

THE CLARION



Come one, come all to the Annual



Sr High AUCTION

Sunday, April 22

Doors Open at 2:30 pm

Silent Auction 3 pm

Live Auction 4 pm

Tickets are \$5

Food and drink is included.

Childcare is provided.

Purchase your tickets from a Sr High youth or at church on Sunday, April 8, or Sunday, April 15. Tickets are also available in the church office.

The auction will fund the Sr High mission trip to the greater Portland, OR, area where the youth will be in ministry with the homeless, work at a food bank and in the community garden, and serve meals in a few of the shelters in town. The group may also have the opportunity to work with the Friends of the Carpenter. The mission trip will take place from June 24 - 30, 2018.

SNL

Saturday Night Life

Youth Chapel, 6 pm

April 7

Message by *Jim Door*

April 21

Message by *Brittany Becker*



LET'S GO BONKERS FOR BUNCO!!!



April 15, 4—5:30 pm

KFUMC Fellowship Hall

Sweets and Treats Too!

Please roll on down to the church and enjoy a zany afternoon of Bunco!

This fun event for all ages is about moving from table to table, all in hopes of being the biggest winner, loser, or acquiring the most Buncos!

No prior Bunco experience needed! All novice players will receive training.

Please feel free to bring your favorite cookies or brownies to share!



Holly Daze Crafting Fun Set for April 14

It will be triple action at the next Holly Daze workshop Saturday, April 14. From 9 until noon, UMW supporters will work on completing yarn trees, bird houses, and pillows. Come have fun with them in the Susanna Wesley Room. You will be glad you did . . . and bring those craft ideas with you. Holly Daze Chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn want them!



Personal Peace Corps Insights To Be Shared

Going on a mission can also be an exciting adventure, as Pat Walker knows. She will speak at the Wednesday, April 25, UMW meeting on her service in the Peace Corps in Honduras. And what an adventure she and her husband, Clem, had! You are invited to come relive the adventure with Pat, who now leads the prayer shawl ministry here.

UMW's meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the Susanna Wesley Room. Tuesday Morning Circle will provide treats.

Kathy Wertman, UMW president, will lead a short business meeting. Plans will be discussed for the May 24 Salad Supper, held by our members for area-wide Methodist and other churches.

Hi from the Pre-School class!

We don't have a very big class this year, but we're still having lots of fun!

Something very exciting we are doing is collecting coins to help school children in underprivileged schools by helping purchase their school supplies and improving their schools in general.

We are enjoying learning different Bible stories each week. We usually read our Bible story first and then do a little activity page after our story.

At the end of class, we each have a chance to say the closing prayer before we have our snacks.

Please watch for us to be your greeters on Sunday, April 8, before second service.

Our teachers are Sandi Montague and Phyllis Merrill.



M & M's met in March with Sam Rabideau, who spoke about the issue of homelessness among veterans in the Tri-Cities. He knows of at least 200 homeless vets in our community and works with them as they transition from the streets to homes and jobs. There is more information in the church office.

Mary Gadenken will provide our April program, sharing stories and pictures about Familia Sagrada Cathedral in Barcelona. Join us for good food, fellowship, and a fun program. Potluck begins at noon, however if you have time to help us prepare, we will begin setup at 10:30.

Calling All 3rd through 5th Graders!



Come for fun on **April 15 & 29!**

Bring your friends! Rachel and Sydney have fun activities planned for each Sunday. Meet in the 4th & 5th Sunday School classroom from noon to 1:30 pm and don't forget your sack lunch!

PHD During the Lenten season, the Facebook Bible Study focused around faith, the faith of those who were highlighted in Hebrews 11. As we enter the season of Easter, we will shift the focus to exploring the book of Acts.

The group gathers once a month for conversation—Harriet posts the times on Facebook (PHD page) and on Twitter (@KennewickUmc).



