

The Clarion

The Newsletter of Kennewick First United Methodist Church
March 2011



LENT 2011

Pancake Supper

Join your church family at 6 pm on Tuesday, March 8, to celebrate *Shrove Tuesday* with a pancake supper served to you by our Confirmation class. The tradition of eating pancakes came out of England, as well as other English-speaking countries; the day was widely associated with the eating of rich foods made with eggs, sugar and butter . . . like pancakes! On this day just prior to the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, celebrations were held with foods that would use up the cooking ingredients found in the treats many would abstain from eating during the fasting time of Lent. We hope to see you there!

Ashes Imposed on March 9

Pastor Roger will lead a short service of ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 9, at 6 pm in our sanctuary. In humility we remember our place in the grand scheme of things, and offer to place ourselves under the leadership of Christ for the living of all our days. Ashes are a sign of a life turned around, left behind, for the sake of following Christ wherever He leads.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the long season leading up to Easter, April 24, this year.

Stephen Ministry Is Coming to KFUMC

Pastor Mark Williams and Sarah Longan were among 315 pastors and congregation leaders from 32 denominations at a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course (LTC) held February 6-12 in Anaheim, California. Mark and Sarah attended the one-week training event hosted by the St. Louis-based Stephen Ministries organization. Participants at this event came from around the US and Canada to learn how to implement and direct Stephen Ministry, a system of Christian caregiving, in their congregations.

"Stephen Ministry gives Kennewick First United Methodist Church an effective way to train and organize members to provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals struggling with a life crisis like grief, divorce, loneliness, relocation, hospitalization, a terminal illness, or unemployment," said Rev. Williams. "The need for this type of care greatly exceeds what pastors alone can provide. All Christians are called to care for and love one another—it's not just the pastor's job. By equipping laypeople, we can help them fulfill their calling as Christians and also expand the amount of caring ministry available through our church."

Pastor Mark and Sarah were trained as Stephen Leaders at the event. One of their next steps will be to work with Pastor Roger Barr, also trained as a Stephen Leader, to lay the groundwork for implementing Stephen Ministry at KFUMC. They will work together to recruit, select, and train members of KFUMC to be Stephen Ministers, the ones who will provide one-to-one care. The

recruitment and selection will take place over the spring and summer, and training will begin in the fall. Once training is complete, they will then match each Stephen Minister with an individual in need of care and provide the Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision and continuing education.

Stephen Ministry began in 1975 when Dr. Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist in St. Louis, Missouri, trained parishioners to help meet the needs for care in his congregation. The ministry was so successful that other congregations became interested, and Haugk founded the Stephen Ministries organization. Since then, more than 10,000 congregations have become involved in Stephen Ministry. They represent over 150 Christian denominations and come from all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and 24 other countries.

The Stephen Ministries organization annually hosts six Leader's Training Courses across the U.S. At these courses, more than 55,000 pastors and church leaders have been trained as Stephen Leaders. They in turn have trained more than 500,000 church members as Stephen Ministers. It is estimated that more than one million people have received the formal care of a Stephen Minister, and millions more have been touched in an informal way.

Spiritual Gifts Course Offered after Easter

On Sunday, February 20, the congregation heard a report on Stephen Ministry from the Stephen Leader Team, Sarah Longan and Pastors Roger Barr and Mark Williams. One bit of information shared was the announcement that a program on spiritual gifts would be offered in the spring as a Cornerstone elective. This will be the first offering of our Stephen Ministry Series.

This new class, called "*Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts*," will be held on Tuesday evenings during Cornerstone. It is tentatively scheduled to begin the week after Easter on April 26th.

The course is comprised of 8 modules covering the following topics:

1. What Does God Want Me to Do with My Life?
2. Who Am I?
3. What Makes Me Unique?
4. Unwrapping Your Gifts Package
5. Spiritual Gifts in the Spotlight
6. Love Personified
7. Your Calling
8. God's Vision and Your Vision Coming Together

MISSIONS

The PDQ Foundation Highlights Local Missions for February

Your Missions Committee wants to emphasize local mission opportunities throughout this year. On the third Sunday of each month, we will share about one of the community organizations

through which a member or members of our church serve. An invitation will be given to those who might like to get involved.

