



This Sunday, October 3, 2021 is the Annual Blessing of the Animals!

We will upload a digital version of the Worship Service to our [YouTube Channel](#), [Facebook](#) & the [KCC Website](#) at 10:30 AM on Sunday, October 3.

This Week at KCC:

Saturday, October 2

- 8:00 AM Wellness Exercise Class with Jerrie
- 1:00 PM The Celebration of Life of Martha Ceriani

Sunday, October 3

- 8:30 AM In-Person Blessing of the Animals, Worship Service and Petting Zoo
- 10:30 AM In-Person Blessing of the Animals, Worship Service and Petting Zoo

Tuesday, October 5

- 10:00 AM Women's Spirituality via Zoom
- 6:45 PM Yoga with Jerome

Wednesday, October 6

- 12:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom
- 6:30 PM Youth Group meets In-Person
- 7:00 PM Crisis Contemplation Class begins via Zoom

Thursday, October 7

- 5:30 PM Yoga with Sünje

Sunday, October 10

- 8:30 AM In-Person Worship Service
- 10:30 AM In-Person Worship Service with a Rite of Baptism and a performance by the KCC Chancel Choir
 - Following the Children's Moment, Children and Youth attend their own Worship Service in Lander Hall

Visiting the Church or Preschool during Business Hours?

Please enter through the Courtyard and come to the Office.

Please wear a face covering at all times on campus. Thank you.

This is for the safety of all, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation.

**[CLICK HERE](#) for the Sunday Worship Sign Up sheet
or
call the KCC Office at 619-284-1129 ext. 301**

KCC & KPS Office Hours:

- Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
 - Friday 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
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Our Prayer this week was written by Leslie White

*“Help us, dear God, to learn from all wild things.
How to live in harmony with our land; how to deal with enemies;
how to live in peace with those who are unlike us;
how strong is the love of a parent; how the young must learn to grow up;
how to enjoy the beauty of strength and life and how to accept death.
Amen.”*

The Celebration of Life of Martha Ceriani will be held this Saturday, October 2 at 1:00 PM

Come be comforted and strengthened as we celebrate the life of and commend to God’s eternal rest the spirit of KCC Member, Martha Ceriani. The service will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 2, with a reception to follow in Lander Hall. And please continue to pray for Martha’s family and vast circle of friends as they grieve her loss.

Barbara will be out of the office on vacation this coming week



Barbara will be out of the office on vacation this week starting Monday, October 4, 2021. She will return from vacation on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

If you require assistance during this time, please contact Rosie in the KCC office (office@kensingtonucc.com or 619 284 1129)

Wear Your Halloween Costume to Worship!

Sunday, October 31 at both the 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Services

All our children, no matter if you are young-in-age or young-at-heart, are invited to wear their Halloween Costume to worship on Sunday, October 31! Pastor Darryl, Ms. Barb, David, and Kay-Marie will be in the Halloween spirit as they lead us in a Reformation Sunday themed worship service.

HALLOWEEN

**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

Following the 10:30 AM service, the Ministry of Mission & Outreach will have a “photobooth” area set up for you to take pics in your costume and will have a Tricks ‘r Treats bag for our children and youth. Come celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe way with your friends at KCC!

Blessing of the Animals:

Sunday, October 3 at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



- Worship Outside on the Front Lawn.
- Bring Your Pet or a Photo of Your Pet to be Blessed by Pastor Darryl.
- Receive a "Blessing Certificate".
- Bring Token of Remembrance (Photo, Leash, Toy, Bowl, etc.) to be used in a Memorial for the Pets We've Lost.
- Special St. Francis Communion Liturgy
- Enjoy the Small Animal Petting Zoo by "My Little Pony".
- Offer Praise to God for all the Ways Animals Contribute to Life on the Earth.

Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive, 92116)

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Coffee & Treat Friendship Hour returns this Sunday, October 3!



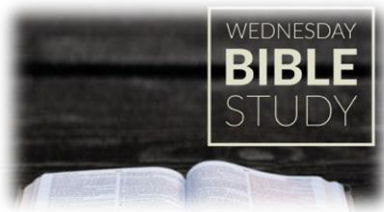
We will set up a coffee and treat table outside in the courtyard for our members and friends to warm up with a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, and pick up a sweet treat before or after service. To pull this off in a safe and fun manner, we need your help!

We need:

- Coffee Preparation and Table Set Up Folks before the 8:30 AM Service
- We need "Baristas" at both the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services
- We need a Clean Up Person/Crew after the 10:30 AM service concludes

Please contact Pastor Darryl if you are interested in finding out what needs to be done to bring our Friendship Hour back.

Noon Bible Study continues this Wednesday over Zoom at 12:00 PM



Noontime Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, October 6 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM over Zoom. Led by Pastor Darryl and attended by your KCC friends from near and far away. This fall, we will be looking at passages from the Hebrew Bible/Christian Old Testament and how they are understood from the original Jewish perspective and how they were reinterpreted in a Christian light. If you are interested in

joining, please contact Pastor Darryl at darryl@kensingtonucc.com.

