

THE CLARION



Schedule

Beginning on Sunday, June 10, KFUMC will celebrate at one worship service on Sundays. Worship will begin at 9:45 and will be followed by a time of coffee fellowship. We will return to our regular worship schedule on September 9.

Beginning Monday, June 11, the church office will be open from, 8—noon, Monday—Friday, returning to regular office hours on Tuesday, September 4.

SNL

Summer *Saturday Night Life*

June 16
Youth Chapel, 6 pm
Father's Day emphasis
Message by Rob Rhodes

No SNL the month of July

August 18
SNL will be at Hood Park
at the covered Group Picnic Shelter at
6 pm

On the cusp of summer, Creator God, I praise you for warmer weather, nature's wonders and this season of both rest and growth.



Congratulations to our 2018 high school graduates!:

Cassandra Dauncey
Kamiakin High School, Kennewick
and
Stephen Botu
Mikayla Mason
Richland High School, Richland

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NASB)
11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
12 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.'

Our Jr and Sr UMY groups led our worship on Youth Sunday, May 20, when we honored our graduates. We thank them for their leadership during these worship services and for all they do to serve the Lord!!

If you know of other graduates, high school or college, please let the office know; we want to be able to recognize them in the next Clarion!





IN HIS GRIP

Friends,

On three different Saturday mornings this year, a subset of our church Council gathered with Steve Ross at Central Church in Richland (formerly CUP) to learn how to grow the Church in our region in the next twenty years. Steve was a consultant for new congregations in the Oregon-Idaho conference until he returned to serve as pastor of a church in the Portland area a year ago. His expertise helped us re-form our church's governance so as to save us time and enable us to take forward steps more quickly.

If we did not know before, we learned through those Saturday morning experiences that Christendom in America, even in our state, is not all we would hope it would be. Over nearly forty years, serving eleven congregations and one governing body in two denominations, I can vouch for that. Generally speaking, while our nation's population has continued to grow, these two denominations and most of their congregations have not. The healthy ones have held their own. Some have declined substantially.

As a part of our work, Steve asked us all to read Canoeing the Mountains, by Tod Bolsinger. Bolsinger is a professor and administrator at Fuller Seminary. I heard him speak a few years ago and decided then that he was exploring issues that matter to pastors and congregants.

Bolsinger confirms that most congregations in most parts of our nation and in some other nations are either holding their own or declining. This includes mainline, progressive, and conservative churches alike. Pastors, lay leadership, and congregants have been wringing their hands for decades, wondering why their congregations have not been growing. Many reasons can be cited for this present condition.

A more relevant question is what can we do to turn this around? How can we bring about growth where we have failed to do so in the past? Using the illustration of their expedition of 1804-06, the author describes how Lewis and Clark found ways to accomplish their mission when none of their maps could help them. Even their canoes failed them when they reached the Rocky Mountains during their search for the river that would provide them a pleasant ride to the Pacific Ocean. Bolsinger speaks about the qualities of leadership needed for a journey for which we have not been well prepared, about how Christians can find their way forward. I have read this book and commend it to you. Read it this month! You might be able to assist us on this important but mysterious journey. I have a theory or two and may share these with you in the coming months.

Secondly, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky has asked those of us who plan to attend Annual Conference (June 21-24 at the Fairgrounds in Puyallup) to read The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict by the Arbinger Institute. She recommends it highly. I hope to have this one finished by the time you are reading this.

Finally, as you will read elsewhere in this edition, we are welcoming our new director of youth ministries. Suffice it to say I am delighted with our search and with this outcome. Please join me in praying for our new director, our youth, and their leaders in this transition. We believe good things are coming for all of them.

In His grip,



New KFUMC Youth Director Announced

The Staffing Personnel Ministry Team and the Youth Ministry Team are pleased to announce that **Rachel Loomis** has accepted our offer to be KFUMC's new Youth Director. Many of you may already know Rachel because she grew up attending our church after moving to Kennewick as an elementary student. Rachel is the middle of three daughters to parents Kevin and Alice Loomis, and she participated in Fun Day, Sunday School, VBS, Cornerstone, and Jr/Sr UMY.

Rachel was confirmed as a member of our church in seventh grade. After high school graduation, she attended WSU-Pullman, graduating in four years with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Upon graduation Rachel returned to the Tri-Cities to work with Lourdes Health Network as a Mental Health Counselor and Aide in the Children's Day Program, where she serves a program that combines education with fun activities to help students who need more individual instruction, acceptance, and understanding in order to successfully return to public school. When Rachel returned to the Tri-Cities, she also accepted a call to rejoin UMY as a leader, and she participated in both the Middler and Mission trips last summer. For the past year she has been co-leading Fun Day and 2nd service activity time for younger children.