In February, Jeanne McPherson presented information on the *Please Don't Quit (PDQ) Foundation* which raises money to support training in study skills, interview skills, family issues, and other training in getting a degree and developing work skills. The big volunteer effort for the year will be a walk next fall. The *PDQ Foundation* is also a major supporter of the CBC resource center--helping to provide suitable clothing and accessories for both men and women for job interviews. You may contact Jeanne McPherson or Carol Kerkow regarding the *PDQ Foundation*.

PNWUMC and KFUMC Respond to Fire in White Swan

Seen from the front porch of Wilbur Memorial United Methodist Church in White Swan, Wash., the flames, initiated from a chimney fire, began to grow and travel the area. Driven by 75 mph winds, the flames rushed towards the church as fire fighters struggled to stop the blaze. On the other side of the church, the same winds that fanned the flames blew down a tree onto a parked car in a neighbor's driveway. This particular Saturday was a day to remember.

On February 12, 2011, this wildfire burned 19 homes to the ground leaving only melted metal and remnants of the houses' foundations. Wilbur Memorial UMC quickly opened as a clothing bank to resident victims of this disaster. Many also went to the American Red Cross shelter in nearby Harrah Elementary School and/or the homes of relatives. Fire fighters, who are also members of Wilbur Memorial UMC, quickly set up an Incident Command Chart to organize the clothing bank distribution.

According to the Rev. Derel Olson, resident pastor of WMUMC, it is estimated that half of the homes were of Native American families while the other half were of Latino families. Authorities are finding it difficult to discover an accurate count of how many families were impacted since many of the homes were multi-family dwellings, although initial reports indicate that 21 homes were destroyed and 120 people left homeless. "I am concerned that the needs of all (the) families will be greater than the resources available," shares Olsen.

The Rev. Dr. L. George Abrams, the PNW Conference Disaster Response Coordinator and Jim Truitt, the PNW Conference Volunteer in Mission Co-Coordinator visited the disaster site. They were happy to discover that, while some nearby buildings were scorched and lost shingles from the wind, Wilbur Memorial UMC suffered no wind or fire damage.

Resident Bishop Grant J. Hagiya has contacted UMCOR and requested a small "initial emergency grant." As a connectional response from UMCOR and The United Methodist Church, local resident Belinda Bell, MSQ has been tasked to serve as Case Manager during the long-term recovery phase of the disaster by the Conference Disaster Response Team. Her primary role will be to help distribute UMCOR and Conference Disaster Relief dollars.

Based upon a call for volunteers to help with roof damage, six volunteers from Kennewick First UMC (Marc Harden, Lee Scott, Jim Foster, Russ Burtner, Steve Tucker, and Bob Kelly) answered the call to help on Thursday, February 17. Because several of our members had

participated in Early Response Team (ERT) training, we were in the loop early on. The group worked on two houses – tarping one roof that had severe damage that would allow water to penetrate the roof and another where existing shingles had to be repaired to maintain continuity.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is recruiting ERT trained personnel to assist with volunteer coordination in White Swan. Talk to Bob Kelly for more information (cell 528-9254).

Gifts may be given to White Swan Disaster Recovery through our own church. Make checks out to "KFUMC" with "White Swan" on the memo line.

Donate Bibles

Help spread the Good News in our local jails through the Chaplaincy Jail Ministry. A collection box is located in the church library for donations of Bibles and Bible study materials. ***Please note that all books donated to the jail ministry must be softcover; no hardcover books may be used at the jail.*** Check your bookshelves; is there something there that could be put to use? Sharing the word of God can and will change someone's life! For more information call Lisa Enderlin at 783-2764. Thank you.

SENIOR MINISTRIES

Senior Potluck

Christine Lindgren from the "Responding to Autism Center" will be our speaker for our March 21 potluck and meeting. Christine will share an audience participation PowerPoint presentation that is fun, entertaining, and informative. Autism now includes a whole spectrum of disorders, and Christine's presentation will enlarge your perspective on this condition. Come enjoy the food, fellowship, and information.

The Seniors will also have some business to take care of in light of the impending move of Bill and Glenda Clemans. Some new leadership will be required to keep the group on track. Jim and AJ Foster will cover some of it, but there is a need for a volunteer or volunteers to cover the trip planning and to provide help with obtaining speakers. Please be thinking about what you can do to help out.

