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The Newsletter of Kennewick First United Methodist Church
July 2011



From the Administrative Council

On June 2, the Administrative Council voted to implement changes to our Sunday morning worship format beginning June 19—a contemporary or “seeker friendly” service at 9 am, and a more traditional format at 10:30 am.

We want to thank everyone who has participated in the many discussions, attended meetings, offered prayers, and filled out the service review forms on Sundays. All this feedback was valuable input as we worked through the process to design the best path forward for enhancing the worship experience here at Kennewick First for our wonderfully diverse congregation. We think we’ve come up with a format that will address the growing needs of our church family while staying true to our Methodist foundation.

Thank you also goes to those who are participating in the Monday evening Worship Design planning meetings for the new contemporary services. The meetings are open to anyone interested in helping to design this creative new worship service. The team meets at 7 pm each Monday in the Future Kitchen. If you are interested in seeing a similar worship planning process for the 10:30 am traditional service, please contact Pastor Roger.

Larry Berg & Steve Bannworth
Ad Council Co-Chairs

Stephen Ministry Matches Super Bowl Experience

“Before I retired from coaching, my team was in the Super Bowl six times. I thought nothing would ever match that. Being a Stephen Minister has also been one of the greatest experiences in my life,” says Bill Arnsparger of Torrey Pines Christian Church in La Jolla, California. Most recently Coach Arnsparger was defensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers before retiring in 1994.

During his career in professional sports, Arnsparger had heard about Stephen Ministry several times. “I knew it was important to have time to devote to this ministry,” Arnsparger says. “So I waited until the right time in my life to get involved. The hours I’ve invested in Stephen Ministry have brought me closer to the Lord and to others in my congregation”

After completing the 50 hours of training at Torrey Pines Christian Church, Arnsparger was assigned to a care receiver. They have been meeting together for two years and are moving toward closure now. “My care receiver has helped me so much more than I’ve helped him,” Arnsparger says. “I always benefit from our time together. He’s inspired me to build my faith. “I’ve learned that I can’t always predict and plan what our meetings will be like. I work to be open to new developments, and I hang in there with him even when new problems come up. I

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know I can't just write him a prescription to make him feel better. My job is to listen and to care. God takes care of the rest."

Asked if there any similarities between Stephen Ministry and coaching a professional football team, Coach Arnsparger says there are: "Stephen Ministry builds confidence, both in the Stephen Ministers and the care receivers. Stephen Ministry takes teamwork. Supervision requires us to provide the best care possible—to our care receivers and to one another. Each opportunity to care is a new challenge, a new experience, just as each game is.

"I find serving as a Stephen Minister very rewarding," says Coach Arnsparger, who encourages other men to serve. "It's an opportunity to work with people and really help them.

Occasionally men wonder if Stephen Ministry is really right for them. Coach Arnsparger shows that following Jesus' example in giving and receiving care is truly a "sport for real men."

Bill Arnsparger spent 23 seasons as an NFL coach with stops in Baltimore, Miami, New York, and San Diego. He currently serves as a Stephen Minister for Torrey Pines Christian Church in La Jolla, California.

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News from the Youth and Education Department

Sr. UMY Mission Trip Report The Sr. UMY will give a mission trip report on July 10 at both the 9 and 10:30 am worship services. . .complete with slide show! You will both hear and see the impact made in that our destination community through the efforts of our teens using the funds from the auction of which you were all such a big part!! Come celebrate and praise with our teens what was accomplished for the Glory of God!!

Middler Trip 2011 On July 13-17 the Jr. UMY and their leaders will be heading out to the Vancouver/Portland and Ocean Park area for the annual Middler Trip! On this trip, the youth will have fun experiencing new things with their church friends and growing closer to God. Please pray for safe travels, spiritual growth, and for them to have fun!

Time for Camp It's time to head out to church camp here at Kennewick First! This year we have a large group of kids going to Primary Camp, as well as Jr. & Sr. High Camp! These young people will spend time in fellowship with one another and with other youth in the conference while hiking, swimming, and worshipping God at one of the four church camps in the Pacific Northwest Conference. We encourage everyone to write letters to these youth while they are at camp. For a list of campers and camp addresses, please contact the church office. To enroll for camp, please visit www.pnwumc.org/camping. For questions, call Brittany at 582-2163 ext. 110.

