

# The Clarion

The Newsletter of Kennewick First United Methodist Church  
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## Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church

### *Celebration Sunday*

June 5 will be the last day of Sunday School and the end of many of the church programs until fall. We will celebrate all the work that the Lord has done in our lives with a BBQ potluck on Sunday, June 5, at noon. The church will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, table service, and beverages! Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Thanks to each one of you who taught or led a class, provided child care, led or served during worship, cleaned the church, took care of the building, pews, or grounds, attended class or worship, and for all who have grown in faith!

During the summer the church does NOT sleep, but the events are a bit different. The youth will attend their summer Jr. or Sr UMY trips, camp, and summer UMY, and will park cars for the community Water Follies event. Children will enjoy the opportunity to attend Vacation Bible School and summer camp. Adults. . . please mark your calendars for the Dust Devils baseball game and plan also to take your family on the all-church Blue Lake campout at the end of the summer over Labor Day weekend.

Continue to worship with us each Sunday at 9 or 10:30 am and experience diversity in style and message as we Praise the Holy Lord.

### *Music Appreciation Sunday - June 12*

Enjoy the final Sunday of our program year with our various choirs as we enter the summer season. Rehearsals and the presence of the choir in worship resumes in the fall.

### *Attention all Former MYF, UMY and Current UMY'ers*

On June 12, from 1-4pm, at the Keewaydin Park gazebo, there will be a reunion for all MYF and UMY participants from Kennewick First! The current Jr. and Sr. UMY leadership teams will host this event. We will worship, play, and fellowship with one another! Chicken, rolls, beverages, and table service will be provided . . . in true Methodist style, please bring a salad or dessert!!

Please spread the word around about this wonderful gathering!

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## *Special Offering – Peace with Justice Sunday - June 19*

The Old Testament speaks of God's sovereignty in terms of covenant, more particularly the "covenant of peace" with Israel, which binds that people of God's shalom (Isaiah 54:10; Ezekiel 37:20). In the covenant of shalom, there is no contradiction between justice and peace or between peace and security or between love and justice (Jeremiah 29:7). In Isaiah's prophecy, when "the spirit is poured upon us from on high," we will know that these laws of God are one and indivisible: "Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Isaiah 32:16-18, NRSV).

Established by the 1988 General Conference, *Peace with Justice Sunday* supports programs that advocate peace and justice at home and around the world. Since half of the offerings collected by your annual conference is retained to fund local peace with justice programs, you can see a difference made locally. In addition, half of the offering is remitted to the General Board of Church and Society to help fund U.S. and global work in social action, public-policy education, and advocacy.

Please give generously on Sunday, June 19.

## *Worship at Annual Conference on Sunday, June 26*

The first-ever presence of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference meeting in Pasco affords us a unique and wonderful opportunity to worship with fellow United Methodists from across Northern Idaho and the State of Washington. We will worship here in our church sanctuary for the 9:00 service only on June 26. We invite everyone to worship at 10:30 at The TRAC in Pasco. There will be no 10:30 worship service in our church that morning!

## *Gearing up for Twinlow Camp!*

For youth, the summers can be jam packed full of different sporting camps, family vacation, summer jobs, and church trips. Make sure that when you are planning your summer schedule to remember to schedule in some time at Twinlow Camp.

This year Geoff Helton is a co-dean (along with Scott Finlayson) and the camp Pastor for **Senior High Crossfire** camp. Geoff and Scott already have exciting games, activities, and Bible study in the works for this summer. Senior High camp is July 17-22.

Cynthia Bement and Brittany Williamson will be co-deaning **Jr. High Camp!** Get ready to experience camp in a whole new way! Jr. High Camp is August 7-12.

Twinlow Camp opportunities for younger children include:

**Primary Camp** - June 27-30, Monday-Thursday, for those entering grades 1-3

**Junior Camp** - July 4-9, Monday-Saturday, for those entering grades 4-6

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You won't want to miss camp at Twinlow this summer! Everyone from grades 1 through 13<sup>4</sup> has a place at camp ... even families! It's not too late to sign up! Registration packets are available in the church office, and Kennewick First offers a \$75 campership to any active youth wanting to go to any of the four camps in the Pacific Northwest Conference: Twinlow, Ocean Park, Lazy F, and Indianola. Questions? Call the church office 582-2163 Ext 110.

## *Worship Update*

As of the printing of this Clarion edition, the Administrative Council has yet to make a final decision on changes to our morning worship services. Please watch for an announcement in print, on our website, and through a home mailing as soon as a decision is reached and announced.