Our Church Family

Please remember these in your prayers . . .

Jacque Sonderman; Carol Hardacre; Eileen Mandell's daughter, Jennifer; earthquake victims in New Zealand, our sister church in Njukinjiru; those affected by the fire in White Swan.

Thank you . . .

Winter Cornerstone classes will end on March 8 and Spring Cornerstone will begin on March 15. Special thank you to our winter session teachers: Peggy Puryear, Kris Kiefer, Nancy Barr, Tim Anderson, Tyler Whitney, Pastor Mark, Cynthia Bement, Jill Door, Jill and Larry Berg, and our

wonderful children's program teachers and caregivers, Brenda Gregory, Eula Martinez, and Barbara Helton. We appreciate your willingness to facilitate and teach.

When problems come and we feel sad and in pain, God sends people to be His angels to bring love, hope, and encouragement. That is why my deepest "thank you" is offered to this wonderful, caring church family – for this is the support you have given me with your cards, calls, and prayers – even food. May God bless each one of you. I certainly do!

Norma Williams

Two of the "old seniors" would like to thank the "young seniors" and their advisors for a very nice Valentine's Day party in IPFH -the kids were great and it was really a fun time; their "catering to the old folks" was really appreciated. Thanks, young seniors!

Jim and AJ Foster

Senior High Youth~

The special party you hosted for the Seniors was really terrific. We hope you had as much fun as we did. We appreciate all the time and work you put into it. We hope you do it again next year with an even bigger turn out of Seniors. Thank you.

George and Connie Boice

Tom and Ev Campbell are moving to Arizona

We want to tell everyone goodbye and to tell you how much we have enjoyed being a part of this vital church for the past 19 years. When we arrived in Kennewick 20 years ago, it was our first opportunity to "church shop" in our lives. We immediately attended KFUMC. The first people who spoke to us were Shirley and Clyde Painter. Things didn't "click" for us, so we visited several other churches for many months. Things definitely did not "click" at any of those.

Ev kept seeing Shirley out in the community, and, each time, Shirley would ask if we had found a church home. One Sunday afternoon she called, saying "Today our new minister preached for the first time. His name is Chuck Hindman and we wish you'd come next Sunday. We told her we'd sit with them the next week. We returned week after week and soon became members.

Since we are both retired and our children moved away from here many years ago, we have decided to live someplace warm for the first times in our lives. We are having a home built in a beautiful over-55 community in Vail, which is 20 miles south of Tucson.

We moved into our RV in a Richland park in mid February and will be in and out of town until about April 5th, when we will head out permanently. We are disconnecting our computer and don't know any forwarding address etc. at this time.

As Chuck and Roger always remind us: take the time to speak to someone you don't know. Find out if they are visiting and if you can answer any questions or refer them to a pastor or someone else who can. Anyone who knew Shirley and knows Clyde and some others in this congregation know that they have been instrumental in helping newcomers realize this is the church they want to become involved with.

Tom and Ev Campbell

Looking for Volunteers

I am looking for volunteers to help serve communion at both the 9 and 10:30 services. Please call me, Dalene Zabel, at (208)521-3693 (cell) or e-mail me at dczabel@gmail.com.

United Methodist Women

March UMW Meeting

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held Wednesday morning, March 23, at 10:30 AM in the Future Kitchen. The program will be presented by Don Porter, Director of the Union Gospel Mission, and Dawn Howell, Director of the Women and Children's Shelter at the Mission. Following the program, lunch will be served by the Wednesday Morning Fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Donna Troxel, UMW President, at 586-3478.

UMW District Mission Madness Meeting, Saturday, March 19

Let's go meet, eat, fellowship, work, and worship together with UMW sisters from our own Seven Rivers District on Saturday, March 19, 9 am to 3 pm, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Yakima. No need to worry about driving – arrangements have been made to use a church bus.

The agenda includes Pastor Derel Olson talking about mission work in our district, and during the day, we will assemble kits for UMCOR West. Every Unit is asked to send or bring items to make the kits. Following is a complete description of a Health and Layette Kit:

HEALTH KIT - 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27" - no kitchen towels), 1 washcloth, 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized), 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up), 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes), 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages, \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (due to expiration date at shipping time).

