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The Newsletter of Kennewick First United Methodist Church
November 2011



Healing and Forgiveness Weekend

Kennewick First will host a 2 ½ day Healing and Forgiveness Weekend beginning Friday, November 4, including workshops, a healing service, and preaching ministry designed to help participants grow in their relationship with God and others through the healing ministry of the Holy Spirit. The topics of *Healing of the Human Spirit*, *Forgiveness in Relationships*, *Healing of Emotional Hurts*, and *Physical Healing* will be presented with caring sensitivity, and physical and emotional healing is offered with thoughtfulness. The weekend will help participants discover life's deeper realities and God's abundant grace.

The Reverend Larry and Audrey Eddings of Wind of the Spirit Ministries will lead each of these special workshops and services. Larry is a pastor in The United Methodist Church and has been a General Evangelist since 1952. Larry's "healing" ministry resulted from his own experience with spiritual, emotional, and physical fatigue and burnout. It was in this state that both Larry and Audrey experienced a new and dynamic move of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Audrey has a special ministry in the healing of Emotional Hurts. After years of struggling with physical illness, including healing of malignant melanoma, Audrey has a sensitivity to others who hurt. God manifests the gifts of discernment and word of knowledge in very dynamic ways as the Holy Spirit ministers through her.

On Sunday, November 6, the Reverend Larry Eddings will preach at our 9:00 and 10:30 worship services.

There is no charge for the weekend; however free will offerings will be received. On Saturday a "Make Your Own Sandwich" lunch will be provided along with an offering basket to help defray costs.

Registration forms are available in the church office at 420 W. Kennewick Avenue, or online at the bottom of our website's home page at www.kennewickfirst.com.

We are currently looking for 20 people to provide at least \$100 each to help defray the approximately \$2,000 it will cost us to bring the Eddings here for the weekend. Expenses are for travel and housing, and a basic fee for this Wind of the Spirit Ministry outreach. Checks may be made out to the church with "Eddings" on the memo line.

Learn How to Be a Christian Champion

An ecumenical faith advocacy workshop on Saturday, November 12, will help church members learn the rich biblical and theological tradition of advocating for the poor and disenfranchised. The workshop, to be held at First Lutheran Church in Pasco, features representatives from The

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United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian churches. Beginning with registration at 8:30 and conferencing at 9:00, the day will feature presentations on what it means to be an advocate, various faith traditions' policy statements regarding immigration and advocacy, an update from our senate and congressional staffs regarding what is happening legislatively around immigration issues, a round table discussion of immigration issues, and an opportunity for local church members to gather with their own to discuss ways of bringing advocacy into the ministry of their local church. The workshop will conclude by 3:00.

The overall sponsoring agency is The Faith Action Network, the legacy of the former Washington Association of Churches. Pastor Roger has been on the local planning committee.

The Reverend Paul Benz from The Faith Action Network will be our guest preacher at Kennewick First UMC on Sunday, Nov. 13.10:30

Stephen Ministry Training

After nine class meetings we are still enthusiastic! This training is really “retraining”. Our perspectives, words, and actions are changing. Kenneth Haugk, the founder of Stephen Ministries, reminds us that suffering people are fragile. In *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart* (p. 16) he writes “...so fragile, those who relate to them are called upon to function with the greatest sensitivity and compassion they can muster. This is where the challenge lies.”

As trainees, our challenge is to provide a confidential relationship without fear of judgment for these fragile persons. We believe God will be the one to heal them. We provide a safe opportunity for them to sort out their own emotions. Then they can better hear God. We pray with them, but only if they wish.

When developing the Stephen Ministry program, Dr. Haugk wanted guidance. He asked people who had been caregivers and care receivers in his program to help. After recording their responses, he put together a list of 19 challenges these two groups had experienced. To give you an idea of what we are studying, 4 of the 19 are listed below. These were the most mentioned of the 19. (Haugk, p. 17)

1. Knowing what to say to a hurting person
2. (gently) Understanding, empathizing with, or validating someone's struggles
3. Talking too much, listening too little
4. Having a “fix-it” mentality

In our class sessions, we listen to our commonly used verbal and non-verbal communications. We have learned that many can be hurtful or ineffective. The changes may be slight, yet difficult to make. So during each class (and outside of it!) we practice.

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By focusing on the needs of the fragile, we are serving as Jesus would have us serve. For each of us it is necessary that we practice regular spiritual discipline. Having said this, please continue to pray with us.

We pray for your understanding and patience for our mission, for our willingness to change, and thankfulness for Pastor Roger's compassionate leadership throughout Stephen Ministry training and the service which follows.

In addition to our regular Tuesday evening studies, we will be attending the Healing Workshops on November 4 and 5 held at our church to be led by Reverend Larry Eddings.

Thankfully, we are indeed in God's hands.