**Seven Rivers
District Clergy &
Laity Retreat**
*Monarchs, Grey Whales,
and Us: Reflections on
Migration*

*April 13-15, 2018, Lazy F
Camp & Retreat Center*

Join laity and clergy for a weekend designed to nurture body, mind, and spirit. During community time, Rev. Lyda Pierce, joined by several others, will reflect on their personal and family experiences of migration and help us build curiosity about our own family's experience and that of others. Additionally, Paul Jeffrey, through the magic of photo and video, will present reflections on global migrations — even though he expects to be on the other side of the world at the time. Reflection questions will guide personal reflection time, then we will gather together again for conversation around the insights that have arisen for us.

The setting of Lazy F Camp and the schedule provide space to pursue your own personal interests — from hiking to napping, and everything in between. Beginning with dinner on Friday and ending before lunch on Sunday, we will leave rested and energized, having made new friends, deepened existing relationships, and nurtured our spiritual selves.

All Seven Rivers lay people and pastors are welcome. Individual tickets are \$110. Groups are encouraged; tickets are on sale at \$100 per person for any group of 3+ people.

Contact Hollie Swanson at the District Service Center, hswanson@pnwumc.org, for the group discount code and other registration assistance.

For more information, contact Karen Fisher: kmfishwoman@nwi.net or Mary Huycke: 7RiversDS@greaternw.org.

The Walk with Christ is not a race or fitness activity! It is an awesome three-day retreat that will renew or deepen your relationship with Christ. The objective of this ministry is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work, and communities.



Location: KFUMC, no cost to attend

Dates: Men's Walk: August 2-5

Women's Walk: August 16-19.

Must be registered in advance through a person who has been on a Walk. Many people in our church have been on a Walk with Christ (Walk to Emmaus) and will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Host Families Needed for Foreign Exchange Students

Once in the U.S., PAX EXCHANGE students offer unique perspectives in the classroom and at the dinner table, revel in uniquely American school spirit, volunteer in the community, improve their English every day, star in school plays, marvel at the sheer number of cereal options at the supermarket, rethink much of what they thought they knew, provide learning opportunities for the entire community, and make memories to last lifetimes (theirs and yours).

A Great Match

Does your family love to hike? So does Johannes from Austria! Have a large family? Filipe (Philippines) is one of seven! Can't go a full week without live music? Adriana from Ecuador plays three instruments! Meat-free household? Anna from Sweden would fit right in! Interested in something completely new? Ali (Tunisia) is eager to share the finer points of meteorology!

Bring an adventure to your home by hosting an exchange student. Please contact Marcella Hansen at 509-528-5550 or marcella-hansen@msn.com for more information.



In His grip,

Jerry

2nd Annual Women's Retreat

Seaside Escape!

May 18, 5:30 pm — May 19, noon
At KFUMC



Sleepover is optional.

Tickets are \$40 and include dinner by Back Alley BBQ, breakfast, all supplies, surprises, mission project, Saturday night movie, and more! Tickets will be limited to 32, so sign up early - registration will be available on Sunday, April 8, or call the church office at 509-582-2163 and get your name in now. Registration will close no later than May 6.

Please tell all your friends. This is an amazing way to connect with other women in a meaningful and fun way. College age through 109 are welcome!

We have an amazing menu in the works for dinner including 2 different panini sandwiches, salad, and a chowder. Kevin Alley and his Back Alley BBQ rock!

Husbands and kids, this makes a wonderful Mother's Day gift!



All Church Camp Out

August 17-19
Hood Park

Join us for a fun weekend of camping at beautiful Hood Park Campground near Burbank. Fellowship and worship events are planned for everyone, including those who don't plan to camp overnight. Please contact Cynthia Bement at the church office (509-551-4388 ext 112) to reserve your spot (the church has already booked sites together), and get information about the overnight camping fees and guidelines. The weekend will end on Sunday with outdoor worship at the Amphitheater in the park.



There's a Place for You!

Community Missions Ministry Update

The missions ministry team has lots planned for the rest of the year, and we encourage you to join us in one or more of the projects we are planning. You might even suggest new ones.

