

# THE CLARION

KENNEWICK 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER OF DAYTON ST AND KENNEWICK AVENUE,  
KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON



A Call to be  
part of  
Holly Daze

October  
2018



To all fun-loving Methodists: Holly Daze co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier will need help, lots of it, for set-up of the fall bazaar, beginning Tuesday, October 16. They will also need cashiers, baggers, and greeters on the big day, Saturday, October 20. Look for the sign-up sheets at church.

Remember, Saturday craft workshops will continue until setup week. Come from 9 a.m. to noon in the Susanna Wesley room, and you are guaranteed a productive, happy time. It's happy because of the laughter, the friendship, and the sense of satisfaction that comes from helping so many with the proceeds from Holly Daze.

If you have a hobby, whether it's crocheting, wood carving, or baking, your handi-crafts are very much wanted. Bring them in the week of setup. Baked goods should be brought in Friday, October 19, to the Susanna Wesley room.

Also, the crafters need succulents for a project.

Please invite all your friends and neighbors to the big day. They will be glad you did!



October is Clergy  
Appreciation Month.  
Have you prayed for your  
pastor today?

## Helpers Needed for Apple Pie Time

If you are willing to slice apples and share stories, and you enjoy meeting friends and making new ones, come to the church kitchen October 9 at 9 a.m., or whenever you can that morning.

UMW's Tuesday Morning Circle will be making dozens of apple pies for Holly Daze. You will be warmly welcomed. This is one time many cooks in the kitchen are a great blessing.

If you have an apple peeler or corer, bring that, too. Questions? Call Nancy Russell at 586-5609.

Also, all kinds of baked goodies, breads, and candies are needed for the bakery. If you can make a few, or many, items, Friday, October 19, is the day to bring in your contributions. Annually the bakery is a huge draw. Remember, all proceeds from Holly Daze, October 20, go to missions and local non-profits to spread the love of Jesus.



World Communion Sunday

Join the world in celebrating  
communion on October 7



Dear Friends,

Most of you know by now that on September 23 I announced my plans to retire from full-time ministry in June. By the time I retire, I will be approaching my 67th birthday. Keeping up full time

with the pace of our congregation's life is more than I should continue to attempt. After a careful selection process involving our district superintendent, Mary Huycke, and the cabinet, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky will appoint a new senior pastor who will begin ministry on July 1. As I anticipate concluding 39 years of ordained ministry, these past six plus (so far) have been among the most rewarding (and yes, challenging) of my career. I'm grateful to God for each and every day I've had with you.

The role of pastor is at times a mysterious one. We call a pastor to preach gospel, counsel people through various life events and stresses, guide the church's worship and administrative life, and encourage the congregation's discipleship on the campus and in the community. All this, after having earned a three-year graduate degree at an approved seminary, completed various special training experiences, and having been evaluated carefully and rigorously along the way. When the retirement day arrives, the pastor likely will take off his/her pulpit robe and probably in more than one way explain that he/she is also separating from the pastoral role. The departing pastor will not be available to officiate at weddings, baptisms, memorial services, etc. in the life of this congregation. The new pastor will take over this role. You may correctly complain that the new pastor doesn't know you as well as the departing one does. Neither did I when I arrived in February 2012. Opportunity and the Holy Spirit, however, draw people together, sometimes remarkably quickly.

My refusal is motivated not by a desire to leave you in the lurch, but for you to bond as rapidly as possible with your new pastor.

When I depart, I will vacate the parsonage and return to the home Polly and I own in Edmonds. She will continue to work for awhile, and I will work on preparing our home for sale. After twenty-eight years at that address, we will be ready for a change. We want to say farewell to the moss. We expect to remain away from Kennewick for a time, to allow you to connect well with your new pastor. Eventually we will return to visit and renew our friendships with you. That's what they will be: friendships. I will no longer have any pastoral responsibilities or involvement with church leadership here.

In the meantime we have eight more months together and much to accomplish. Let's all use this time well. One event I anticipate is that our family plans to be here on Christmas Eve. I welcome the opportunity to introduce them to you.

In His grip and always grateful for our time together,

*Jerry*



This month, we celebrate our church's 116th anniversary! Join us as we commemorate the occasion on October 14



during the fellowship times following our worship services. Celebratory events have not been firmed up as yet, so feel free to brainstorm and share your ideas with me about how we might honor the beginnings of this church.



Your Missions Committee is working with our neighbor, Tri-Cities Impact Compassion Center (9 S Dayton), to assist the homeless and other vulnerable populations struggling with many issues (food, housing, employment, and addiction to name a few). For the Sundays in October, you will have an opportunity to join in this assistance by donating essential items that Impact distributes every day.

Here is what is needed: Hygiene items (travel size shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, sanitizer); toilet paper; basic cleaning supplies (laundry detergent or pods, fabric softener, dish soap, multipurpose cleaners); and baby/toddler supplies (diapers, wipes, baby wash, diaper ointment).

There will be a table in the church entry to receive your donations, and items will be distributed to Impact each week. Here is a great opportunity for us to reach out into the community with Christ's love.