Rachel's interview process revealed that she has many gifts to share with our youth and church family: she cares deeply about people and is a loyal friend; she values family and is encouraging and supportive of others; she is a diligent student and hard worker; Rachel has an authentic and growing faith; and she's very excited to get started. As the opportunity presents itself, please take time to introduce yourself to Rachel if you haven't yet met her. If you already know her, please welcome and support her in this position.

Rachel will be stepping into the role of UMY Director right away as a part time em-

ployee to get the summer program kicked off. She will be leading both the Jr High Middler and the Sr High Mission trips, building on the plans prepared by Pastor Harriet. Part-time summer employment will allow Rachel to wind down her involvement in the summer program at Lourdes to which that she has already committed. Our goal is to bring Rachel on full time effective September 1.

If you would like to contact Rachel, she can be reached at Rachel@kennewickfirst.com or by calling the office 582-2163, Ext. 110.



Please begin praying now for our Sr High Mission team, which will be serving in the Portland, Oregon, area June 24-30.

They will be participating in many community programs that help to feed and clothe the less fortunate. Each day will be a different focus and experience as these youth live out the call of Jesus Christ. There will be time each day for study, prayer, worship, rest, food, and of course . . . lots of fun!

VBS 2018

Ahoy, mateys!
We're about to be **Shipwrecked** on a desert island, but we won't be castaways

for long—we'll be **Rescued by Jesus!**

Come join our crew for this exciting adventure Monday, August 6 through Friday, August 10 from 5:30 pm – 8 pm each day.

Look for more details, including sign-up and volunteer information, from Director Sarah Tenney later this summer!



Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, June 7, 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.



CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Beginning in June, new prayer cards will be in all of the pew racks in the sanctuary. Our hope is that this updated design will be a more helpful tool to the prayer team, staff, Congregational Care, and those who send cards. Prayer is a vital way to serve and an honor and blessing for the prayer warrior and the recipient. Please do not assume that the staff or pastor are aware of prayer requests; we appreciate your help in writing them down and turning them in. Requests can be placed in the offering plates as is customary or placed in the drop box in the entryway by the information desk.

Summer Dates to Remember

SNL	June 16
Annual Conference	June 21—24
Sr High Mission Trip	June 24-30
Middler	July 18-22
UMC Marimba Band	July 29
Men's Walk with Christ	August 2-5
Vacation Bible School	August 6-10
Women's Walk w/ Christ	August 16-19
All Church Campout	August 17-19
SNL	August 18



Kennewick First UMC is blessed with members who routinely and generously support our missions in Kennewick and elsewhere. These members support our church through attendance at church events, volunteering their time to church activities, and routinely offering financial support. We THANK YOU for your commitment that enables us to support programs for our members, for those in need in our community, and for missions to our nation and world.

The KFUMC Finance and Stewardship Team

A great big thank you to everyone who participated in the Salad Supper on May 22.

Thanks to those who attended, those who made salads, those who helped with set up and clean up, and those who helped in other ways. These events take more than one or two people to make them the success they are, and I thank all of you. Phyllis Koschik, thank you for volunteering to be chairperson for this event and doing so much of the fine tuning. I know of so many who helped in so many ways, but for fear of leaving even one of you out, I will just say "Thank You" to everyone.



Kathy Wertman

"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty."

—Ziad Abdelnour

Gear Up to Glean

Help feed the hungry in our community by supporting **Fields of Grace**. Volunteer opportunities are available for all ages and skills. Attend produce gleanings with family and friends, transport produce (requires truck or utility trailer), train to be a field coordinator, offer your excess fruit/vegetable crops for residential gleaning, and remember in prayer the agency and those it serves.



Cherries and apricots will be ready for harvest soon. Visit the Fields of Grace website (www.fields-of-grace.com) to register as a volunteer and receive notices regarding gleaning events. For more information, contact Executive Director Lisa Enderlin Williams (509-539-6083) or talk to KFUMC gleaning volunteer Cheri Baker (bakerhlcb@charter.net).



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 is August 2-5**

Bracken Deatherage, Director

Jim Deatherage, Vice Director

Women's Walk is August 16-19

You 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.

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.



M&Ms met for the last time this season on May 21 with twenty-three members in attendance. AJ read "The Retired Doctor," the story of Dr. Geezer, who became bored in his retirement and opened up a clinic. He hung out a sign that read "Treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1000." Dr. Digger Young was positive that the old geezer didn't know beans about medicine and thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1000, so he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic. To make a long story short, after three trips to Dr. Geezer's clinic, Dr Young was outsmarted by Dr. Geezer and ended up paying him \$1500. The moral of the story - just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer." (For the full story, Google "The Retired Doctor.")