Wrap these items in the hand towel, tie it with string or yarn, and place inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

LAYETTE KIT - 6 cloth diapers, 2 baby washcloths, 2 diaper pins, 2 receiving blankets, 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits, 2 gowns or sleepers, 1 sweater (open in front). Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

The costs for this special day include \$15 for bus transportation and \$7 for a lunch provided by the Wesley UMW. Reservations must be in by Friday, March 11. Please contact Edwina Kenoyer (542-8219) or Shirley Knox (628-4680).

If you are unable to go, but wish to send Health or Layette Kit items, please notify Eddie or Shirley.

United Methodist Mission Magazine Full of Information

The mission magazine of the United Methodist Church, *New World Outlook*, was established in

1911 as part of a prolific missionary movement throughout the world. Hospitals, schools, national churches, and community centers were some of the ministries led by a corps of missionaries who fanned out across the globe 100 years ago.

One way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the mission magazine is a visit online at <http://newworldoutlook.org>, to check out some of the articles in the *New World Outlook* magazine. The recent January/February issue gives an excellent overview of the history of coverage of the missionary enterprise as it has evolved to modern times. This issue also includes letters from United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) who spent time in Haiti this past year working with the Haitian people to rebuild their facilities and their lives after the earthquake that struck on January 12, 2010. There are articles about mission work in DR Congo, Church of Pakistan, Tacoma, Washington, and much more. If you are interested in a trial issue of this inspiring, informative magazine, please contact Shirley Knox, 628-4680.

Children and Youth

Confirmation Sunday March 13

On March 13, during the 10:30 am service the participants of our Confirmation class will lead us in worship as they are baptized, confirm their faith, and join our church! Please come and witness *your* faith by *your* presence.

Wok the Walk - Senior High Auction ~ April 10

Make plans now to attend this fun-filled auction - our Sr. High youth group will once again be fundraising for its annual summer mission trip and will be sure to have some great packages for purchase! This year, the teens will be off to the Centralia/Chehalis area to finish up several of the 17 homes still in need of repair following the flood of three years ago.

Twinlow Camp Jr. and Sr. High Retreat

March 4-6, the Jr. and Sr. UMY groups will head to Twinlow Camp near Rathdrum, Idaho for a time of fellowship, study, and worship. Please pray for our youth groups and their leaders as they go away to draw nearer to the Lord.

PandaMania is on the loose!

Save the date for *Vacation Bible School* July 25-29, 2011. We'll be calling to ask for help, please consider what you can do to support this awesome kid's ministry in our church. If you aren't available during the week of VBS, we'd still love help with all the prep work on the crafts, decorating the church on July 24th, etc! Volunteers, please call Deanna Dreier @ 380-0851 or e-mail cddreier@msn.com with VBS in the subject header. Questions or ideas? Contact Deanna Dreier, Danielle Rhoades, or Christy Howard.

Sweetheart Social a Sweet Day!

On Sunday afternoon, February 13, the Sr. UMY hosted a Valentine party for their United Methodist Senior friends. The ladies were presented with silk corsages, and everyone enjoyed music, fellowship, and wonderful tasty treats, including a chocolate fountain! The Sr. High enjoyed the afternoon and they are looking forward to next year already.

Spring Cornerstone

Cornerstone, our Tuesday evening of food, fellowship, and fun, will begin this spring on March 15. For a nominal fee on these evenings, our church family enjoys a meal together, prepared by some of the wonderful cooks in our congregation! Following dinner, which is at 6 pm, classes for all ages are offered at 6:30 pm. (Exception is Children's Sing and Ring Choir, which meets at 5:15 pm, just prior to dinner.) Included in this spring's class offerings are:

Sing and Ring Choir with Nancy Barr

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 services 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.

A Down-to-Earth Study with Micki Perry, Master Gardener

Nurture strong roots in your garden *and* in your soul. Each class will use the Bible and offer growing tips and techniques for plants *and* people. You'll learn to build strong foundations, break new ground, sow seed, prune aggressively, survive the storms, and bloom where you're planted.

Emerging Vision for Our Church with Pastor Roger Barr

Engage in conversation with scripture, the pastor, and members of your church family about a vision for our church. Enjoy studying mission passages of scripture around the table with one another in fellowship as we discern together a future for our church.

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.

Youth Cornerstone with Cynthia Bement, Brittany Williamson, and Tyler Whitney

Youth 6th-12th grade, join us for fellowship together with your friends as we explore being disciples of Christ!