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October 12 and 13

## Creative Worship Conference

The Seven Rivers District and Central Church are teaming to present the *Creative Worship Conference* at Central Church with Jason Moore. Jason is a creative worship specialist, author, and worship coach who will offer four sessions on Friday, October 12, designed to help churches create meaningful worship experiences that engage the current culture.

A guest readiness seminar will be offered on Saturday, October 13, described as a hands-on learning experience designed to help participants better connect and build lasting relationships with visitors.

For more information, including cost, visit [www.cupchurch.org/events/jason-moore-conference](http://www.cupchurch.org/events/jason-moore-conference) or call Central Church at 509-943-1143.

Do you have a will?



Statistics show that only 44% of Americans have a will! Of people who are 65 and older, only 68% have a will.

Here are some things to consider:

1. If you (sadly) died tomorrow without a will, what would happen to your estate?
2. Who would be in charge of taking care of your money and possessions?
3. What would happen to your children (if they are minors); what about your pets?
4. Do you want to leave some or all of your estate to your church or other nonprofit?

The best way to be sure that you have control over what happens to your estate after your passing is to have a will. This takes the burden from your family and loved ones at a time when many decisions need to be made. It is meaningful to your family, your church, and other favorite non-profits to set your affairs in order and to steward your resources wisely to the end of your time on earth and beyond. We are God's stewards, entrusted to use His gifts for the good of our family and our church family.



***Saturday Night Life***  
**Youth Chapel, 6 pm**  
**November 3**

Mark your calendars!



Congratulations to our third graders who received their Bibles on Education Sunday, September 23!

- ♥ Kaylee Klages
- ♥ Paige Phillips
- ♥ Corbin Roy Rhodes

Also on that day, our Christian educators were dedicated. Please remember to lift up all those who are teaching during the year...

- ♥ Sunday school teachers for children's, youth, and adult classes, as well as babyfold providers
- ♥ All Cornerstone teachers and facilitators
- ♥ Jr and Sr UMY leaders
- ♥ Scout leaders
- ♥ Funday leaders
- ♥ Small group facilitators

*Do your best to please God. Be a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed. Teach the message of truth correctly. 2 Timothy 2:15*

**Save the Date!** - An Old Fashioned Christmas is just around the corner and we want you to be a part of it. This year we'll invite the community to step back in time with us as we enjoy Christmas, old fashioned style. Experience games, crafts, cooking, and more with fun for the entire family. We'll conclude our time by singing Christmas carols together. Watch for more information on how you can help to host this community event. December 1, 2-6 p.m. will be here before you know it!



*Days grow shorter, but God's love never decreases. Nights lengthen, but God's light outshines all the world's darkness.*

## Happy Campers!



On

Friday August 17, fourteen families began setting up camp at Hood Park for the weekend. During the campout, families participated in story time with s'mores, games, singing, water fun and boating, SNL worship, BBQ, and Sunday morning worship. Special thanks go to Dave & Dallan Hare, along with Rob Rhodes, for providing music during the entire weekend; Marc Harden, who brought the message at SNL; Jeff Varzandeh and Randy Bement for grilling at the BBQ; and Bob Kelly for sharing tall tales during story time. A special shout out goes to the Rhodes family for taking all the kids on boat rides and for everyone who shared their kayaks and water toys! The Lord granted us a beautiful sunny and clear weekend in the midst of a smoky month . . . we were all grateful and blessed by the gathering! Looking forward to next year already!!



Our all-church conference (often referred to as the annual charge conference) will be held on Wednesday, November 14, in our youth chapel. Mary Huycke, our district superintendent, will join us as we review the current year and look ahead to new opportunities for growth in 2019.





Fall Cornerstone classes are in session! Dinner is served at 6 pm; classes begin at 6:30.

### **Spiritual Gifts Class**

Maybe you've heard Pastor Jerry speak of serving out of your spiritual gifts. Do you wonder what gifts you have? What new ways God may be calling you to serve? Jill Berg leads this class, designed to help discover your spiritual gifts. Please contact Jill at 627-3288, for further information.

### **Women's Study**

The fall Women's Cornerstone class is 'Finding Meaning in Ecclesiastes' with Merrienne Door. The group meets each week in the conference room, where the ladies pray, worship, study, discuss, laugh a lot, and find that nothing, with God, is meaningless. Though the class has started, you are still welcome to join! Contact Merrienne for more information.

### **Inductive Bible Study**

Pastor Jerry facilitates this weekly Bible study, and all are welcome to attend. Inductive Bible study is a valuable tool for understanding and applying the principles of God's Word and focuses on three basic steps: observation (what does it say?), interpretation (what does it mean?), and application (what does it mean for my life?).

### **Children and Youth**

Renee and Joe Glesener are leading the children's program, and the youth program is offered as well. Phyllis Merrill's popular children's sewing class is also being offered; for more information, please call Phyllis, 586-3784.

