

# The Clarion

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## Stephen Ministry

Members of the first Stephen Ministry training class will be announced at both services on September 18! Because skills of Stephen Ministry focus on many aspects of caring relationships, class members will put in 50 hours of training this fall.

Their training will begin with "The Person of the Caregiver." It is one of five units that will create the foundation for the rest of training. They will also receive their workbooks.

The Stephen Minister primarily spends time weekly walking alongside another, mainly as an active reflective listener. Caregiver and receiver may meet for many weeks. We are blessed to have these people among us at Kennewick First United Methodist Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

It is not too late to apply to become part of our first class of Stephen Ministers. See application forms in the church building or office, or speak with any Stephen Ministry team leader, Sarah Longan, Mark Williams, or Roger Barr.

## Homecoming Sunday is Just Around the Corner

September 11 is Homecoming Sunday and the kick-off to our Sunday School year! Join us for 9:00 am alternative worship and Sunday school for all ages. The traditional service will be held at 10:30 am followed by the annual Homecoming barbeque to kick off our new faith-filled year with a bang! Please bring a dish to share with your church family. For questions about the barbeque or Sunday school, please call Brittany at the church office (582-2163 Ext. 110).

## 2011 Annual Conference Notes That Speak *Roger Barr*

- ✚ Christmas is NOT your birthday - act like it is Jesus' birthday. What you spend on gifts, give equally to church.  
Kids--consider birthday parties with no gifts, but money donations to church or charities.
- ✚ Get church into the world rather than people into the church
  - food pantry
  - clothing ministry
  - furniture warehouse
  - clubhouse program
  - partner with worst school in town
- ✚ Never vote NO if it is something Jesus will do
  - breakfast ministry
  - work in neighborhood on houses, cars, yards, etc.

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- ✚ Form relationship networks (our small groups); bring 10-12 into home and make them core
  - Do services like Maundy Thursday in homes
  - Small groups take on a mission--feed homeless, volunteer with Habitat, do Cornerstone dinner, serve breakfast on Sunday
- ✚ Church belongs to Jesus, not the pastor nor the people
  - When we fall out of love with the church we fall out of love with Jesus.
  - Where have you seen God active?
  - How is it with your soul?
  - Who is on the margins of your church? Go talk to them!
  - If we want to see change it is up to each individual. 'If it is to be, it is up to me.'

The 2011 conference theme was *Everyone Fed*, but the consistent message was to *Take Church Outside our Walls*. My thoughts: should we not change our Fellowship and Small groups to *action groups* in addition to their Bible study and fellowship? Each take an identity--serve Cornerstone dinner or Sunday breakfast, visit new/missing members, volunteer together in community.

Next year we have offered to coordinate home stays for Annual Conference attendees.

## Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church

*Church Choir Festival Workshop – September 10*

Mid-Columbia Mastersingers will be holding a church choir festival workshop for singers on Saturday, September 10, led by Reginald Unterseher. In addition to his role as composer, voice teacher, and music director at Shalom United Church of Christ in Richland, Reg is an accomplished conductor and singer who will be serving as the Mastersingers' composer in residence for the coming 2011-12 season. You can read more about him at <http://www.reginaldunterseher.com/bio.html>

We plan to offer a fun learning environment where adult singers of all ages and experience levels involved in church music worship can come together to address areas conductors don't often have time to cover in our weekly rehearsals: **vocal production, vocal health, musicianship, sight singing, and general principles of how to be an effective, efficient choral singer that makes a positive contribution in voice and attitude.**

A flyer and registration form are available and may be downloaded:  
<http://www.midcolumbiamastersingers.org/>.

Membership in a church choir is NOT a pre-requisite to participate. But, if you ARE a member of a church choir, please spread the word and encourage your choir family to join us!

