



Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> is the  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday.

Join our Worship Service online on our [YouTube Channel](#)  
& the [KCC Website](#) on Sunday, Jan 16 at 10:30 AM.  
The worship service will be made available on [Facebook](#) Monday, Jan 17.

### **This Week at KCC:**

#### **Sunday, January 16**

10:30 AM      Worship Service will be streamed on our YouTube Channel & website

#### **Monday**

6:30 PM      Theology on Tap will meet via Zoom

#### **Tuesday**

6:45 PM      Yoga with Jerome

#### **Wednesday**

12:00 PM      Noon Bible Study will meet via Zoom

6:30 PM      KCC Youth Group will meet via Zoom

#### **Thursday**

5:30 PM      Yoga with Sünje

**KCC Office Hours:**  
Mon - Thurs  
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
Friday  
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
  
By appointment only

#### **Sunday, January 23**

9:00 AM      Pre-K & K Sunday School with Ms. Marcia will meet via Zoom

10:00 AM      1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School will meet with Ms. Barb via Zoom

10:30 AM      Worship Service will be streamed on our YouTube Channel & website

*Until February 1, 2022, the KCC and KPS Offices will be open to the public by appointment only. If you need to come to campus, please call ahead to 619-284-1129 to make an appointment to volunteer or to meet with a staff member.*

*To keep everyone safe and to comply with new state guidelines for indoor activities, we ask that everyone please continue to always wear a face mask while on campus. Thank you for all your efforts to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.*

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Dear Members and Friends of KCC,

It is our prayer that you and yours are safe and well. We are writing to you today to inform you that as of this Sunday, January 16, KCC will temporarily be moving all worship, faith formation classes, fellowship events, and meetings to online for the remainder of January 2022. We hope to return to in-person worship and activities on February 6, 2022.

We were informed by Pastor Darryl that he is exhibiting symptoms for COVID-19 and the initial test he took at home was inconclusive. He has already taken the step to get tested through his medical provider, but he may not receive his results until the weekend. He is isolating at his home. We pray he receives a negative test result.

We felt the most prudent course of action considering his situation - as well as taking in the most current information about the rise in cases and hospitalizations in our county - was to move all of our programming and worship into a virtual space for the next three weeks. The Council leadership did not make this decision lightly, but believe it is best for our church to do so in the short term. We are hopeful that we will only need to be 100% virtual for these three weeks. But the Council will evaluate our circumstances at the end of January and inform you of our next steps.

As of today, Kensington Preschool remains open and offering a full range of classes. We are also allowing each building user to discern what is best for their group. The church and preschool offices will be limited to visitors by appointment only. If you need to visit KCC, please call ahead and make an appointment; and please be mindful of the safety of our staff and preschool children.

Please feel free to contact us with your questions or concerns. Know that first and foremost on our minds and in our hearts is how to best serve and care for our community and promote physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our people. We know you all join us in praying for Pastor Darryl, our congregation, our community and our world. And we, as always, trust in God to see us through.

Sincerely,

The KCC Church Council

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## MLK DAY Partnership Service Project – CANCELLED

**Due to Pastor Darryl's COVID status and the decision by Council to move to virtual church activities for the remainder of January, the MLK Day Service Project has been cancelled.**



We encourage you to watch “The Blueprint Speech” by Dr. King on your own or with your family. This was the speech we were going to watch together the morning of MLK Day.

Here is the YouTube link to the speech:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmtOGXreTOU&t=59s>

Since we cannot gather to do our service project, we invite any who can and are willing to make a \$10.00 donation to the Alpha Project. We were going to partner with them for the service project in making hygiene kits and lunch for the residents of their shelter. A small donation goes a long way to fulfilling our commitment to provide these necessary items.

To make a donation, visit their website at <https://www.alphaproject.org/donate>.

Please try to mark the significance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in your own way since we cannot be together. Say a prayer, watch and ponder his words and life, and make a donation to those living in poverty in the name of this great American Prophet.

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## Theology on Tap

**Monday, January 17 at 6:30 PM over Zoom**

Our discussion group, Theology on Tap, returns Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. We



will be discussing the themes and theology of a sermon/speech from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. given at Newcastle University. No need to watch the video beforehand. We will watch it together over Zoom. We hope to see you at ToT!

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89848589752>

Meeting ID: 898 4858 9752

Passcode: 975500

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## Pastor Darryl this Week due to his ailment

Pastor Darryl will be working from home until he recovers from his symptoms.