## *WHAT OUR CONGREGATION CAN EXPECT OF STEPHEN MINISTRY AND WHAT STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS FROM OUR CONGREGATION*

Now that our community is moving into the recruiting phase of Stephen Ministry, we can see action replacing words! What is happening?

Let us start with how an individual moves toward becoming a minister. Some processes, such as filling out applications, going through interviews, and making a long-term commitment, may be unexpected in a church community. At leadership training, Pastor Mark and I heard over and over from the speakers and other congregations that these steps are important steps to creating a meaningful Stephen Ministry. In listening to other local Stephen Ministry Leaders, I have heard the same message. A highly committed congregation results in a high reward ministry.

This recruiting process allows members to decide whether Stephen Ministry provides the right place for their gifts. In addition to 50 hours of training and two years of service, attendance at training sessions, plus twice-monthly supervision and continuing education sessions are also expected.

Members who decide to make this commitment offer our whole congregation skilled, focused care to individuals whose needs last for several weeks or years. Privacy is essential. The care receiver is known only to his or her caregiver, and to no one else. Men are paired with men, and women with women. Through putting their training into practice, a very specialized Christian-based, serving mission will be created within our community. Friendship supports "one arm of" a person going through difficult times, while Stephen Ministry "supports the other arm." Both are important.

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Both ministers and receivers grow personally. Participants speak of developing greater interpersonal relationship skills through the training and service. These skills prove valuable at work and home, as well as in other activities.

When we are highly committed, a high-reward ministry results! If you have questions or just want someone to discuss this ministry with, contact Pastor Roger or Pastor Mark.

*Sarah Longan, Stephen Ministry Leader*

## *Around the Church*

**WORSHIP DESIGN** The Contemporary Worship Design group meets every Monday night at 7 pm in the future kitchen. This is an open meeting for all who are interested in the design and content of the new contemporary worship service. Please feel welcome to come and share your ideas!

**LITURGIST NEEDED** We are looking for a liturgist to read the scripture lesson the first Sunday of each month at the 10:30 am service, beginning immediately. The liturgist who serves on the month's first Sunday normally assists in serving communion, as well. Substitutes are always available if you will be gone periodically. Please contact the church office if you can help.

**SUMMER CALENDAR** With summer approaching and the school year winding down, many of our scheduled events on the church calendar will change or cease for the summer. If you have an event or are a chairperson, or are a leader planning events, please contact Deb in the office (582-2163) and let her know the status of your meetings for summer. This will help her in scheduling and will ensure that current and correct information is posted on our Website Calendar! Thank you for helping.

**WANTED: WEBMASTER** We are in the process of upgrading our website and changing hosts. Since summer is slower in the office, this seems to be a good time to take on such a big project. We are looking for someone with tech and computer 'savvy' to help us through the procedure of designing a new website with additional features. Please contact Deb in the church office if this intrigues you; we are anxious to speak to you!

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** The church office will begin to observe Summer Hours on June 13. The office will be open from 8 am to noon. Debra may be in the office later on some days, depending on work load, and she will be checking messages. Regular hours will resume the week of August 29. Have a blessed and beautiful summer!

**RUMMAGE SALE LEFTOVERS** There are still dishes, kettles, and pans left in the downstairs kitchen from those who fed the Rummage Sale Volunteers. If any of them belong to you, please come and pick them up!

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## **Our Church in Mission**

### *Annual Conference Calls Choir*

Our choir has been asked to sing two anthems at the June 23 Memorial Communion service at Annual Conference, which is being held this year at TRAC in Pasco. If you would like to participate in this one-time event, contact Nancy Barr at [muzicnancy@aol.com](mailto:muzicnancy@aol.com) or 582-2433. You may also leave a message with your contact information on the Ritual of Friendship pad. Rehearsals will be in June.

### *Flood Relief...better late than never!*

On Father's Day, June 19 at 2 pm in the afternoon, the Sr. UMY will depart for a week-long mission trip to the Chehalis & Centralia area to complete any unfinished projects from the flood of three years ago. While most of the projects will involve manual labor, we also hope to come into a tired community to refresh their spirits and help them to have some renewed hope in the Lord! Growth experiences for the teens will also come in the way of worship, Bible study, and small group time. The teens will be providing dinners for each other, as well as a community event. Please begin praying now for the safety of this team and the lives they will come in contact with...and as always, unity in Christ.