So, what's happening? April 9 to 13, a group will be at Camp Twinlow to help with renovations to a cabin and the staff quarters. Like to do that kind of work? There is great fellowship to go with the hard work and sense of accomplishment in keeping the camp an important part of the church's ministry to those of all ages, including many who are not churched.

You can sell and purchase gift certificates that will be given to World Relief refugees and others in need that can be used at the Rummage Sale. Sales start in April.

Support the food bank with gifts of non-perishable food each week. Bring your donations to church and leave them in the grocery carts near the elevator at the sanctuary level.

Help feed the homeless and other neighbors at our weekly Soul Soup dinner each Thursday evening. You can help in the kitchen, be a greeter, or perform any number of other tasks that need doing each week.

How about helping to organize a ministry fair? This is a way for all of our congregation to see what we are involved with and how they might find their call to service.

Last year we prepared over 100 personal hygiene kits for UMCOR and had them delivered to the Salt Lake City depot. Want to participate in this type of activity this year? The need is always present and is a great way for us to participate in UMCOR's work in America and around the world.

And, there is helping to provide a Christmas gift to the women and children at the Union Gospel Mission. Who is ready to help with this?

If you need more information or want to help, contact any of our ministry team: Bob Kelly, Micki Perry, Susan Sandmeier, Bonnie Randall, Pat Walker, Sherry Elvik, or Lee Scott.

A note
from
Pastor
Harriet



Greetings!

On March 16-18, the Jr UMY attended the Junior High Winter Retreat at Lazy F camp, near Ellensburg. We had a wonderful weekend. While there was not much snow on the ground,

unlike the past years, the youth and youth leaders were able to snow/ice tube and take an hour and half long hike. We hiked up to the cross that is on the hill opposite the camp.

While at the retreat, the youth worked on skits and made various art projects. The theme for the weekend was "Rainbows and Promises." The scripture texts that we looked at were Genesis 9:8-17; Genesis 17: 1-8 and 15-18; and John 20: 1-18. The youth and youth leaders wrote and performed skits for the group on Saturday evening. With the theme being "Rainbows and Promises," Olivia Holloway and her group, Izzy Howard, Zoe Rhodes, Ellie Nelson, wrote the following poem.

"DA RAINBOW"

I'm da rainbow,
I live in da sky.
I come when it rains.
So u know u won't die.
I'm beauty.
I'm grace.
If u see me,
a smile appears on ur face.
I am God's promise to you,
There will be no more great floods.
You can rest safe,
Knowing ur lives won't be duds.
Red is for lighting that laces the storm,
Orange is for sunshine breaking through the clouds,
Yellow is for the sun that shines through me,
Green is for the green grass you lay on when you admire me,
Blue is for the sky that I live in,
Purple is for the flowers that bloom after showers.
G'night everybody, now it's time for me to fade away.

The poem captures much of what we talked about over the weekend. God's promise is abundant in the scriptures. God loves and cares for each of us. God sent His Son to walk with us, for our sins have been forgiven. God continues to give us grace.



YOU Should Know . . .

The apostle Paul provided us some great stewardship guidance when he wrote to the Corinthians:

Sowing Generously
2 Corinthians 9:6-11

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gift to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1, NIV). Thank you, God, for claiming me as your child.



Jr & Sr High UMY April Schedule

Saturday, April 7

Saturday Night Life, 6 pm

Sunday, April 8

Jr & Sr UMY: Capture the Flag
(6-8 pm)

Wednesday, April 11

All Sr Auction items and paperwork
due TODAY

Sunday, April 15

All Church Event—BUNCO
(4—5:30 pm)

Friday, April 20 –

Auction Set Up/Decorating
(3—7 pm)

Saturday, April 21—

Saturday Night Life, 6 pm

Sunday, April 22

Sr. High AUCTION
No Jr UMY—Come support the
Auction!

Sunday, April 29

JR: 9 Square in the Air (6-8 pm)
SR: TROT – Barn Buddy (1-4 pm)
Please bring a sack lunch with you.

