

The Clarion

The Newsletter of Kennewick First United Methodist Church
January 2011



Rock-A-Thon

Annual Jr UMY Fundraiser January 15th-16th

This month, the Jr UMY will be in full swing (or should I say “rock”) as they canvas the church congregation, their families, friends, relatives, coaches, and teachers to get their Rock-A-Thon donations.

The youth will rock for about 15 hours, while having fellowship, worship, and fun with their friends and leaders! You may receive a call asking for your support by giving a donation; if you do, please remember these young people are about 12 years old and this may be their first fundraiser. They will probably be nervous to talk to you and to ask for a donation, so please be patient and understanding. This is the only major fundraiser for the Jr High, so please support this enthusiastic and energetic group of Christ-filled young people!

You may pay your pledge or donation at coffee hour the day of the Rock-A-Thon, January 16, or we will send you a postcard the following week. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Confirmation 2011

On Tuesday, January 4, from 6:30-8:00 pm, our church hosted the first of ten classes where young people 7th grade and older will grow and learn more about faith and their church. Classes meet Tuesday evenings until March 8.

Teachers for this ten-week series and a weekend retreat are Pastor Mark Williams, Cynthia Bement, Jill Door, and Brittany Williamson, with special talks from Pastor Roger Barr. The classes will cover topics including who Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are, along with church history, what it means to be United Methodist, the early church, faith journey, and how to serve. On March 13, those who choose to do so will confirm their faith and become members of Kennewick First United Methodist Church.

Please begin praying for God's amazing love to touch the hearts of our Confirmands.

Confirmands:

Emily Britton
Jacob Descamp
Calley Hagen

Molly Kittson
Tessa Nelson
Austin Roach
Dakota Welch

Danae Williams
Ryan Young
Chad Zachry

Cornerstone Ministries - Winter Session

Our Cornerstone Ministry nights, held on Tuesdays, begin with dinner served at 6:00 pm; Classes or seminars begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8:00 pm. (The exception is the Children's Choir; see information below.) On these nights, our church family enjoys a meal together, prepared by some of the wonderful cooks in our congregation, for a nominal fee. Many of the adult studies are free of charge, but a few have a materials-only fee. Please know that the church offers book and materials scholarships for those who need them, just talk with Cynthia or Brittany in the church office and they can take care of your request!

Sing and Ring Children's Choir Kids, if you like music and singing, then the Children's Choir could be for you! We sing a lot of great songs and even get to sing during church once a month! For kids in 2nd through 5th grade, this is an awesome opportunity to glorify God and be part of a singing group. We meet at 5:15 pm each Tuesday in the Future Kitchen and finish just in time for the Cornerstone supper.

Children's Cornerstone Come on down for some adventures with *Davey and Goliath* with leader Barb Helton! The evening will also include a snack time and some play time; for children 5th grade and younger.

For children younger than three, childcare with Brenda Gregory, our loving caregiver, is offered.

Confirmation Classes For youth 7th grade and older interested in learning more about faith, church, and Christian living.

Youth Cornerstone All of the youth in Jr and Sr High school are invited to come out for a great time of learning and fun.

The Net ~ Fishers of Men This group is open to men of all ages who desire to be disciples of Christ. Kris Kiefer will facilitate this group using the Serendipity Study Bible. 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.

The Open Table Introduces believers and nonbelievers to the person and deity of Christ in a new and refreshing way. Tim Anderson will facilitate this informative and insightful DVD study. *The Open Table* was written by Donald Miller.

Love Talk Communication is key to a strong marriage - this 6-session video series with Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott will help strengthen and enrich your marriage by helping you to identify your communication style; Jill and Larry Berg will facilitate.

Twelve Extraordinary Women Explore the lives of 12 women met in the pages of the Bible made extraordinary by the power of the one true God whom they worshipped and served. Peggy Puryear facilitates this book discussion group.

