

THE CLARION

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



HOLLY DAZE OCTOBER 19 9 AM TO 3 PM

Workshops for Holly Daze will be held October 5 and 12,

giving UMW members and supporters the chance to finish craft projects that will be offered for sale at Holly Daze, October 19. Help will also be needed to set up for the big event during the week prior to the bazaar.

Holly Daze co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn ask that craft and garden donations be brought in during set-up week for pricing and display. Baked goods are to be brought in on Friday, October 18, and Kathy Harris will make her famous tortilla soup for lunch for the many helpers who will be at the church on that day.

The annual one-day community fair always offers a Farm Shoppe and dozens of tables of crafts, decorations, needlework, and vintage holiday items. Of course, the famous Pepiot Bean Soup Mix will also be available to taste and buy. Adding to the festivities will be raffles, including one for a striking Seahawks quilt.

A baked potato/chili lunch, prepared by Joy Circle, will be available, and free coffee will be served all day.

There also will be select local vendors at Holly Daze, and UMW will staff a booth with an array of knives and kitchen utensils.

The Jr. and Sr. Highers will be on hand selling chocolate Advent calendars to raise money for the youth program. The Advent calendars will cost \$5 each.

We look forward to seeing you at Holly Daze!



A Christ-centered, inclusive and loving community

Pie-Making Help Wanted

Tuesday Morning Circle will be making dozens of Holly Daze apple pies Tuesday, October 8, in the church kitchen.



Extra help is always appreciated. If you have an apple peeler, bring it with you when you come any time after 9 am.

Also, Circle members will set up the bakery in the Susanna Wesley Room on Friday, October 18, the eve of our big bazaar. When you bring in your cookies, cakes, breads, candy, pies, muffins, and cupcakes on Friday, please have your donations wrapped on paper plates or in plastic bags if possible.

Remember, too, you will be helping a dozen great causes that UMW supports, including the care of orphans, Grace Clinic, Union Gospel Mission. and the church's youth activities.



Our All-church Conference (often referred to as the annual Charge Conference) will be held on Tuesday, October 22,

in the Youth Chapel (or in the Overflow Room if construction is still underway) at 7 pm. Please plan to attend. Joanne Coleman Campbell, our district superintendent, will join us as we review the current year and look ahead to new opportunities for growth in 2020.



As the pastor of our congregation, I find myself continually asking “who are we, and why are we here?” For

over 100 years, this congregation has been in downtown Kennewick. Over those years we have been an outpost and ambassador for God’s Kingdom in our neighborhood in thousands of ways.

From time to time, I need to be reminded that the things we do here make a difference, especially in light of a world that decreasingly sees the church as a place of relevance and importance. We are increasingly seen by many as old and out of date, and, if we are honest with ourselves, I think we all realize that some of the things we do as a church *are* old and out of date. (A friend of mine says “if we wake up tomorrow and its 1963 we are ready!”)

Several years ago, I sat around a room with other pastors from our conference and our (at that time) Bishop. He asked us a difficult question; “If your church blew away tomorrow, would your neighborhood be any different?” We stumbled around the question for awhile, noting that AA groups and pre-schools and other organizations would need a new place to meet. We talked about how the church body might find new venues to gather together to worship, but many of us felt that the average person living in a neighborhood around one of our churches would not notice much if the church was gone. I find myself asking, “Does it matter?” Does it matter that our church is here? I hear from so many that it doesn’t. But I believe **IT DOES MATTER!** And here is why:

As United Methodists we are called to create disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Throughout our history, we have seen our world changed because there were disciples who

believed the world should be better because Jesus lives. We have built hospitals. We have fought against slavery and marched against racist systems that degrade and imprison people. We have built schools that educate and equip people. We have fed hungry people physically, emotionally, and spiritually. My kids grew up knowing that God loves them and how important they are because of the church. They grew up knowing there is more to the world than selfishness and accumulating stuff. I have seen friends and strangers experience love because our church is here. I’ve seen people in tears as they eat the elements of communion and the sense of God’s grace becomes real. I’ve seen us wrestle with hard questions about what it means to be neighbors, disciples, and friends. **IT MATTERS!**

So here is my question to you, friends, acquaintances, and members of Kennewick First United Methodist Church: Does it matter that we are here? If it does . . . why? During October, we will be asking “Does it matter?” I want to hear from you how Kennewick First UMC has made a difference to you, your family, your spiritual and emotional life, and why it matters that this community of faith is here. On October 1, we will begin a “thread” on the Kennewick First United Methodist Facebook page where you can post your own stories and comments about how this congregation has made and does make a difference. I pray that over the next months, we will be reminded that it matters that we are here!