Call or Text

Call or and text Pastor Harriet at 909-575-8308.

Youth Praise Band Practice Schedule

Sunday, April 8—4:45 pm

Sunday, April 15—5:30 pm dinner

Practice after dinner with Sherry and Rob

Sunday School

Cynthia Bement, Jim Door, and Pastor Harriet will be presenting the “Underground Reality Vietnam: How to Live a Faith Worth Dying For.” We will look at what it means to live out one’s faith with restrictions. What does it mean to you personally to be a Christian? What does it mean to you to be able to walk the journey with Christ freely? Is there a cost to being a follower of God that you don’t know about that others deal with on a daily basis? These are just some of the questions we will be looking at in the coming weeks. Each week we will be watching a video and learning from people in Vietnam what it means to be a Christian.

Cornerstone

Come on Tuesdays in April! Dinner is served at 6 pm and small group time is from 6:30—8 pm.

Jr High Retro-Cornerstone meets in the 4 & 5th grade Sunday school classroom. Kristi Thien and Brittany Becker lead the group.

Sr High meets in the Youth Chapel with Pastor Harriet to discuss Bible passages and practice music for Worship Services.

This Week: Youth E-News

Each week, Pastor Harriet sends out the Youth E-News via e-mail. If you don’t already receive the Youth E-News, please e-mail her (harriet@kennewickfirst.com) and she will add you to the group. The E-news has an up-to-date list of events and other important information.



Rummage Sale 2018 is coming up soon, May 11-12. Time to switch into high gear!

SIGN UP

Sign-up sheets are available in the church lobby. Please sign up—we need a count of how many people we can count on to make this event successful (and how many to cook for). Thank you to those who have already done so! If you don't know the area to work in, just sign your name and you will be placed.

Areas needing help:

Linens & Bedding

Antiques

Christmas & Holidays

Cashiers

Street sign placement (the week of May 6)

Teardown/cleanup

KEEP ON TRUCKING

The church has reserved a 26' U-Haul truck for table delivery. A special thanks to Jerry Keel for volunteering to drive! Jerry will pick up the truck on Saturday, May 5, retrieve the tables from Bennett Rentals that day, and drive the truck to the church, where it will be unloaded on Sunday, May 6. The truck will be returned on Sunday to U-haul. A team of heavy lifters will be needed to assist Jerry.

DONATION PICK-UP

If you have donations that need to be picked up, please contact Bob Arnold at (509)542-0266 or robertarnold@charter.net.

More volunteers willing to pick up donations are needed.

NO ROOM TO STORE DONATIONS?

The Rummage Sale is not quite here, but the boxes are stacking up. Oh no! what to do? Contact Karen Barcot at kbarcot@me.com. For those church members who are moving,

will be on vacation during the donation period, or simply have no room left for all their donations, we have a space for it! It's a small space, so we must limit the usage for special circumstances. In addition, any goods stored in this area **must be in boxes**. Access will be available every Tuesday between now and the Rummage Sale. Please call Karen at (509) 627-9295, or Roberta at (509) 521-6791. Cheryl, our church secretary, has the keys.

RUMMAGE SALE YARD SIGNS

New Rummage Sale street signs have been ordered, reflecting the new times of 8:30 – 3:00.

I encourage you to place a sign on your street, especially if you live on a well traveled street. We need a person in each city who will put signs up on the city streets in their area.

COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

We are accepting all computers for possible refurbish and sale at the May Rummage Sale. After removing all personal information from the hard drive, we try to make them useful. If we determine the computer won't run trouble-free for common Internet access and home office tasks, we will salvage useful parts and properly dispose of the carcass. We need to receive computers, printers, copiers, scanners, etc. as soon as possible to have time to evaluate and process them before the sale. If the computer needs a password to start, please write it on a note card and stick it on the box. Peripheral items (keyboard, mouse, cables, speakers) would be appreciated. Items can be left at the church office, or preferentially, contact Mary Lynn's husband, Dennis Arter, at 783-0377 or George Block at 783-9295 to arrange for pickup.