Human Relations Day – Special Offering

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY is one of the opportunities for United Methodist Churches to celebrate our connectional work. This day of social action and raising awareness aims to heal social ills at the national level. It supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service (UMVS), and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. The first two programs are administered through the General Board of Global Ministries.

Kennewick First will observe Human Relations Day on Sunday, January 16. Please give generously.

United Methodist Seniors

Start the New Year off right by attending the January Senior Potluck on Monday, January 17, at noon. Bring a dish to share, along with your appetite. Make it your New Year's Resolution to attend all of the Senior activities this coming year!

It has been cold outside, but not as cold as the Ice Age! Come learn about the Ice Age in the Columbia Valley at our January potluck when Gary Kleinknecht presents information on the Ice Age in this region.

We have a great time. Hope to see you on January 17.

18th Annual Chili Feed

Join us for fun, fellowship, and food as we sample the finest chili dishes made by members of our congregation at noon on Sunday, January 23. Bring your appetite and a loaf of bread or cornbread - everything else is covered by the \$1.00 donation. If you want to sample the different chilies, please bring along a muffin tin...or we will provide you with a bowl.

To enter your favorite chili:

1. Sign-up for all entries will be held on the Sundays prior to the Chili Feed after either worship services in the fellowship hall. You may also call Kim Boice at 438-7675 or Mike Boice at 308-5798 to register or if you have any questions.
2. Prepare your favorite chili recipe. Bring it to the kitchen by 10 am on January 23. A panel of chili appraisers will judge all entries; prizes will be awarded during lunch. Monies raised during this event will go to the "Souper Bowl of Caring" collection, which supports our local food banks.

January UMW Meeting

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held Wednesday morning, January 26, at 10:30 am in the Future Kitchen. The program will be 'Prayer and Self Denial.' Following the program, lunch will be served by the UMW Officers. The sharing gift will be for prayer and self-denial. If you have any questions, please call Donna Troxel, UMW President, at 586-3478.

Souper Bowl of Giving

On February 6, a big competition will be held between two powerhouse football teams! There will be a lot of media attention and press leading up to and on Super Bowl Sunday. A big Bowl day, but not the only "Bowl" happening . . . yes, that's right, here in your own church on February 6, there will be a "Bowl" that deserves your attention. As you leave worship, you will have an opportunity to place your dollars into a big soup pot to donate to the "Souper Bowl of Caring." The donations go to feed the hungry in our area . . . let's be the best fans ever and support a "Bowl" that can really make a difference!

Men's Breakfast February 5th

A hearty breakfast will be awaiting all the men of the church Saturday morning, February 5. Plan on some 'high-cholesterol,' tummy-warming 'biscuits & gravy' and heart-warming, manly fellowship! The feast begins at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall. Bring your appetite and a male friend or family member.

Bell Choir Is Back!

Nancy Barr will be starting a new Bell Choir on Wednesdays and rehearsals begin on February 2 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. All interested "ringers" please contact Nancy at home, 582-2433, or email her at muzicnancy@aol.com. We are eagerly looking forward to hearing these wonderful chimes in our sanctuary again!

Our Church in Mission

Help Spread the Good News in Our Local Jails—Donate Bibles

The mission of the Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You can help support the mission and share God's love by donating Bibles to the Chaplaincy jail ministry. Also needed are Bible study materials. A collection box is located in the church library. All Bibles and reading materials must be soft cover; easier reading versions are preferred. Cash donations may be sent to the church office for the purchase of Spanish translation Bibles. For more info, contact Lisa Enderlin, 783-2764.

Help Is Needed in the Church Office

Paper Wrangler, volunteer. Help Deb clear out old files and stuff bulletins on the first Friday of each month.

Website Consultant, volunteer. Do you love Facebook and blogging? Are you texting, emailing, surfing the net? Are you a PC techie? We want you! Contact the office, 582-2163.

