

# THE CLARION



**SNL  
Saturday  
Night Life**

 **January**  
2018



January 6 - Marshall Almarode  
January 20 - Jim Deatherage

Join us for Worship!  
6:00 pm in the Youth Chapel  
Come casual but expect to be altered!!

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## ***Usher Appreciation and Emergency Preparedness Luncheon***



Calling all Ushers and those who would like to be an Usher!!

Come on Sunday, January 21, at noon. A buffet luncheon will be provided in the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall

*Your Usher*

*Leading us to our seats,  
watching the congregation,  
caring for the flock  
from the back of the sanctuary,  
from the aisles,  
sharing the joy of worship  
the community of believers  
one bulletin, one smile,  
one greeting, one handshake  
at a time*

by Raymond A. Foss



## ***It's Time for Rock-a-thon!***

Saturday, January 13,  
through Sunday,  
January 14, the Jr UMY  
will be participating in  
the annual Rock-a-thon.

The kids will be rocking through the night into Sunday morning, raising money to fund their various activities, events, and the Middler trip. Please consider a donation when you receive a call from one of these young people asking for your support.

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The Souper Bowl of Caring starts early at KFUMC this year! The UMY groups and the Mission Team are teaming up in January to collect food donations; bring in your non-perishable donations and place them in the shopping carts on Sundays this month; Let's see how many times we can fill the carts!



The youth will also be at both worship services on February 4 with soup kettles collecting money that will be donated to our local food bank as well.

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*Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word. —Goran Persson*



## World Relief Mission Project for January

World Relief Tri-Cities helps around 200 refugees yearly to get acclimated during their first couple months after being placed in the Tri-Cities. Because many of these refugees escaped from prosecution, the organization says adjusting to freedom in the United States can be challenging at first.

World Relief Tri-Cities helps with all that, from doctor's appointments to providing basic housing supplies. They also assist with employment.

So, in January, KFUMC will be collecting the following types of items to assist these refugee families:

- Lamps and lamp stands
- Forks, knives, and spoons
- Plates, bowls, and cups
- Sauce, baking, and frying pans
- Mixing/serving bowls, beverage pitchers, and Tupperware type containers
- Kitchen utensils and can openers
- Towels and wash cloths
- Sheets, blankets, comforters, and pillowcases (Linens can be new or gently used—please be sure gently used linens are washed in hot water)
- Alarm clocks
- Paper, pens, and pencils
- Waste baskets & trash bags
- Winco & Wal-Mart gift cards
- Winter coats, hats, and gloves for all ages (please, no other clothing)

A container will be placed in the entry way near the information table. We will collect throughout the month of January and deliver donations the first of February.

*Your Missions Committee*

## Thank You, Melissa

Melissa Nickolaus has faithfully served our Sunday morning bus ministry for over ten years. To call her the coordinator is the truth, but is inadequate

in who she has been to so many and what she has done for them. Most Sunday mornings, even before the purchase of the small busses, she was out in her own vehicle, picking up people to bring them to church. She has had a passion for helping folks get to worship and church activities.

Melissa held the bus ministry very close to her heart because she has cared so dearly for the people. All of the riders have been like family to her, and that is why it makes stepping down from this important ministry so very difficult. Melissa, we appreciate you and the way you have served God through the bus ministry and your care for the riders. We love that you gently cared for and ministered to each person with whom you came into contact. You can't be replaced, but we will work to find a solution that continues to get folks to worship. Thank you, Melissa, for all of the ways you have served!



## January Events

- ⇒ Winter Cornerstone will begin on January 9
- ⇒ M&Ms will gather for Potluck on January 15
- ⇒ The UMW Unit meeting is on January 24



Dear Friends,

Scattered comments as we shift from the old to the new. . .

Under the category of quirks Christians can question: our society's passion

to avoid death. How often do we see people striving to prolong life no matter what? Increasingly I am seeing friends and family of ninety plus year-old saints viewing their approaching earthly death as a defeat. I want to proclaim from reader boards in every town that "a good death in God's time" is a worthy goal. God never intended our earthly lives to stretch out endlessly. (See Psalm 90) Remember the words of Homer, that "We know not what the future holds, rather, we know who holds the future."

I'm looking forward to growing in the New Year and helping others grow as well. John Wesley knew people would grow best in life groups so we hope to offer opportunities to join or form groups in 2018. A healthy group is a place of relational safety, care, compassion, honesty, and faith. If you have ever participated in a healthy group you are probably still in it. A healthy group is a gift from God.

Personally, I hope to take a class on United Methodist Doctrine from United Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, beginning next month, concluding later in the spring. That will be my first online class and my last official requirement before qualifying for UMC elder. Do I look forward to an "online" experience? No.

For those of us affiliated with KFUMC, faith connections matter. My prayer is that we will all start the New Year with healthy faith practices. That may include reading a daily devotional word. The Upper Room is a good choice, as is reading a One Year Bible. Along with that, take time daily to pray. The apostle Paul calls us to learn how

to be in a prayerful attitude through the day. Impossible? A worthy goal, nevertheless.

