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The Newsletter of Kennewick First United Methodist Church
February 2012



Interim Pastor Named

The Reverend Jerry Poole has been named as Interim Pastor of our church beginning February 1. Rev. Poole is a Presbyterian minister who has had special training within that denomination as an interim pastor. He has served as an interim pastor in nine different congregations for an average term of about two years each. He just finished an interim appointment on January 15 at the Covington United Methodist Church near Kent. He's also served a term as the rough equivalent of a District Superintendent within the Seattle area of the Presbyterian Church.

Jerry grew up in Yakima and graduated from Washington State University with a degree in psychology. During his seminary training in Pasadena, CA, he worked one summer as an intern at the Central United Protestant Church in Richland.

Bishop Hagiya's intent is that Jerry's appointment here will be for a period of 17 months. That would allow the church to stabilize operation of its new organizational structure and start implementation of new initiatives derived from the recently completed visioning process. A regular appointment would then be made at the traditional time in June of 2013.

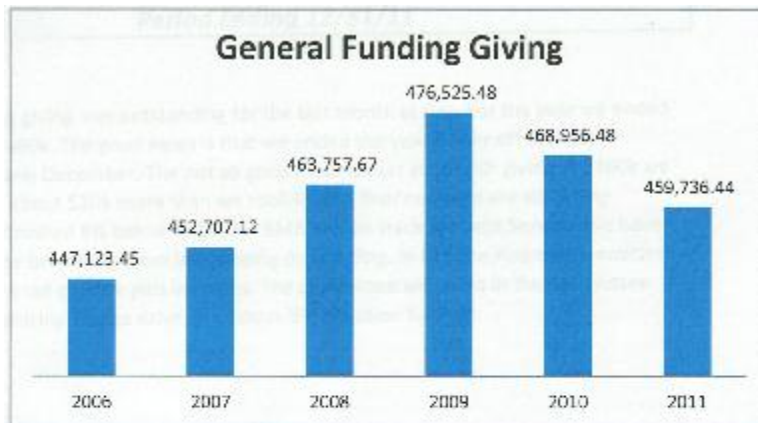
Year End Summary of KFUMC Finances

The church's General Operating Fund contributions were outstanding for the last month at \$64,000. For the year we received just under \$460,000 to the General Fund. The good news is that we ended the year better off than we forecasted in early December. The increased giving in December allowed us to pay all of our Conference Apportionments in full. The not-so-good news is that even with giving at \$460,000 we will have spent about \$20,000 more than we took in. Although the final numbers are still being tabulated, it also appears that we finished 8% below our target for the Building and Maintenance Reserve Fund. We finished on track for Debt Service to retire the mortgage.

In December the Finance Committee recommended a cut of more than \$40,000 in wages. Our members' generous support at year's end has allowed us to remain at current staffing levels until we have received estimates of 2012 giving from our members. Our committee will meet after Stewardship Pledge Sunday (January 29) to look over the pledge results and assess the situation further.

Ty Haberling, KFUMC Finance Committee Chair

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February Events

Souper Bowl of Caring

Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday this year by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring! As you leave worship on Sunday, February 5, you'll see big soup pots placed near the doors; they will not be filled with soup, but the dollars *you* place in them will help fill the pantry shelves at our local food bank, feeding many of the hungry in our area. Be the best fan ever, and support a "Bowl" that can make a real difference in the lives of many!

All Church Intergenerational Sweetheart Social

On Friday, February 17, from 6 to 8 pm, our UMY will host a *Sweetheart Social* for those of all ages, but especially our Senior Citizen friends. This is an all-church event, so invite friends and family members. The social will include refreshments, dancing, and photos! The event is free and transportation will be provided if needed. To make arrangements for transportation, call the church office at 582-2163.

Senior News

Wow, what a turn out we had for the January luncheon! We had 63 in attendance and had to add 3 tables to what we had set up. Bob Rupp was an amazing speaker. We hope we're that sharp when we reach his age!!!!!! Thank you, Bob, and thank you to Phyllis Koschik for asking Bob to speak to us.

