

THE CLARION

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



For many Christians throughout the world, Ash Wednesday is known as the first day of Lent. It is the beginning of the Lenten fast, which lasts for 40 days

ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship

March 6, 6 pm

(excluding Sundays). It ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. The Lenten season is traditionally a time for self-examination and penitence prior to Easter.

The 40-day period of abstinence recalls the fasts of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus, all of which lasted for 40 days according to the Christian scripture. Originally, the season began in the western church on a Sunday. However, Pope Gregory I moved the beginning of Lent four days ahead in the late sixth century because Sundays were feast days.

The term "Ash Wednesday" comes from the custom of marking the foreheads of the faithful with blessed ashes. The ashes symbolize death, mortality, and sorrow for sin, and are a sign of penitence and humility. The marking of ashes on foreheads in the form of a cross also symbolizes that sins are forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection.



March 10

Set your clocks ahead one hour



Our Lenten booklet, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10), will be available for members to pick up on March 3 following the church service. We ask that you take one copy per family. They will again be available on March 10, including extra copies for family members, friends, and shut-ins.

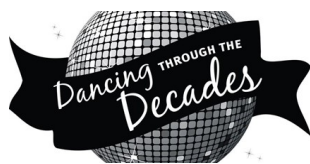
Thank you to all the members of the congregation who shared their faith by writing a meditation; the booklet was not possible without them. Meditations were also written by our District Superintendent, Mary Huycke, and former pastor, Chuck Hindman.

Wherever we are on our life's journey, we pray these meditations will nourish our souls and strengthen our faith.

This is a gift from the church and there is no cost.



Tuesday evenings
Cornerstone dinner (6 pm)
and classes (6:30 pm)



Because the Sweetheart Social was canceled due to poor weather conditions, we've scheduled another all-church social!

On March 17, from noon to 2 pm, you are invited to an all-church social! *Dancing Through the Decades* is a dance and social sponsored by the Jr and Sr Highers. Come enjoy refreshments, dancing, and music from past decades! You are encouraged to wear clothing styles from your favorite decade. Guests are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel at (509)582-2163.



Due to the weather, M&Ms did not meet in February. Laurie Jackson will instead come in March to share her program on "Compascare." Laurie is a great speaker, who has a Masters of Divinity and a Masters Certificate in Clinical Ethics. She encourages you to bring your spouse and friends.

We meet on March 18 at noon in the Ida Payne Hall for potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy good food, great fellowship, and an interesting program. We will begin to set tables at about 10:30; if you have time, we would appreciate your help.



An Evening of Rejoicing With Your Friends and Redeemer

Ladies, leave your day-to-day grind - come join us and renew your soul!

Friday, March 22
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
KFUMC

Dinner provided by Back Alley BBQ
Music by Sherry Arnold and company
Stay alert for special surprises to come!

Tickets are \$22 and are available during coffee hours or through the church office (582-2163). Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 17.

Confirmation 2019



Please join us on Sunday, March 24, at the 10:30 am service as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday. Those who have participated in the seven-week Confirmation class and retreat will have an opportunity to confirm their faith and become members of Kennewick First UMC. Class members who will be participating in worship are Scott Almarode, Joe Buchholz, Kooper Glesener, Arden Holloway, and Ellie Nelson. Confirmation teachers are: Pastor Jerry Poole, Rachel Loomis, and Cynthia Bement.

"You do not need to wallow in guilt. Wallow in the mercy of God."

—St. John Vianney



Funday

Hey kids, we'll meet in the 4th and 5th grade room from noon to

1:30 pm on March 3, 17 and 31. Bring a sack lunch and your friends! Can't wait to see you there! 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join Rachel for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, games, crafts, and of course, fun!

Last Call to Turn in Jr High Rock-a-Thon Pledges and Donations!

Please mail or bring your pledges and donations to the church office at:

421 W. Kennewick Ave
Kennewick, WA 99336

Thank you again for your love and support!

Jr and Sr High Twinlow Spring Retreat March 8-10



The Jr and Sr High youth and leaders will head to Twinlow Camp in Rathdrum, ID, for a weekend of worship, devotion, bible study time, and fellowship, March 8—10!

