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The Newsletter of Kennewick First United Methodist Church
October 2011



October 2011 Events at Kennewick First

It's Time to Plan for Holly Daze 2011

Hi everyone! It is once again time to plan for the UMW's annual holiday bazaar, Holly Daze. This fun event will take place on Saturday, October 15. We will be selling all kinds of wonderful handcrafted items that are perfect for gift giving, decorating, or just plain enjoying during the upcoming holiday season.

Some of the favorite items include the fabulous and popular bean soup mix that we all look forward to each year, the fantastic baked goods, and of course the delicious apple pies. You will usually find Christmas items, hand-knit baby items and scarves, and beautiful hand sewn items, to mention just a few.

We can't do this without your help, however. We could use help with setup, takedown, and with many tasks during the event itself. We would greatly appreciate your donations of handcrafted items, knitted items, baked goods, and garden produce.

This is our main fundraiser of the year and the proceeds support our charities all over the world. Please contact Darryl Vaughn to let her know how you will help support Holly Daze this year. You can email Darryl at davaughn55@gmail.com or call her at 509-460-9339. Thank you to everyone for your past contributions and hard work during this fun, popular event. With your help we will have another successful Holly Daze Bazaar this year!

Fall 2011 Cornerstone

Starting Tuesday October 4, Cornerstone will be back in full swing! Classes will be from 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday nights, following our 6 pm dinner.

These classes will be offered this fall:

Sing and Ring Children's Choir with Nancy Barr. For kids in 2nd through 5th grade, this is an awesome opportunity to glorify God and be part of a singing group. We meet beginning at 5:15 each Tuesday and end just in time for the Cornerstone supper!

Children's Cornerstone with Barb and Leyna. Stories, crafts, snacks, and great fellowship time for 5th grade and younger in the preschool room.

Childcare with Brenda Gregory in the babyfold.

Teen Cornerstone for 6th-12th grade with Cynthia & Brittany in the Youth Chapel.

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“Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived” by Rob Bell. Rob Bell addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith, the afterlife. “Would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever...?” With searing insight, Bell puts hell on trial, and his message is decidedly hopeful - eternal life doesn't start when we die; it starts right now. And ultimately, love wins. Facilitated by Sheryl Dyer.

Beth Moore Women's Series. God will never give up on you: Explore how David's life proves this promise to be true in this updated edition of the bestselling “*A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David.*” In this examination of the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. You'll want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you! Facilitated by Kathy Muhlbeier.

The Armor.net Men's Study. This group is open to all men who are trying to be fishers of men while wearing the full armor of God! 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. Facilitated by Kris Kieffer.

Stephen Ministry Training (5:15-8:00pm): The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around your congregation. Facilitated by Pastor Mark and Sarah Longan.

If you have any questions, please call Brittany at the church office 582-2163 Ext. 110.

Cornerstone Sewing Class Rescheduled

Deb Reeve has rescheduled her Fall Sewing for Cornerstone until the **Winter session** to facilitate a better class after the Christmas break. The class, "Beginning Sewing" will be for any adult interested in learning the basics of sewing and also children, aged kindergarten and older with an accompanying adult (parent, grandparent or friend) to assist them. We'll go over hand sewing, using the sewing machine, using a pattern and cutting tools, and general sewing terminology. Projects planned include a book bag, a placemat, an elastic waist skirt or shorts, pajama pants, and an apron. We even have a couple of the Piecemakers quilting group members willing to assist and offer their expertise. Deb and her assistants are really looking forward to seeing you in January! Keep your eyes open for any other projects you may like to try.

Ministry Fair

One Light Many Colors is the theme this year for the Ministry Fair on October 9.

Mark your calendars to be there. To those of you who head up any of our ministries, it is time to start thinking of your ideas and table decorations. Danielle Rhodes has mailed out letters to our ministry chairs; if you should have received a letter but did not, please contact her. This year, a

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"Rainbow" theme will tie everything together: Let's make it bright and very inviting. If you have any questions, feel free to email or call Danielle at danielle.rhodes1@frontier.com or 539-1030.