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## *United Methodist Seniors*

Don Meyers has arranged a tour of the B Reactor on September 28 for UM Seniors. We will meet at the church by 9:30 am, and will leave the church by 9:45. Sign in is at 10:30 at the B Reactor Headquarters. The tour itself is scheduled to run from approximately 10:30 until 2:30. We will plan to stop for lunch or ice cream afterward, but you may want to bring along a snack. You must be 18 yrs old, have photo ID, wear walking shoes (no heels or open-toe shoes) and clothing appropriate for the industrial environment, and be able to stand for 45 minutes. There are no provisions for handicapped access. To sign up for this trip please call Don Meyers, 586-4244 or Jim Foster, 783-2855.

## *United Methodist Women*

The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held Wednesday morning, September 28, at 10:30 AM in the future kitchen. The program will be presented by Amanda Sylvester, Director of Cork's Place at the Chaplaincy and Audrey Simmelink, Founder of Cork's Place. Following the program and questions, lunch will be served. This month is an all-member potluck, so bring a favorite dish to share! If you have any questions, please call Donna Troxel, UMW President, at 586-3478.

## *Looking Ahead to Cornerstone*

Cornerstone will be back in full swing at the end of September! Classes will be from 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday nights. Some of the classes that will be offered include Children's Cornerstone, sewing, Steven ministry, youth cornerstone, Beth Moore's *Seeking a Heart Like His*, a men's Bible study, and a study on the controversial book by Rob Bell called "Love Wins." These classes will inspire, challenge, and help grow your faith. For more specific information, please call Brittany at the church office, 582-2163 Ext. 110.

## *Calling All Former Trustees!*

Our current trustees are working hard to maintain our church grounds and buildings. They are also working on Long Term Planning for future repairs and maintenance, and developing goals to efficiently and economically conduct business. If you have served on the Trustee Committee in the past, they are asking for your help in making some decisions in these plans. A meeting is planned for **September 7 at 7 pm** in the conference room. If you can help them with your knowledge and ideas, please attend! If you cannot attend, contact Ron Shuck at 528-1119 or email him at [glen58@clearwire.net](mailto:glen58@clearwire.net). They would appreciate any and all input.

## **News from our Church Family**

- ♥ Congratulations to *Helen and Richard Ingersoll*, who celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 22! We praise God for the witness of their lives through their love and faithfulness to one another.
  
- ♥ *Please keep in your prayers . . .*  
Bud McClain, Phil LaMont, Josh Pearson, Melissa Nicholaus, Bill Mandell, Steven Helton, Willard Stone, Nancy Elliott, Carl Ficker, Don Oversby.

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- ♥ Please keep Janice, Sean, and Kellen in prayer following the death of husband and dad, *Ken McIntyre*, on August 4.
- ♥ Randy Bement's grandmother, *Barb*, passed away July 29. Please pray for the entire Bement family.
- ♥ Cherie Baker's father passed away earlier this month; please keep Cherie, Harold, and their family in your prayers.
- ♥ Christian Tenney, 18-year old son of Dave and Michelle Hare, was recently honored by city of Pasco officials and Adela Flores for saving the life of Adela's daughter, Eliana Pena. Christian, a lifeguard at Memorial Pool in Pasco, administered CPR, helping to revive Eliana after she was found floating face down in the children's wading pool. Thanks, Christian, we're proud of you!
- ♥ Thank you to Deanna Dreier, Christy Howard, and Danielle Rhodes for organizing, planning, recruiting, and running this year's Vacation Bible School. These women worked hard to provide this week of fun and growth for our children! Thank you, ladies, for all of your work behind the scenes and in front leading!