Because the Sr High Snow Go was canceled due to poor weather conditions, the Sr High will travel from Twinlow Camp to Silver Mountain Ski Resort on the Saturday of the retreat. They will spend their day skiing, snowboarding, tubing, eating pizza, and playing at the waterpark! Meanwhile, the Jr Highers will spend the day at Twinlow Camp in fellowship with one another.

Please pray for both groups as they retreat to God in the great outdoors!



Sr. High Auction!

Go Green to Grow Hope

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Doors open at 2:45 PM

Silent Auction from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Live Auction begins at 4:00 PM

You are invited to come enjoy food while supporting the Sr High group and their upcoming Mission Trip in June!

The Sr High group will be traveling to Colorado to work on various projects to help with the restoration of a United Methodist church camp that has been affected by wildfires. Work will include construction projects, renovations, and ground restoration.

Hope to see you at the Auction on April 28!

Holly Daze Workshop Ideas Wanted



Holly Daze crafters will start windy March in a rush! The second day of the month they'll line up rows of sewed pumpkins and painted wooden shingles. And to welcome Spring, co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn encourage you to contact them with ideas for new crafts.

In the UMW budget are funds for gift cards to buy supplies for your Holly Daze projects. Call Susan at 586-6241 or Darryl at 460-9339.

Also, anyone who wants to contribute funds for crafts or donate gifts cards to any of the local craft stores will be much appreciated.

At least one Saturday morning in April, or earlier, there will be another Holly Daze workshop. Each week please check your church bulletin and UMW email communications for dates and projects. And, remember, the monthly friendship sessions are open to all. No special skills are needed, only a joke or upbeat story to share.



Share Your Tax Cut?

As most of us file our US tax return in the next couple of months, we will probably discover that we have benefitted by the reduction of tax rates and the much higher standard deduction for some. Some of our congregants will be getting a refund or reduction that they do not need. Some of you are already thinking about targeting our church's ministry and mission with some of the benefit. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



UMW To Celebrate 150 Years of Service

It's time to say Happy Birthday to United Methodist Women.

A special program March 27 will celebrate the 1869 beginning of UMW, now the largest women's faith-based service and advocacy organization in the world.

All women of the church and their friends are invited to the 10 a.m. Wednesday meeting in the Susanna Wesley Room. It will be a perfect time to learn about the missions of this forward-looking, giving group.

Erna Sproul, our UMW's co-vice president, will be the story teller, recalling UMW's almost unbelievable history of missions and advocacy for the well-being of women, children, and families.

The sharing gift will be for the national UMW Legacy Fund that encourages women by offering life-changing opportunities.

Refreshments will be provided by Tuesday Morning Circle. There will be updates, too, on Holly Daze, on social action, and on our unit's community outreach.

If you have questions about the meeting or any of UMW's projects, talk to President Kathy Wertman at church or call her at 586-4669.

Piecemakers

Piecemakers will gather on Wednesday, March 13, 10 am to noon, in the 3rd grade classroom. Come join us, we have lots of fun and fellowship, no skills required to tie quilts, sew up "tummies," or sew on labels. See you there!



Introducing...

Hi friends,

By now you have hopefully heard the announcement that I will be appointed to Kennewick First as your Pastor, beginning July 1. I'm looking forward to the time when our conversations will not be hedged in "you all" and "I" phrases, but in "we"!

I'd like to offer just a brief introduction of myself, since most of you have never heard my name and now are learning I will be your Pastor. I am a product of the Tri-Cities. I was born and raised in Richland. My mother and father were heavily involved in the ministries at Central United Protestant Church in the 70s, 80s, and 90s. My mom was one of the church secretaries for about 15 years. Both my parents were not only involved in the local church, but for most of my childhood they were also leaders in the Lay Witness Mission and Walk to Emmaus movements that were very foundational for me and my faith.

I am a graduate of Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon, which is where I met my wife, Jennifer. She is a middle school English teacher (she is much tougher than I am!) and has wonderful gifts in her own right to add to the life of the church. We have two great children - Jackson, who is 21 years old and a junior at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, and Adeline, 18, a freshman at Spokane Falls Community College.