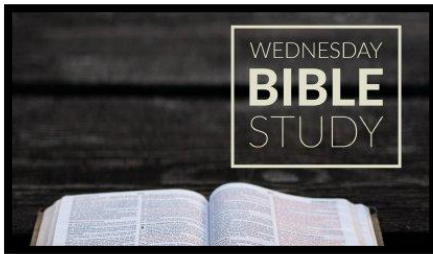
He is available by phone, text, and email.

619-371-7854 or [redheadedpadre@gmail.com](mailto:redheadedpadre@gmail.com)

Tuesdays and Saturdays are his days off.

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## Noon Bible Study on Wednesday, January 19 at 12:00 PM via Zoom.



Our Noontime Bible Study will continue this week at 12 PM over Zoom. We continue to look at Paul's First Epistle to the Church in Thessalonica. Please read the entire letter of I Thessalonians for the Bible Study.

If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Darryl at [darryl@kensingtonucc.com](mailto:darryl@kensingtonucc.com)

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

Meeting ID: 851 8409 7299

Passcode: 049398

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## Faith Formation News



In all Faith Formation Programs, we will go virtual for a couple of weeks. Although this is disappointing, it is important to be safe and find ways to continue to have fun while exploring our spirituality. We promise to bring the fun when we see you on Zoom.

Sometimes ideas become a reality immediately. This photo of Adam and Race dancing to a how-to dance video on the projector was just the beginning of the dance party that ensued at Youth Group a couple of weeks ago. What started as a suggestion for a future event became a reality immediately, thanks to the A/V talents of Eve. Sometimes instant gratification happens and as you can see, it's a lot of fun.

## Upcoming Confirmation Classes

Sorry to say that the MLK Service Project is canceled. In the meantime, please watch the [Blueprint Speech](#) and look for an email with the Zoom link.

Our next Confirmation Class will be held online via Zoom on Sunday, January 30 from 11:00 to 12:00 PM. Both confirmands and mentors should attend this class.

Our first session back in person (hopefully) will be Sunday, February 13 at 11:45 AM. More information and the Zoom links to come.

## Changes in Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on Zoom this Wednesday, January 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to play a scavenger hunt and some Steam games.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81630836977>

Meeting ID: 816 3083 6977

Passcode: 225527

## Changes in Children and Youth Sunday Worship

There is no children and youth worship this Sunday, January 16. Please be patient as we make changes and prepare to take Children and Youth Worship on Zoom on January 23 and 30.

In Children and Youth Worship last Sunday, the group had so much fun playing the “Change of Heart” tag game, as we finished our exploration of the story of Zacchaeus, that we might need to bring it back as soon as we return to in-person worship services.

Each Sunday since September, we read aloud a new paragraph of the [Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Prayer](#) as the opening prayer for the older class. It offered a reminder that God is in all beings, and it demonstrated one of many ways to pray. Adding this prayer was inspired by a book from Women’s Spirituality called *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Just a reminder that each Sunday, we acknowledge that we live and pray on Kumeyaay/Diegueño Peoples’ land during Children and Youth Worship. If you would like a laminated copy of the acknowledgement, please take one from the prayers and offerings table in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, January 30 at 12:30 PM**  
**Kensington Community Church Annual Budget Meeting**  
**Via Zoom**

Come and join your KCC friends as we discuss and pass our Budget for 2022. Plus, celebrate and honor the wonderful contributions of a couple of “KCC Angels” and hear what Pastor Darryl plans to do this summer on his Sabbatical.

[The Budget and the Agenda](#) can be found in the Chimes Newsletter and the front page of our website. If you have any questions on either that you would like to discuss prior to the meeting, please contact Pastor Darryl or our Treasurer, Bob Apgar. They always welcome an opportunity to chat with you.

We look forward to seeing you on Zoom for this very important meeting in the life of our congregation. Your voice and opinions are vital as we discern where God is guiding us in 2022!

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom/j/87091478640>  
Meeting ID: 870 9147 8640  
Passcode: 270021



### **Rachel's House Dinner Service**

**Served Sunday, January 30 | 4:45 PM – Drop off Rachel's House items at KCC**

Rachel's House provides services for women in downtown San Diego. KCC helps by preparing one dinner a month.

In December, the meal was on the 26th. Elizabeth and Bonnie made a pasta with sausage, Sara made mixed vegetables, Kay-Marie and Clydene brought bread, Louise brought fruit, Joanne brought a cheesecake and candy for dessert, and Clydene brought drinks. We also dropped off toiletries and a cash donation made to Rachel's House by a KCC member (thank you!).

The January meal will be on January 30th and Elizabeth has prepared a pasta sauce.

