



Prayers and Announcements Friday, February 3, 2023

Our Epiphany journey brings us to Black History Month.
Let us follow poet and activist, Amanda Gorman, in this season of inspiration, and transformation.

“There is always light, if only we’re brave enough to see it.
If only we’re brave enough to be it.”
– from Ms. Gorman’s 2020 inauguration poem, “The Hill We Climb”

Connect with Kensington in person at 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM.
Or Live Stream our 10:30 AM service on the KCC [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).

Sunday, February 5: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:30 AM Sunday Worship In-person
- 9:15 AM Friendship Hour will be hosted in the Courtyard
- 10:30 AM Sunday Worship In-person
 - Molly’s class and the elementary Sunday school class will meet following the Children’s Moment.
- 11:30 AM Friendship Hour will be hosted in the Courtyard
- 12:30 PM Sustaining a Movement at The Table and available on Zoom

Tuesday, February 7

- 10:00 AM Women’s spirituality via Zoom

Wednesday, February 8

- 6:30 PM Youth Group meets in Davis Hall
- 6:30 PM Talk Story in Lander Hall

Sunday, February 12: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:30 AM Sunday Worship In-person
- 9:15 AM Friendship Hour will be hosted in the Courtyard
- 10:30 AM Sunday Worship In-person
 - Molly’s class and the elementary middle Sunday school class will meet following the Children’s Moment.
- 12:00 PM Annual Budget Meeting

Kimi's 4th Annual Memorial **BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, February 25, 2023
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Kensington Community Church | Social Hall
4773 Marlborough Dr., San Diego, CA 92116

Schedule an Appointment Today!

Scan QR Code

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Kimi was a beautiful, vibrant, intelligent young lady who battled Stage 4 Neuroblastoma for 8 ½ years. Sadly, she passed away in January 2019 at the age of 12.

Kimi always maintained an upbeat, positive attitude. She lived life to the fullest with compassion, courage, grace, love, and a great sense of humor. She loved to sing, dance, swim, play guitar, read, and boogie board in the ocean.

Throughout her extensive treatment, Kimi received hundreds of red blood cell and platelet transfusions. To honor Kimi's legacy and help others like her, use code **KMBD** when you check-in at the blood drive.

Photo ID required. Arrive hydrated.



Faith Formation

Sunday School

Following the Children's Moment at the 10:30 AM worship service, Miss Molly's class and the elementary school class will go to Sunday School.



Youth Group – Wednesday, February 8, 2023

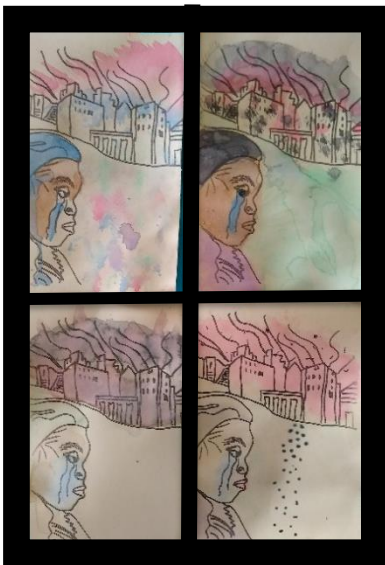
Celebrate Valentine's Day in Youth Group! Bring a Valentine for every member, an annual tradition. Enjoy a Valentine's Day-themed meal. Meet in Davis Hall from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.



Youth Group Overnight

Mark your calendar for the Youth Group Overnight on Friday, March 17 to Saturday, March 18. Play games, watch movies and sleep in the sanctuary. Dinner and breakfast are provided.

In Sunday School



Last Sunday, our kiddos in the elementary Sunday school class learned about the attack on Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar's army.

In the image painted with watercolors, they depicted the chaos and sorrow of the newly exiled people, refugees, who wept as they were forced to leave the burning city. While some children painted, the rest of the class finished their wood frames for the photo wall. Next Friday, check out the photo wall in the Chimes.

Monthly Parent & Guardian Potluck

The next Parent & Guardian Potluck is on Wednesday, February 15 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. At this time, we are not able to offer daycare on February 15.

A BIG Thank You!



Thank you to KCC member, Carol Hill, and our docent, Carolyn Ingham, for a fun-filled and thoughtful tour of the piñatas exhibit at the Mingei International Museum. The group of 15 KCC children and adults learned that piñatas can be any 2- or 3-dimensional object that is constructed from cardboard, crepe paper, and glue. Throughout the hour-long tour, the Holy Spirit moved in and around the children as they joyfully discovered a new lens through which they can view the world.

We Are Hiring Nursery *Attendant*



The nursery attendant provides nursery care for infants and small children during Sunday worship and special Church events.

Click here to view the job description

To apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to
Barbara Runco Barbara@Kensingtonucc.com

Women's Spirituality Meets Over Zoom on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00 AM



The group will discuss [Sister Joan Chittister's interview with Insights at the Edge \(Tami Simon\)](#) during the next Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00 AM.

The podcast is an excerpt from Sister Joan's audio program, *Catching Fire: Being Transformed, Becoming Transforming*, a seven-hour conversation with Tami Simon intended to spark the fire of the divine within each one of us.

Women's Spirituality meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM via Zoom. Please contact Rosie in the Church Office (office@kensingtonucc.com) for more information.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87422453255>

Meeting ID: 874 2245 3255

A password will not be necessary to access the meeting.

Open the Door

Do you remember the children's rhyme, "*Here's the church and there's the steeple. Open the door and see all the people.*" This rhyme is a great example of deep wisdom conveyed in simple lessons. The church is not the pastor and not the building. The church is the people who come to share, to grow, and to serve. At KCC the members of the church are empowered to guide and lead. We come together to give thanks for what God has done and to plan for what's to come.

