

THE CLARION

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



A Christ-centered, inclusive and loving community



**UMY Orientation is Right
Around the Corner!**

Jr and Sr UMY Orientation for teens and their parents is on **September 8** at 6 pm in the Youth Chapel! You will learn about the year, receive your September UMY calendar, and meet your leaders. We will conclude the UMY Orientation with an ice cream social. I can't wait to kick off the UMY year with you and am looking forward to seeing you soon! Friends and their parents are welcome, too!

In Christ's Love, Rachel

Homecoming Sunday September 8

We will gather for a potluck following the 9:45 am service on Sunday, September 8. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share!



Sunday School Startup September 15

On **September 15** at 9 am, Sunday school for all ages will start up again.

Worship Schedule

That same day, **September 15**, we will return to a worship schedule that includes services at 9 and 10:30 am each Sunday.



Church Office Hours

Beginning Monday, **September 16**, the church office will be open from 8:30-noon and 1-4 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8:30-noon on Fridays.



- Sept 8 Homecoming Potluck
- Sept 8 UMY Orientation
- Sept 15 Sunday School start
- Sept 15 Return to 9 and 10:30 Sunday worship services
- Sept 16 M&M Potluck and Program
- Sept 22 4th and 5th Grade Funday
- Sept 25 UMW Unit Meeting
- Sept 27 Deadline to register for Connecting Neighbors Workshop
- Oct 1 Fall Cornerstone begins

Sept 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5 and 12—Holly Daze Workshops





I know it's not politically correct, but I have a confession to make... I have never really liked soccer (or football as my friends

who are purists like to refer to it) ... there, I said it. This is partly because, in general terms, it seems to be a sport that discriminates against people who have, and/or like to use their hands. While I was in college, one of the members of the track team I was a part of lived in the Philippines. On a sunny afternoon we were walking on the infield of the track and someone had left one of those red rubber "cherry balls" out. As we were beginning our warm ups, I picked up the ball and threw it to him to get it out of our way. To my surprise he let it hit him in the chest, then trapped it under his foot and kicked it off the field. My first reaction was to say, "What is wrong with you!?" What kind of person lets a ball hit him in the chest rather than catch it?

It's not that I don't understand the game. I worked for several years as a sports reporter for a daily newspaper. That job required at least a basic understanding of most sports including soccer. Two of my close friends in high school went on to college on soccer scholarships and became national caliber athletes; one now coaches at the collegiate level. I just never "got it." That is until this summer.

As many of you know, the Women's World Cup Soccer tournament took place this summer. I was at a conference meeting, and the group of friends that I usually spend time with at such meetings was heading to a nearby restaurant to watch people (who I had never heard of) run around on a field, not use their hands, and kick balls for about 90 minutes.

So I sat with them, ordered the lunch special, and watched as the game ... oops, I mean match... unfolded. My table mates talked smack to one another, jumped to their feet when shots missed the goal by inches, groaned at missed opportunities, and compared memories of past matches. Some of my friends pumped fists in the air when their team scored the one and only goal of the game while the opposing supporters

sat quietly in the face of defeat. It was fun! Their excitement was contagious and I returned with them the next day to watch another match. During the match, I cheered along with my friends. I even made a correct call when I said "that goal shouldn't count, they were off sides" and low and behold the goal didn't count because... wait for it... they were off sides!

It seems that when you find someone (or more than one someone) who is excited about something, it's easy for you to get excited about it, too. I have become a HUGE fan of motorcycle racing (I have even been on the track a few times) partially because I love things that go fast, but mostly because some friends of mine are HUGE motorcycle racing fans. When I get an opportunity, I tell friends about racing. I recount moments from races I have witnessed and I get excited. In the same way, I was never really a fan of jazz music until I saw someone performing a jazz piece and I saw the reactions they had to the music and the reactions of those who were listening to them play.