### *Emergency Response Training, June 22*

Whenever disasters strike, United Methodists respond in the knowledge that Disaster Response and Recovery is a vital part of our church mission. We have been doing Disaster Recovery work since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, and now we are training a new cadre of workers to help in Disaster Response efforts. Once local authorities have responded to a disaster with police, fire, ambulance, and search and rescue, our trained Response Teams will step in to assist in tarping roofs, clearing debris, assessing damage, and being a shoulder for those impacted by the disaster. As you prayerfully discern how and what type of support you may want to give, consider participating in a day-long training here at our church to become one of those called when disaster strikes. Team are deployed for no more than three days at a time. Contact the church office or Linda Bauer at [golfnbauers@aol.com](mailto:golfnbauers@aol.com) to be added to the training roster.

### *Opportunity to Serve: Chaplaincy Evening for the Angels*

The Chaplaincy's "Evening for the Angels" is returning July 23, to the Richland Red Lion courtyard. Volunteers are needed to butler trays of chocolates and strawberries through the crowd. The evening will include enchanting music, heavenly chocolates, and local wines. All proceeds to benefit the construction of a new facility in Spaulding Park. Contact Lisa Enderlin, 783-2764.

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## *Camp Mekokiko Calls!*

There are two opportunities this year to serve at Camp Mekokiko on the big Island of Hawaii! The summer team will be working July 2-9. Please contact Linda Bauer at [golfnbauers@aol.com](mailto:golfnbauers@aol.com) if you are interested in serving next month. The fall team will be working October 15-22. Please contact Vic Reeve at [rfarm@clearwire.net](mailto:rfarm@clearwire.net) if you would like to serve on this team.

Camp Mekokiko is the only United Methodist Church camp in the entire South Pacific, and will allow island children and their families the same wonderful camp experiences that we enjoy here in the Northwest. There are jobs for everyone, no matter what your talents may be!

## *Volunteers Needed at KGH*

Kennewick General Hospital is looking for volunteers, at least 15 years old, who wish to serve the community in a hospital setting. Call Brenda Draper at 526-5117 if you would like to help.

## *Bibles Bring Hope to Local Inmates*

KFUMC recently donated 7 Bibles to the Chaplaincy jail ministry for distribution in the Benton County Jail and Benton Franklin Juvenile Detention Center. Chaplains hand out about 15 Bibles a week. We need more Bibles. Donated Bibles should be paperback only; easy reading versions are preferred. Also needed are Spanish translation Bibles and study materials. A collection box is located in the church library. Cash donations to purchase Bibles may be sent to the church office. Contact: Lisa Enderlin, Chaplaincy representative.

## *Rummage Sale Vouchers*

Thank you to those who so generously donated to the new Rummage Sale vouchers. We were able to give out ten \$20 vouchers to local refugee families to redeem during the sale. Based on your feedback, we hope to expand the program next year.

## *Wanted: Rummage Sale Intern*

It's time to start looking ahead to next year, Rummage Sale 2012! It's time to start passing along some of the collective knowledge to a person or persons who are interested in leadership of this great event. This may be God's place for you! If you would like more information, please call Nancy Osborn at 582-5924.

## *Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery and SARC Pancake Breakfast*

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery and SARC Pancake Breakfast Benefit will be held Saturday, June 4 from 7 to 11 am at Jefferson Park off George Washington Way in Richland. Cost is free but donations are welcome. Local "celebrities" will be flippin' the cakes – this is a worthwhile activity that should be lots of fun!

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## Stephen Ministers Gain Life Skills

“After striving to be results-oriented my whole life, Stephen Ministry has helped me understand the need to be empowered by Christ, to give up my control, and to trust Christ to bring about the results.”

Thomas from Cincinnati, Ohio  
Geophysicist

## Our Church Family

### *News from our Church Family*

Please keep the family and friends of **John Middleton** in prayer. John passed away on March 18.

We remember in prayer the family and friends of **Ann Holt**, who died May 3. A memorial service will be held on June 20 at 1:30 pm.

Please join in celebrating **Clyde Painter's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** on Sunday, June 5, at 2 pm. The party, including refreshments, will be held at the Manor at Canyon Lakes in the Community Club, and we'll be sharing highlights of Clyde's life and memories of time spent with him. Afterwards, Clyde's sons Dale and Mark and members of their Commedia dell'Arte troupe will present an Italian Renaissance comedy for your entertainment. Your gift is your presence; let's shower Clyde with the presence of many in his church family!



**Sarah Mowry** and **Tyler Butler** are **getting married** at 1:35 pm on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at KFUMC! “We would like to invite the congregation of Kennewick First to join us on this happy day for the ceremony and a reception in the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall. To RSVP, call (509)492-2320 or e-mail [smowry11@my.whitworth.edu](mailto:smowry11@my.whitworth.edu). We look forward to seeing you there!”