For those of you who have not been involved in the Ministry Fair in the past, this is a great opportunity to learn about the many different groups and organizations within the church. It takes everyone volunteering to help the church become fruitful and grow. This is your chance to get involved in whatever it is that most interests you!

UNICEF Carnival and Tailgate Trick or Treat

October 30, 4:30 – 6 pm
Tickets are 5 for \$1.00
Come in costume for fun!

Concession stand, too!

For children age 2 through 5th grade
All proceeds go to UNICEF (United Nation Children's Fund)

Sponsored by the Jr. & Sr. UMY

Associate Pastor Focuses on Alternative Worship and Small Groups

It has come to our attention that some in our general membership are unclear about the parameters of Associate Pastor Mark Williams' job description with our congregation. As we enter the new fall season, it is good to revisit what Mark's ministry with us is about.

First, Mark brings an extensive background in music and worship and was asked to help us develop an alternative worship format. In less than a year, we have begun and continue to develop and refine our new 9:00 alternative worship service. Often we slip into referring to the 9:00 service as "contemporary." At times it will be what is somehow commonly understood to be "contemporary" with lively music selections often heard on Christian radio stations, with a far less "liturgical" emphasis. At other times the alternative service may be "reflective" or have some other character. The idea is that worship will grow out of the needs, concerns, interests, talents, and devotion of the congregation through our Monday night alternative worship planning group to which everyone is invited. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 pm.

Second, Mark was brought on board to help us develop our small group ministry. We did not anticipate how much time and energy it would take to get the alternative worship services up and running, so Mark is still trying to get a handle on directions we might go with small group ministry. Last fall, Mark suggested a Wesleyan covenant group format, but this met with minimal response. As we wait for small group ministry to develop further, we have asked Mark

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to help lead our emerging Stephen Ministry, a lay caregiving ministry of our church. One of the key facets of this ministry is the small group education and development of the Stephen Ministers themselves. These ministers will continue to meet in small groups over the next two years for continuing education, fellowship, support, and growth in caregiving abilities. In the meantime, Mark will give attention to curriculum and other resources for our small groups, as well as begin the process of including new people in groups and developing new groups. Please speak with Mark about your interest in this aspect of our ministry together.

Finally, Mark is a general practitioner of ministry and to that end, covers for Pastor Roger when Roger is away, preaches as requested, visits in hospitals and homes for emergencies or other special needs, and handles weddings and funerals as needed.

Our new associate position is *not* about every member visitation or visiting our homebound. Our Stephen Ministry will help us in some of this visitation ministry, but Mark is not to be giving his major attention to visitation. Visitation ministry will expand as our roll of Stephen Ministers grows over the years. General visitation in a church our size is about members of the congregation caring for one another.

Questions about the associate pastor's job description may be addressed to Pastor Roger or to members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Please continue to encourage Mark as he ministers with and for us, in the name of God.

Stephen Ministry Training - Meet Our First Class Members!

Members of our first Stephen Ministry training class were introduced to us on Sunday, September 18, during our morning worship services. How thankful our congregation can be, and will continue to be, for their presence. We have a group of excited and dedicated trainees in this first class. They have committed their time and energy to the 50 hours of classes. We thank God for their willingness and for guiding them to us.

Some of them come in spite of work schedules, children, and transportation difficulties. All come with faith and a variety of human experiences. They also show us through their efforts how Stephen Ministry will help us to serve one another as Christ would have us do. As a result, more of us will have caregivers who share our needs. How blessed we are!

Our faith is nurtured as well. Our belief that many of us will be led to become Stephen Ministers is strengthened. Stephen Ministry is one of many ways each of us is gifted to serve our community.

During September, this class met four times. Please check Sunday bulletins to follow the training. There you will find brief descriptions of what is happening during each class meeting.

Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, our Kennewick First United Methodist Church community. Again, we are blessed, so very blessed. Please continue to pray with and for our

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trainees. Also we must include the pastors in our prayers. They are committed to this ministry's presence and growth here. Let us, within our Christian community, remember to thank God for His presence within each of us and ask for guidance.

Members of our first class include Evalee Kieffer, Jenny Defoe, Judith Hunter, Marie Cobb, Micki Perry, Shirley Knox, Ty Rose, Sarah Longan, and Mark Williams. Pastor Roger is the training leader.

New Interim Music Director

Due to a full and demanding school schedule, Nancy Barr has resigned as Music Director here at Kennewick First. We are thankful to Nancy for the years of instruction she has given to our music program, participants, and the various vocal choirs. Nancy will continue to serve as a volunteer with the children's choir this fall. Taking her place in the interim is Amberley Almarode. Amberley is excited about her new position and is enthusiastically preparing herself for practices! Welcome, Amberley, in your new occupation, and God bless you, Nancy, with a lighter load and more rest!

Blue Lake Wrap up

Over Labor Day weekend, approximately 60 folks from the church experienced a sunny weekend of fellowship together at Blue Lake, near Soap Lake. Parishioners enjoyed boating (thanks to Chad Drier and Rob Crowner), sailing lessons (thanks to Ken Dyer), rock climbing, cliff jumping, healing mud bathing in Soap Lake, viewing the laser light show at Grand Coulee Dam, worship, and way too much food including cobbler, homemade ice cream, and late night french fries! Always a great time getting to know each other better and relaxing and enjoying God's gift of His presence with us in this fun place!

Funday October 9 and 23

Funday is a fellowship group that meets twice a month for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Our first Funday of the program year will be October 9 from noon-1:30 pm. Brittany Williamson oversees this group, which starts out in the 4th and 5th grade classroom with a brown bag lunch, devotion, and prayer, followed by an activity at the church. Call the church office and ask for Brittany if you have any questions.

YUMMY is now PHD

Our Young United Methodist group has changed its name to PHD, meaning *Post High-School Disciples*. They are still minus youngins, meaning no children allowed! The group has a great Bible study going at 10:30 each Sunday morning in the Youth Chapel, an activity and devotion led by Cynthia, Brittany, or Kristi Thien on Sunday nights, and a mission project planned for the future, as well as several fellowship events to build friendships and strengthen their faith. If you are college age or post high school, get involved with this great new group. Information is distributed through Facebook or contact Cynthia or Brittany.

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Activity Time

Please take note: Activity time during the 10:30 am worship has been relocated to the Toddler room, which is next to the babyfold off of Ida Payne fellowship hall. Both Hailey Boice and Sierra Hogg do an excellent job providing a lesson, craft, snack, and activity to keep the children occupied and learning while their parents are in the worship service. The class was moved for safety reasons; the children are now closer to the adults in worship, next to the other children in child care, and there is a bathroom located in the classroom. Thank you for your patience as we continue to provide a "safe sanctuary" for everyone!

Support our Scouts!

Scout popcorn is again on sale! Sales not only benefit our Scouts, helping them to defray the cost of camp, camping trips, and other activities; we also have the opportunity to show support to our military troops all over the world with our Military Donations. These donations allow us to send popcorn to our courageous troops all over the world. Last year alone our pack and troop sent an entire pallet of popcorn to the troops in Afghanistan. We chose the troops there because we have two scout parents, two cousins, four uncles, and one aunt currently serving there. The military donations are \$50 and \$30 but any amount is appreciated - we combine them to send the most that we can.

For purchasing information, contact Deana Ahrend, Cub Master Pack 179, 509-845-6251, or email Deana at burkahrend5@aol.com.

United Methodist Women

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held Wednesday morning, October 26, at 10:30 am in the Future Kitchen. The program will be presented by Cynthia McCready, Director of the Edith Bishel Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Following the program and questions, lunch will be served. This month is an all member salad potluck so bring a favorite salad to share. If you have any questions, please call Donna Troxel, UMW President at 586-3478.