When it comes to matters of faith, is it any different? For most of us, I would venture to say, it was exactly this scenario that awakened us to some transforming experience with God, but I admit that there are times when it is hard to get excited. I confess that my passion around that transformation is easily replaced by the details of the institution we have built around that transformation. Sometimes conversations about faith feel like a conversation about soccer in which the topic is the geometric pattern on the ball or the length of legal and illegal cleats on the player's shoes.

My prayer for all of us (and I say "us" because I include myself in this group) who have experienced something wonderful around our faith is that we would find a joy and passion that others would feel and be drawn to. Maybe not a fist-pumping joy, but a joy that exudes "you should come see this."

I'll still catch the ball if you throw it at me, but I'm praying for something exciting and wonderful in our lives of faith!

Pastor Mark

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TO STEP DOWN



After many years of faithful ministry as Sunday School Superintendent, Merrienne Door is retiring. We thank God for her devotion and service to the youngest members of our church family, and we're eager to see what her next ministry will be. God bless you, Merrienne!



Now a **new ministry opportunity** is available: We've renamed the position as Education Ministry Assistant. The duties are much

the same: being responsible for the general administrative needs of the Sunday school. A job description is available in the church office. The position will be open until filled. Merrienne will be helping during the transition period. If you have a passion for nurturing the Christian faith of children and the ability to listen to and communicate with people of all ages, this might be just the ministry opportunity you're looking for. Please contact Rachel Loomis in the church office if you're interested.



Forty-seven people participated in the all-church camp out at Hood Park, August 16-18. Children enjoyed stories and

s'mores with Cynthia and Rachel; other fun activities included boating with Chad Dreier, kayaking, paddle boarding, and swimming in the lake; a camper dinner with tri-tip on the Traeger hosted by Dave and Michelle Hare; a Saturday night sing-along; and worship Sunday morning at the park amphitheater led by Cynthia and Dave....and the campers! The weather was perfect and the sunset spectacular. Good times, good times!

Live from Kennewick First, it's . . .

SNL Saturday Night Life

October 12 & 26 at 6 pm
In the Youth Chapel



Cornerstone
Fall Session
will begin on
Tuesday,
October 1.

**Refreshments,
rather than dinner, will be served this
year, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.**

Classes for all ages 7—8 pm!

Women's Cornerstone Class **Seamless**

Merrienne Door will lead a women's study at Cornerstone this fall, *Seamless*, by Angie Smith. Angie is the wife of Todd Smith, who is the lead singer for the Christian music band, Selah. For those who have been overwhelmed trying to read the Bible, this study will help us see the Bible as a whole story. We have all struggled with trying to connect the truths of the Bible and see God through them. Angie had the same struggles. When she first became a Christian, she so badly wanted to understand, but was just overwhelmed. Her study shows her vulnerability and humbleness as she struggled, and includes her solutions and helps for all of us, new or seasoned.

Look for more information on this and other studies in your Sunday bulletins in September.



M & Ms will meet September 16 at noon for a potluck lunch. Jill Berg will bring the program and share her topic. Bring a dish to share and join us for good food, great fellowship, and information. We will begin setting tables at about 10:30 am. If you have time to come help, it would be appreciated.



Our UMW
UMW to Hear
Pastor's Personal
Story
September 25, 10 am

With joy, the women of the church will welcome the Rev. Mark McMurray to speak at the September 25 UMW unit meeting. We also look forward to catching up with each other after a long summer vacation.

Vice President Erna Sproul will explain a Call to Prayer at the 10 am session in the Susanna Wesley Room. Refreshments will be provided by UMW officers.

How do you join UMW? Come to a meeting or take part in an activity or simply let president Kathy Wertman know you want to be a member. Also, your neighbors and friends are always welcome at UMW meetings and workshops.

In case you don't know it, using funds raised at Holly Daze, by dues, and by other activities, UMW supports Grace Clinic; Tri-City Union Gospel Mission; Second Harvest; My Friend's Place; two orphans in Africa; our church's youth activities, including camperships; the marvelous Piecemakers; UMW national missions; and other church and community causes throughout the year.

