

THE CLARION

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



UMW Salad Supper May 28 to be Time of Joy

UMW's Salad Supper is always a time of celebration. This year it will be doubly so.

The festive event at 6 pm, Tuesday, May 28, will mark the 150th anniversary of compassionate service by UMW and offer news about a marvelous local program that helps feed many of our neighbors.

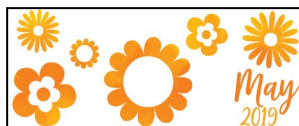
Lisa Enderlin Williams, director for Fields of Grace, will speak on that wonderful project, which gleans and distributes fresh produce through the Mid-Columbia food banks. She is also a member of this church. Mark Williams will sing a special song he wrote for Fields of Grace.

There is much to learn about Fields of Grace, including how to volunteer.

Of course, all women of Kennewick First Methodist and their friends are encouraged to attend. Also invited are District UMW officers and the women of these Methodist churches: West Highlands, Riverview, Benton City, St. James, Prosser, and Connell. In addition, Kennewick First Presbyterian members will be special guests.

UMW members will bring salads galore. Gracee Glesener will bake cakes for the event.

Our UMW president, Kathy Wertman, will welcome everyone, and Lynnaie Wright will offer devotions.



A quilt, donated by the Piecemakers, and a prayer shawl, created by Pat Walker's knitting group, will be given as special prizes.

Table hostesses will be members of Joy and Tuesday Morning Circles. Joy will also create the favors, and Tuesday Morning will make the table decorations.

If you have any questions, please call the event chair, Phyllis Koschik. For sure, expect an evening of friendship and fun.

Also coming in May . . .

May 4	Saturday Night Life
May 5	Communion Sunday
May 7 -14	Goodwill Collection Trailer in our parking lot
May 12	Mother's Day
May 14	Last Spring Cornerstone Dinner and Classes
May 18	Saturday Night Life
May 19	Youth Sunday LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8
May 26	Summer Worship Schedule begins - one service at 9:45 am





Dear Friends,

Last September, I announced my intention to retire from full-time ministry in June. I shared some of the details in our October Clarion. Now I want to remind everyone, me included, that events

are soon upon us. Pastor Mark McMurray is also preparing for change, as he will receive the baton I pass to him as he assumes the honor of serving as this church's next pastor. Since the announcement of his appointment in February, we have been praying for Mark and his family.

Here's what I anticipate in the way of transitions:

- ◇ We'll shift into our summer worship schedule of one Sunday service at 9:45 am on **May 26** (Memorial Day weekend).
- ◇ **June 2** Sunday worship with communion and a gathering afterward to eat cake and provide an opportunity for me to express my appreciation to you, our staff, and Church Council stewards.
- ◇ **June 9** James Canada will bring the message. Some of our leaders will be with me in Puyallup for Annual Conference where Alexa Eisenbarth will be commissioned as a provisional candidate for ordination and Melinda Sandmeier will be ordained as a full elder.
- ◇ **June 16** (Father's Day) My final Sunday with you. I will take off my robe (yes, I know I rarely wear it) symbolizing the transfer of pastoral responsibility and my transition from pastor to friend. I will no longer be available to officiate at special services like weddings, memorial services, or other such matters or to provide pastoral care.

Those roles will transfer to Pastor Mark on July 1.

Then we'll have about two weeks for the specific transition of the pastor's study and the parsonage, with guest preachers leading worship on June 23 and 30. The Church Council will assure that pastoral care is available as needed during this interval.

- ◇ **July 1** Pastor Mark comes on duty and will bring you his first message on July 7.

Maintaining healthy boundaries and providing an opportunity for you and Pastor Mark to become acquainted are my priorities. Eventually I will return for visits and look forward to doing so. My time with you in ministry has enriched me, and I will always be grateful to God and to you for the life we have experienced during these past seven-plus years. I hope to have an opportunity to say a personal farewell before my departure.

I write these words on Friday, April 26. Today our Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops has issued a letter to all of us in response to the recently completed gathering of the Judicial Council, where they reviewed the constitutionality of the conclusions of the recent special General Conference. You will find the full text in the pages of this newsletter.

In His Grip,





Youth Sunday is on May 19!

The youth will be leading worship, reading scripture, saying prayers, and sharing messages at both worship services!

The Jr Highers will be leading the 9 am worship service.

The Sr Highers will be leading the 10:30 pm worship service.

Please keep the youth in your prayers as they prepare for Youth Sunday. See you soon!

Thank you to those who supported the Sr High group through prayer, donations, purchasing merchandise, and attending the auction in April. We are so blessed to have a church family who continues to support us!



We are looking forward to our mission trip to Colorado from June 15-23. Please continue to keep the Sr High group in your prayers as they prepare for the mission trip and while they are on the trip, doing God's great work!



"Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease."

—Lisa Alther

Thank you!