We will take the summer off and begin again in September. See you all then and have a great summer.



Jr & Sr High UMY June Schedule

Saturday, June 10

Jr UMY: Human Foosball from 6-8 pm

Sr UMY: Mandatory meeting for Mission Trip at 6 pm in the Youth Chapel

Sunday, June 17

No UMY—it's Father's Day—spend time with Dad!

Sunday, June 24

Jr UMY: Pool Party at the Howard's from 4-6 pm, 2908 S. Fruitland, Kennewick. Drop off and pick up is at the Howard's home.

Sr UMY: leave for Mission Trip Those going on the Mission Trip to Portland, OR, please be at the church no later than 2 pm. Please eat lunch before arriving at the church. The youth will be back at the church on June 30 around 4 pm. Information about what TO bring and what NOT to bring is on the back of the Sr UMY calendar .

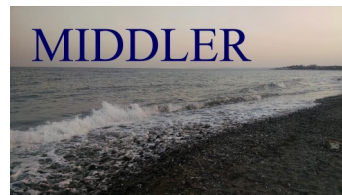
Sunday school, Cornerstone, and Fundays have ended for this school year. See you in the Fall!



In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.

—John Steinbeck
The Winter of Our Discontent

The Jr Middler trip is set for Wednesday, July 18 – Sunday July 22! Details



may be found on the registration form, which should be completed and returned to Danielle Rhodes on or before June 10.

If you are planning to attend Middler but have not yet received a registration form, contact the church office or go to the youth page [here](#) on the church website to download the form.

The youth/parent meeting for Middler will be held on July 8 at 6 pm in the Youth Chapel.

A Hymn's Long Journey

The beloved hymn “How Great Thou Art” came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Bob-erg wrote a poem titled “O, Great God,” he probably never dreamed he’d hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From “the rolling thunder” echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the “woods and forest glades” of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.

From Pastor Harriet

Dear KFUMC friends,

As I write this farewell letter, it is the middle of May. I have been watching the activity of the church, noting how much you care for the community as evidenced by the time and resources given to the rummage sale. You did awesome work for God! In this and other ministry opportunities, I have seen your personal commitment to your faith journey with Christ and to those you interact with at the church, including those who are welcomed as guests each and every week.

In my final month, I have been reflecting on this past year.

Thank you to the youth leaders and volunteers for all their help this past year as we worked together in ministry with the youth. Youth, I have enjoyed being in ministry with you and watching you grow during this past year. I'm excited to hear where God takes you and to see how your journey of faith continues to evolve. Blessings to each of you. May you know that no matter what happens in your lives, God will always be by your side.

Thank you to Sydney and Rachel for volunteering and running Fundays this year.

Thank you to all those who welcomed me into your homes and shared your stories with me. I have enjoyed being a part of this time with you and the many conversations we have shared. Jim and I appreciate the opportunity we had to share meals with you.

Thank you to the KFUMC staff whom I have enjoyed getting to know and with whom I have shared ministry.

Thank you for all the farewell wishes.

May the Lord bless each of you and your ministry work at KFUMC, in the community, and in the world. Each of you has special gifts to share. Even as those gifts might change because of a new norm in your life, God is at work.

Peace and Love,
Pastor Harriet

**Special Donations
January 1 through
May 23, 2018**



Camperships	\$ 1,329.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	190.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5,720.00
Food Bank.....	1,407.37
Missions—Coffee Project.....	434.25
PNW—UMCOR.....	3,705.00
Hope for the Children	1,100.00
Human Relations Special.....	180.00
Native American Special	50.00
Koins for Kenya—Coffee Project ..	195.75
Soul Soup.....	3,324.00
Transportation Donations	662.50
Transportation Recycle Funds	858.71
Jr UMY Donations.....	1,595.00
Jr UMY Rockathon.....	7,539.34
Jr UMY—United Way.....	601.35
Sr UMY Donations.....	1,250.00
Sr UMY—United Way	601.35
Sr UMY Auction	10,457.43
PHD Cake Auction	5,719.14
Music Education Scholarship	245.00

***2018 General Fund Giving
Through April 30***

2018 Budget	\$501,473
Target Giving through 4/30	171,094
Actual Giving through 4/30	162,531
On Track Status	(8,563)

*"This is the day that the LORD
has made; let us rejoice and be
glad in it" (Psalm 118:24,
ESV).*



Recycling Update

The recycling company we've been selling mixed paper products to has reduced their rate from 2 cents a pound to 1 cent a pound. Unfortunately, this reduction means that it is no longer profitable to continue our current practices. We barely make enough to pay for gas for the truck.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT CARDBOARD, PAPER, and ALUMINUM CANS at the church, but will discontinue our pick-up from local businesses and residential communities, leaving that to Waste Management.