Worship Service Upgrade

Some of our FUMC members have formed a "Hymn Group" which has met to suggest more familiar hymns to sing at our 10:30 Traditional Worship Service. Our list of familiar hymns is matched with Pastor Roger's sermon themes, and the group's favorites are suggested to Roger for use as he wishes each Sunday of the month. Other changes to the upgraded service include a consistent format with opening, sermon, closing hymns, responsive readings, sharing the peace, and joys & concerns all experienced in a timely manner within the one-hour service. Since these changes began in early September, the congregation has enjoyed the togetherness of reading, singing, and shaking/holding hands. The atmosphere is uplifting, resulting in a satisfying and spiritually fulfilling experience for members. Won't you join us?

Senior News

The United Methodist Seniors are off to a great start this fall. Our September meeting was small in numbers, but we had a great time catching up on everyone's summer activities. Our trip to the B-Reactor was a big success – we appreciate Don Meyer who arranged the trip and Ron Shuck who drove us there and back safely. Thank you, gentlemen!!!!

October's meeting was better attended and our speaker, Nancy Cutshall, was very interesting and informative. Thanks, Don Meyer, for arranging for Nancy to come.

Our next meeting will be November 21 when Matt Taylor has arranged for Skip Novakovich to be our speaker. He will talk to us about the new home for the homeless vets in our area and other topics. This is a timely event since Veterans Day is on the 11th. Please bring a dish to share and come enjoy some good fellowship and food.

Monthly Meeting of the United Methodist Women

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held Wednesday morning, November 16, at 10:30 AM in the Future Kitchen. The program will focus on the UMW "World

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Thank Offering.” Following the program and questions, lunch will be served. Hostess this month is the First Wednesday Fellowship.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Troxel, UMW President, at 586-3478.

UMW Arranges Friendship Trip to Muslim Center

A wonderful chance to spread friendship and understanding beyond our church walls is coming Saturday, November 19, to the women of Kennewick First United Methodist Church.

Your own UMW has a committee on social justice that contacted the Umam at the Muslim Center in West Richland with an invitation to the women of the Center to meet with us. The response from Dr. Kaleem Ullah and his wife Zarfshan has been warm and gracious. They have invited the women of our church to come to the Islamic Center on November 19 for lunch, a tour, and friendship time with women at the Center.

If you want to visit the Islamic Center for this event, please contact Shirley Knox, chair of the UMW committee, by November 10 at 628-4680 or sknox1285@gmail.com.

For those who would like to ride on our church bus to the West Richland Center, please contact Eddie Kenoyer at weseddiekenoyer@aol.com or 542-8219.

If you go by car, we will all meet up at the Center on Bombing Range Road in West Richland a little before noon. It's easy to find.

Youth in Missions

Jr. & Sr. High on the move in missions!

With fall now here and the school year off to a good start, things haven't slowed down for the youth of Kennewick First. The youth have served not only their church, but their community as well. The fall started off with the annual Crop Walk on October 2 when both youth and leaders walked to raise awareness of worldwide hunger. Also the youth helped serve at the Holly Daze Bazaar as table runners, greeters, lunch servers, and with set up and take down.

At the end of October, on the 30th, the Jr. and Sr. High held their annual Tailgate Trunk or Treat and the UNICEF Carnival. UNICEF is a global humanitarian relief organization for children, providing health care, clean water, nutrition, education, and emergency relief. Twenty-two thousand children die every day due to preventable causes worldwide. All of the money raised from the carnival goes to UNICEF to take that number down to 0. Thank you for your support of this event and for the impact you are making on the lives of those who receive care from UNICEF.

The missions don't stop here! Looking into the near future, the Sr. High will be doing their annual Rake-and-Run this month. During this event, the Sr. High group will rake the yards of individuals who need some assistance clearing leaves from their yard. The Jr. High will be

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giving away loaves of bread to low income families the weekend before Thanksgiving during their “Great Bread Giveaway.” Also the Sr. High youth will be making and serving lunch for the Advent workshop on the 27th while the Jr. High will help with crafts downstairs. Please join the youth on this day while our congregation helps to set up all of the Advent decorations upstairs in the sanctuary.

We continue to be blessed to have a church family that loves and supports our youth as they serve others. We appreciate all of the continued support and prayers that the church gives the youth of Kennewick First.

Advent Workshop **Sunday November 27th** **First Sunday of Advent**

Including:

- *Senior High Sponsored Soup Luncheon
- *Decorating the Sanctuary
- *Christmas crafts

Begin the Christmas season by joining together for the annual all-church Advent Workshop. The Sr. High will have lunch ready after 2nd service around 11:45 am. Choose from the famous 1½ bean soup or chicken noodle, with cornbread, apple crisp, and beverage. There will be a donation basket set out to help cover the cost of the meal.

Following lunch, families are invited downstairs to create Christmas crafts, while the adults will be appreciated upstairs in the sanctuary to help prepare for the holidays.

Come enjoy this time of fellowship with your church family as we prepare our hearts, as well as our church facility, for the Christmas season!

Advent Cornerstone

Mark your calendars for Tuesday December 6, 13, and 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm for our Advent Cornerstone All Church Fellowship Nights. Each night will include sharing a meal, worship & story, and an all-church activity. Look for more information to come in the December Clarion!

