

FEBRUARY 2026

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- * SUBMISSIONS FOR THE HEARTBEAT CAN BE SENT TO:
- * fcckent@Kentdisciples.org and officeangel@Kentdisciples.org
- * THE HEARTBEAT IS DISTRIBUTED VIA EMAIL ALONG WITH THE MONTHLY CALENDAR
- * IF YOU'D LIKE THE HEARTBEAT MAILED DIRECTLY VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL, THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (INVOLVES A POSTAGE FEE)

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA
ZOOM OR IN PERSON

SUNDAYS @ 10am

First Christian Church of Kent (Disciples of Christ)

OUR HEARTBEAT

As we begin a new year it is important to know the leadership of the church. Here is some information about First Christian Church for 2026 all conveniently packed together. Take a look at it, even keep it on the fridge.

Pastoral Relations Committee: This is the group tasked with positive communication with the Pastor.

Bob Richardson
Betty Sheperd
Chris Medhurst
Chris McMeen
TBD
TBD

Executive Team: This group's job is to organize the Governing Board Meeting and also to make the quick decisions that are necessary

Moderator:	Chris McMeen (2026)
Past Moderator:	Tom Medhurst (2026)
Vice Moderator:	Betty Shepard (2027)
Financial Secretary:	Larry Shepard
Secretary:	Debbie Bondurant (2027)
Treasurer:	Chris Medhurst (2027)

Governing Board : Administers the Business of the church.

At-Large Board Members -

Betty Shepard (2026)
Colleen McMeen (2026)
Phil & Debbie Bondurant (2027)
Judy Aeschliman (2027)
Alecia Sharp (2027)
Laurie Eriks (2028)
Larry Shepard (2028)
Dick Peacock (2028)

Trustees -

Rosalie Sterner (2026)
Jim Osness (2027)
Tom Medhurst (2028)

Diaconate: Prepare and serve communion for every worship service and to clean up after. Greet people and pick-up hymnals, papers, etc. from sanctuary after the service.

Deacon :

Diane Osness (2026)
Steve Reeley (2026)
Teri Riordan (2026)
Paul Luke (2027)
Sandy Reeley (2027)
Steve Riordan (2027)
Jordan Stockwell (2028)
Bonnie Warrick (2028)
Betty Shepard (2028)

Deacon Emeriti :

Portia McGuire
Larry Shepard
Margaret Luke
Jim Osness
Marlyce Osness
Dean Jacot
Frank Osness
Brenda Barnes

Jr. Diaconate:

Ezra Lee (2026)

Elders: are the Spiritual leaders of the church. You have probably been contacted by your Elder, if you haven't or don't think you have an Elder please reach out to the Chair.

Elder:

Chair: Theresa Lee (2026)
Secretary: Amie Jacot
Margaret Luke (2026)
Elaine Patrick (2027)
Nicole McRaney (2027)
Rosalie Sterner (2027)

Elder Emeriti:

Amie Jacot
Bob & Roberta Richardson
Dick Peacock
Joyce Goodale
Nancy Turner

SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Mattresses in a Box Needed

Each month, over 35 homeless families enter our program without beds!

Right now, we need NEW twin sized mattresses in a box because they are easier for our moms to move.

Also needed: twin size blankets, sheet sets and comforters. (new or gently used)

TWIN and FULL size only

You can find suggestions on Amazon under Vine Maple Place Beds– and Linens

Also Needed Diapers & Pull-ups Sizes 5 & 6

We tend to get more new-born and smaller sized diapers than we need because babies grow so fast, mom doesn't always need everything she gets in the beginning.

What we need are larger sizes, especially sizes 5, 6 and Pull-ups.

Please help mom stretch her already tight budget by supplying these essential items.

Regional News



**Friday evening, May 1, 2026* through
Sunday morning, May 3, 2026
at Kennewick Christian Church, WA
(virtual options are also available)**

**Find out all the details and
REGISTER NOW:
[northernlightsdisci-
ples.org/2026-regional-
assembly](https://northernlightsdisciples.org/2026-regional-assembly)**

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist

Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist

Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me

-Rev. Martin Niemöller

**July 13-18, 2026
Summer Youth Camp
Gwinwood Retreat Center**

Important Dates

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship ~ 10:00 am
Coffee Hour & Sunday School ~ 11:00 am

EVERY TUESDAY

Mary/Martha Group ~ 10:30 am

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Bible Study ~ 10:00 am (zoom)
ALL IN Worship ~ 6:00 pm

EVERY THURSDAY

Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

Early Birds @ Maggie's ~ 9:00 am
Hand & Foot ~ 6:00 pm

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

Program Cabinet Meeting ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)
Heartbeat Submission Deadline

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

Elders Meeting ~ 9:00 am

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

Ash Wednesday

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

Disciple Women's Breakfast @ Maggie's ~ 9:00 am
Pinochle ~ 6:00 pm

Continuing to Worship Together

As we worship together, we invite you to participate via zoom or In Person. We continue to care for our church family in the best ways possible.

