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The Newsletter of Kennewick First United Methodist Church
August 2011



Blue Lake Campout September 2 - 5

Make this the year that you join others in your church family for a relaxing and enjoyable Labor Day weekend at Jim Moore's Blue Lake Campground.

There are many fun activities to choose from, including:

- Water activities . . . Swim, or if you have one, bring a boat to share
- Climb the "wall"
- Hike, play games, fly kites
- Sit around the campfire and eat s'mores . . . and other tasty treats
- Choose to drive to Grand Coulee for the laser light show
- Enjoy Sunday worship in the outdoor chapel
- Visit the Dry Falls area

RV Spaces are limited, so plan to reserve your spot early. Tent spaces are also available with plenty of parking. To reserve a spot, or if you have any questions or need a map, please call the church office, 582-2163.

A Parka or a Blanket?



Sometimes it takes more than a parka or a blanket to keep another person warm.
Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend.

Stephen Ministers are the warmth of God's love for those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting?

Consider serving as a Stephen Minister. Begin by talking with Pastor Roger or Pastor Mark and then fill out an application. Call 582-2163 or stop by the church office.

From Stephen Series System Management, "Real Men Who Are Stephen Ministers," S-4A (9) p. 47

News from the Youth and Education Department

Middler Trip Adventure From July 13th to the 17th, the Jr. High youth and their leaders were on the annual Middler Adventure to the Portland-Vancouver area and Ocean Park. The 23 middle schoolers and 13 adults who braved the adventure learned what it looks like to be "livin' on a

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prayer.” The youth had a great time spending time with one another in fellowship, worship, and Bible study.

Thank you to all the 2010-11 leaders who worked so hard and sacrificed their free time and vacation time to be wonderful mentors and role models of what living faith truly looks like. These leaders are: Denise Barcot, Randy & Cynthia Bement, Tyler Boice, Kelly Dean, Logan Dodd Moore, Brett Hogg, Kevin Howard, Kelly Hopkins, Jake Lysher, Lori Porter, Shane Shippet, Melani St. John, and Mike Thien. Thanks also go to the congregation for supporting this group of young people this entire year and helped make this trip possible through your generous donations, support, and countless prayers.

Mission Trip – June 19 – 26 Thank you to everyone who supported the Sr. High youth this year, making this year’s mission trip possible. The Sr. High Youth group and leaders went to the Centralia/Chehalis area to provide relief to victims of the flood that hit there three years ago. The group divided into three work teams and helped out on various work sites; work included moving a two-roomed school house, putting up gutters and graveling a driveway, building a swing set, planting a flower bed, building a cement wheelchair ramp, helping to remove flood debris, building stairs for a basement, and even re-siding a house! The youth not only grew closer to one another, but also grew in their faith. They led worship for their peers in that community, and planned and ran an event for area children. If you want to hear what it looks like to live out your faith, talk to anyone of the 44 youth and adults who attended this life-changing mission trip!

Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church

World Relief Concert You are invited to attend a benefit concert for Tri-Cities refugees on **Thursday, August 18, at 7 p.m.** at Kennewick First United Methodist Church! The concert will feature local musicians and the opportunity to hear refugees tell their stories. Refreshments will be available during intermission. All donations will go into World Relief’s housing fund, and will be tripled through the new Office of Refugee Resettlements' Match Grant Program. World Relief places approximately 250 refugees in the Tri-Cities each year. Suggested donation is only \$5. Please contact the Bengtson family at [509-628-8019](tel:509-628-8019) for more information.

Around the Church

- ✚ Our Altar Decoration Coordinator is looking for volunteers to replace some who have retired. If you can offer to take a week periodically throughout the year, that would be very helpful. Many hands make light work! Contact Phyllis Merrill at 586-3784 for all the details. It’s very easy, some supplies are available, and she has great suggestions if you need ideas. Thanks!
- ✚ Nancy Osborn is putting together a work team of trustees and interested gardeners to trim the arborvitae at the parsonage, Roger’s home. She will be scheduling it to everyone’s

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availability. Please call her at 582-5924 (h) or 460-2304 (cell) or email her at nlosborn@charter.net .

- ✚ Communion servers are needed for the second, or traditional, service at 10:30 am to assist in giving of the elements on the **first Sunday** of each month. Please contact Koren Burling at 585-9168 or email her at korenurling@me.com if you can help.



IS IT YOU?!

I know someone in our spiritual community who is blessed with the gifts of Mercy, Nurturing, Caring . . . I hope you decide to join our Stephen Ministry classes which start when Cornerstone meets in September!

News from our Church Family

- ✚ *Emma Wentz* will celebrate her 102nd birthday on August 5th! Congratulations, Emma!

- ✚ Congratulations to our July wedding couples!