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Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church

Faith Night with the Dust Devils/\$1 Feast Night - July 29 vs the Vancouver Canadians. Game time is 7:15 pm. Faith Night is presented by Meyers' Auto Tech. All 12-ounce Coke products, french fries, ice cream sandwiches, and hot dogs on sale for \$1, courtesy of Lamb Weston.

Tickets will be on sale at during VBS and will be available in the church office July 25-28 for \$5.00 per person. The gates will open on the 29th at 6:15 pm to give folks the opportunity to enjoy Christian praise music by a local band and to purchase concessions.

If you would like to ride the bus to the game and avoid parking fees, please meet at the church at 6:15 pm for a 6:30 pm departure. This event sponsored the Education Department - call the church office if you have questions at 582-2163 ext. 110.

Les Miserables Written by Victor Hugo in 1862, *Les Miserables* is a powerful story of redemption and social commentary. If you are interested in a day trip to attend the Aug. 13, 2 pm performance of *Les Miserables* at the Seattle 5th Avenue Theater, contact Lisa Enderlin, 783-2764. This is the brand new 25th anniversary production. The trip cost will be \$115 for the ticket and bus ride.

Kennewick First on Parade The Church and Family Ministries (or Fun) Committee is considering having a church entry in this year's Benton Franklin County Fair Parade, August 20. The parade route goes right past KFUMC, so this year instead of just being spectators . . . let's strut our stuff (and bus) in the parade! If are you interested in being in the parade and helping out, contact a committee member: Tim Anderson, Sherry Brandhorst, Lisa Enderlin, Peggy Puryear, or Darryl Vaughn.



"I trained as a Stephen Minister eight years ago and have found ways to apply that training every day since then. I cannot begin to describe the impact it has had on my life."

*David from Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Businessman*

That's a Wrap

Music Celebration Sunday Our sanctuary was filled with the sounds of beautiful music and voices raised in praise and worship to God on June 12, Music Appreciation Sunday. We enjoyed *Highland Drive's* rousing rendition of "A Little Mountain Church House" and "These Are the Days" from *Prayer Squared*. The children's choir, *Sing 'n' Ring* shared "1st John 4: 7 & 8," while the handbell ensemble played "A Song for Bells." The combined choir anthem "This Little Light of Mine" reinforced the message of the sermon: to reach out to those in darkness

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and ‘turn on the light.’ Margo Cox blessed us with her beautiful music in the prelude and postlude. Favorite familiar congregational hymns such as “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” were also sung. And finally, Nancy Barr, music director, expressed the thanks of the entire congregation to all the different groups that bless us with their music.

Around the Church

Please let us know! The Trustees have developed a wonderful tool to enhance communication between them and the people using the church facility. When you see something that needs to be repaired, please go to the church office and fill out the ***repair log***, or you may call Debra and she will fill out the log for you. This log will provide the Trustees with information so that repairs are completed in a timely and efficient manner. In addition, our bookkeeper will be able to track the cost of repairs and, because we will also document when repairs are complete, she will know when to pay for services rendered. This will be a valuable procedure to ensure the church is running smoothly and is well maintained. Please help us to do our job by using the repair log!

Calling all UM Senior cruise director wannabes! Dates for the outdoor theater production, *Hairspray*, in Walla Walla are July 7-9, 14-17, and 21-23. BUT we can’t go unless someone organizes this outing! If you can tackle this project, please contact Jim or AJ Foster at 783-2855 by e-mail at cameojj@charter.net

Don Meyers has made tentative arrangements for a B Reactor tour on September 28, which promises to be a great experience! At this time, we may have programs in progress for two Fall potlucks being spearheaded by different individuals. Our suggestion is that individuals volunteer to arrange for a speaker for *one* potluck during the year, and/or to plan and implement *one* trip in the coming year. That’s doable! You may not have 10 ideas for speakers, but everyone has at least one. If we share the responsibility, our program will continue to be a successful one!