I'm a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary and have been ordained for almost 24 years. I've served small rural churches, a new church start, large(ish) multi-staff churches, and program size churches, all of which have been in various places of transformation related to their identity, size, and

mission. No matter the size or structure of the church I've served, I have always had a deep desire to be an instrument that introduces people to Jesus. That may involve finding common ground with people who have no faith background or have had negative experiences with faith communities. At the same time, it means helping those who have been part of churches for years discover new insights into who God is and who we are in relationship to God and each other. I truly believe faith matters and that there is hope in Jesus for all of us. There is no time like the present to live and share that truth together.

No doubt my Facebook page has been viewed in exponentially increasing amounts since the announcement of my appointment was read at services on February 24. If you have visited my Facebook page, you will most likely find more photos of motorcycles than my family on the pages. Athletics have always been a big part of my life, but in the last 15 years or so I have rediscovered motorcycle riding and have done a bit of road racing as well. I'm a pretty handy mechanic and have built/restored several old motorcycles, and it has become my favorite hobby. I



love going to motorcycle shows to have someone ask "where did you get that bike?" and being able to say "I built it."

I hope this gives you a snapshot of me, and I hope we can talk more about you all and where our stories connect in this faith we share.

Rev. Mark McMurray

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Deana Ahrend, Ron Baker, Shelby Faught, Carol Hardacre, Julie Logan Hooley, Ann Kelly, Anita Knight, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Nathan and Jamie Preston, Juli Reinholz, Janet Shelton, Terry Simmelink, Donna Troxel, Juli Troxel, Norma Williams, our seminarian Alexa Eisenbarth, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and DS Mary Huycke.

Please keep the Kevin and Alice Loomis family in prayer. Kevin's mother, "Billie" Chapman passed on February 15.

"If the lungs of prayer and the Word of God do not nourish the breath of spiritual life, we risk suffocating in the midst of a thousand daily cares. Prayer is the breath of the soul and of life."



—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

UMCOR Sunday March 31



For over 75 years, UMCOR has helped people in crisis all over the world. On UMCOR Sunday, we gather to celebrate and give generously to cover the relief agency's annual operational and administrative costs so that UMCOR may apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts. This incredible Sunday reminds us of the importance of compassion and love in action.

Our special offering on this special Sunday directly affects the ability of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to respond immediately to disasters and other calamities. The United Methodist Committee on Relief doesn't receive apportionment funds, but relies on offerings like UMCOR Sunday to cover its administrative costs.

Our church has this opportunity to join with other United Methodists to support UMCOR and equip UMCOR staff to work globally to alleviate suffering and advance hope and healing. Through relationships with local organizations and trained community leaders, UMCOR can activate its network and provide emergency funds as soon as they know of an urgent need.



BIRTHDAYS Coming Up!

Adam Nelson	1-Mar
Aiden Mason	2-Mar
Altha Perry	4-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Arlan Gadeken	6-Mar
Dennis Arter	6-Mar
Opal Smith	8-Mar
Starlite Buchholz	9-Mar
Robert Marple	11-Mar
Erik Anderson	14-Mar
Aaron Enderlin	14-Mar

Joseph Ahrend
Clara Cox
Lillian Anderson
Andrew Nickolaus
Dorothy Lyle
Fern Smith
Judy Milton
Rob Rhodes
Jessica Urban
Sally Herker
Linda Hawley
Bob Arnold
Don Hand
Karl Sundvik

15-Mar	Samantha Koschik	1-Apr
15-Mar	Taylor Yount	1-Apr
19-Mar	Molly Kittson	3-Apr
19-Mar	Jeff Varzandeh	4-Apr
22-Mar	Christiaan Barcot	4-Apr
22-Mar	Dee Yount	5-Apr
24-Mar	Bethany Ahrend	5-Apr
24-Mar		
25-Mar		
27-Mar		
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30-Mar		





Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1–2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

Day 1 (light) ____ **Day 2** (waters) ____ **Day 3** (land and plants) ____ **Day 4** (heavenly bodies) ____

Day 5 (birds and water animals) ____ **Day 6** (land animals and people) ____ **Day 7** (God rested) ____

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10,
Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2



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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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Chalice & Cross

The chalice with a cross rising from it symbolizes Christ's obedient suffering, even unto death. The cross is called a "passion cross," with pointed ends that represent suffering.

We remember that in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus begged his Father that the "cup" of suffering be taken from him. But ultimately, he prayed, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39, NIV).

**Upcoming
DEADLINE**

April 2019
Clarion articles will be
due on March 20.