Our February meeting will be on the 20th. Matt Taylor is working on getting someone from the police department to speak to us about the Gang Program in the community. Arlan Gadekin will be our speaker in March, and Miss Tri-Cities will be with us in April. We may have a surprise for you for the May meeting.

Come enjoy good fellowship, good food, and an informative program. Let's keep the high numbers we had in January!

Jim and AJ Foster

Cornerstone First Ever Fashion Show February 21

On Tuesday evening, February 21st, we will have our first ever *Fashion Show* during the Cornerstone dinner at 6 pm. The participants will be the Beginning Sewing Class, and they will be modeling items they have made. In addition they will have their other projects on display for you to see. Come and enjoy the show; it's free and will be one of a kind!

UMW Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held Wednesday morning, February 22, at 10:30 AM in the Future Kitchen. The program will celebrate "Black History

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Month.” Lunch will be served by the members of Joy Fellowship following the program. The sharing gift will be the Food Bank. If you have any questions, please call Donna Troxel, UMW President, at 586-3478.

KFUMC Men’s Steak Feed

Be sure to mark your calendar for the UM Men’s steak feed on February 25 (Saturday). Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM (crudettes, steak, baked potatoes, green bean casserole, a nominal amount of salad, and cheesecake). Signups will be at church between services, starting in February. We will be pre-selling tickets this year – a change from the past. If you prefer breast of chicken, you need to let us know.

A program on successful men’s ministries will be provided.

Be sure to come and bring a friend, son, or other family member – we will feed the body and help feed the soul!!

Winter Cornerstone 2012

Winter Cornerstone is in progress! Classes are held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 pm (with the exception of the Sing and Ring Choir; see below), following our 6 pm dinner.

These classes are being offered this winter:

Sing and Ring Children’s Choir

For children in 2nd through 5th grade, this is an awesome opportunity to glorify God and be part of a singing group. We meet beginning at 5:15 each Tuesday, finishing just in time for the Cornerstone supper!

Children’s Cornerstone with Barb and Lana.

Stories, crafts, snacks, and great fellowship time for 5th grade and younger in the preschool room.

Childcare with Brenda Gregory, in the babyfold.

Teen Cornerstone with Cynthia & Brittany, in the Youth Chapel. For youth 6th – 12th grades.

Beginners Sewing with Debra Reeve.

Whether you are young or old, male or female, sewing can be a great hobby. It allows you to envision, plan, create, and complete unique clothing, projects and gifts. Let your inner artist out and learn how to sew! Class Syllabus: A general overview of sewing using basic sewing skills, starting with a hand sewing project which evolves into a machine project. Utilization of cutting and sewing tools, materials, and notions. Projects

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include a throw pillow, pillow case, pieced place mat or table runner, book or shopping bag, a garment (choice of skirt or pajamas pants), aprons.

Call Debra at 582-2163 for more details during business hours.

The Armor.net Men's Study *with Kris Kiefer*. This group is open to all men who are trying to be fishers of men while wearing the full armor of God! Come for an opportunity to grow spiritually with other men who are inspired by the word of God, and enjoy open, solid conversation about life and how to live it more fully.

Spanish to English and English to Spanish *with Sheryl Dyer*

The Spanish/English class is for English speakers who want to learn Spanish and Spanish speakers who want to learn English. We'll have a short vocabulary lesson related to a theme, a game, song, or story, and a chance to practice with a native Spanish speaker. There are no tests, no grades, and no prerequisites. If you don't know any Spanish at all or if you already speak fluent Spanish and would like to practice with a native speaker, this class is for you. It's also a good opportunity to reach out to newcomers to our community who would like to learn English.

36 Parables *Facilitated by Mike and Kim Boice & Peggy Puryear*

For nearly 2000 years, the parables of Christ have instructed and inspired. Now, these powerful stories are re-told for today's audiences. Each DVD in the series contains short films depicting beloved parables in modern situations, thought-provoking teaching tools that capture the mind and heart. **36 Parables** helps you communicate Jesus' words powerfully and creatively.