On Wednesday, we will be looking at how Adam & Eve were regarded in ancient Judaism and by the early church. Please read Genesis Chapter 2: 4b – 3:24.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85184097299>

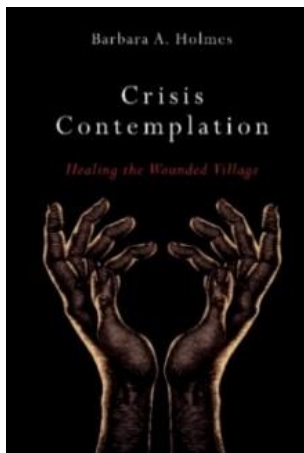
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New Class Begins This Wednesday Night

Crisis Contemplation: A Six Week Course in Meditation & Social Justice begins Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM over Zoom

Using a resource by the Rev. Dr. Barbara Holmes, we will be hosting a 6-Week Seminar in managing communal trauma and the spiritual benefit of the spiritual practice of contemplation.



You are encouraged to purchase the book ahead of time and begin reading and sampling the contemplation exercises.

Pastor Darryl will then lead six 60-minute discussion and contemplation sessions each Wednesday beginning on October 6. You can order the book online at your favorite book retailer. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rosie at office@kensingtonucc.com. If you need assistance ordering the book, please speak with Pastor Darryl.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86276166133>

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Faith Formation for Children and Youth

- All faith formation programs meet in-person and in-masks.
- Children and Youth Worship meets just about every Sunday through the end of the year.
- Youth Group meets just about every Wednesday through the end of the year.
- It is important that you feel safe having your children and youth, especially those who are unvaccinated, attend faith formation programming. Lander Hall and Youth Hall, our indoor meeting places, are well-ventilated and fans are not used. If you are new to KCC, please take a peek on Sunday or ask Barb (barbara@kensingtonucc.com) for a tour.
- We try our best to include occasional outdoor Sunday worship opportunities at Ward Park for families who prefer outdoor meetings. Due to the fall holidays, we meet in Ward Park on a handful of occasions in 2021.
- There are so many exciting opportunities to celebrate holidays with us this fall. Check out the [Fall 2021 Faith Formation Calendar](#) and join in the fun.



This Sunday, October 3: The Blessing of the Animals and Petting Zoo



Join the congregation for the Blessing of the Animals, an annual outdoor worship service for congregants and their four-legged, furry, feathery or scaly family members. Faith formation for the children and youth will happen naturally while they spend time with the animals in the petting zoo. There will be no formal Children and Youth Worship Service this week.

Youth Group



This Wednesday October 6 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, join your buddies to assemble gifts for our college-age KCC members, to watch the 2020 Nativity Movie and to prepare for filming in November. Enrique and Alexis will provide a healthy dinner on the front lawn. Barb will be on vacation.

Rachel's House Dinner Service

Next Dinner served Sunday, October 24 & 31 | 4:45 PM – Drop off Rachel's House items at KCC

Rachel's House provides services for homeless women in Downtown San Diego. KCC provides one meal a month for their night shelter.

The September meal was on September 26. Elizabeth made a yummy casserole with kielbasa sausage, sauerkraut, and mashed potatoes. Jodi made a vegetarian casserole, Beth made her famous broccoli salad, Lael and Christina brought dinner salad, Carla brought a fruit salad, Molly brought iced tea, and Lily made pumpkin snickerdoodle and pumpkin chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Carla, Kathy and Rosie also provided toiletries, towels, sheets, and a case of toothbrushes.

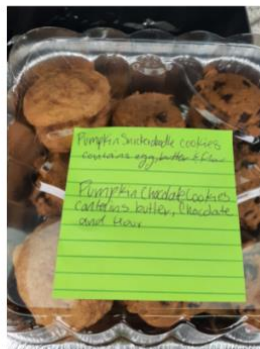
In October we are providing TWO MEALS for Rachel's House, on the 24th and 31st. We will need twice as many salads, fruit, drinks, and dessert.

You can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/pnfUBShPJET6wJgBA>

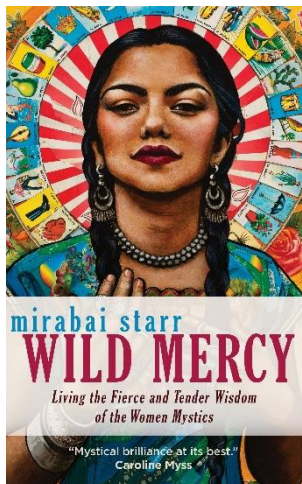
Please let Sara know if you have any questions or would like to help email kcc4rh@gmail.com or phone / text 857-222-0017.