News from our Church Family

All are invited to attend the Wedding Ceremony of



Jocelyn Marie Bement and Mark Andrew O'Donnell
July 23rd, 2011 at 4:00 pm

Kennewick First United Methodist Church

Daughter of: Randy and Cynthia Bement

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- ✚ Our prayers are with David and Mary Huycke and family at the passing of David's mother, Marguerite. Mary is our 7 Rivers District Superintendent.
- ✚ We thank *Print Plus*, which did the beautiful work on our *Stephen Ministry* posters. Others contributed materials and time to this endeavor as well; thanks to all of you!

Mission News

New World Outlook, May/June 2011, the mission magazine of the United Methodist Church, is filled with updated statistics and articles on the progress of the recovery of Haiti. This issue is an excellent resource for one of the studies, Haiti: Challenges and Hope, at this year's United Methodist Women School of Mission. In our Pacific Northwest Conference the Cooperative School of Christian Mission will be held August 12-15, 2011, at Central Washington University, in Ellensburg. For more information, you may contact UMW President Donna Troxel, 586-3478, or Shirley Knox, 628-4680.

Update On Haiti The death toll from the Haiti earthquake, which registered a 7.0 magnitude on January 12, 2010, has been updated to 316,000, and one million people are still homeless living in 1200 camps. The world gave an unprecedented \$1 billion with most of the funds from private donors, such as United Methodists giving through UMCOR. The United Nations and organizations of all kinds came to help and countless lives were saved through their efforts. One stumbling block, however, is that out of an estimated 10,000 charitable organizations only 450 have formally registered with the Haitian government so that the work can be coordinated through a broad strategic plan through the United Nations. UMCOR has registered and is in compliance. This mission becomes very personal to our local UMW members when reading about the 24,240 health kits sent to Haiti from the UMCOR Sager-Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. Our local unit of the Kennewick First United Methodist Women participated last year in purchasing, assembling, and arranging for the delivery of 250 of these kits. This year our local UMW, in cooperation with other UMW organizations in the Seven Rivers District, is now in the process of completing and arranging for the delivery or shipment of over 150 health and layette kits to go to Sager-Brown. Our United Methodist Women members take mission work in their own neighborhoods and around the world very seriously.

Flood Response by UMCOR While UMCOR is working to respond to a multitude of needs resulting from this spring's record-breaking floods and tornadoes, funding for US Disaster Response, specifically the 2011 Spring Storms Emergency Advance, remains very low.

Please give generously to provide for those who are experiencing overwhelming needs this year. Your gift to US 2011 Spring Storms, UMCOR Advance #3021326, will help storm survivors recover.

Schools in Njukinjiru Assisted by Your Gifts We recently sent \$1,337.82 to Njukinjiru to help with a number of projects. Our *Koins for Kenya* will help provide special craft items, supplies,

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and treats for children in the Sunday School. Previous *Koins for Kenya* funds helped acquire soccer balls for the elementary school. Funds in the amount of \$380 went toward education fees for a select number of elementary and secondary students, and \$520 went to the high school to help meet miscellaneous needs and fund the completion of a much needed dining hall.

Please review the list of needs in the following article. Your faithful response of gifts and/or prayers is deeply appreciated.

News from Njukinjiru: How You Can Help a Church on the Other Side of the World

Njukinjiru Methodist Church is a vibrant congregation in the middle of an impoverished agricultural community in central Kenya. Over the years, this church has sponsored the development of an elementary school, two high schools (one for boys and one for girls), and a health dispensary which is more like an emergency clinic with the authority to dispense much needed medications. The church reaches out to people in the community who have lost their homes to fire, their loved ones to disease, and their jobs to the poverty which blankets them every day. They are an oasis of hope in the midst of much despair.

