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First Christian Church of Kent  
(Disciples of Christ)

# OUR HEARTBEAT

## From the Pastor

Easter is over. Easter is here.

Easter is a holiday, famous for bunnies, candy, and confusion about what bunnies and candy has to do with Jesus. But truly Easter is like the phrase, the King is Dead, Long live the King. This phrase came from 15th Century France, a time of monarchy in need of continuity. The phrase announces the death of the king at the same time announcing the ascension of the next. No gap.

Easter is not here and then gone. The statement that “Christ is Risen” is a statement that is true every day. The seasons may change and they are certainly changing rapidly now, but the reality of the resurrection doesn’t. We are an Easter people, we live life knowing that Christ is Risen and the tomb is empty. We live in the truth that though death still lingers, its power is over. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8:38-39



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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON

**SUNDAYS @ 10am**

## SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

**VINE**   
 MAPLE PLACE  
 ENDING HOMELESSNESS

**25**  
 YEARS



### STEAM Girls Need Supplies

Our STEAM Girls are diving into science, math, technology, and the arts—challenging traditional boundaries.

We need supplies this month for hands-on science experiments:

Double-Tipped Cotton Swabs

Sensitive Eyes Saline Solution, Gentle Daily Rinse for Soft & Gas Permeable Contact Lenses, with Potassium

Uncoated White Paper Plates

Water Spray Bottle BPA Free -10 oz/300 ml with Adjustable Nozzle

4" Terracotta Clay Pots with Drainage Hole

Cream of Tartar Food-grade

Sea Salt Fine Grain

Baking Soda

Play-Doh 3 Oz Cans of Assort. Colors

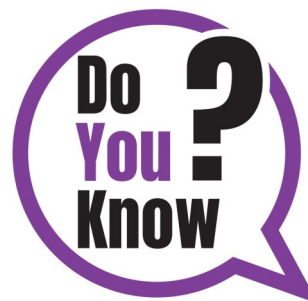
Mentos Chewy Mint Candy Roll

Safety Glasses Clear Anti-Fog Goggles Over-Spec Glasses Protective Eye Wear Industrial Approved Wide-Vision

Pom Poms Balls , Assorted Size & Color with or without Wiggle Eyes



I want to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt this year. It takes a lot of people to hide eggs, supervise the activities, and greet the families. I couldn't do it alone. I want to give a special thank you to Susan Greathouse and her jeep club. They provided eggs and beautifully decorated jeeps to entertain the families. They also were in costumes to interact with children, and have pictures made. They added greatly to the fun of the afternoon. Thanks to the Easter Bunny who sat for pictures, and made the day special.



Anyone in our extended church family that is graduating from High School this Spring?

If so please let your Elder or the Office know.

## 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)

### **FIRDAY MAY 1ST—SUNDAY MAY 4TH**

Colin @ Northern Lights Regional Assembly ~  
Kennewick Christian Church

### **SATURDAY MAY 2ND**

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

### **SATURDAY MAY 9TH**

Elder's Meeting ~ 9:00 am

### **TUESDAY MAY 12TH**

Executive Board Meeting ~ 6:00 pm (Zoom)  
Program Cabinet Meeting ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)  
Heartbeat Submission Deadline

### **SATURDAY MAY 16TH**

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

### **TUESDAY MAY 26TH**

Governing Board Meeting ~ 7:00pm (Zoom)




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## 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](mailto:Colin@kentdisciples.org) or Brenda at [officeangel@kentdisciples.org](mailto:officeangel@kentdisciples.org) for more information. Blessings & safety to all!

## Thank You for Serving!

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

05/03	Debbie Bondurant
05/10	Rhys McRaney
05/17	Charles Evenson
05/24	Troy Stewart
05/31	Phil Bondurant

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

**DIACONATE:** TBD

**SACRISTY:** Bonnie Warrick

### SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

05/03	Margaret Luke
05/10	Nicole McRaney
05/17	Theresa Lee
05/24	Elaine Patrick
05/31	Rosalie Sterner

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

### Birthdays

Amanda Norman	05/02
Alan Carter	05/04
Nathan Voliva	05/09
Allen Michler	05/13
Kate Chamberlain	05/20
Kate Colby	05/21
Jason Lee	05/24

### Anniversaries

Russ & Dorothy Gifford	05/02
Charles Evenson & Troy Stewart	05/26



### 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/u/adGxrczSLO>

**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/u/adGxrczSLO>

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

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## 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](tel:253-656-9856) or [lshepard46@hotmail.com](mailto: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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