

AUGUST 2025

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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

"i thank You God for this amazing"

**i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes**

**(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)**

**how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?**

**(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)**

E. E. Cummings



SERVING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Mary Martha Quilting

Mary Martha meets every Tuesday from 10:30am to 3:00pm. Right now, I am the only person who comes on Tuesdays. Last year, Amie Jacot made about 20 quilt tops of all sizes from Mary Martha fabric. I will then complete them by creating a backing, cutting the batting to the right size, and then pinning the top to the other layers. This is called sandwiching the quilt. We have 17 quilt tops that need to be sandwiched together.

GRADUATES About 3 years ago, we started to give quilts to our graduating seniors. Sarah Aeschliman was our first recipient. Fortunately, I had a nice completed quilt ready to give to her. Last year, Kyle Briggs received a black, gray and white quilt. This year Jordan Stockwell received a red and black quilt.

Many of the quilts that have been completed were given to Vine Maple Place. This is where most of the 17 quilt tops will be given.

Amie also made two baby quilt tops from fabric from Jo Leyerly and Mary Martha fabrics. I put them together, and we gave them to Stephanie Staylen for her niece and nephew.

Help! I could use help in sorting out fabric and measuring. Last year we received several boxes of fabric from a member's mom. It would be nice to have these measured and labeled, as it makes it much easier to see what you have, so you don't have to re-measure it all the time. If Tuesdays don't work for you, we can also meet another day or evening to measure.

We have lots of fabric, so please don't hesitate to ask if you need any.






Teri Riordan



Back-to-School BBQ



Help throw the biggest kids party of the year—filled with games, learning, and backpacks full of school supplies!

Volunteer Opportunities:

-  Grill burgers & hot dogs
-  Run a game or craft table
-  Set up & clean up
-  Serve food
-  Assist with parking
-  Be a greeter



Event Dates:

-  Maple Valley – Tuesday, August 19 | 5:00–7:30pm
-  Kent – Thursday, August 21 | 5:00–7:30pm



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual All Church Potluck Picnic

Sunday August 17th, 2025

12:00 Noon (right after church)

At the Jacot's home

13841 SE 60th St.

Kent, WA 98042

If the Jacot's are not home yet, please wait they will be there shortly



Route from the church:

Turn right on 240th as you exit from church

Right on 132nd

Left on 256th

Right on 140th, by Elementary School & Fire Station

Right on 260th, private road just past mail boxes

Left on 3rd driveway and all the way down

Bring your suit and a towel if you want to swim or play in the water.

There are 2 paddle boats, and 2 surf boards, lots of life jackets

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 !N Worship ~ 6:00 pm
(check with office for the Summer Schedule)

EVERY THURSDAY

Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm (Zoom)

SATURDAY AUGUST 2ND

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

Friday August 8th—Friday August 15th

Colin on Vacation

SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH

Elders Meeting ~ 9:00 am

TUESDAY August 12th

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

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH

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

Wednesday August 27th

1st Day of School ~ KSD



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

08/03	Karen Alliston
08/10	Phyllis Simpson
08/17	Theresa Lee
08/24	Betty Shepard
08/31	TBD

If you would like to read scripture please sign up on Sunday or contact Elaine Patrick

DIACONATE: Steve Riordan
Teri Riordan
Debbie Bondurant
Jr. Deacon J

SACRISTY: Margaret Luke

SUNDAY WORSHIP ELDERS:

08/03	Betty Shepard
08/10	Margaret Luke
08/17	TBD
08/24	Rosalie Sterner
08/31	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

Alecia Sharp	08/04
Laurie Eriks	08/13
Anitra Hooper	08/17
Jim Osness	08/18
Helen Lord	08/21
Anthony Huber	08/26
Liz Harris	08/28

Anniversaries

Colin & Nicole McRaney	08/04
Paul & Margaret Luke	08/14
Dean & Amie Jacot	08/16
Larry & Betty Shepard	08/24



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 June 12, 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](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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