UMW
Crafters Step
Up Pace To
Get Ready for
Holly Daze



In September and October, there will be craft workshops at church every Saturday leading up to Holly Daze, which is October 19. UMW members and all who like to dive into fun activities and share friendship time are encouraged to come between 9 am and noon to the Susanna Wesley Room.

Holly Daze co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn also hope that donations will be made by all the church's great bakers, gardeners, quilters, knitters, ceramicists, and wood workers. Every year they make the UMW autumn event the best in the Tri-Cities.

A few of the projects slated for Saturday workshops include creating baking mixes, planting succulents, and finishing up original, clever crafts.

The annual one-day community fair, October 19, 9 am to 3 pm throughout the church, always offers a Farm Shoppe, dozens of tables of crafts, decorations, needlework, vintage holiday items, and, of course, the famous Peplot Bean Soup Mix to taste and buy.

The popular bakery will feature homemade apple pies created by the Tuesday Morning Circle, candy, breads, cakes, and cookies galore.

There also will be select local vendors. In addition UMW will staff a booth with an array of knives and kitchen utensils, and a baked potato/chili lunch will be available; free coffee will be served all day.

But that's not all. Adding to the festivities will be raffles, including a striking Seahawks quilt!



Kennedy Taggares	1-Sep
Robin Chase	1-Sep
Dean Mitchell	1-Sep
Bob Scott	1-Sep
Rick Kerkow	2-Sep
Allison Hagen	4-Sep
Kristie Myhrum	4-Sep
Sherry Arnold	4-Sep
Geneva Nevius	5-Sep
Deanna Dreier	7-Sep
Halley Becker	10-Sep
Conner Westvik	10-Sep
Timothy Nickolaus	10-Sep
Barry Merrill	10-Sep
Delco Helton	11-Sep
Jasmine Urban	11-Sep
Nicholas Haberling	11-Sep
Robert Basche	14-Sep
Lynn Bateman	15-Sep
Annie Baker	16-Sep
Daisy Buchholz	16-Sep
Amy Biglin	16-Sep
Cheryl Nixon	16-Sep
Dave Miller	16-Sep
Marti Meyers	17-Sep
Bethany Dauncey	18-Sep
Tim Anderson	18-Sep
Juli Troxel	21-Sep
Matthew Denise	21-Sep
Jim Koschik	24-Sep
Ayra'Zonna Kennedy	25-Sep
Marshall Westerfield	25-Sep
Evelin Choate	26-Sep
Kaitlin Hagen	29-Sep
Steven Meline	30-Sep



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Ron Baker, Bob Scott, Shelby Faught, Carol Hardacre, Kirk Higginson, Juli Reinholz, Gloria Harden, Julie Logan Hooley, Anita Knight, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, Fern Whitescarver, Jennifer Bateman, Donna Troxel, Norma Williams, Don Meyers, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell.

*Please pray for the family and friends of **Lee Haberling**, who died Tuesday, August 27.*



A morning prayer

At the start of a day, who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my conscience, or any known sin unrepented of, but that I may be found in Christ, who is my only Savior and Redeemer.

—Thomas à Kempis



Let's be a disaster response-ready congregation



Connecting Neighbors Workshop

Saturday, October 5
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Kennewick First United Methodist Church

Power outages, snowstorms, fires – be ready when the unexpected happens. Learn how to prepare yourself, family, neighbors, and community in cooperative ways and in the spirit of Jesus Christ. This emergency preparedness training has three areas of focus - personal and home readiness, church readiness, and readiness to serve your neighbors in case of an emergency.

This United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) workshop incorporates knowledge and experience gleaned over many years by dedicated volunteers who have served their neighbors on behalf of the church. Rich information has also been included from other organizations and community partners - most notably the American Red Cross, National Disaster Interfaith Network, and FEMA. The Connecting Neighbors workshop is being taught by local residents Wendy Riddle and David C. Riddle.