Radical Hospitality

New Year's Resolution: The Rule of 3

We may feel we're a welcoming congregation, but do we *practice* welcoming hospitality? As a congregation, let's make a New Year's resolution to practice the "Rule of Three" this year. For the first three minutes after the service ends—a prime time for newcomers to dash for the door—talk only to people you don't know. Make a new friend. Invite them to coffee fellowship. Let's make KFUMC one of the warmest places to be on a Sunday.

Our Church Family

Thank you . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the sponsorship program toward the building of the resource center in Liberia. Your generosity will purchase 10 large bags of cement. We appreciate your donation so very much. May God richly bless you and your families.

African Gospel Acapella

Our prayers are with those who have lost loved ones . . .

- For the family and friends of Dorothy Simpson who died on December 23.
- For the family and friends of Aideen Bode who died on December 29.

Ongoing health needs . . .

Deana Ahrend, Opal Baker, John & Nellie Cogan, Bud Deines, Bernice Denny, Lorraine Doyle, Carl Ficker, Mr. Haber, Carie & Emma Hamilton, Carol Hardacre, Gwen Harder, Gene Hardy, Marty Hendrickson, Pete James, Jane Johnson, Jenny Klein, Owen Krahn, Dale Kuehny, Michael Lawrence, Dorothy Matz, Ken McIntire, Lucy Merritt, O'La Mordhorst, Joyce Nightingale, Don Olsen, Ray Oord, Dave & Janet Reardon, Janet Sadler, Donna Shirey, Dorothy Shuck, Terry Simmelink, Don Stevens, Willard Stone, Lowell Swift, Edie Wattenharger, Emma Wentz, Dewayne Werner, Boots Wise, Marybelle Yarzombeck.

Congratulations!

Jared Haeg is a member of the Tri City Young Marines and is currently their Young Marine of the year in his present rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. Jared joined the Young Marines at the age of 10. This week, Jared was selected to represent the 6th Division of the Young Marines as

Marine of the year with the rank of Sgt. Major. The 6th Division is made up of California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska. Jared is presently a Junior at Southridge High School. Congratulations, Jared, your church is very proud of you!

Bus Bloggins

Wow! What a time we have had since September. The three buses have been on the “roll” weekly, if not more. We had four major trips to Leavenworth, WSU, the Farm Implement Parade, and Spokane. The UMY groups use one or more buses almost every week. Our seniors travel to “mysterious” places. Every Sunday “Shirley” and “Florence” bring worshippers to both services. What a blessing this ministry is to our church. Thank you to all our drivers. And don’t forget those who recycle.

We are working on 2011 events already! We need *your* suggestions. Already, for next Christmas season, a tour of special lighting has been suggested. What do YOU think? Call the Bus Board lady (Shirley, 582-3428) anytime. Thanks for all your support and on to 2011!

S.O.A.P & S.O.A.P. Lite

These two scripture reading schedules are offered to provide a structured Bible Study plan that can work for anyone at any stage of life.

S.O.A.P. is a 15 minute reading plan designed to take the reader through the entire Bible in a year, once through the Old Testament and twice through the New Testament.

S.O.A.P. Lite is designed for youth, those with limited study time, and persons new to the daily routine of scripture and prayer. It’s a condensed version of the same scriptures used in the **S.O.A.P.** plan.

S.O.A.P. Bible Study 15-Minute Daily Scripture Reading

January

1 □ Gen. 1-2; Luke 1
2 □ Gen. 3-5; Luke 2
3 □ Gen. 6-8; Luke 3
4 □ Gen. 9-11; Luke 4
5 □ Gen. 12-14; Luke 5
6 □ Gen. 15-17; Luke 6
7 □ Gen. 18-19; Ps. 3; Luke 7
8 □ Gen. 20-22; Luke 8
9 □ Gen. 23-24; Luke 9
10 □ Gen. 25-26; Ps. 6; Luke 10