I'm grateful for the growth in our Soul Soup ministry (shared with three other congregations in the area). Marc Harden has provided year-end statistics indicating that in 2017, 1829 guests were served at an average cost of about \$2.50 per meal. Far more important were the relationships established, people affirmed, protected, and cared for, compassion demonstrated, and lives changed. Many thanks to the saints who have made this ministry possible. No doubt we have more to do in 2018, and God will empower us.

I'm grateful for our new Saturday Night Life service held at 6 pm in the Youth Chapel on the first and third Saturdays of each month. This service is designed to be distinctly different from our Sunday morning experience, especially for people who can't be with us on Sundays.

Come grow with us in 2018.

In His grip,



### Mark Your Calendars!

All 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend Funday on January 7 & 21.

Invite your friends to join you. Rachel and Sydney have great activities planned for each Funday.

Meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School classroom from noon to 1:30 pm, and bring a sack lunch!



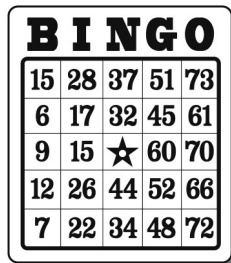
## Toby Mac Concert February 15

Toby Mac will be on his 2018 Hits Deep Tour with special guests Mandisa, Danny Gokey, Finding Favour, and Ryan Stevenson playing a concert in Kennewick at the Toyota Center on Thursday, February 15. Get your \$25 ticket(s) for the show at the church office or contact Danielle Rhodes BEFORE they sell out!

## BINGO Night!

February 11  
6:00-7:30 pm

Come One . . . Come All  
to this all-church event in  
the fellowship hall!



Prizes, popcorn, and lemonade provided!

**YOUNG ADULT**  
MINISTRY Check out the  
Phd...College &  
Career Group on  
Facebook - gathering dates and times are  
posted there..

The Young Adults are preparing for the  
Cake Auction on Sunday, February 11.  
More information will be coming out soon.

Come to Cornerstone on Tuesday, January  
9, for dinner and planning for the Cake  
Auction!

## Caregiver Support Group



The Caregiver Support  
group meets once a month  
in the church Library, which is located on  
the lower level, off the fellowship hall.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

Thursday, January 4, at 10 am  
Thursday, February 1, at 10 am  
Thursday, March 1, at 10 am  
Thursday, April 5, at 10 am

Caregiver, how is it with your Soul?

The Caregiver Support Group is for those  
caring for a loved one: a child, a  
parent, a spouse, a family member who you  
take to doctor appointments on a regular  
basis because of health issues.

When we meet, we have a devotion and a  
time of sharing. Be assured 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.

Safety is important, so if there is freezing  
rain or it is snowing so that you cannot at-  
tend, please call Harriet; she will be happy  
to set up another time to chat.

## Calling All Bakers!



Do you like to bake? Have  
you been wondering what you  
could do for the youth groups?  
Contact Deanna Dreier (509-627-8783) to  
sign up to provide refreshments for youth  
group time or for various events that occur  
throughout the year.

## Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who purchased Butter Braids from the youth and/or made donations.

All the money collected will be going to support the Jr and Sr High Youth groups for upcoming retreats and mission trips.

Whether we are ready or not, the new year has begun! Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Have you made goals for 2018? I hope your goals include developing a stronger relationship with God!

In this new year, I encourage you to hold all the children, youth, and young adults of our church in your prayers. There are so many who come in the church doors in many different ways: there are those who are wondering, some who are settled, some who are going through struggles, some who are excited and happy, and some who have no worries at all.

Thank you for your continued support of the youth and young adult ministries.

I pray that the New Year is one filled with small, medium, and large blessings.

Blessings,  
*Harriet*

*A note  
from  
Pastor  
Harriet*



## Jr & Sr High UMY January Schedule

**Sunday, January 7** – New Year Celebration! Celebrating everyone's birthday with cake, games, and more! 6-8 pm

**Saturday and Sunday, January 13 - 14**  
Jr High Rock-a-thon. Jr High youth, please be at the church by 8 pm on Saturday evening. The youth will be done by Sunday at noon.

**Sunday, January 14** Sr High only—Broom Hockey – 6-8 pm. We will also be talking about and preparing for Snow Go.

**Friday through Sunday, January 19 – 21**  
Sr High Snow Go! Sr High youth should be at the church by 4:30 pm on Friday. Pick up is on Sunday, between 3 and 4 pm at the church.

**Sunday, January 21** - Brittany will be leading the Jr UMY time from 6-8 pm.

**Sunday, January 28** – Preparing for Souper Bowl Caring Collection.

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## 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](mailto: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.

## Call or Text

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

## Youth Sunday School 9—10 am -Youth Chapel

Starting on Sunday, January 7, the Jr and Sr High youth will begin a program called *Retro-TV*. Cynthia, Jim Door, and Pastor Harriet are eager to share some classic TV shows with the youth that teach valuable life lessons. As part of the learning, we will be tying in Bible passages that relate to the episodes and our lives.