Funday

Calling all 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders! It’s that time again for Funday! Bring your sack lunch and get ready to have some fun on Sunday, November 13 and 27. Meet at the 4th & 5th grade room from noon to 1:30 pm and come prepared to play some games and enjoy some fellowship time with your friends. On the 27th we will have the option of enjoying the Advent luncheon soup meal and crafts! Everyone is welcome!

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11 1/2 Bean Soup and Chocolate filled Advent Calendars are both available in the church office!

If you didn't have a chance to pick up your chocolate advent calendars at the Holly Daze Bazaar, you still can at the church office! Calendars are \$5.00 each and there are six different scenes to choose from. For more information or to buy an Advent calendar, please call Brittany at 582-2163 Ext. 110. All proceeds go to the Jr. UMY.

11 ½ Bean Soup is also available at the office for \$5.00 a package! Get yours before they're all gone – proceeds benefit UMW.

Phd Group

. . . or the group formerly known as YUMMY continues to meet each weekend. For more information on this college age/young adult fellowship group, please contact Cynthia or Brittany at the church office or on Facebook.

Butter Braids are Back!!!

The UMY will again be selling these ever popular pastries. Each Butter Braid will sell for \$11.00 and they come in many flavors: cinnamon, cherry, apple, cream cheese, raspberry caramel rolls, and blueberry cream cheese. The teens will be taking orders up until November 20. If you wish to place a phone order, please call the church office and ask for either Cynthia or Brittany. The youth will have a table with samples on Sunday, November 20, for you to place last minute orders.

Columbia Chorale in Concert

Please join the Columbia Chorale at their fall concert, *Voices Together*. This delightful musical presentation will be offered on Sunday, November 13, 3 pm at Kennewick First Presbyterian Church, 2001 W. Kennewick Avenue, in Kennewick.

Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

Shirley, Eddie and the other committee members, Chris King and Bonnie Taylor, will gladly share details of the planning with you or answer questions about the new UMW committee.

“The four of us,” Shirley explains, “are exploring ways to advance social equality under the UMW’s Charter of Racial Justice. Our hope in reaching out to women of the Muslim faith is to build friendship and share ideas. Won’t you join us?”

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Bus Bloggin's

Did you know? Our Terrific Threesome (buses) wheeled over 10,300 miles in 2010! Check the bus board for pictures. And we are on our way again. Our wonderful drivers are already picking up parishioners for both Sunday services. Our UMYers are steady users of the buses to go to special events. The UM Women and the Seniors group enjoy worry-free comfortable rides to various places. We bus many, many people/ groups to where they need to go. Please take a moment to say hi or shake the hands of our marvelous drivers and "helpers." We could not have such a great ministry without them. And to our Green Recycle people, thank you for your service to help keep up "sharing the ride."

We have two special trips coming up in December. All seats on the bus for our annual Lighted Implement Parade trip on December 3 are already sold out, but we do have a waiting list. Our other December trip is the annual Spokane Shopping Spree on December 10. Twenty-four seats are still available on that trip.

If you have any suggestions for places to travel, especially 1-day excursions, give Shirley Miller a call at 582-3428. She is also the person to contact for information and reservations. We look forward to sharing a comfy, worry-free seat with you on any of our fun events!

The Bus Bunch

Our Church Family

- ♥ We pray for Kim Boice and her family upon the death of Kim's grandmother.
- ♥ We continue to pray for Steve Vaughn, recovering from a heart attack in October.
- ♥ Please pray for those on our ongoing prayers list:
Deana & Joseph Ahrend, Opal Baker, Betty Bauman, Verdine Davis, Lois Davis, Bud Deines, Carl Ficker, Carol Hardacre, Gwen Harder, Gene Hardy, Marty Hendrickson, Dick & Helen Ingersoll, Pete James, Jane Johnson, Adam Lamberd, Phil LaMont, Bill & Eileen Mandell, Dorothy Matz, Vere May, Mikel Meilink, Lucy Merritt, Joyce Nightingale, Don Olsen, Nancy Osborn, Jean Oversby, Josh Pearson, Janet Sadler, Donna Shirey, Mary Shoop, Lynn Simmelink, Terry Simmelink, Jacque Sonderman, Willard & Barbara Stone, Lowell & Madeline Swift, Elmo Warren, Emma Wentz, Shorty Wertman, Boots Wise, Marybelle Yarzombeck, Mike Zabel

Thank you

- ♥ Our church received a very gracious thank you from West Highlands United Methodist Church for lending the Tool Trailer for use in their fire relief efforts in White Swan in September. The group that helped out worked on 3 sites replacing half a house roof, repairing fire-damaged house siding, and finishing a blitz build house and fence.
- ♥ KFUMC also received a thank you letter from the Tri-Cities Food Bank for our 3rd quarter donation of \$120, and "support that allows us to better the lives of the less fortunate in our community."

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

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

Nursery provided at each service
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Church Office Hours

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

(509) 582-2163

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www.kennewickfirst.com

Koins for Kenya

Please help the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class as we start this year's Koins for Kenya campaign. Last year we raised over \$400, which helped to purchase school and other supplies for our sister congregation in Njukinjiru, Kenya. Our class has distributed containers to the various classrooms throughout the church, in addition to one at the Welcome Desk. Let's see which class can raise the most change!

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