- ♥ Mr. and Mrs. Tyler and Sarah (Mowry) Butler, July 9
- ♥ Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Eve (Andrews) Choate, July 22
- ♥ Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Jocelyn (Bement) O'Donnell, July 23

- ✚ Keep in your prayers . . .
Josh Pearson, Joseph Ahrend, Bud McClain, Melissa Nickolaus

- ✚ Please pray for Mary and Arlen Gadeken and their family on the passing of Mary's father, *Don Stevens*, July 28.

- ✚ *Thanks to KFUMC for your prayers, lovely cards, and offers of assistance while Phil underwent back surgery on July 20, at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland. Phil is recuperating at home and has a ways to go, but we are seeing improvement daily. Our three children timed visits to be able to provide transportation while Phil heals. We truly have been blessed, and pray that others are blessed as well.*

Mary and Phil LaMont

- ✚ Nancy Lawrence will host a birthday party on Monday, September 5, for her father, *Larry Riggs*, who will be turning 100! The open house will be held at *Fleur de Lis*, from 2 – 4 pm. The address is 3117 S Fisher Court house #IV, in Kennewick.

"No gifts please, just the pleasure of your company will bring that famous smile of his that I have loved so."

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Fleur de Lis is right behind the Rehab facility on the corner of 27th and Ely; however, travel another block on Ely, turn right, and then turn right again. Look for the balloons!

If you need further directions, give Nancy a call at 582-8576



Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your donations. I raised \$159 for Safe Harbor!

Abby Swanson



IT MAY BE A S-T-R-E-T-C-H

BUT GIVE IT A TRY – TRAIN FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY

ADAPTED FROM STEPHEN SERIES SYSTEM MANAGEMENT, "REAL MEN WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS," S-4A (9), P. 66.

Mission News

Camp Mekokiko Mission Trip, July 2 - 9 Eleven adventurers made the long journey to the Big Island of Hawaii to continue building at Camp Mekokiko. Camp Mekokiko rises toward Mauna Kea Summit, and upon completion, will boast miles of trails winding through a rain forest. The camp is too big to view from any one place on the property. Walking along those trails when the camp is completed will reveal almost hidden among its trees, hills, and gullies: a multi-purpose conference center, a crafts and activity barn, a chapel atop meditation hill, dorms, cottages, rustic camp sites, fire pits, pastures, an arboretum, meditation gazebos, and ancient historic artifacts. A secure facility, in the rain forests of Hawaii, yet within a one-hour drive of Hilo or Kona, it is an ideal retreat getaway for family, church, school or business, whether the need is modern facilities, or camping grounds with real dirt and grass sites for pitching a tent (and we've even covered most of them with wide roofs against rain to give campers the best of all worlds!).

Our Kennewick 1st team worked on the cottages--completing counters and storage shelves, trimming out windows and doors, and painting both of these projects. Mark, Roger and Nancy also made the circuit of the camp, cleaning trees and foliage from the fence line. We were

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blessed to have two wonderful cooks with us to keep our energy up. Hint: you do NOT lose weight on one of our mission trips!

Another opportunity to help make this camp a reality will happen October 15-22 (please see the next article for more information), and again next July. Sign up now!



It's Always Summertime at Camp Meko! It's time to start thinking about signing up for the ***fall*** Mission team serving at Camp Meko! This beautiful Methodist church camp is on the Big Island of Hawaii and the trip will be **October 15-22**. Vic Reeve will be leading this group, his first official mission team, and it is sure to be exciting and fun! ***Listen for an upcoming briefing date soon.*** Contact Vic at rfarm@clearwire.net if you would like more information. We will need enthusiastic volunteers of all ages! Camp Meko is the only United Methodist Church Camp in the entire South Pacific and truly special. Come and see for yourself! Mahalo.

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New Mission Opportunity Are you aware of and concerned about the needs of our church and community members?

The Missions Commission is asking for three to six people who have the desire and knowledge to discreetly get resources to people who might need a bit of help. Interested persons would have opportunities to obtain and disseminate funds to needy individuals. Those folks who are interested can contact Koren Burling at korenburling@me.com or through her cell, (509) 987-3765, for more information.

Prayer Shawls Our Prayer Shawl ministry surrounds those going through times of distress with warmth and comfort. If you are able to knit, or would like to learn how, please contact Pat Walker at 585-5170 or Vicki Crosby at 585-0628 to help with this wonderful mission. If you are not gifted in this way, you can still help through the gift of yarn! Lion's Brand "Home-Spun" yarn makes wonderfully soft shawls, and it takes **3 skeins** to make one shawl. Every shawl is prayed over for the recipient and the prayers are felt long after the crisis is over. Thanks to those who have donated yarn recently, your gift will be passed on!

News from Njukinjiru Additional Njukinjiru Projects

Last month we wrote about three major needs for funds in Njukinjiru: The Church Fellowship/Community Hall, the Kirige Day School Kitchen and Dining Hall, and the Maternity Ward at the Dispensary. Further, we lifted up the hope of establishing a youth mission fund to help send two youth to Njukinjiru next time we visit; we hope that will be in 2013.