Children's Cornerstone with Barb Helton, Brenda Gregory, and Ula Martinez

Come down for a video or story lesson along with a craft and snack time! Loving infant and toddler care is provided in the Babyfold.

The Armor.net Men's Study with Kris Kieffer

This group is open to all men who are trying to be fishers of men while wearing their full armor of God!!! Kris Kieffer will facilitate this group. 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.

Thanks for the Musical Offering

There was much generosity on display Thursday evening, February 17, in the sanctuary. A celebration concert was held to offer music and to raise funds to replace some failing equipment for our contemporary music ministry.

The generous offering of \$1,927 received from those who attended the event will get the church back on track to supplying some needed supplies and equipment. Up until now, much of the equipment that is used on Sundays is supplied by the musicians themselves. Now thanks to this offering, the church will be paying for needed replacements.

Thanks to the generosity shown by our musicians in preparing and offering the gift of music at this concert and also on so many Sunday mornings.

And finally, thanks be to God for the musical gifts invested in our music leaders and for the many musically gifted people we have here at KFUMC. God is good! All the Time!

10th Annual Ed Troxel Scholarship Golf Tournament

It's time for another great day of golf at the Canyon Lakes Golf Course in Kennewick, WA! This four-person Shotgun Start Scrambler Format is designed for all levels of golfers and will include awards for the winning teams, lots of raffle drawings, and prizes. A steak barbecue will immediately follow completion of the tournament; prizes will be awarded and the recipients of the 2011 Ed Troxel Endowment scholarships will be introduced. Please register early to ensure your place in this great community event.

When: Saturday, May 7, 2011
Time: 1:00 pm Shotgun Start
Where: Canyon Lakes Golf Course
Format: 4-person Scrambler
Entry Fee: \$100 per player
Includes: greens fees, cart, Bar-B-Q

Registration forms are available in the church office or contact Sherry Arnold, (509)542-0226. All proceeds will benefit the Ed Troxel Endowment Scholarship Fund for Tri-City area high school students.

Bus Bloggin's

Talk about busy! Our buses were in demand during February for several events:

- ❖ The Sr. UMY ski trip on the 4th;
- ❖ The UM Senior – Senior UMY Valentine's Social on the 13th;
- ❖ On the 17th, the Techno Fundraiser for our music ministry;
- ❖ Youth attended the Ams hockey game on the 18th;
- ❖ The UM Seniors toured "SIGN" on the 24th;

- ❖ The Richland High School production of “Anything Goes” on the 25th; and
- ❖ 2 Sunday services each week!

Whew! What a job our drivers do for all of us!

March doesn't look quite so busy right now, but you never know! Youth will be using the buses when they travel to Twinlow Camp on the 4th. On the 19th, the UM Women will be headed to Yakima for the UMW District meeting, and on the 29th, we'll “hotfoot” ourselves to enjoy Riverdance at the Toyota Center!

What a joy to be able to offer this ministry to our congregation! Keep on recycling!

*Thanks,
The Bus Bunch*

Historic Downtown Kennewick Public Meeting

Our church will be hosting a public meeting on Thursday, March 10, to discuss design standards with property and business owners located in the downtown area. The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership will be welcoming Bob Kelly, chair of the Economic Restructuring Committee, to facilitate the discussion. All interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Youth Chapel beginning at 6:00 pm.

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Washer/Dryer - Melissa Ripplinger has an 8-year old washer and dryer she is willing to donate to a needy family. If you are interested, please call her at 396-7155.

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The Tri-Cities Pregnancy Network is preparing to hire an Abortion Recovery Program Director. This is a part-time position. Regardless of your position on abortion, there are many clients in need of support.

The Abortion Recovery Program Director is responsible for developing and managing the post-abortion program including resource evaluation and selection; community engagement; and training and supervision of volunteers on the post-abortion recovery team.

If you are interested in this position or know someone who might be interested, please call 509-946-1190 for more information. Applications are due by Friday, March 4th.

Kennewick First United Methodist Church
Worship Services

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

Nursery provided at each service
Handicapped Accessible

Church Office Hours

8:30 am - noon and
1 pm - 4 pm,
Monday through Thursday
Fridays, 8:30 am—noon

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