On **February 12, at 12:00pm** the Council is inviting all to come to the **Annual Budget Meeting**. Members of the church will be able to vote but all will have an opportunity to live their voice. The KCC Council needs enough members to reach a quorum, and pass a budget that fuels our vision into 2023.

The meeting will be less than an hour and will include a fun surprise. This is an important part of being a member at KCC. The door is open, please come take your place at the **Annual Budget Meeting**.

If you would like a copy of the 2023 budget in advance then please contact Rosie via phone or email (*see below for contact information*).

Rachel's House Dinner Service

Rachel's House provides services for women experiencing homelessness in downtown San Diego. KCC helps by making one meal a month. Our January meal was sponsored by Azar and she made roast chicken and turkey with gravy, and a green bean casserole. Sara made mashed potatoes, Brandon made a dinner salad, Beth made a fruit salad, Rachel and Lily made dessert, and Clydene brought iced tea. It was a lovely meal for a cold and rainy January evening! The February meal will be on the 26th and Jodi is sponsoring. She is making a Mardi Gras / New Orleans-themed meal of rice and beans and cornbread. We will need side dishes, dinner salad, fruit, drinks, and dessert. Let Sara know if you can help!

If you'd like to sponsor a meal in 2023, let Sara know at kcc4rh@gmail.com or by phone/text 857-222-0017. The spots are going fast--reserve one today!

- February - Jodi
- March 26 - Carla
- April 30 – Pastor Brandon
- May 28 -
- June 25 - Carla
- July 30 - Beth
- August 27 -
- September 24 -
- October 29 -
- November 26 -
- December 31 -

Also, we will be bringing boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Rachel's House. If you'd like to donate a box, you can purchase from Dorie in Lander Hall after the service, or online (write "Rachel's House" in the address line) at this

link: <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/dorothea984518>

If you attend KCC and have a girl in Girl Scouts, let Sara know and she will allocate the donations among the troops represented at the church.

City Heights 5K and Children's Run



Join our community partner, the Ibarra Elementary School community, and our local mission partner, San Diego Refugee Tutoring Program, and participate in the City Heights 5K and Children's Run. [Register here](#) and join us at North Chollas Community Park on Saturday morning, February 25 for a great time.

Office Hours

The KCC office will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM, and Fridays, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

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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

*Names will remain on the Prayer lists for four months (or longer if we receive updated information about them).

Prayer Circle Members include Cindy Nabizadeh, Kathleen Buttici, Tracey Freeman, Louise Jacobus, Denice Madruga, Carla Mathison, Richard Marcellus, Mallie Odle, Donna Potter, Jennifer Roberts, Barbara Runco, Gayle Trempe, Penny Ward, Brandon Duran, and Rich Wayman.

Please Hold in Your Heart and Lift in Prayer:

A Stranger, Peggy Chism, Stephen Colón, Jack Cory Roman, Steve Davis, Betsie Dudgeon, Rev. Brandon Duran & Family, Jake Forman, Tony Guepin, Jaden and Isaias Sanchez, Jaime Kasutsky, Michael Kerr, Jose Lopez Nava and Family, Erik Mustonen, Mallie Odle, Patrick O'Donnell, Bob Ohanesian, Steve Ohanesian, Becky Pacheco, Rev. Dillon Parson, Roberta, Christina Siau & her family, Patty Smith, Bill Ward and Dick Wayman.

Prayers of support for the friends and family of Lilly, Ron Brown, Helen Vreeland, Dan Durrett, Carolyn Davis, and Kristen Davis, Steve Davis' wife and daughter.

Also, please hold in your hearts, abortion providers and those in need of abortion and enlightenment, for unjust judges, pregnant teens, and women who don't know what to do. Victims of numerous shootings and stabbings in our nation. All touched by the invasion of Ukraine. People and towns in Northern California with damage from the 6.4 earthquake. Our community, state, and national leaders. Victims of racial injustice in the US and

everywhere. Those directly affected by COVID. The new congress, with hopes that they lead with ethics and conscience and not with an agenda of revenge. Those here and around the world with MPox.

Prayer

In honor of Black History Month and in an earnest desire for wisdom, let us pray with Howard Thurman. Rev. Thurman was a 20th century professor and chaplain who had a gift for blending the pastoral heart with a scholars intellect. He served universities and churches including Howard University, the Fellowship Church in San Francisco, Boston University and many more. Howard Thurman was a spiritual mentor for many leaders in the 20th century civil rights movement. Just as his faith was a guide to many long ago, may it be a source of inspiration for us today.

"I need Your sense of time. Always I have an underlying anxiety about things. Sometimes I am in a hurry to achieve my ends and am completely without patience. It is hard for me to realize that some growth is slow, that not all processes are swift. I cannot discriminate between what takes time to develop and what can be rushed because my sense of time is dulled. O to understand the meaning of perspective that I may do all things with a profound sense of leisure of time.

I need Your sense of order. The confusion of the details of living is sometimes overwhelming. The little things keep getting in my way, providing ready-made excuses for failure to do and be what I know I ought to do and be. Much time is spent on things that are not very important while significant things are put in an insignificant place in my scheme of order. I must unscramble my affairs so that my life will become order. O God, I need Your sense of order.

I need Your sense of the future. Teach me to know that life is ever on the side of the future. Keep alive in me the future look, the high hope. Let me not be frozen either by the past or the present. Grant me, O Patient One, Your sense of the future without which all life would sicken and die. Amen."