## Youth Cornerstone

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30  
6 pm - Dinner will be served  
6:30 —8 pm—Small Group time

Jr High will be meeting in one of the classrooms downstairs with several adults co-leading: Kristi Thien, Jim Fisher, and others.

Sr High will be meeting in the Youth Chapel to go over the music, scripture, and other planning details for the Youth Worship time.



## ***Early Response Team (ERT) Texas Trips, November 2017***



**HURRICANE  
RELIEF**

Three members from Kennewick First United Methodist Church (UMC) had the honor of serving on two ERTs for Hurricane Harvey relief response in early and mid-November. Donna Parkes joined a group of volunteers from western Washington and Oregon in early November, and Kathy and Dana Bryson followed up the next week with another 8-person team from the Northwest.

The Rio Texas conference reached out nationwide for assistance because of the huge amount of damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. The area includes numerous small, coastal communities near Corpus Christi. Thousands of homes were destroyed or damaged, and many people were, and continue to be, displaced.

The Sinton First UMC was designated as one of several “Volunteer Villages” in Texas and opened its doors to house groups of volunteers in an unused education wing. Temperatures were in the upper 80s when we arrived (yes, in November!). Two rooms had window air conditioners, so just enough to set up men’s and women’s dormitories. Later, more window air conditioners arrived, courtesy of UMCOR, and more rooms were made available for additional teams that continued to arrive during the week. However, the close quarters were just fine and made it possible to get to know our fellow volunteers from many places, including Colorado, Missouri, and Texas.

Our team helped three families during the first week. Kathy and Dana’s team took over where we left off on the third home, finished it, and continued on to help three more families during the second week. Jobs included everything from cutting up downed trees, tarping roofs, to mucking out wet contents and building materials from inside the homes. Our mission was to make homes “safe, sanitary, and secure” and ready for the next steps.

However, we had a mission of way more importance than just providing labor. That mission was to listen to the homeowners whose whole world had been turned upside down by the storm. Beloved possessions were destroyed, and their homes, their refuge and sanctuary, became a soggy, moldy mess. Some people initially wanted the entire home’s contents to be discarded. But they were able to smile when some undamaged item or an article that could be cleaned was retrieved. They shared memories about when and where they had acquired the item and what it meant to them.

Everyone who volunteered knew we were responsible for paying our own expenses. However, some of our costs were covered by donations from the PNW and OR-ID Conferences. The Christian love that was shared with a handful of families in Texas was made possible by generous gifts from many, many people. The “boots on the ground” that we provided was just the visible “tip of the iceberg” from a whole bunch of caring people.

A sincere “Thank you!” to the congregation and to the PNW and OR-ID Conferences.

*Donna*

## 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, Joe Kuhns, Jacque Sonderman, Patty Winston, Janice McIntyre, Ann Kelly, Terry Simmilink*

*Continue to pray for Polly Poole and Kyle Hagen, who are recovering from surgery.*

*Pray also for the families of Eileen Alley and Gene Koschik, who passed recently.*



Many thanks to all who made An Old Fashioned Christmas a time to remember. We welcomed many neighbors and shared the spirit of Christ as it's reflected through our congregation. There was singing, ringing, laughter, and so much joyful fellowship that we truly received abundant blessings by giving to the community.



During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective "crèches" (French for "cribs"); often surrounded by a colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.

In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can't survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world.



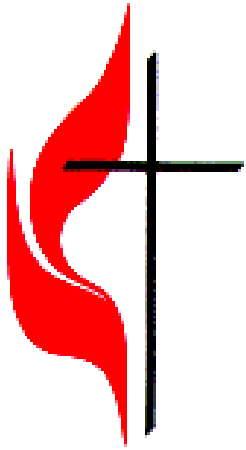
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Pete Baumann  
Kara Morris  
Karen Alley  
Deana Harden  
Marilyn Hockaday  
Dick Nelson  
Richard Glazier  
Jonah Shiple  
Melissa Nickolaus

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Donna Troxel  
Jack St. John  
Blake Bonds  
Brian Bergum  
Beverly Swanby  
Roberta Barcot  
Don Shirey  
Pat Phillips  
Kristine Taggares  
Charmaine Harris  
Olivia Holloway  
Fern Whitescarver  
Zachary Hebert  
Jim Choate  
Caleb Rhodes  
Emma Glazier  
Doug Mowry  
Meghan Chase

12-Jan	Ethan Dodd	24-Jan
12-Jan	Ellie Nelson	24-Jan
12-Jan	Annalise Becker	24-Jan
14-Jan	Eldon Cooper	25-Jan
15-Jan	Donna Coordes	26-Jan
15-Jan	Ruby St. John	27-Jan
16-Jan	Gus Kittson	28-Jan
16-Jan	Peggy Puryear	28-Jan
16-Jan	Daniel Nickolaus	28-Jan
17-Jan	Calley Hagen	29-Jan
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*Church Office Hours*

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

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This set of letters spells “Christ” in Greek. It may be written using the Roman alphabet (from which the English alphabet descended), but is also often presented in Greek characters, as shown here.



Articles for the February  
2018 Clarion will be due  
on January 19.