Stephen Ministry Training (5:15-8:00pm) The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around your congregation. Facilitated by Pastor Mark and Sarah Longan.

Our Church Family

Congratulations to . . .

. . . Danielle and Rob Rhodes, who welcome *Caleb Roy Rhodes*, 8 lbs, 20 ½ inches long, born January 20!

. . . *Lisa Enderlin* and *Pastor Mark Williams*, who have announced their upcoming nuptials!

. . . our new Stephen Ministers, who were commissioned on Sunday, January 8. They are Sarah Longan, Micki Perry, Ty Rose, Evalee Kieffer, Judith Hunter, Carol Hardacre, Marie Cobb, Jenny Defoe, and Mark Williams. Pastor Roger commissioned them and already they are seeing people in our church who are receiving their care. Thank you to the entire congregation for supporting this ministry.

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Our prayers are with . . .

. . . Joseph Ahrend, Lee Scott, Steve Vaughn, Rhonda Simmelink, Josh Pearson, Verdine Davis, Donna Shirey

. . . the family and friends of our dear friend, *Shirley Knox*, who died January 27.

Thank you

Thank you for the wonderful farewell Sunday, January 22. Thank you also for the thoughtful cards and gifts. I'm sorry the weather prevented me from seeing some who were unable to attend on that day. Nancy and I will remember you all with much fondness. May you always experience God's grace and love as you continue to serve faithfully all the days of your lives.

Roger

Deb Reeve would like to thank all those who have lent us sewing machines for our Cornerstone class and also those who have volunteered to help with the children. Everyone is having a splendid time and learning 'sew' much. More importantly, they are having 'sew' much fun! Thanks to Judy Milton, Micki Perry, Sarah Longan, and Grace Landis for their help with the children and to Dorothy Block, Sarah Reeve, Cynthia Bement, Ellen Cornely, Altha Perry, and the Piecemakers for lending us machines and supplies. Please come see what we've made on February 21st at 6 pm as we have our Fashion Show in Ida Payne!

And the winners are . . .

The 19th Annual Chili Cook-off was another success! We had 21 contestants with their secret recipes ranging from mild to HOT!! Approximately 140 very hungry church family members came for lunch. We were again joined by 5 brave firemen from Fire Station #1 who judged the entries (and asked to be invited back again next year).

Our winners include:

<i>Hottest</i>	<u>1st</u> Mike Boice	<u>2nd</u> Ryan Shiplet
<i>Unique</i>	Jerry Wilhelm	Michelle Hare
<i>People's Choice</i>	George Boice	Alice Loomis

Our local food bank is also a winner, as we raised \$144 for the Souper Bowl of Giving.

Great job to all. Thanks to Gloria Harden and Mike and Kim Boice, and to all who helped set up and clean up, brought their favorite pots, and took care of all the details that go into this fun event.

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KFUM Church Officers for 2012

Finance Committee: Chairperson - *Ty Haberling*

Greg Brandhorst, Kevin Howard, Amy White, Rick Kerkow, Rob Stafford, Brad Solbrack

Financial Secretary: Ruth Anderson

Memorial Committee: Chairperson: *Kathy Harris*

Grace Landis

Ruth Anderson

Joyce Scott

Nancy Lawrence

Joe Kuhns

Joyce Dosch

Kathy Harris

George Anne Kintzley

Nominating Committee: Chairperson: *(The Pastor)*

Peggy Puryear, Jill Door, Jill Berg, Amelia Kittson, Tim Anderson, Lisa Enderlin, Trent Westfall

Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Chairperson: *Jerry Hansen*

Mary Lynn Arter, Kris Kieffer, Gus Kittson, Becky West, Dennis Simmelink, Nancy Osborn, Larry Berg, Steve Vaughn, Jill Door

Trustees: President - *Kevin Loomis*, Vice President – Joe Ahrend, Secretary – Rita McElroy -

Nancy Osborn, Rita McElroy, Ken Dyer, Kevin Loomis, Eva Walker, Kyle Hagen, Eddie Kenoyer, Dave Hare, Joe Ahrend

