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First Christian Church of Kent
(Disciples of Christ)

OUR HEARTBEAT

From the Pastor

- * THE HEARTBEAT IS PUBLISHED EACH MONTH
- * THE HEARTBEAT DEADLINE IS THE SAME DAY AS MONTHLY PROGRAM CABINET MEETING
- * 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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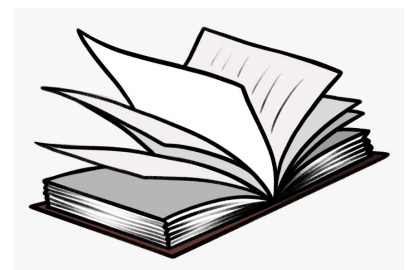
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP VIA
ZOOM OR IN PERSON

SUNDAYS @ 10am

When a book, any physical book, is well used, it tends to fall open to its most used section. I have a cookbook at home that falls open to the page for blintzes. For the life of me I cannot remember the recipe and have to reference it every time. The same is true for other books, especially scripture.

Within the many stories, lessons, and laws found within our scriptures, we have our favorites; the scriptures that we turn to time and time again. Scriptures that we find authoritative, inspiring, or simply good for the soul. These scriptures, while good, can also form a barrier to the other scriptures in the Bible. Why turn to Jeremiah when Isaiah is so well loved? And that is the rub, "Why turn to Jeremiah when you know Isaiah?" Because Jeremiah is not Isaiah. They are both prophets and speak a great deal to the nature of the relationship between God and humanity, but that is about all they have in common. This is true of all the books and even whole sections of scripture. Why read the Old Testament when the New Testament is the part with Jesus in it. Well, the Old Testament is the part that Jesus read and taught; the scriptures that he came to fulfil rather than destroy.

A well-worn Bible is a wonderful thing and having favorites is no bad thing. But may we remember that there are many more pages beyond and behind the places that our Bibles fall open.



SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Yardwork Volunteers: URGENT NEED

Spring is here! Help create safe, welcoming spaces for families escaping homelessness. Tasks include mowing, yard work, gardening, and beautification projects. This is a great group project! Grab your friends, church, group for a work party.

Location: Maple Valley
Shifts: Day and evening

Employment and Financial Coaches

Work directly with Moms and Dads by teaching employment and financial skills, supporting resume writing, job searching, budgeting, and coaching families as they move toward stability and self sufficiency.

Location: Maple Valley & Kent
Shifts: Day and evening

Front Desk Support

Support the work behind the scenes that keeps Vine Maple Place running smoothly by assisting our Intake and Housing team. Responsibilities include welcoming families and community members, answering phones, making client calls, and supporting front-end communication and coordination.

Location: Kent
Shifts: Morning and afternoon

Children & Youth

Kids escaping homelessness carry heavy burdens. Volunteers work directly with ages 0 to 18, giving them a safe place to grow through tutoring, mentoring, and fun, structured activities.

Location: Maple Valley & Kent
Shifts: Day and evening



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



FCC Tacoma Rainer Game

Date: Sunday July 5, 2026
Time: 1:30 pm First Pitch
Place: Cheney Stadium
Price: \$5.00 per ticket

If you are interested, please sign up ASAP, on the sheet in the Narthex.

We will need at least 20 tickets sold to receive this price.

Please sign up by June 21st, 2026



Dear Church Family:

I want to extend my deepest appreciation for all your kind words and hugs and cards and prayers for me and my family during the last few months while my parents were entering their final weeks. We knew dad's passing was near but mom really surprised us. It is quite rare for elderly couples to pass within three hours of each other, so I know in my heart that after 73 years of marriage and a true team with their farming together and church work together, that mom wasn't about to let dad go to their Heavenly Father without her by his side. They are at peace now without frail aching bodies. We had a beautiful service at the Pendleton First Christian Church where mom and dad met in their high school youth group and were married there. They were very active in their church as deacons, elders, teachers, board members, etc. I'm sure the heavenly angels have put them to work.

Debbie and Phil Bondurant

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 JUNE 6TH

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

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH

Senior Sunday

TUESDAY JUNE 9TH

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

SATURDAY JUNE 13TH

Elder's Meeting ~ 9:00 am
KSD Graduation

SUNDAY JUNE 14th

Father's Day

THURSDAY JUNE 18TH

KSD Last Day of School

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH

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

06/07 Walter Fitzgerald
 06/14 Alecia Sharp
 06/21 Bob Richardson
 06/28 Brenda Barnes

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

DIACONATE: Larry Shepard
Betty Shepard

SACRISTY: Betty Shepard

SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

06/07 Nicole McRaney
 06/14 Rosalie Sterner
 06/21 Theresa Lee
 06/28 Elaine Patrick

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

Birthdays

Cheryl Lopez	06/05
Tom Medhurst	06/07
Russ Gifford	06/10
Ryan Gowin	06/18
Ken Wiley	06/20
Margaret Harris	06/23
Frank Osness	06/24
Bob Middleton	06/25
Kaelee Bolme	06/26

Anniversaries

Ron & Krystal Kistler	06/23
Kate & Kyle Colby	06/30



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.

UPDATED April 23, 2026

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

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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