As the youth group program year is coming to an end, I want to thank the youth group leaders who have volunteered their time and talents this year! It has been a blast being in youth ministry with all of you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Cynthia Bement, Starlite Buchholz, Forest Dexter, Jim Door, Brandon Elvik, Sherry Elvik, Sierra Hogg, Sean Holloway, Truman Hopper, Lindsay Koval, Dick Nelson, Danielle Rhodes, Jeff Varzandeh, and Ryan Coffman (Sr High Praise Band)

With LOTS of thanks,
Rachel



Register Now for Summer Camp!

Church Camp is a wonderful time to focus on faith while enjoying the great outdoors and making friends! Sign up for a camp today!

To register, go online to www.pnwumc.org. Under the heading **Ministries**, click on **Camp & Retreat Ministries**. Then click on one of the four PNW Camps. Under your desired camp, you can select an age specific camp to attend . . . and then complete the registration!

Kennewick First gives camperships to all children, youth, and families that are active in the church. Please call Rachel or Cynthia in the church office to find out how much campership you will be receiving based on the camp you have chosen. Typically, the camperships are: \$150 for a full week of camp, \$100 for a 3-day camp, and \$75 per person for family camp.



Congregational Care

Lay Shepherds Commissioned

Following training, a spiritual gifts assessment, and a time of discernment, our Lay Shepherds are being sent to care for souls! The Lay Shepherds, depending on their individual gifts, will be visiting those who are in the hospital, either in person and/or by phone; praying the prayer list; and being present for parishioners wherever they are. Those commissioned are Kookie (Judy) Graham, Rachel Loomis, Naomi McDermott, Sandy Perkins, Micki Perry, Pat Walker, and Lynnaie Wright. Please pray for our wonderful Lay Shepherds as they move forward in faith representing Jesus Christ to others.

If you desire prayer or a visit, please contact Cynthia Bement at 509-582-2163.

Please let us know if you would like to be a Lay Shepherd and will come to a future training!

In Christ,
Cynthia Bement & Naomi McDermott

Live from Kennewick First, it's . . .

SNL

**Saturday Night
Life!**

May 4 - Michelle Hare

May 18 - Chris Becker

Music by Clearwaters and Friends

Special note of appreciation to Chris Becker, who provides a divinely inspired message each month, and to Sherry Arnold, Dave Hare, Kurt Conrad, Beverly Atwood, and Rob Rhodes for their faithfulness in providing music...and to everyone else who has stepped in musically...THANK YOU! Much appreciation to all who have given a message, led prayer, and attended...can't do it without you! Shout out to Jim Door for running sound and to Merrienne for setting up! If you haven't yet had a chance to attend Saturday Night life, we invite you to come down to the Youth Chapel and worship with us!

Twenty-five M&Ms enjoyed potluck and fellowship



in April. After a brief business meeting, we watched a very inspirational video about Captain Coffee, an amazing man who spent 7 years in a Hanoi prison camp.

We will meet again on May 20, our last meeting for the year. Miss Tri-Cities will be our entertainment if her schedule allows. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy good fellowship, great food, and entertainment. Erna Sproul will be in charge as Jim and AJ are unable to attend; please help her with set up and clean up.

Your assignment for the summer will be to consider the future of M& Ms. Our numbers are shrinking, and it's becoming more difficult to find speakers for our small group. On the other hand, we do enjoy fellowshiping with one another and the good food! We'll take up the topic in the fall.

Enjoy the summer!



Grandparent Scholarship Shower

Congratulations Pastor Jerry and Polly on becoming first-time grandparents!

Let's shower them with love on this happy occasion with gifts to help them begin a college fund for Jayce May and any future grandchildren!

Scholarship Grandparent Shower

May 5 during Coffee hour

Cake and Coffee

**Basket for you to place your card/gift
donation**

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Psalm 127:3

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Ron Baker, Carol Bronson, Shelby Faught, Carol Hardacre, Kirk Higginson, Julie Logan Hooley, Ann Kelly, Anita Knight, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Nathan and Jamie Preston, Juli Reinholz, Terry Simmelink, Peggy Snyder, Donna Troxel, Juli Troxel, Norma Williams, our seminarian Alexa Eisenbarth, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, our DS, Mary Huycke. and our pastor elect, Mark McMurray.

Easter Egg Hunt Thank You



A huge thank you to Diane Bruce, Barb Helton, and company for the awesome Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a blast, and the crafts, eggs, and prizes were a huge hit at this well organized, well thought-out event. We heard comments regarding how great it was not to have just candy, how fun it was, what a great photo booth, and more. Kudos to this awesome team!

Dear friends and family,

It is bittersweet that I am announcing my move from Kennewick after 70+ years. Due to some health issues, I will be moving to Clarkston, Washington, to live with my daughter, Sandi, and her husband, Nathan.