News From The Zoo (Piecemakers)

Goodness, it has been a long time since you've heard from the zoo! The zoo resides in the Piecemakers' work area. We are the animals hoping to go to new homes with the quilts the ladies make and give to several organizations. Fifty-four quilts, including a zoo member with each quilt, were recently distributed to the Community Health Center LaClinica, KGH, the Union Gospel Mission, and the Salvation Army. The ladies have made and given away well over 1000 quilts since the group's inception in 1997.

The group was first organized by Anna Mae Malachi and continues with a handful of ladies participating. They could use some more hands! You don't have to be a seamstress, although those who sew are very much appreciated. Come help tie, sew on labels, close "tummies," and

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match animals to the quilts. The ladies meet on the second Wednesday and the last Saturday of every month from 10 am-noon. Questions, call Phyllis Merrill, 586-3784 or AJ Foster, 783-2855.

Mom's "Coffee" Break

If you are a mom who is in need of support and conversation with other adult ladies, then this is the group for you! Mom's Break typically meets at the church from 9-11:00 am on Thursdays twice a month. The group will meet in October on the 13th and 27th. Childcare is provided; however, this group is open to moms or ladies of all ages . . . with younger or older children or no children at all! The only requirement is that you would love some good coffee and conversation! If you have questions, please call Evalee Kieffer at 572-8509.

Senior News

The seniors kicked off the new season with a luncheon in September and a trip to the Hanford B Reactor, which was arranged by Don Meyer (thank you, Don!). We had traveled to Walla Walla in July to see *Hairspray*, having a great time, thanks to Jane Hunt who made those arrangements. We are still searching for someone or "ones" to plan future trips. One person has come forward who would help with this, but wants to work with at least one other person. Any volunteers? We have a very well-written procedure for planning trips now, thanks again to Jane Hunt.

Thanks to a number of people, it appears that our programs for the lunches will be filled for this year. We are always looking for possible speakers/programs, so if you hear of a good one, collect business cards, names, and phone numbers and even ask if they would be willing to come present to our group. Mark your calendars for the year, the third Monday of every month, Ida Payne, Potluck, 12-1:30 approximately. Our next meeting is October 17. Nancy Cutshall, volunteer missionary to Africa out of CUP, will be the speaker. Thank you, Don Meyers, for arranging for this program. On November 21, we will host Skip Novakovich, who will discuss "Veterans' Housing." Thank you to Matt Taylor for arranging this program. We will not meet in December so you can do your Christmas shopping/cooking etc! The January meeting and those beyond are being planned at this writing; there are some great ones in the works!

News from our Church Family

*Please pray for William Ealy and the children, family, and friends of **Francis Ealy**. According to her obituary, Francis went to reside on Hallelujah Lane with her heavenly Father on September 1. We thank God for and take comfort and strength from the witness of her life in Christ.*

Memorial Bench for Hugh Barr

Kathryn Barr has donated a beautiful 8' green hoop bench for the outdoor waiting area of the new entry. Located under the overhang, it will give shade and protection from the elements to those

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waiting to be picked up. The bench is heavy duty and should last a very, very long time. Hugh enjoyed our church and he appreciated the bus ministry in particular. The entire Barr family feels this is a fitting lasting tribute to Hugh.

The Barr family would also like to thank all those who contributed memorials in Hugh's name to the public school in Njukinjiru, Kenya. Public education was one of his great passions. Hugh Barr, Pastor Roger's father, died last October.

Position Opening

Central Church in Richland is seeking a part-time print/graphic designer and editor for its publications. Must be a committed Christian who can support the mission and values of Central Church. Knowledge and experience with current graphic technologies and software programs required. Excellent writing and editing skills needed. Starts at \$13/hr. Apply at Central Church's office: 943-1143 or patib@cupchurch.org.

Check Out the New Website!