See ya in church, friends!

Pastor Mark



Live . . . From Kennewick First



It's Worship night!!
Come as you are on
October 12 at 6:00 pm
Overflow Room

Message by Chris Becker
Music by Clear Waters & Friends

Look for SNL to be coming to you live again
on October 26!



Save the date! Old Fashioned Christmas is coming on Saturday, December 7, from 11 am - 2 pm. Planning has begun for hosting our friends and neighbors as part of the Downtown Kennewick Hometown Holiday event. The parade to welcome Santa starts at 10:30, then our open house event will follow. There's something for everyone and all are invited to participate! More details coming soon - Contact Sherry Arnold, 542-0226.

Butter Braids are (Almost) Back!



In the month of October, the Jr. and Sr. Highers will begin to sell Butter Braids to raise money for the youth program. The delicious pastries come in an assortment of flavors, including cinnamon, cherry, apple, cream cheese, raspberry, and more! They can be purchased until November 17 and will be available for pick-up on December 11. Please contact Rachel at (509)582-2163 or talk to a youth if you are interested in purchasing Butter Braids! Thank you for your love and continued support of the youth program!



Cornerstone
Fall Session
begins on
Tuesday,
October 1.

**Refreshments
will be served at 6:30 pm.**

Classes for all ages will meet from
7—8 pm.

A **Spiritual Gifts Inventory** class will be offered by Jill Berg. If you are interested but unable to attend the first class, please contact the church office so that Jill can provide you with the information you'll need for the second class.

Pastor Mark will lead a discussion on a video series called "**Fish Eyes.**"

Phyllis Merrill will again offer a **sewing class for children**. Children will learn basic sewing skills, create some clothes and crafts, and make items for local charities. If your child is interested in joining, please call Phyllis at 586-3784 to reserve a spot.

Seamless, a women's Bible study authored by Angie Smith, will be led by Merriane Door.

Rachel Loomis and Bracken Deatherage will lead the **youth class**.

A **children's activity program** for 1st-5th graders will also be offered.

If you need **childcare** for children kindergarten age or younger, please call the church office and let the staff know.



The Cornerstone Children's sewing class is in need of adult volunteers who can assist children in the class on Tuesday evenings from 6:45—8 pm. Please contact Phyllis Merrill if you can help in this way—586-3784.

FACILITIES FINANCE

The Facilities and Finance Teams met in July and completed a comprehensive physical inventory of all significant assets of the church, office, and parsonage. This is important for insurance purposes, budgeting, and control of the assets. The results will be utilized by the Facilities Team to plan for replacements and repairs. The Finance Team will also use the data to confirm the asset values and monitor life-cycles for budgeting. The congregation should be aware of these efforts to maintain KFUMC properties. We appreciate your financial support and want to assure you that your assets are being properly managed.

UMW to Hear about Human Trafficking

*Wednesday, October 23
Unit Meeting*



The local Support, Advocacy and Resource Center will present a program on Human Trafficking for UMW at 10 am on Wednesday, October 23, in the Susanna Wesley Room. You, your friends, and neighbors are encouraged to attend.

There will also be a review of Holly Daze and happy stories from that event to share.

The mission gift will be toiletries for the Gospel Mission.

Tuesday Morning Circle will provide refreshments, and UMW president Kathy Wertman will lead a short business meeting.

Greetings from the 4th and 5th grade class! We are so happy to have you learn a little about our class. Joe and I (Renee) are beginning our third year of teaching, and so far it's been great! Rather than collecting for Pennies for Pre-school this year, we'll be donating to Second Harvest, helping many in our local community. We are also looking into starting a food drive involving all the classes to see who can collect the most! We're looking forward to another year with our awesome 4th and 5th graders: Rachel, Kaylee, Ethan, Nathan, Daisy, Laura, and Corbin. Be sure to stop in and say hello!



The Piecemakers meet on the second Wednesday of every month between 10 am and noon. You don't have to be a quilter to come help us tie, sew up tummies, and sew on labels. We have lots of fun and fellowship, so join us in the 3rd grade classroom. Hope to see you there, this month on October 9!