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for those in need of healing and comfort . . .

Carol Hardacre, Deana Ahrend, Todd Milton, Shelby Faught, Anita Knight, Don Hildman, Jacque Sonderman, Patty Winston, Ann Kelly, Terry Simmelink, Jim Fisher, Mary Shoop, Punkie Eddy, Norma Williams, Steve Baker, Judy Milton

Robin Chase's mother, Linda Kuntz, passed away on March 28. Please keep Robin, Linda's granddaughter Meghan, and the rest of the family, in your prayers.



Caregiver Support Group

**Thursday, April 5, at 10 am
Church Library**

Caregivers need care, too! The Caregiver Support Group helps to fill this need. Come for a devotion and time of sharing, knowing that what is said in the group is held in confidence.

If you know of someone who is a caregiver, but cannot attend at the day and time listed, please call Harriet (909-575-8308) to make other arrangements.



Thanks to all the ladies of the church who helped with the Seven Rivers District UMW meeting held at our church on March 17. Setup was a

breeze, with our decorations created by Roberta Barcot and Karen Barcot. On Saturday morning, we offered coffee and refreshments in the Susanna Wesley room, and thanks to our cooks, enjoyed a wonderful lunch that included corned beef and cabbage and Pep's soup, Irish tea, coffee, or water. Dessert was a selection of Irish-themed cookies.

Our meetings were a success, thanks in part to our sound technician, Chuck Smith, and the piano talents of Marlene Jelsing. We showcased quilts and prayer shawls created by our Peacemaker and Prayer Shawl groups, sharing how these two groups have made over 1000 of each of these items for those in need of comfort and warmth.

Each of the ladies who helped contributed to the success of this event. I can't thank you enough for your time, talent, and energy. We had so many ladies helping, I'm afraid to list names for fear of leaving someone out. You can all be proud of your work! Thanks again for a job well done!

*Kathy Wertman
UMW President*

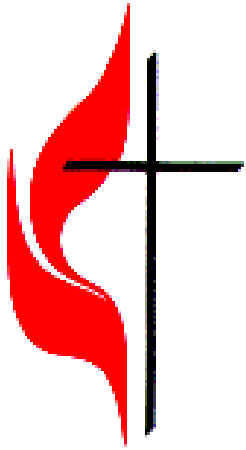


Samantha Koschik	1-Apr
Taylor Yount	1-Apr
Molly Kittson	3-Apr
Jeff Varzandeh	4-Apr
Christiaan Barcot	4-Apr
Dee Yount	5-Apr
Bethany Ahrend	5-Apr
Terry Milton	6-Apr
Travis Koschik	6-Apr

Trevor Koschik
Debbie Shirey
Kyle Hagen
Merrienne Door
Katie Thien
Cody Simmelink
Brittany Dyer
Mercedes Haberling
Paige Kaiser
Priscilla Botu
Danae Williams
Brooke Canada
Brady Hagen
Bill Mandell

6-Apr	Punkie Eddy	22-Apr
7-Apr	Victoria Kippes	22-Apr
8-Apr	George Block	24-Apr
9-Apr	Scott Biglin	25-Apr
13-Apr	Jadyn Rhodes	25-Apr
14-Apr	Robert Kelly	27-Apr
14-Apr	Kathy Wertman	30-Apr
14-Apr	Eva Walker	30-Apr
14-Apr	Isabelle Howard	30-Apr
15-Apr	Donald Preston	30-Apr





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Church Office Hours

8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm
Monday through Thursday
8 am - noon on Fridays
(509) 582-2163

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PHOENIX

According to ancient legend, the phoenix lived for 500 to 1,400 years (depending on the version of the myth), at which time it would set its nest ablaze and be consumed in the flames. After three days the bird would be reborn and was said to repeat this cycle, "rising from the ashes" again and again. Early Christians saw in the phoenix a symbol of Jesus' resurrection and of eternal life.

*Articles for the May 2018
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April 20.*