Trustees Emeritus: George Block, Hollis Morris, Dick Ingersoll, Ron Shuck

Transportation Committee: Chairperson: *Randy Bement*; Jerry Wilhelm, Don Shirey, Trent Westfall, Mike Thien, Mike Boice

Education Commission: Chairperson: *Donna Troxel*

Sheryl Dyer, Melissa Nickolaus, Micki Perry, Melissa Gregory, Kelly Dean, Jerry Wilhelm, Renee Wilhelm, Evalee Kieffer, Patti Hornberger, Barb Helton, Eula Hagen

Directors of Education and Youth: Cynthia Bement and Brittany Williamson

Sunday School Superintendent: Linda Lamberd

Scout Troop Representative: Darryl Lamberd

Librarian: Kathy Meline

Worship Commission: Chairperson: *Marti Meyers*

Chuck Smith, Danielle Rhodes, Shirley Miller, Kathy Muhlbeier, Amberley Almarode, Peggy Puryear

Head Usher:

Greeter Coordinator: Kara Morris

Altar Committee Leader: Phyllis Merrill

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Communion Committee Co-Chairpersons:

9:00 AM – Koren Burling/Susan Sandmeier

10:30 AM – Pat and Eva Walker

Music Director: Amberley Almarode

Funeral Coordinator: Shirley Miller

Wedding Coordinator: Phyllis Merrill

Missions: Chairperson: *Koren Burling*

Gayle Canada, Micki Perry, Christine King, (Ron Baker), Annie Baker, Shirley Knox, Pat Walker, Susan Sandmeier, Kathy Bryson

United Methodist Women President: Donna Troxel

Bus Ministries: Melissa Nickolaus, Shirley Miller

Senior Ministries: AJ & Jim Foster; Phyllis & Gene Koschik; Kara and Hollis Morris

Hospitality: Lisa Enderlin, Jill Berg

Newcomer Orientation Luncheon: Lisa Enderlin/Jill Berg

Welcome Desk: Debra Williamson

Calls to Visitors: Eve Andrews Name Tags: Debra Reeve

Greeter Contact: Kara Morris

Coffee Hour Coordinators:

9:00 (1st Wk) Angel Trump (2nd) Dave and Mona Miller (3&5th) Gloria Harden & Sally Herker (4th) Peggy Puryear

10:30 (1st Wk) Ruth Anderson, Peggy Puryear (2nd) Kris and Evalee Kiefer, (3rd) Pat and Clem Walker, (4th) Wes and Betty Door

Membership & Attendance Volunteer: Dorothy Block

Telephone Inactive Members: Dorothy Block

New Babies: Eve Andrews

Prayer Group Leader: Gayle Canada

Funeral Receptions: Helen Mitchell, Nancy Lawrence, and Marlene Jelsing

Church and Family Ministries (the Fun Committee): Coordinator: Peggy Puryear; Tim