Register now! The \$10 workshop registration includes all materials, snacks, and lunch. To register, please visit: <https://connectingneighborsoct5.eventbrite.com>. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 27. For additional information contact Wendy Riddle: wriddle56@gmail.com or Kathy Bryson: brysonpnw@gmail.com.

Creator God, remind us that even as one season fades, another begins; you are always doing something new and bringing life out of death.



Finance and Stewardship Team



The Finance and Stewardship team actively watches over the financial transactions and financial status of our church. We perform an annual audit of the prior year to make sure that all transactions are recorded appropriately. We assemble a budget for each new year that provides guidance throughout the year as to how well church revenue and expenses are controlled. Currently, we are documenting many of the policies and procedures that are needed to operate a large church. The Stewardship program provides a reminder each month in the Clarion and bulletin that each of us has a financial responsibility to maintain the staff, programs, and facilities that we all enjoy.

Current members of the team are Rich Nelson, Carol Kerkow, Susan Sandmeier, Larry Jelsing, Amy Basche, and Roberta Barcot. Pastor Mark and our bookkeeper, Sharon Varzandeh, are key members of the team. We are currently looking for new team members. Although it would be helpful, no prior financial experience is necessary—just a willing spirit and helping hands. We only meet every two months so this is not a major time commitment.

If you are willing to serve with this team, please contact Rich Nelson 509-783-4817 or richnelson1942@msn.com or Pastor Mark.



What kind of school do you go to if you're ...

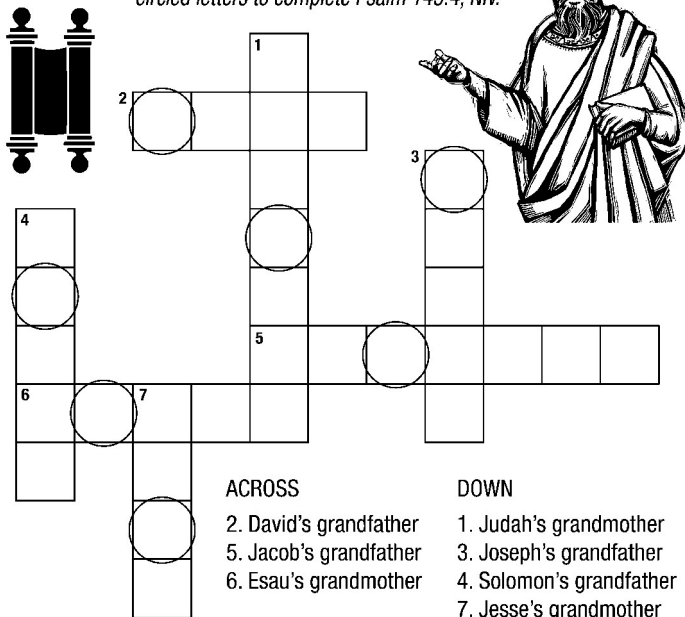
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... a giant? High school
... a surfer? Boarding school
... King Arthur? Knight school



Grandparents of the Old Testament

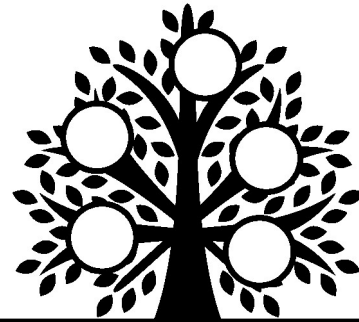
Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



One G _ N _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

Grandparent's Day is
Sunday, September 8



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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Service at 9:45 a.m.
Nursery provided
Handicapped Accessible

Summer Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - noon
Monday through Friday

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Pearl

The pearl is a symbol of the surpassing value of the kingdom of God, based on Jesus' parable in Matthew 13:45-46 (ESV): "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."



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Clarion articles will be
due on September 20.