If you bring CARDBOARD recycling to the church, please flatten the boxes as best you are able. This enables us to fit more cardboard in the truck, making for fewer deliveries.

The same is true for ALUMINUM CANS. Please crush them as best you can.

We will continue to pick up metal upon request. It is the most profitable of all of our recycle materials. Call the church office to arrange for pickup.

Thank you for your cooperation -
Your Recycling Team

Every man who desires to become a true father has to look continually to the Lord, that he might learn of him how to relate to his own children.

—Sunday Adelaja



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Carol Hardacre, Deana Ahrend, Shelby Faught, Anita Knight, Don Hildman, Jacque Sonderman, Ann Kelly, Terry Simmelink, Jim Fisher, Punkie Eddy, Mary Shoop, Norma Williams, Nathan and Jamie Preston, Joan Osborne, Iman Wintz, Barry Merrill

Please pray for the family of our church member **Glenn Hopkins** who passed away on Tuesday, May 29. Glenn is survived by son Greg and daughter-in-law Debbie and daughter Kay Hamilton, as well as Kennewick grandchildren Tamara Holloway, Sean and Hailey Holloway and their children, and Jessica and Oliver Browning and their children.

Rev. Craig Hall, who was interim pastor of Kennewick 1st Presbyterian prior to Pastor Hanna's arrival, passed away on May 18. He had learned just a few weeks ago that he had a fast growing cancer. Some of you have friends at First Pres who knew him; please keep them in your prayers this season.



Congratulations to **Doug Elliott**, KFUMC member and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory fellow. Doug was recently honored with the Linneborn prize for his contributions to the development of energy from biomass. This international award is normally given to Europeans; Doug is only the second US researcher to have received the award in the last 24 years. Kudos!

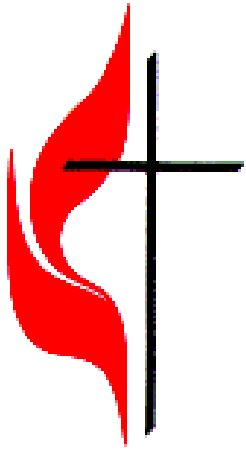


Edwina Kenoyer	1-Jun
Kevin Loomis	1-Jun
Rachel Loomis	2-Jun
Jill Nelson	2-Jun
Corey Osborn	2-Jun
Amber (Arnold) McKonly	4-Jun
Brian Bement	4-Jun
Rachel Mayhew	4-Jun
Piper Hagen	5-Jun
Leslie O'Neil	6-Jun
Walker Taggares	6-Jun
Tyler George	7-Jun
Kevin Howard	7-Jun
Andrew Miracle	7-Jun
William Osborn	7-Jun
Dion Warren	7-Jun
James Dreier	8-Jun

Garrett Hopkins
Ann Kelly
Deirdre Brown
Dolores Conrad
Tazmin Milton
Jessica Perry
Hailey Dreier
Kirk Higginson
Mikel Meilink
Marc Harden
Brittany Becker
Gloria Harden
Brandon Williamson
Tracy Lysher
Brejan Nelson
Brandon Mayfield
Trinity Power
Camden Simmelink
Hailey (Butler) Sullivan
Jocelyn (Bement) O'Donnell
Joe Sproul
Hailey Sullivan
Jacob Hickman
Donovan Woodruff

8-Jun	Eric Heinlein	18-Jun
8-Jun	Jill Door	20-Jun
10-Jun	Vickie Bergum	22-Jun
10-Jun	Brent Warner	22-Jun
10-Jun	Melinda Newhouse	23-Jun
10-Jun	Larry Sehmel	23-Jun
11-Jun	Emily Britton	24-Jun
11-Jun	Ron Shuck	24-Jun
11-Jun	Becky West	25-Jun
12-Jun	Thomas Cox	26-Jun
13-Jun	Jake Lysher	26-Jun
13-Jun	Noah Trump	26-Jun
13-Jun	Nicole Dyer	27-Jun
14-Jun	Gloria Weible	27-Jun
14-Jun	Jim Deatherage	28-Jun
15-Jun	Conner Simmelink	28-Jun
15-Jun	Joel Housworth	30-Jun
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Summer Worship Schedule

June 10—September 2

Service at 9:45 am

Nursery provided

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Summer Church Office Hours

June 11—August 31

8 am - noon

Monday through Friday

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Serpent

A serpent coiled around a fruit-bearing tree symbolizes humanity's first sin, when Adam and Eve, at the serpent's tempting, disobeyed God by eating fruit from the

Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Genesis 3 account is often referred to as "The Fall," and though it doesn't say so, the serpent is commonly understood as Satan.

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