Now we would like to share some additional needs which may pique your interest in further assistance. First, there is always the need for assistance with school fees for the children of "families of humble financial means." One hundred dollars will help an elementary - sophomore student for an entire year. One hundred fifty dollars will help a high school student in their junior and senior year.

Any amount given for books for children and youth of any age is always welcome.

Linnet, an accomplished young woman from the village of Njukinjiru, has been accepted into the masters of Clinical Psychology program at Nairobi University, but she lacks the tuition of \$8,000 per year for two years (total - \$16,000) to accept her enrollment. Might you be interested in helping this fine young woman complete her studies?

In the wider community there is an assortment of medical needs. Doctors are always needed for 6 months to a year or more of service at the Maua Mission Hospital. AIDS diagnostic software is also needed at the hospital. Doctors and nurses are needed on a short-term basis for wellness checkups and miscellaneous services. Chickenpox vaccine is needed and is not provided by the Kenyan government.

Please prayerfully consider your response. Speak with Pastor Roger, or any member of the recent Njukinjiru mission team about these needs and how you might get involved. Nancy Osborn, Lee Scott, Jerry Hansen and Diane Hansen were on the most recent team.

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Dear Rev Roger,

Warm greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ and Saviour. The church and Njukinjiru community thank you very much sincerely for your good given heart to think and care for God's children here in Njukinjiru and other parts of the world. This is so because the schools and the church you are supporting are all part of Njukinjiru.

Praise be the glory of our Lord. The congregation of the church felt very much touched when they heard the funds you sent to assist:-

- (i) Emily Kawira in her Education bearing in mind she had lost her father, they said that God is God of miracles and his holy name should be praised always. See mother Emily letter of appreciation attached.
- (ii) Njukinjiru Primary School to buy balls and other need, said that your memory will be in our minds for ever. The occasion was witnessed by Mr. John Nteere Njukinjiru Church Chief Shepherd who blessed the occasion and prayed for you, your churches and your people. Attached in the pictures is part of Njukinjiru primary school children who received the balls on behalf of others because it was on weekend (Saturday) and student don't attend schools on weekends always. See the letter of appreciation from Head teacher.
- (iii) Solomon Kiogora's mother when she received the money was over joyed and thanked you very much. See the letter of appreciation from Kiogora attached.
- (iv) As for Kirige Day Secondary School the principal and staffs appreciated very much and we agreed with the principal Margaret Mutuma to send you a letter of appreciation. See the receipt of acknowledgment attached.

We have lost one of the path finders of the church and the first teacher in Nju, Mr. Edward M'Itonga, (Burial 5th July 2011).

On the community all the church collected Kshs. 36,000 on 22/05/2011 and so many members requested to be given time to harvest what was in their shamba, that is what we have been waiting for before we can give you the report of the Hall, so far not much is forth coming because of financial weather but we believe in God that the impossible are possible.

Sorry for the delay in communicating to you about these reports. It was due to Headmaster Njukinjiru Primary School who requested to be given time to call the management committee to discuss on what could be the urgent matter to be addressed with the balance of ball money and that is when they agreed on the metal bar goal post.

May God bless you mightily. We keep you in prayers until we meet 2013 we wish it could be nearer.

Nelson Kamakia

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NJUKINSIRU PRY SCHOOL
P.O. Box 232-60200
MERU.
04-07-2011.

Dear Roger,

Receive our cordial greetings in the name of Jesus.

On my behalf and on behalf of school children and the school community at large wish to express our heartfelt gratitude following your generosity that you extended to us by sending Ksh 37,335.20 to purchase balls for our children. Children were very happy and prayed that you live longer.

I wish to inform you that we bought enough balls and installed permanent metal goal posts with the balance. The football pitch is now up to standard.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours
Amang Kirimi James
H/teacher.

Our friends in Njukinjiru, Kenya, express thanks for the funds from KFUMC that allowed them to purchase soccer balls and permanent metal goal posts. In the letter following, Emily Kawira's mother gives thanks for the monies donated for Emily's education.

LUCY MUTHORA
Box 1064
MERU
2-7-2011

Dear Nkacy Osborn.

I greet in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, first to thank you for your wholeheartedly deeds.

I received 25,582 KES from Nelson Kamuki on 20th-6-2011.

I used the money to pay Emily fees and some for her personal effect and the rest to buy food.

I sincerely thank you, Redger bar and the whole team for your ~~supp~~ support. may the almighty God bless you abundantly.

yours
Lucy Muthora.

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The children of Njukinjiru enjoying the soccer balls purchased with donations from Kennewick First.



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Methodist Church
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8 am - noon and
Monday through Friday

(509) 582-2163

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www.kennewickfirst.com

1 Peter 4:10 NRSV

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”



A Stephen Minister Training class will be starting when Cornerstone classes begin this September. Contact Pastor Roger or Pastor Mark at 582-2163 if you have questions or want to fill out an application.

**Due date for September 2011 Clarion articles
is August 15. Please e-mail them to:
debra@kennewickfirst.com**



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