

# THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



## **Jr. UMY Rocks**

January 18 -19

This month, the Jr. UMY will be rockin' out during the annual Rock-a-Thon fundraiser! The youth will rock for about 15 hours, having fellowship, worship, and fun with their friends and leaders while raising money to help fund their 2020 activities.

You may be receiving a phone call as they canvas the church congregation, as well as their families, friends, relatives, coaches, and teachers, for Rock-a-Thon donations. If you do receive a phone call, please remember that these young people are all in middle school and are 11-14 years old. For many, this will be their first fundraiser. They may be nervous to talk to you and to ask for a donation; please be patient and understanding. This is the only major fundraiser for the Jr. UMY, so please support this enthusiastic and energetic group of Christ-filled young people!

Be sure to stop by to see them rocking before or after church on the 19th. You may pay your pledge or donation at coffee hour that day, or we will send you a post-card reminder the following week. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of these youth!



*What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet."*  
—Anne Frank



The Souper Bowl of Caring starts early at KFUMC this year!

Bring your non-perishable donations and place them in the shopping carts on

Sundays this month. Let's see how many times we can fill the carts by Super Bowl Sunday! The Jr. and Sr. UMY groups will also be at both worship services on February 2 with soup kettles collecting money that will be donated to our local food bank. Thank you!



*Live from Kennewick First . . .*

# SNL

It's Saturday Night Life!

**January 11**  
Message by Dana Bryson

**January 25**  
Message by Kookie Graham

6 pm in the Youth Chapel  
Music by The Saturday Night Players!



# Sweetheart Social



On February 9, from 12-2 pm, you are invited to an all-church Sweetheart Social! The Sweetheart Social is a dance sponsored by the Jr. and Sr. UMY. Come enjoy refreshments, dancing, and music from past decades! Guests are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel at (509)582-2163.



M&Ms will get together for potluck and a program on Monday, January 20. Our program that day will feature Joe Lusignan who will be telling us about the Young Marines.

As always, if you can help with set-up, come on down about 10:30! Bring a dish to share and join us for good food, fellowship, and information.

A **New Member Class** will be held on January 26 at noon in the Susanna Wesley Room. This class is for anyone who is considering joining KFUMC. If you are interested, please call the church office at 509-582-2163.



Next **Fun Day** is January 19, at noon! 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to join Rachel and Mikayla for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, and fun!



## Senior Low-Impact Exercise Program



Beginning Date: Monday, January 13 – 12:30 pm.

The program will be held three days a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

There is NO FEE.

New Location:

West Highlands Methodist Church  
17 South Union, Kennewick

Instructor: Pat Hoinacki – 509-420-4505



## Sr. UMY Snow Go January 24-26

The Sr. High will travel to Kellogg, Idaho, on January 24 for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and playing in the snow! They will enjoy a day at Silver Mountain, Bible study, and small group time. Please pray for this active group as they retreat to God in the great outdoors and the sanctuary of a warm church!

## Jr. High Ski Day!

On February 1, the Jr. High youth and leaders will go to Ski Bluewood near Dayton to enjoy a day of skiing, snowboarding, fellowship, and worship! Please keep the Jr. Highers in your prayers as they head to Bluewood!





## Hideaways and Sensory Overload

Did you ever build a fort when you were a kid? Like maybe out of blankets and cushions in the front room or under the dining table? You could hide from the world and plot your adventures.

Some of the boys and girls at the B&G Club suffer from sensory overstimulation, both visual and auditory, that sometimes causes them to retreat to the cubbies that hold their backpacks and clothes. They climb in and “hide” from the stimulation. If only they could build a “fort.”



Now we can help. EverBlocks are large Lego-like blocks that lock together and can be used to build almost any kind of structure. The Boys & Girls Club site manager wants to acquire enough EverBlocks so that kids who experience the sensory overload can build and then retreat into their fort. They will be given noise cancelling headphones and a supply of blocks in an out-of-the-way area to build their fort.

Once the sensory overload passes, they can then resume their activities at the Club.

So, how can we help? We can buy blocks (\$5.00 each) and donate them to the Club. In January, the Community Ministry Team will set up a display and you can contribute if you wish toward the goal of purchasing at least 78 blocks. Contributions will go into the Missions account (if you write a check to KFUMC please specify Missions on the memo line. Community Ministry will then purchase as many blocks as possible.

*Community Ministry Team*

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 20



Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with “absolute commitment to the way of love.”

Love, declared the minister and activist, “is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” And, he said, anyone who’s “devoid of the power to love” is “devoid of the power to forgive.”

King distinguished between true love and “empty sentimentalism,” however. He taught — and showed — that love is “the active outpouring of one’s whole being into the being of another.”

Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate “active outpouring” of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

“Because of Calvary I’m free to choose,” writes Max Lucado in *When God Whispers Your Name*. “No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.”



Cornerstone classes will resume on February 4 and will continue through March 24 in most cases.

Classes for this winter session are still in the planning stages, but we can report that the **Financial Peace** class will be offered, and partial scholarships will be available. This class will run one week longer than the others, until March 31. For more information, contact Michelle Hare or Cynthia Bement.