For anyone that would like to join us via ZOOM, We are happy to help you set this up. Please email Pastor at Colin@kentdisciples.org or Brenda at officeangel@kentdisciples.org for more information. Blessings & safety to all!

Thank You for Serving!

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

02/01	Bob Middleton
02/08	Sung Fitzgerald
02/15	Wil Cabo
02/22	Debbie Pozzi

If you would like to read scripture please contact Elaine Patrick or Amie Jacot

DIACONATE: Betty Shepard
Larry Shepard

SACRISTY: Betty Shepard

SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

02/01	Rosalie Sterner
02/08	TBD
02/15	Elaine Patrick
02/22	TBD

ELDERS Meeting is on the 2nd Saturday of each month, but be sure to reach out to your Elder if you need assistance.

Birthdays

Donovan Norman	02/04
Tom Pozzi	02/07
Bill Lee	02/08
Portia McGuire	02/10
Heidi Yoast	02/10
Jeanne Pearson	02/11
Kavod Iskandar	02/12
Tyla Jones	02/13
Amie Jacot	02/14
Charles Evenson	02/21
Bill Sanford	02/23
Eric Gifford	02/23
Sandy Briggs	02/25
Debbie Bondurant	02/25
Bob Richardson	02/28

Anniversaries

Brenda & Bill Barnes	02/14
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Zoom Links for regular services, studies and groups

Bible Study **Wednesday @ 10am & Thursday @ 7pm**

On Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/7067571886>

Meeting ID: 706 757 1886

+1 253 215 8782 US

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/7067571886>

FCC Kent Worship Sunday @ 10am

Worshiping together in person & on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/659719477>

Meeting ID: 659 719 477

+1 253 215 8782 US

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/659719477>

**Links for meetings are sent to the team members each month before they happen.

UPDATED September 30, 2025

OUR MISSION

1. *To invite people into a loving relationship with God through Jesus Christ;*
2. *To care for each other as children of God;*
3. *To build believers into disciples of Jesus Christ;*

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Colin McRaney
Pastor
Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:30 am—3:00 pm

Penney Young
Office Administrator
Office Hours:
Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Kaelee Bolme
Director of Music Ministry

Brenda Barnes
Office Volunteer

Dan Lenhart
Custodian

AND WE KEEP IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS:

Members At Home — All that are staying in their homes to worship remotely. Praying we all stay safe & healthy.

Those Serving Our Country — Jorge & Celestine Burgos-Erazo
And Our First Responders.

And Don't Forget—Our Church Leaders, Our Community, and Our Friends.

Stewardship Giving Information

Thank you for your continued support of our shared ministry here at First Christian Church of Kent. Your gifts go out into the world, but also work here at home. But that's not all that your gifts do, they feed the hungry, house the homeless, and clothe the naked. These are the things that Christ called us to do.

In these times of uncertainty, the needs that this congregation serves, have not disappeared. They are growing. Together we are able to do the work that God has called us to, the work that Christ taught us to do. You can mail offering directly to the church at:

First Christian Church
PO Box 5009
Kent, WA 98064

or contact Larry for online options. Which are either your bank bill payer or the FCC website using Stewardship Technology

If you would like your giving statement mailed out, let Larry know.

253-656-9856 or lshepard46@hotmail.com

Our Invitation to You

The invitation of God's love is perfect and unconditional. Our invitation to you is unconditional as well. Regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, political stance, age, or ability, ALL are welcome. Period.

We are not perfect, but our invitation is heartfelt, and it is faithful.

We welcome all of God's creation to worship, serve, and participate with us in any capacity.

Christ's example of God's love guides our worship, our work, and our welcome, and it dwells at the center of our commitment to be an intentionally creative, inclusive, nurturing, and inter-generational church.

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