KFUMC has sent two teams totaling 10 of our Kennewick members to Njukinjiru over the past four years. Their grateful reception of us is overwhelming with large community dinners, speeches, entertainment, and overall hospitality. We have met our brothers and sisters there and have grown to love them. They have introduced us to their community, schools, health, and water projects. We have visited each of the various churches on their circuit. We have strong local connections to the church through our own Peter Imathiu family and now affectionately refer to the Njukinjiru Methodist Church as “our sister church.”

The Njukinjiru church and community have many needs we have learned about. At least twice in the past five years, we have made special offerings to help them purchase maize, rice, and beans to feed others in time of famine. Individuals in our congregation have also covered tuition for students at the high school, and many have contributed to the construction and outfitting of the science laboratory at the high school. Our Sunday school children have challenged us through *Koins for Kenya* offering jars situated throughout the church: Those funds have helped provide food and craft material for children in the Sunday school as well as soccer balls for the elementary school.

Now we invite you to help in the construction of their new Church Fellowship and Community Hall. First, a bit of history: the Njukinjiru Church, a lovely though humble stone facility, with walls, roof, and benches, is the only “large” gathering facility in the entire community. During the rainy seasons the church is not able to accommodate the many community meetings and church meetings which occur through the week. Further, the church can have no meals during the rainy season as there is no place to sit. In summer months they meet for large meals and gatherings on the grass under trees which grow on church property.

Now the church has begun construction of a spacious fellowship hall and community meeting room. Total cost of this facility is \$34,635, which is an exorbitant amount in Kenya, especially in such a poor area. Twice they have held fundraisers but with little return, as individual members used their available resources to help families in dire medical need, and to help another

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with funeral expenses. They have enough, however, with some gifts coming from members of our church last year, to have broken ground, dug out and laid footings and foundation, and acquired some stones to begin the walls. In Kenya, these are often years-long projects, completed only after all materials and labor has been funded. We can help them complete the project and continue their strong community witness to the power, love, grace, and joy of Jesus Christ. Building plans and cost estimates are available in the church office if you would like to see them. Peter Imathiu shares with me that we are making a huge difference in Njukinjiru and that our support has inspired the church.

Your gift to the Njukinjiru Fellowship Hall Construction Fund may be given at any time. We will continue fund-raising efforts until we can send a significant amount to help them proceed in a major way. Your gift given to KFUMC should have on the memo or notation line “Kenya Church Hall.”

Additionally, ongoing needs may be of more interest to you. The school “for children of families of humble financial means” has recently completed a new kitchen and is now receiving funds toward a dining hall. The community dispensary health clinic is building a maternity ward which is nearing completion. Funds will be needed to complete construction and furnishings.

Finally, we are interested in beginning a youth mission travel fund to help at least two of our high school youth visit Njukinjiru in 2013.

Here is a recap of the four projects listed above:

- Church Fellowship and Community Hall
- High School Dining Hall
- Community Maternity Ward
- Youth Mission Travel Fund

Please watch for additional Njukinjiru news and offering reports in future issues of *The Clarion*.

Thank you for your generous support in the past and for your continued devotion to our wonderful sister church and the community in which she ministers.

Japan Relief – KFUMC has given \$2,345 to the Japan Emergency Relief fund, UMCOR. “This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.” Thank you all for your generous giving.



“Stephen Ministry has helped me become a more caring person—more open, a better father to my children and grandchildren, and a better husband. Stephen Ministry has also helped me feel better about myself.”

*Wayne from Grand Rapids, Michigan
County commissioner*

***Kennewick First United
Methodist Church
Worship Services***

“Seekers” Contemporary Service - 9 am
Traditional Service 10:30 am

Nursery provided at each service
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Church Summer Office Hours

8 am - noon and
Monday through Friday

(509) 582-2163

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www.kennewickfirst.com



*“My relationship with Christ has
gown and grown and grown. And I didn’t
know that was possible until I became a
Stephen Minister. I know God is with me
in my relationships. As I walk up to my
care receiver’s door, I feel the Holy
Spirit’s presence, and my nervousness
leaves. I can rely on God to show me
what to do and to teach me to speak as
Christ would speak to my care receiver.”*

*Scott from Clarkston, Michigan
Sales representative*

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articles is July 12. Please e-mail them
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