Our new website is up and running as of September 8. You may find it at www.kennewickfirst.com or 'Google' us. It has several pages and sub pages to highlight the different aspects of our programs and ministry. Our church calendar is still available and shows any new events the moment they are added from the office. The *Clarion* is also available and under the **News and Events** page, you may access archived *Clarions* from the past year. The **Links** page has more links, and local links are also found under the **Local Mission Opportunities** subpage. Hyperlinks can allow you to jump from one page to another. The **About Us** page gives a little of our church history, and a bit about the Global church and Methodist beliefs. Driving directions and contact information are available on several pages. There is even a page for **Bus Stuff** to highlight the upcoming Big Bus trips. Some of the new features of the site include the ability to send a form requesting information. The form comes into the office as an email with all the necessary information to respond to the sender. These forms can be also be used to sign up for a bus ride, Cornerstone class, or to request prayer. You may now also send a monetary donation under the **Volunteer** page by clicking the **Donate** button. Donations can be made to specific charities we work with or projects within the church, as well as special gifts or memorials. Donations can be sent through this page via a Paypal account or a credit card. Since many people use their credit cards to build up mileage, cash back rewards, or other incentives, this is a nice perk! Additional pages are in process and will be added when ready for view. You will see many slide shows throughout the site showing our volunteers at work, our youth, programs, and special events. As we have a new event, old ones will be archived or removed in a continuous fashion, so the website is always new and fresh. With time more features will be added and refined to make the site even appealing and useful to our parishioners and others seeking to become involved in our church. We have hopes that some day we will have audio access to our sermons or perhaps videos of the message and special services and events. Debra is currently acting as our Webmaster and welcomes your critiques and information to upload. Since the website requires additional time to update and maintain,

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she is looking for any interested volunteer to come forward and share in this project. Perhaps this is your ministry! Contact Deb at 582-2163 for more information.

November 2011 Coming Attractions

Forgiveness, Healing, and Discipleship Weekend November 4, 5, and 6

The Reverend Larry and Audry Eddings will be present with us on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning, the first weekend in November. Representing *Wind of the Spirit* ministries, a United Methodist-related renewal ministry with emphasis on the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the Eddings have brought renewal and healing to numerous congregations and communities across The United States. We bring them here precisely to help us learn how to forgive and receive the forgiveness offered to us by God and by others.

The workshops will focus on forgiveness, healing, and discipleship. There will be a healing service on Saturday afternoon, and Larry will preach in our morning worship services on November 6.

The basic schedule is as follows:

1. Friday evening, 7:00: Healing of the human spirit, focusing on spiritual healing in our relationship with God. This is the healing that lasts.
2. Saturday morning, 10:00: Forgiveness - the healing of relationships with others and self. Opportunity provided for people to give and receive forgiveness in their relationships.
3. Saturday afternoon, 1:00: Healing of emotional hurts, focusing on finding ways to experience freedom from past issues that have wounded us.

3:00: Healing Service - Physical healing; giving opportunity for prayers for people's physical needs.

There is no charge for the workshops, however freewill offerings will be received throughout the weekend.

Advanced registration is helpful to the organizing committee. Registration forms are available in the church office, the new entry, or during coffee hour beginning October 16.

Faith Advocacy Workshop, November 12

First Lutheran Church, Pasco, is the site of a faith advocacy workshop designed to help Christians better understand our role as advocates for the poor, disenfranchised, and marginalized in our community. This exciting ecumenical workshop is sponsored by the newly formed Faith Advocacy Network which replaces the former Washington Association of Churches, of which our United Methodist Church is a part.

Time to step down Americans enjoy an abundance of freedoms. From what we'll pursue to what we'll eat for lunch, we're constantly making decisions about what we want out of life. So it's hard to find peace when our plans go awry and we lose control of our circumstances.

A wise person suggested, "For peace of mind, resign as general manager of the universe." What if we stepped down and let God be God? He created the universe, after all. Shouldn't we trust him to run it?

Articles for the November 2011 Clarion will be due on October 17. Please e-mail them to Peggy at Puryear.peggy@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

Alternative Service - 9 am
Traditional Service 10:30 am
Sunday School for all ages 9 am

Nursery provided at each service
Handicapped Accessible

Church Office Hours

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

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