

A Treasured Historic Landmark



The First Congregational Church of Los Guilicos first met on July 13, 1887, at the Old Kirkwood Hotel. By May 28, 1888, a new church building had been erected at Los Guilicos

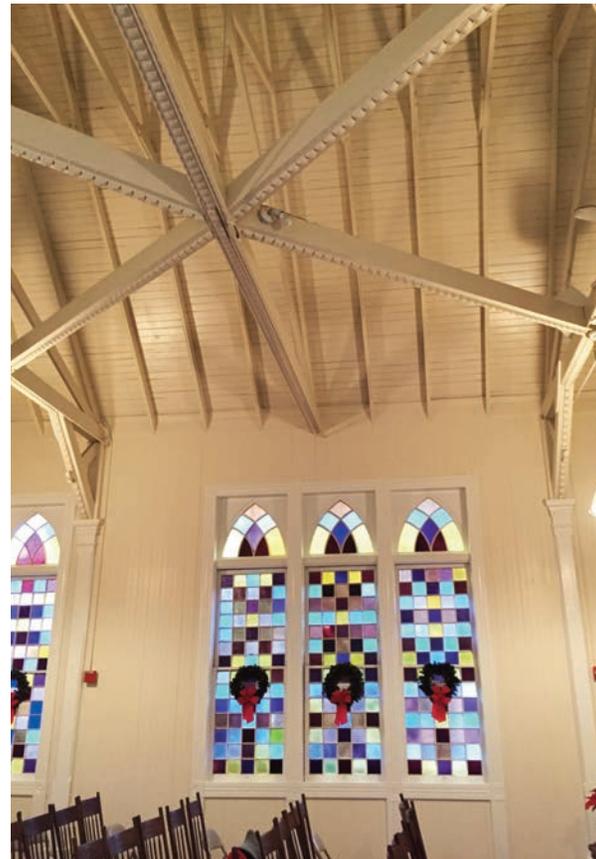
and Laurel Streets at a cost of \$2,500; the deed is dated 1893. The location proved to be too swampy and muddy, so a lot at the present site on Channing Row was acquired and the church was moved in 1895. The 1897 *Atlas* reads, "It has been from the beginning a central point around which the social life of the town developed..."

In October 2017, historic wildfires destroyed hundreds of homes and dozens of lives were lost in Kenwood, Glen Ellen, Oakmont, and areas of Santa Rosa, including homes of a number of church members and their friends, families, and neighbors. The church survived and now hosts a Fire Victims Recovery and Support Group.

Kenwood Community Church continues to strive to be a vital part of life in Kenwood and surrounding communities in the Sonoma Valley. We are proud to be the stewards of this historic landmark and community centerpiece.

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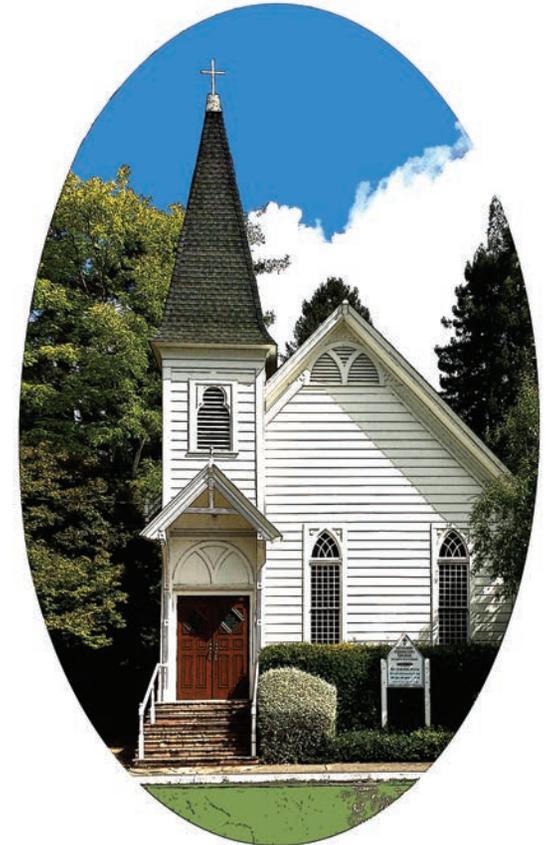
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A welcoming wine country landmark since 1888

An Invitation to You



The congregation of Kenwood Community Church would like to invite you to come for a visit. If you are already a visitor, we hope that you might consider making this your new church home. You will find a warm, open and affirming community here, one in which everyone is welcomed

and included in our journey of faith together. Truly, “No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.”

This historic church building has been a part of Kenwood life and history for over 130 years. Erected in 1888 in the Carpenter Gothic architectural style, the building was originally built in a location that proved too swampy, so the church was moved to its present location in 1895 by teams of horses pulling it on log rollers!

The Sanctuary remains little changed, with a light, bright interior, colorful stained-glass windows, a simple but elegant raised chancel with a spare white cross, and the original comfortable Windsor chairs—all evoking a warmth and history that only 130+ years can provide.

We are a small progressive Protestant congregation, affiliated with the United Church of Christ (www.ucc.org). But our members represent a wide variety of denominations, backgrounds, and

beliefs, making this truly a Community Church.

What you will feel is the presence of God in this place and the peace that comes from Christian lives lived here. Fellowship and friendships, new and old, permeate the space and bring smiles to the faces of the folks you’ll meet. This is a good place to live out your life, and to find meaning, purpose, and community.

Worship Services

Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:30 am, followed by coffee and fellowship time. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month. Special worship services and celebrations include Holy Week and Easter, Advent with Angels during December, and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols.

The Life of the Church

Everyone is welcome at the potluck lunch held the second Sunday of each month, where old friends and new get to know one another better. In addition, we have active groups for men



(MOM: Magnificent Old Men) and women (WOW: Women of the World) that meet monthly for social and benevolent activities, including Christmas Adopt-a-Family. We celebrate St. Patrick’s and Valentines’ Days with sit-down dinners, and on the 4th of July we hold a Pan-

cake Breakfast and Silent Auction (our major fundraiser and community outreach) in conjunction with the Kenwood 4th of July parade. In December, grandkids, neighbors, and friends gather for a Gingerbread House Decorating Extravaganza; all who attend worship during Advent season are given an angel ornament with which to help decorate the Christmas tree.

We also have a seasonal choir and adult education including Bible and book study groups, hands-on local benevolences and outreach activities, always amazing music, Wine Country Weddings, and a weekly e-newsletter to keep you up on what’s happening.

Other Special Services

Kenwood Community Church is a charming and historic location for your Wine Country Wedding; please take a copy of our brochure



“Planning Your Wedding” for information about the services we can provide you.

We delight in baptisms, and our entire congregation will be thrilled to support young families who choose to baptize their children here.

This is also a meaningful place in which to honor and celebrate the life of your loved one, and in which to receive comfort and support during your time of loss; a brochure, “Memorial & Funeral Services” is available to guide you.

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