We will need side dishes including salad, fruit, bread, drinks, and dessert.

To sign up, contact Sara by phone or text at 857-222-0017, or sign up at the google doc [CLICK HERE](#) (link also available at the KCC website [kensingtonucc.com](http://kensingtonucc.com) under Serve/Your Neighbors).

# Help Wanted

Kensington Community Church has a few volunteer and paid openings. If you are feeling moved by any of these opportunities, please contact Pastor Darryl at [darryl@kensingtonucc.com](mailto:darryl@kensingtonucc.com) or 619-284-1129, ext. 315.

**Thank you for your commitment of time and talent to our community!**

- ❖ **Assistant A/V Tech:** Be trained in how to work our sound system, video equipment, live streaming software, and post to our digital platforms. Work alongside (*and fill in for*) Eve in the AV room and with our worship leaders to produce our weekly worship service. This is a fun and vitally important ministry of our church!
- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Children & Youth Worship Leader:** have a blast with our children and youth as you work alongside Ms. Barb, Ms. Marcia, and Ms. Lily facilitating song and dance, arts and crafts, and learn the essential for our young ones at our 10:30 AM worship service.
- ~~❖ **Confirmation Mentor:** Partner with one of our amazing Confirmation Youth as they go on their Confirmation journey this Spring. Learn about the essential tenants of our faith, visit houses of worship, participate in service projects, and help our confirmands craft their Covenant.~~ **We filled all of our mentor positions! Thank you!**
- ❖ **Financial Secretary:** help oversee the counting and deposit of the gracious financial gifts KCC receives. Be trained in our database system and help ensure that we have accurate financial records. You will work alongside our Treasurers, other KCC volunteers and our Office Admin, Rosie. No previous accounting or financial services experience required.
- ❖ **Nursery Attendant (*paid position, \$20 per hour*):** Provide nursery care for our infants and small children during Sunday worship and special Church events. This paid position is crucially important to our community as the Nursery Attendant ensures that the Nursery is a welcoming and safe environment for the children.
- ❖ **Usher/Safe Church Monitor:** help our worship leaders and faith formation teachers keep our community safe by monitoring the campus during the 10:30 AM worship service. Ushers also help welcome our friends coming to worship.

*Our prayer this week is a poem by Gwendolyn Brooks entitled,  
"Martin Luther King, Jr."*

*"A man went forth with gifts.*

*He was a prose poem.  
He was a tragic grace.  
He was a warm music.*

*He tried to heal the vivid volcanoes.  
His ashes are  
reading the world.*

*His Dream still wishes to anoint  
the barricades of faith and control.*

*His word still burns the center of the sun,  
above the thousands and the  
hundred thousands.*

*The word was justice. It was spoken.*

*So shall it be spoken.  
So shall it be done."*

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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](mailto: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:**

Gloria Alvarez, Artie, Jason Artiaga, Diane Balletta, Sue Barber, Steve Barclay, Naomi Bellamy, Alicia Blair, Brian Brewster, Abby Burt-Gracik, Jan Burt and Family, Duke Clark, Tricia Connolly, Jack Covy Roman, Carolyn & Steve Davis, Frank Denz, Roy DiBello, Betsie Dudgeon, Little Eli, Our El Nido Family, Bill Ehlers, Glenn, Jaden, Samuel & Isais, Robert Farrell, Margo Fernandez, Jules Fish, Thorn Hartje, Sheila Hauserman, Steven Hilles & Family, Nathan Gleaves, Isaac Gomez, Genevieve Hunt, Eileen Kearns, Masood Khojasteh, Pastor Darryl & all of our community, Chuck Lee, Rich Lo Russo, Cathy Lucas, Lucy Martinez, Richard Measell, Arthur McCanless II, Jenny Minor, Barbara Murillo, Eddie Noah, Jordan Pierce, Linda Pierce, Larissa Ponce, Karla Pujol, Maria Pujol, 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, Simon Yee and Renee Quick.

Prayers of support for the Guth Family on the passing of our former Children's Minister, Gail Guth, The Davis family on the passing of Steve's sister, Trischman family on the passing of Kay Trischman; the Sanchez and Sanchez-Kerr family on the passing of Cristina's grandmother and Maria's mom; 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; Sheryl Chaffe and her family on the passing of Sheryl's dad; the family of Miss Ruth on her passing; and the Torres family on the passing of their husband and father.

We also hold in our prayers all touched by the tornadoes in Kentucky and school shooting in Michigan, all who are traveling during the holidays, the people of Afghanistan, and the women and girls being taken as wives/slaves by the Taliban. 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.