## Notes of Thanks

*"We are in receipt of your very kind donation to the Camp (Mekokiko) for \$1,100 in support of your recent VIM team led by Linda Bauer. Thank you again for your continuing and faithful vision and support. So very much gets done by teams and your sending two this year is exceptional . . . Thanks again for making the journey with us. The people of our church in Hawaii and the Pacific are indebted to you.  
Cordially, Ted Lesnett."*

*"Thank you for the gracious reception you and your congregation extended Mr. Dave Faulkner and me on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, when we presented a report on the Gideon ministry in your church. On behalf of the Gideons of Tri-Cities and Gideons International, we want to express our sincere thanks to you for your support of our work. The donation given that day of \$196 . . . will enable approximately 40 Bibles or 135 Testaments to be purchased. We can pray that many precious souls will come to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of these Scriptures being distributed."*

*Don Lanning*

## Missions

### *Team Leader Training and Early Response Training*

On September 9, **Team Leader Training** for potential UMVIM Team Leaders will be held at 6 pm. Whether you would like to take some folks to Twinlow for a few days, or a team to Mississippi, Minot, or Hawaii, you need to have this training. You will learn how to organize the team, do a budget, get the right forms filled out, get the team covered by insurance, and many

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more details. On September 10, at 9:00 am, we will again offer **Early Response Training**. Folks receive the skills and information needed to join in on helping our Northwest neighbors when disaster strikes. These teams are limited to 3-day deployments, and many are run over the weekend, so those still working can still serve. We have trained many retirees, and can really use some younger folks. Both classes will be in the Youth Chapel at our church. Register by emailing Linda Bauer at [golfnbauers@aol.com](mailto:golfnbauers@aol.com) or phone her at 947-0482.

## *Camp Mekokiko is Calling You!*

Our next Hawaiian Mission trip will be **October 15-22** at Camp Mekokiko on the Big Island. Please check out last year's mission trip photos and sign-up sheet on the Bus Bulletin board. Camp Caretaker Ted Lesnett says we will be working on the floor for the duplex, and unloading and beginning a storage shed, so we need carpenter and construction volunteers! Vic Reeve will be leading this group and is happy to answer any questions you may have. Contact Vic at 531-2103 or email [rfarm@clearwire.net](mailto:rfarm@clearwire.net) for more information. We are really looking forward to our team; can't wait to see who God brings to us! Mahalo.

## **Service Opportunities**

### *Cooks*

Cornerstone will be starting at the end of September and we are in need of a Cornerstone meal facilitator! This person will ensure there is a group or family responsible for each Tuesday evening meal, perhaps by calling to recruit a team to prepare dinner, and will make reminder phone calls to those who have volunteered to cook. If you are looking for a place to serve your church and are interested in helping out, please call Brittany 582-2163 Ext. 110.

### *Musicians*

We are in need of an accompanist to play during the 9:00 am service for Praise and Song for the children's Sunday school. Praise and Song is from 9:00-9:10 am each Sunday before the children head to their Sunday school classrooms; worship songs are geared for children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. If you know how to play the piano, guitar, or any other instrument and feel led to help out, we could use you! Call Brittany at the church office, 582-2163 Ext 110.

### *Senior Activities Chair*

We are also looking for an Activities chairperson, couple, or team, to handle the organization of all our Senior Activities. Glenda Clemans was the chairperson up until she and Bill moved, and now the position must be filled by fall so we can start planning our events. If you can volunteer to take this on, please contact the church office at 582-2163 or call Pastor Roger! Thanks.

*There are several more openings for volunteers in service to our church:*

Altar Committee – contact Phyllis Merrill, 586-3784

Greeters – contact Kara Morris, 783-4888

Regular and substitute ushers - contact Jane Hunt, 627-6183 or [janehunt@frontier.com](mailto:janehunt@frontier.com)

Communion Servers – contact Koren Burling, 585-9168 or [korenburling@me.com](mailto:korenburling@me.com)

Liturgists – contact Deb Reeve at the church office, 582-2163

**Please Report Changes!**

If you have had a change in address, phone or email, please contact Deb at the office so she can update your information. We have many email addresses that reject when we send an all church message as well as some disconnected numbers. Unless you tell us things have changed, we don't know. Please call us at 582-2163. Thanks.

***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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