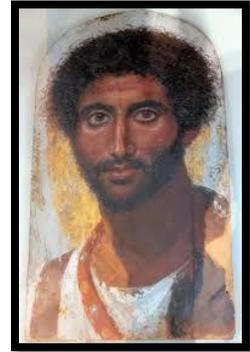


This Wednesday, November 25, in Youth Group, we are watching a movie together. Grab your popcorn and join Enrique and Barb for a fun evening! Be sure to stay in the loop to learn about the December white elephant exchange. If you wish to receive the Youth Group email, please contact Barb (barbara.runco@gmail.com).

Our Lunchbreak Bible study will be on hiatus this Wednesday, November 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume our gathering virtually on Wednesday, December 2, picking up on our bible study, *The Jewishness of Jesus*.

We hope you'll join us for this fun, insightful, inspirational, engaging time spent in community, nurturing our faith and growing in wisdom while on your lunch break.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91231720840>
Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3172 0840
Zoom Passcode: 440708



**Rachel's House Dinner Service,
Sunday, November 29**

**At 4:45 PM – Drop Off Rachel's House
Items at KCC.**

**At 5:30 PM – Serve at Rachel's House if
conditions continue to improve.**



KCC continues to provide a meal on the last Sunday of each month to the women who live in Rachel's House night shelter. For our October meal, we brought the Spud Bowl to Rachel's House. We brought lots of hot potatoes and offered all the toppings you can think of: sour cream, cheese, broccoli, bacon bits, chili, green onions, and chives. It was quite a feast! Also included, a salad and oranges, and some spooky homemade cookies and brownies for dessert. Thanks to Elizabeth, Bonnie, Robert, Lily, Lael, and Christine for providing the meal.

Our next meal is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 29, and we will serve pasta with pumpkin cream sauce.

Sign up to help with side dishes here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6Csp960HQMwScJM4hT4ISUzKnnV0CVSKu6nqWFQDUHxKTRQ/viewform>

Let Sara know if you have any questions or would like to help, email kcc4rh@gmail.com or phone / text 857-222-0017.

2020 Nativity

Enrique and Barbara send a special prayer of thanks to the volunteers, parents and the youth (who played the roles for Mary, the angels, shepherds, Magi, and let's not forget the little lambs), who were essential to the success last Saturday. We had more than enough volunteers to ensure the safety of all. On this Saturday, the youth (who play Mary, Joseph and Angel Gabriel) and a handful of congregants, continue filming the 2020 Nativity, the video adaptation of the Live Nativity.



The 2020 Nativity is happening due to the support of the Council, MWN and MMO. The children and youth will wear masks and perform outdoors at a safe distance. A big thank you to our volunteers who are providing health screenings and who will sit with small groups, who are physically distanced and wearing masks while they await their turn. In these unusual times, please pray for dry weather and send the children, youth and volunteers a loving prayer.

Spirit's Haven Contemplative Service December 6, 2020 at 7 PM over Zoom

On the first Sunday evening of each month, at 7 PM, over Zoom, you are invited to a time of tranquility, a time of listening to the still small Voice, a time of growing closer in relationship to the Holy, a time of being still. Each evening will include a spiritual reading or two followed by a time of silence for contemplation.



- ❖ Find a quiet place in your home where you can be restful for an hour: a quiet corner, a comfy recliner. Light a candle. Dim the lights. Play some soft music.
- ❖ Let your spirit find calm and a haven for an hour of renewal. Allow this time to refresh you, renew you, reinvigorate your very being. May you draw closer to a knowing of Spirit within you and guiding you.

The next Spirit's Haven Contemplation will be on December 6th at 7:00 PM. Led by Paula Elizabeth, KCC's former interim pastor; we are excited that she and her husband Rev. Ross Putnam recently became members of KCC! Paula is an ordained minister, a spiritual director, a coach for clergy, congregations and leaders, and a counselor. She has been leading contemplative services for many years as well as offering other contemplative practices.

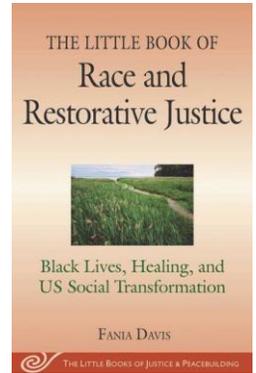
Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86350733473?pwd=ejBjbGZpQmhjN0RLdHFiQnRrRE1RZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 5073 3473

Passcode: 700962

The Little Book of Race and Restorative Justice: Black Lives, Healing, and US Social Transformations by Fania E. Davis – the title is almost as long as the book – is just 96 pages long. But it manages to inform, confound, validate, challenge, provoke and inspire more than most of the (much longer) books on the best sellers lists lately. The San Diego UCC Partnership is convening a Zoom Conversation sometime during the first week of Advent (Hope) or the second week of Advent (Peace).



The details are being worked out. But, for now, if you are interested:

1. Get the Book. Read it. Mark the ideas, statements, questions it provokes.
2. RSVP by email to Frances Foster at Christian Fellowship UCC mytrashcan70@gmail.com and – if you will – share your comments, reactions, questions that you'd like to make part of the conversation.

Your emails will be used to contact you with the details.

Please Hold in Your Heart and Lift in Prayer:

Alexis, Jason Artiaga, Naomi Bellamy, Bruce & Pam Biedebach, Fred E. Boone, Brian Brewster, Jan Burth and Family, Martha Ceriani, Bruce Cox, Carolyn & Steve Davis, Frank Denz, Roy DiBello, Betsie Dudgeon, Enid Escobedo, Tricia Filet, Dean Hansen-Tarbox, Sheila Hauserman, Chuck & Irena Hukari, Pastor Darryl & all of our community, Joann Kingsbury, Fran Knapp, Chuck Lee, Barbara Murillo, Jordan Pierce, Linda Pierce, Larissa Ponce, Karla Pujol, Marie Pujol, Henry Ramos, Abra Rider, Stephanie Vigarion, St. John Walker, Debbie Williamson, and Renee Quick.

Prayers of support for Sheryl Chaffee and the greater Chaffee family for the passing of Sheryl's mom, Estelle Trzcinski and her family for the passing of her husband Ed, the family and friends of Richard Roberts, (father of Jennifer Roberts), the family and friends of Carol Bond (Donna Potter's sister), Debbie, (friend of Kathy Moorhouse & Cori Smalley), Nina Deering, Tim Mackey Gardner, Gayl Foshee, Andrew Kytasty, Helen Kytasty, Richard Moreno (Kay-Marie Moreno's father-in-law), and Harry Petty.

We also hold in our prayers for our nation to have a peaceful transition of power and healing, now that the election is over, victims of racial injustice in the US, Nova Scotia, Canada, Hong Kong, Chile, Nashville, TN, Syria (Kurds), Iran, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, India, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the Refugees from Latin America in Tijuana, Mexico, all of our country and the world, particularly first responders and medical workers, dealing with the coronavirus, and all of those affected by the California fires.



If you know of someone who should be added to our bulletin prayer list (printed in Chimes and Church bulletins) or Confidential Prayer List, (names known only by the Prayer Circle members), please let Donna Hanson, Pastor Darryl, Mallie Odle or another member of the Prayer Circle) know. Members are: Kathleen Buttici, Tracey Freeman, Louise Jacobus, Denice Madruga, Carla Mathison, Mallie Odle, Donna Potter, Jennifer Roberts, Gayle Trempe, Penny Ward, and Rich Wayman.