## ***UMW to Celebrate Holly Daze, Missions***



OCTOBER 24 MEETING WILL BE JOYOUS

It will be a time for saying thanks and celebrating when UMW meets at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 24, in the Susanna Wesley Room. You and your friends are invited to share in the review of Holly Daze and to learn about missions. Bonnie Randall will present the program.

If you have ideas for the next Holly Daze, please bring those with you. As always, UMW will be looking to serve as best it can.



M&Ms met September 17 with a crowd of 25. Bonnie Randall explained to us the difference between a 1950s sand box and an 1856 steamboat. Very interesting!

Dr. Cory Manley will speak to the group on October 15 about the AmigoVision Foundation's Philippine Medical Mission. Bring a friend, a dish to share, and enjoy great fellowship, food, and an interesting program.

Pat Walker will share about the missionary work she and Clem did at the November get together. M&Ms will not meet in December. Robin Duncan will share pictures of a family trip to Peru this past summer at the January 2019 event including pictures of some of the food they ate . . .yummy!

Lunch always starts at noon but the group starts setting up at about 10:30. If you can help with this activity, it is always needed and appreciated!

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

*Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement . . .*

*Carol Hardacre, Deana Ahrend, Shelby Faught, Jane Foreman, Anita Knight, Ann Kelly, Terry Simmelink, Julie Logan Hooley, Punkie Eddy, Norma Williams, Nathan and Jamie Preston, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Don Shirey, Ron Shuck, and Barry Merrill.*

Please continue to cover our church leaders in prayer, including Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, DS Mary Huycke, Pastor Jerry, and the rest of our church staff. Remember also to pray for our seminarian, Alexa Eisenbarth.

Juli Reinholz, our former district superintendent and current pastor at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Walla Walla, is undergoing treatment for stage four cancer. Please remember Juli and her family in prayer.

*"The more we pray, the more we come to the heartbeat of God."*

—Richard J. Foster



Please pray for the families and friends of those who have joined that great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us . . .

*Todd Milton, August 4*

*Jacque Sonderman, August 15*

*Grace Landis, September 20*

*Phil Lamont, September 24*

*Verdine Davis, September 24*

We thank God for their lives and the joy of knowing them. They will be missed—until we meet again.


**Thursday, November 1  
7 p.m.**

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you plan to attend the new member class, please notify Cheryl in our office at 582-2163.



The class does not obligate you to join the church, but is a good opportunity for anyone wishing to learn more about the faith, being a Christian, and the United Methodist Church.

		Etta Ballard	8-Oct	Dana Bryson	21-Oct
		Bruce Britton	8-Oct	May Darrow	22-Oct
		Stephanie Bannworth	9-Oct	Amberley Almarode	23-Oct
		Gayle Adams-Canada	10-Oct	Ken Williamson	24-Oct
		Janet Shelton	10-Oct	Sierra Hogg	24-Oct
		Greg Brandhorst	10-Oct	Corbin Rhodes	24-Oct
		Dave Hare	11-Oct	Gracee Glesener	26-Oct
		Kristy Dauncey	13-Oct	Wes Door	27-Oct
		Amelia Kittson	13-Oct	Raymond Porter	27-Oct
		Aidan Canada	14-Oct	Sharon Varzandeh	28-Oct
		Lois Mullen	16-Oct	Donna Kittson	31-Oct
		Mary Shoop	16-Oct	Jason Door	31-Oct
		Jane Foreman	17-Oct		
		Joanne Meilink	18-Oct		
		Bracken Deatherage	19-Oct		
		TJ Milton	19-Oct		
		Alvin Brazell	20-Oct		
Hannah Mowry	1-Oct				
Ethan Collins	1-Oct				
Robert Newhouse	2-Oct				
Adam Berg	3-Oct				
Ema Bruce	4-Oct				
Bradley Kuhns	5-Oct				
Deana Ahrend	5-Oct				
Karlie Barcot	5-Oct				
Jill Berg	6-Oct				
Shirley Miller	6-Oct				
Hannah Glazier	6-Oct				
Brynnlee Marquardt	6-Oct				





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## TREAT

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 28TH

4:30 TO 6:00 PM

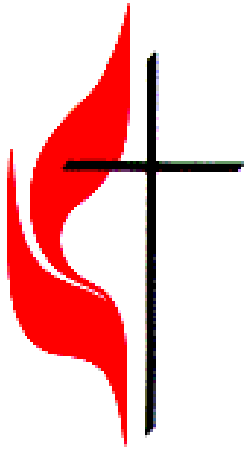
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Please invite all of your friends! All proceeds go to UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Fund).

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#### **Worship Schedule**

Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9 a.m.  
Nursery provided  
Handicapped Accessible

#### **Church Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday  
8 a.m. - noon on Fridays

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#### ***Plumb Line***

In the writings of the prophets Isaiah and Amos, a plumb line is a symbol of God's judgment of Israel: "I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line" (Isaiah 28:17, NIV); The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. ... Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer" (Amos 7:7-8, NIV). When Jesus is portrayed as Judge of the world, he is sometimes shown holding a plumb line.

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***Articles for the November  
2018 Clarion will be due  
on October 19.***