### *Thank You . . .*

#### **Auction Appreciation!**

We would like to thank each one of you who in any way supported our "Wok the Walk" fundraiser auction. Through ticket sales, monetary donations, and the silent and live auction, we raised \$22,000 to support a variety of ministries. A donation of \$2,000 was sent to UMCOR for the Japanese Tsunami victims, and together with the Jr UMY, we gave \$5,000 to our Transportation fund to cover UMY bus usage and upkeep. Throughout the year, the Sr. UMY does small mission projects; however the bulk of the auction funds will pay for supplies used on the summer mission trip and during the program year. Again, thanks for helping us to continue our "walk" with the Lord!!

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## **From the Food Bank**

We received a letter from the Tri-Cities Food Bank thanking our congregation for contributions made during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year. It read, in part,

“It is heartwarming to experience the kindness and spirit of sharing in our community, and I assure you that your donation will be put to good use helping to feed the needy in our area.

The Tri-Cities Food Bank was founded in our community in 1974, and since that time, we have never paid a salary. All of our work is done by volunteers. This allows us to keep our overhead below 2%. Our 100+ active volunteers thank you for your support that allows us to better the lives of the less fortunate in our community. Our doors are always open for tours, and our staff is available for any questions you may have. During 2010, the Food Bank served over 100,000 people and distributed nearly two million pounds of food.”

## **From Hope for the Children of Africa**

We also received a thank you from the board of Hope for the Children of Africa for contributions made which allowed the purchase of mattresses for the children of Jamaa Letu. It is wonderful to know that more of the children there now have soft, snuggly beds to sleep in!

## **“Our Babies Can’t Wait”**

“Thank you so much for so generously allowing us to use your facility for the “Our Babies Can’t Wait” parent workshops. Your facility was always ready for our use, and we greatly appreciate it! May the Lord bless all that you are doing!

## *Pastor Chuck Hindman Retires*

Dear members of Kennewick First UMC,

Our Pioneer United Methodist congregation is extending an invitation to members of Kennewick First UMC to join us for a retirement celebration for Chuck Hindman. Pastor Chuck has been in ministry in the Pacific Northwest Conference for forty years. Knowing that he has served your congregation, we are inviting your members to join with us in honoring Pastor Chuck and Karen.

This special event will be Friday evening, June 17 at 6:00 P.M. at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Walla Walla. After dinner is served, there will be a program with entertainment where we plan to roast and toast Chuck. There will be an open mic time to share memories of Chuck’s ministry among us. This is not a surprise event, though we are not sharing all the details with Pastor Chuck!

Please let us know how many people from your congregation will be attending in order to give those who are preparing the dinner an accurate number. A basket will be available for cards for Chuck and Karen. There will also be a money tree gift for Chuck if people would like to contribute.

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Pioneer Methodist is located at 209 East Alder. If you take the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street exit from Highway 12 and drive toward downtown, take a left on Birch Street, drive two blocks, and the parking lot of the church will be on your left.

If you know of others who might like to attend, please share this information with them.

Those who are unable to attend, but would like to send a card can send it to the following address:

Lill Templeton  
925 Alvarado Terr.  
Walla Walla, WA 99362-2101

Cards can also be sent directly to the Hindman's at their new home:

Chuck and Karen Hindman  
57 Paintbrush Court  
Walla Walla, WA 99362-4559

If you have questions, please feel free to call us. We are looking forward to this celebration of the many gifts Chuck and Karen have shared with us during these past forty years of ministry.

Sincerely,

Lill Templeton  
525-6746  
[templeton@whitman.edu](mailto:templeton@whitman.edu)

*NOTE: Kennewick First will be taking the Big Bus, so well wishers can ride in style to congratulate Pastor Chuck. If you intend to ride the church bus, just call Deb to reserve a seat. She will call Lil with our bus count! If you plan to drive yourself, please call Lil and let her know you are coming*

## *Congratulations to our College Graduates*

*Julie Logan* will graduate Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Washington University on June 11. Her degree is in Therapeutic Recreation.

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## **Male Stephen Ministers Fill an Important Need**

“For many men, friendships rarely get beyond surface issues. Stephen Ministry gives men who have a need to talk about deep feelings a safe haven to do so. It is gratifying to be able to listen and occasionally share my own personal experiences.”

Tom from Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Information technology

## *In the Good Ol' Summertime!*

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Bus Trip to Les Miserables Performance**

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 United  
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**A Chance to Make a Difference**

“I am a retired Navy pilot who recently attended the NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament. These things pale in comparison to the everlasting importance of helping others as a Stephen Minister. The Holy Spirit has allowed me to become a better listener and I have been able to reach out to others because of what Jesus did for me. I am indeed blessed!”

Jim, Virginia Beach, Virginia  
Retired naval captain and now active in  
volunteer ministries



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