11 □ Gen. 27-28; Ps. 4; Luke 11
12 □ Gen. 29-30; Luke 12
13 □ Gen. 31-33; Luke 13
14 □ Gen. 34-36; Luke 14
15 □ Gen. 37-38; Ps. 7; Luke 15
16 □ Gen. 39-41; Luke 16
17 □ Gen. 42-43; Ps. 5; Luke 17
18 □ Gen. 44-46; Luke 18
19 □ Gen. 47-48; Ps. 10; Luke 19
20 □ Gen. 49-50; Ps. 8; Luke 20
21 □ Ex. 1-2; Ps. 88; Luke 21

22 □ Ex. 3-5; Luke 22
23 □ Ex. 6-8; Luke 23
24 □ Ex. 9-11; Luke 24
25 □ Ex. 12-13; Ps. 21; Acts 1
26 □ Ex. 14-16; Acts 2
27 □ Ex. 17-20; Acts 3
28 □ Ex. 21-22; Ps. 12; Acts 4
29 □ Ex. 23-24; Ps. 14; Acts 5
30 □ Ex. 25-27; Acts 6
31 □ Ex. 28-29; Acts 7

February

1 □ Ex. 30-32; Acts 8
2 □ Ex. 33-34; Ps. 16; Acts 9
3 □ Ex. 35-36; Acts 10
4 □ Ex. 37-38; Ps. 19; Acts 11
5 □ Ex. 39-40; Ps. 15; Acts 12
6 □ Lev. 1-3; Acts 13
7 □ Lev. 4-6; Acts 14

S.O.A.P. *Lite* Bible Study 5 Minute Daily Scripture Reading

January

1 □ Gen. 1; Luke 1:26-38
2 □ Gen. 3; Luke 2:1-21
3 □ Gen. 6, 7:17-24; Luke 3:21-22
4 □ Gen. 9; Luke 4:14-30
5 □ Gen. 12; Luke 5:1-11
6 □ Gen. 15; Luke 6:27-49
7 □ Gen. 19:15-16; Ps. 3; Luke 7:1-35
8 □ Gen. 21:1-7; 22; Luke 8:16-25
9 □ Gen. 24:12, 26-27; Luke 9:37-62
10 □ Gen. 25:19-34; Luke 10:25-42
11 □ Gen. 28:10-22; Luke 11:1-13, 33-36
12 □ Gen. 30:22-24; Luke 12:1-12, 22-48
13 □ Gen. 33; Luke 13:10-30
14 □ Luke 14
15 □ Gen. 37; Ps. 7:9-10; Luke 15:1-7
16 □ Gen. 39; Luke 16:1-15
17 □ Ps. 5; Luke 17:1-19
18 □ Gen. 45; Luke 18:15-43
19 □ Luke 19
20 □ Gen. 50; Ps. 8; Luke 20:9-19
21 □ Ex. 2:1-10; Luke 21
22 □ Ex. 3

23 □ Ex. 6:1-12; 7:1-7; 8:16-19; Luke 23:32-34
24 □ Ex. 11; Luke 24:1-12, 36-49
25 □ Ex. 12,13:17-22
26 □ Ex. 14
27 □ Ex. 20
28 □ Ps. 12; Acts 4
29 □ Ps. 14; Acts 5
30 □ Acts 6
31 □ Ex. 29:44-46; Acts 7

February

1 □ Ex. 32; Acts 8:1-25
2 □ Ex. 33; Acts 9:1-19, 31-43
3 □ Acts 10
4 □ Ps. 19; Acts 11
5 □ Ex. 40:34-38; Ps. 15; Acts 12
6 □ Acts 13
7 □ Lev. 5:1; Acts 14

Worship Services

9 am and 10:30 am every Sunday
9 am Sunday School for Children, Youth
and Adults, September—May

Nursery provided at each service
Handicapped Accessible

Office Hours

8:30 am - 4 pm
Monday through Friday

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*“Breathe a prayer of
gratitude. And give
those you love an
extra measure of
affection. Life is
fleeting, and love is
precious. Cherish
both.”*

Galen Guengerich

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