Anderson, Darryl Vaughn, Lisa Enderlin, Merrienne Door, Noelia Haberling, Sherry

Brandhorst

Rummage Sale: Nancy Osborn/Jean Faught

Archive Committee: Kathy Wertman, Phyllis Koschik, Mary Lynn Arter

Benevolence Committee: TBD

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00 PM 1st Wednesday Fellowship- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir-FK 6:30 PM Cub Scouts-IP 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice-S	2 3:33 PM 3:33- Starbucks 6:30 PM Missions Commission- 3G 6:30 PM Worship Commission-FK 7:30 PM Council on Ministries Mtg-CR	3 11:00 AM God's Fellows-Library 5:00 PM Boy Scout Overnighter- AC & IP K	4 5:00 AM Boy Scout Overnighter- AC & IP K 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry-FK 7:00 PM Anonymous Group-FK
5 Communion Sunday Souper Bowl of Giving 9:00 AM Alternative Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 2:30 PM Girl Scouts-FK 6:00 PM Jr High UMY-IP 6:00 PM Sr High UMY-IP	6 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting - Chapel 7:00 PM Boy Scouts- IP 7:00 PM Worship Design Meeting-FK	7 9:30 AM UMW Executive Board-FK 5:15 PM Sing n Ring-FK 6:00 PM Cornerstone Dinner 6:30 PM Cornerstone Classes	8 10:00 AM Piecemakers-3 Rm 2:00 PM Hawthorne Court Service 6:00 PM Chancel Choir-FK 6:30 PM Cub Scouts-IP 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice-S	9 9:00 AM Mom's Break-L 9:30 AM Crafts Group-CK 3:33 PM 3:33- Starbucks 7:00 PM JOY Fellowship 7:00 PM Trustees- CR	10	11 10:00 AM Tool Time With Jerry-FK 4:30 PM Blue & Gold Set-Up-IP 6:00 PM Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet-IP 7:00 PM Anonymous Group-FK
12 SCOUT SUNDAY 9:00 AM Alternative Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 6:00 PM Jr High UMY-IP 6:00 PM Sr High UMY-IP	13 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting - Chapel 7:00 PM Boy Scouts- IP 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting-CR	14 9:30 AM 2nd Tuesday Fellowship-L 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry 5:15 PM Sing n Ring-FK 6:00 PM Cornerstone Dinner 6:30 PM Cornerstone Classes	15 9:00 AM Team Read-IP 5:00 PM Chancel Choir-FK 6:30 PM Cub Scouts-IP 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice-S	16 9:30 AM Crafts Group-CK 3:33 PM 3:33- Starbucks 4:00 PM Intergen Sweetheart Set-Up-IP 7:00 PM Ad Board Meeting- Ty's Office 7:00 PM Finance Committee-Ty's Office	17 11:00 AM God's Fellows-Library 6:00 PM Intergenerational Sweetheart Social-IP	18 7:00 PM Anonymous Group-FK
19 9:00 AM Alternative Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 2:30 PM Girl Scouts-FK 6:00 PM Jr High UMY-IP 6:00 PM Sr High UMY-IP	20 10:30 AM Set-Up for Potluck 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting - Chapel 12:00 PM Senior Potluck Program-IP 6:00 PM RADA 4-H-YC 7:00 PM Boy Scouts- IP 7:00 PM Worship Design	21 8:00 AM FCCLA Regional Stars-IP & All Rooms 5:15 PM Sing n Ring-FK 6:00 PM Cornerstone Dinner 6:30 PM Cornerstone Classes	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM UMW Set-up - FK, IP 10:30 AM UMW General Meeting - FK, IP 6:00 PM Chancel Choir-FK 6:30 PM Cub Scouts-IP 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice-S	23 9:00 AM Mom's Break- L 9:30 AM Crafts Group- CK 3:33 PM 3:33- Starbucks	24	25 10:00 AM Piecemakers-3 Rm 3:00 PM UMM Barbeque-IP 7:00 PM Anonymous Group-FK
26 9:00 AM Alternative Service 10:30 AM Traditional Service 6:00 PM Jr High UMY-IP 6:00 PM Sr High UMY-IP	27 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting - Chapel 7:00 PM Boy Scouts- IP	28 8:00 AM Knowledge Bowl-IP, FK, OF, CR, L 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry 5:15 PM Sing n Ring-FK 6:00 PM Cornerstone Dinner 6:30 PM Cornerstone Classes	29 6:00 PM Chancel Choir-FK 6:30 PM Cub Scouts-IP 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice-S			

***Kennewick First United
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Worship Services***

Alternative Service - 9 am
Sunday School – 9 am
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

Nursery provided at each service
Handicapped Accessible

Church Office Hours

8 am - noon and 1 – 4 pm
Monday through Thursday
8 am – noon, Friday

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*Thank you for your support of the
Kennewick First Jr. High Youth
Rock-A-Thon. The youth raised
over \$10,000 dollars this year that
will go toward their trips,
activities, and missions.*

*Thank you for not only the
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people!*



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