While I am disappointed to be leaving Kennewick and being farther from Vicki and Mike, I know this is the best transition for me, and I look forward to new adventures in a new town.

In addition, after 70 years of having the same phone number, I will now have a new one, effective immediately. It is 509-737-7316. I am switching to a cell phone as my only phone so I can get your call no matter where I am. My new address is 2734 9th Avenue, Clarkston, Washington 99403.

I wish each and every one of you the best.

May Darrow



Thank you so much to **Mary Gadeken**, who helped to provide treats for coffee hour on Easter! It's a joy to serve, and a much-appreciated blessing when others come alongside.

Gloria and Jack Harden



BIRTHDAYS
Coming Up!

Jamie Preston
Eric Baumann
Debra Williamson
Linda Tucker
Joshua Troxel
Mikayla Mason
Carly Hagen
Patrick Bannworth
Brandon Elvik
Don Meyers
Nickolas Wilhelm
Nathaniel Door

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Shelby Faught
Darlene Nelson
Joan Osborne
Rylee Mason
Kiauna Canada
Brett Hogg
Larry Berg
Noah Baker
Austin Basche
Megan Yount
Gunnar Glazier
Kathleen Crowner
Holly (Door) Bergum
Cory Hare
Shane Shippet
Thomas McDermott
Ryan Shippet
Michael Bauer

7-May	Warner Bauer	19-May
7-May	Kathy Meline	19-May
7-May	Dakota Preston	23-May
9-May	Molly Buchholz	23-May
9-May	Austin Door	23-May
10-May	Norma Williams	23-May
11-May	Jan Birkhimer	27-May
14-May	Desiree Sept	29-May
14-May	Heather (Shoop) Ramirez	29-May
14-May	Russ Bechtol	29-May
14-May	John Hunt	29-May
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April 26, 2019

A STATEMENT FROM THE WESTERN JURISDICTION COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

The Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church has ruled on the constitutionality of the plan known as "The Traditional Plan" that was passed at the Special Called Session of General Conference 2019 (St. Louis, Missouri). In its ruling, some of the petitions were ruled constitutional while others were ruled unconstitutional, and a petition related to a plan for churches to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church was ruled constitutional. With humble gratitude, we acknowledge the diligent and faithful work of the Judicial Council. The decision, made during the Council's April 23-26 meeting, means that less than half of the Traditional Plan will take effect in the U.S. on January 1, 2020, with Africa, Europe, and the Philippines taking effect twelve months after the next General Conference. The petition on a gracious exit goes into effect immediately. You may review the Judicial Council's Ruling No. 1378 at <http://bit.ly/JCR1378> and No. 1379 at <http://bit.ly/JCR1379>. An explanation of both rulings is available at <http://bit.ly/UMNSApr26>.

While graciously received, the intent of the Western Jurisdiction remains the same as was stated on the floor of General Conference 2019: to live in the spirit of "One Church." The Mission Cabinet and the delegations of the Western Jurisdiction endorsed the One Church Plan before the Special Session, believing it to be the best option for allowing faithful United Methodists of differing theological perspectives to be in ministry together. We believed the One Church Plan was an expression of Wesleyan values that we practice in the West. In the wake of the Judicial Council decisions, we continue our commitment to live into Beloved Community as one church in each of the conferences of the Western Jurisdiction.

Even now, efforts are underway to coalesce our plans and energy to help forge the future of our church. If you are interested and energized in assisting, we invite you to visit the Western Jurisdiction website to volunteer and join this movement. (<http://westernjurisdictionumc.org/ahomeforall>)

We commit to be true to John Wesley's tradition of the entire world being our parish. We will continue to relate with one in another in such a way that all people may find our United Methodist Church to be their spiritual home. We will remain united in our determination to make our Jurisdiction a home for all.

Next month, on May 17-18 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and May 20-22 in Leawood, Kansas, persons of courage and faith from the Western Jurisdiction will participate in discussions that are happening and are connecting with representatives from Conferences around the world about the next steps for our Church. Those discussions will continue as annual conferences convene this summer and when our Western Jurisdiction leadership gathers in the fall.

The ruling by our Judicial Council will spark new discussions in our churches and in our Annual Conferences and across the connection. We anticipate that difficult decisions will take place during General Conference 2020. Thus, the road ahead may feel like a wilderness. But we, your bishops, are prayerfully in conversation in many places, with many individuals and groups about your hopes and your vision for being church in this challenging time. We remain committed to ministry as one church for all and we ask for your prayers for the church and for the future of the love and grace as we travel this road together, not knowing where it will lead us, yet, but confident in God's presence with us.

Faithfully,



The Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church

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8:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.
Monday through Thursday
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**Mark your
Calendar!!
The All Church
Campout is
coming
August 16-18 - Hood Park!**



**Upcoming
DEADLINE**

June 2019
Clarion articles will be
due on May 20.