*Take a look at the
September Meal
for Rachel's House*



Women's Spirituality Returns this Tuesday at 10:00 AM with a New Book!



Join your KCC friends via Zoom for an engaging conversation around the themes of Mirabai Starr's wonderful book, *Wild Mercy*. This is the start of a brand new conversation with a new book to read. An excellent time to jump in the conversation and gather with good friends!

Women's Spirituality meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM via Zoom. For more information, please contact Sharon Young.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82944747981>

Meeting ID: 829 4474 7981

Come Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of KCC Becoming an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ!



Sunday, October 24 at both the 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Services
A COVID-Safe Reception will be held after the 10:30 AM Service. Come hear stories of how KCC became an O&A Church and be inspired by how we can continue to widen our circle of welcome and our understanding of what it means to be an O&A Church in the days and years to come.

KCC Nursery Attendant

We are
HIRING

KCC is actively searching for a nursery attendant to care for infants to three-years-old on Sundays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. To qualify, candidates must be 18-years of age or older. Although we are advertising the position, you can help us by sending the job announcement to friends and family who are looking for part-time work with little ones. Check out <http://www.kensingtonucc.com> for the job description.

Come Learn How We Can Support our Minister and Congregation at the Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the UCC

Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 PM over Zoom.



Join your UCC Friends from across Southern California as we look at how we can better support our minister and congregation in these times. We will be joined by special guest, the Rev. Tara Barber (Minister for Ministerial Support and Accountability on the MESA (Ministerial Excellence, Support, and Authorization) team in the National Setting). Rev. Barber provides training and consultation for COMPASS (Communities of Practice program), Boundary Training, and PRCs (Pastoral Relations Committees). She has provided several links to read in preparation of her talk:

- [They're Not Coming Back](#)
- [The Church and the Great Resignation](#)

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620893588>
Meeting ID: 846 2089 3588
Passcode: 123743



If you know of someone who should be added to our Chimes prayer list or Confidential Prayer Circle List, please let Rosie know at office@kensingtonucc.com.

Prayer Circle Members include:

Kathleen Buttici, Tracey Freeman, Louise Jacobus, Denice Madruga, Carla Mathison, Mallie Odle, Donna Potter, Jennifer Roberts, Gayle Trempe, Penny Ward, and Rich Wayman.

Please Hold in Your Heart and Lift in Prayer:

Artie, Jason Artiaga, Diane Balletta, Sue Barber, Steve Barclay, Naomi Bellamy, Brian Brewster, Jan Burt and Family, Duke Clark, Tricia Connolly, Arthur Cook, Jack Covy Roman, Carolyn & Steve Davis, Frank Denz, Roy DiBello, DoriAnn and Family, Betsie Dudgeon, Little Eli, Jaden, Samuel & Isais, Margo Fernandez, Jules Fish, Thorn Hartje, Sheila Hauserman, Genevieve Hunt, Nathan Gleaves, Chuck Lee, Jim Leonard and Family, Rich Lo Russo, Lucy Martinez, Richard Measell, Jenny Minor, Barbara Murillo, Pastor Darryl & all of our community, Pat Perkins, Jordan Pierce, Linda Pierce, Larissa Ponce, Karla Pujol, Maria Pujol, Masood Khojasteh, Pat Pujol, Rosie Pujol, Henry

Ramos, Abra Rider, Grandfather Rodolfo, Donna Shepherd, Marg Stark, Norma Velez, Stephanie Vigarion, St. John Walker, Diana Ward, Jim Ward, Dick Wayman, Tennie Wiggins, Gracie Winn and Family and Renee Quick.

Prayers of support for the Ceriani family on the passing of Martha Ceriani, The Neal family on the passing of Jayne Neal, The Guarnotta Family on the passing of Tom Guarnotta, The Keenan Family on the passing of Matthew Keenan and the family of Miss Ruth on her passing.

Kendall Cooper and the Cooper family on the passing of Marie Cooper, Michelle Turner on the passing of her father, Sarah Thailing and Thailin/Calbreath family as they grieve the loss of Sarah's mom, Sybil, and the Family of Newman (Sonny) Roscoe Parker, Jr.

We also hold in our prayers the people of Afghanistan, particularly the interpreters and their families left behind when the U.S. withdrew, and the women and girls being taken as wives/slaves by the Taliban. All affected by the Florida condo collapse. The people of Haiti affected by earthquake and facing tropical storms. Community, state, and national leaders. Firefighters and those affected by all the fires in the west U.S. including the families of Chester and Lake Almanor, home of Brooke Gannon. The communities of Boulder CO, Atlanta GA and Orange CA. The peoples of Iran, The Middle East, Europe, India, Myanmar. Unaccompanied minors arriving at US border. Refugees from Latin America in Tijuana, Mexico. Victims of racial injustice in the US. Those directly affected by the coronavirus, especially places with low vaccination rates or with limited vaccine available.