M & Ms will meet October 21 at noon for a potluck lunch. Lisa Williams will share information about Fields of Grace. Bring a dish to share and come 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.



Hannah Mowry	1-Oct
Ethan Collins	1-Oct
Logan Bonds	3-Oct
Adam Berg	3-Oct
Emma Bruce	4-Oct
Bradley Kuhns	5-Oct
Deana Ahrend	5-Oct
Brooke (Wilhelm) Varela	5-Oct
Jill Berg	6-Oct
Hannah Glazier	6-Oct
Brynnlee Marquardt	6-Oct
Etta Ballard	8-Oct
Stephanie Bannworth	9-Oct
Gayle Adams-Canada	10-Oct
Janet Shelton	10-Oct
Dave Hare	11-Oct
Kristy Dauncey	13-Oct
Amelia Kittson	13-Oct
Aidan Canada	14-Oct
Barbara Patterson-Skeen	15-Oct
Steven Botu	15-Oct
Lois Mullen	16-Oct
Mary Shoop	16-Oct
Jane Foreman	17-Oct
Bracken Deatherage	19-Oct
Alvin Brazell	20-Oct
Joe Carrasco	20-Oct
Dana Bryson	21-Oct
May Darrow	22-Oct
Amberley Almarode	23-Oct
Ken Williamson	24-Oct
Sierra Hogg	24-Oct
Corbin Rhodes	24-Oct
Janet Klingler	26-Oct
Gracee Glesener	26-Oct
Wesley Door	27-Oct
Raymond Porter	27-Oct
Sharon Varzandeh	28-Oct
Donna Kittson	31-Oct
Jason Door	31-Oct



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Ron Baker, Bob Scott, Shelby Faught, Peggy Snyder, Carol Hardacre, Kirk Higginson, Juli Reinholz, Gloria Harden, Julie Logan Hooley, Anita Knight, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, 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 **Fern Whitescarver**, who recently passed. Her memorial is Wednesday, October 2, at 1 pm in the church sanctuary.*

***Lee Haberling**'s service is on Friday, October 4, at 1:30 pm. Please continue to keep Lee's family and friends in prayer.*



Unimaginable impact

You don't know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg

The Life You've Always Wanted



UMY 2019-20 Kickoff

As our first month of UMY for the 2019-20 year comes to a close, I want to thank the youth group leaders who help to make the youth program at Kennewick First possible. Your service doesn't go unnoticed, and the youth and I are blessed to have you on our team! Thank you to the following leaders for giving their time and talents to the United Methodist Youth: Starlite Buchholz, Jim Door, Brandon Elvik, Sherry Elvik, Sierra Hogg, Sean Holloway, Danny Kuby, Kiauna Kuby, Nicole Loomis, Dick Nelson, and Jeff Varzandeh.

God bless each and every one of you!

In Christ's Love, Rachel



*Funday is
October 6 and 20!*

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to join Mikayla and Rachel for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, games, crafts, and, of course, fun! Meet in the 4th and 5th grade room from noon to 1:30 pm. Bring a sack lunch and your friends!



PUZZLE
Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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Galatians
6:9

James 3:18

John
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

HARVEST

* Trail Mix *

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



- What you need:**
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
 - 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
 - 1/8 tsp. salt
 - 2/3 cup pecan pieces
 - 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
 - 1/3 cup almonds
 - 1/4 cup raisins
 - 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

- What you do:**
1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
 2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
 3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
 4. Store in airtight container.

Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
A: With a pumpkin patch!



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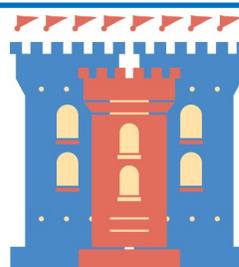
Worship Schedule

Sunday Services at 9 and 10:30 am
Sunday School at 9 am
Nursery provided
Handicapped Accessible

Church Office Hours

8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm
Monday through Thursday
8 am - noon on Fridays

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Fortress

The tower, or fortress, is a symbol that, in the words of Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength." Martin Luther used this psalm as the basis for his hymn "A

Mighty Fortress Is Our God." The tower or fortress may also represent Saint Barbara, an early Christian martyr, who ordered that her tower be built with three windows instead of two to signify the Trinity. Another scripture reads "But the LORD has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge" (Psalm 94:22, NIV).

Upcoming
DEADLINE

November 2019
Clarion articles will be
due on **October 17.**