Check the bulletin for other class offerings as plans are firmed up in January!



## Our UMW UMW Counts Blessings

The new year will begin for UMW on Wednesday, January 22, with gratitude for a productive 2019, during which many benevolent programs were supported. Our UMW president Kathy Wertman will lead the meeting.

At 10 am in the Susanna Wesley Room, Joy Circle will serve refreshments to welcome the women of our church and their friends – all who share in the hope to spread kindness in the Tri-Cities and throughout the world.

**The morning's program will be on TROT**, presented by Cynthia MacFarlan. She directs this admired local mission that promotes the physical, psychological, and social well-being of people with special needs by providing animal-assisted therapies and activities. Cynthia combines her love of animals with her experience as a speech therapist to help people with communication disorders.

She says, "With the support of many talented, powerful, and dynamic women, TROT was born. It is now a vessel for God's love and hope to shine through to bring healing, self-fulfillment, and joy to all those involved."

The meeting will also include reports on activities and sharing of future plans. In addition, UMW Program/Membership Books will be distributed, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Phyllis Koschik and Barb Helton.

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**The success of Holly Daze and its Encore** will be celebrated with excitement and gratitude. Accolades go to co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier, to their committee, to workshop attendees, and to all the supporters who eagerly bought crafts and baked goods. Because of the participation of so many, more than \$12,000 was raised

for missions and non-profits serving human needs.

Saturday workshops for Holly Daze workshops in 2020 will begin soon. Look for announcements in our church bulletins. All are welcome to come. No particular skills are needed, but if you have ideas for the annual bazaar, please bring them.

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**News about good books** in the UMW reading program will be shared by Pat Walker. Su Mayfield will offer a devotion and Eddie Kenoyer will preview future social projects.

Pat also heads up the Prayer Shawl group, which met January 4, and tries to meet at least once a month. All interested in knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl are encouraged to attend. Contact Pat for details or to obtain a shawl.

### *Mission Awards Given by UMW*

For their service to our church and community, Special Mission Recognition Awards were given to Annie Baker and Cheryl Nixon by United Methodist Women.

Cheryl, the church's office manager and UMW member, always is willing to answer questions, check on church members, and contact UMW with news. It is a delight to come to church on Sunday morning, open the bulletin, and see that once again the women's service announcements are there for all to see. And, helping UMW is only a small part of her cheerful, valuable service to Kennewick First.

Annie is a devoted, caring UMW member. There are many in our community who have been comforted by the prayer shawls she knits.

She also assists at Soul Soup and uses her creative talents as a regular attendee of Holly Daze workshops and various UMW activities. For sure, her bright, caring smile and hugs lift the spirits of her many friends and those facing difficulties.

# JANUARY Birthdays

Pete Baumann	4-Jan
Kara Morris	5-Jan
Karen Alley	5-Jan
Deana Harden	5-Jan
Marilyn Hockaday	6-Jan
Dick Nelson	6-Jan
Rick Glazier	9-Jan
Jonah Shiple	9-Jan
Melissa Nickolaus	11-Jan
Donna Troxel	12-Jan
Brian Bergum	14-Jan
Roberta Barcot	15-Jan
Pat Phillips	16-Jan
Kristine Taggares	16-Jan
Chris Becker	17-Jan
Charmaine Harris	17-Jan
Olivia Holloway	17-Jan
Jim Choate	20-Jan
Caleb Rhodes	20-Jan
Emma Glazier	21-Jan
Doug Mowry	23-Jan
Meghan Chase	24-Jan
Ellie Nelson	24-Jan
Annalise Becker	24-Jan
Eldon Cooper	25-Jan
Donna Coordes	26-Jan
Gus Kittson	28-Jan
Peggy Puryear	28-Jan
Daniel Nickolaus	28-Jan
Phyllis Koschik	30-Jan
Rick Door	31-Jan



The **Caregiver Support Group** will meet on January 13 at 10:30 am in the Library. Meeting time is always the second Monday of the month. This is a great group for anyone who is taking care of a family member or friend and is needing some support.

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Eve Choate, Ron Baker, Shelby Faught, Peggy Snyder, Jordyn Andrews, Kirk Higginson, Juli Reinholz, 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.

**Carol Hardacre** passed away on November 27. Her Celebration of Life was held on December 28 at the Shalom United Church of Christ. Please continue in prayer for Carol's family and friends.

A memorial service for **Bob Scott** will be held on January 11, 2 pm, in our sanctuary. Please keep his wife, Joyce, and the rest of Bob's beloved family and friends in prayer.



*Old Fashioned Christmas was wonderful! This year we welcomed hundreds, (yes, I said hundreds) of our neighbors into Kennewick First for a warm beverage, goodies, games & crafts, and relaxing respite. Best of all, we welcomed them with open doors and hospitality that left smiles and warm hearts in many. Thank you to each and every person who helped host this event, including area leaders, greeters, goodie makers, musicians, youth, and everyone else who participated - and, of course, we can't forget Santa, who made time to spread his own special Christmas cheer! It took each one of you to make this year's event what it was - a grand success!*

*Sherry Arnold*



Dec 5, 2019

Dear friends,

As we enter this time of Advent, I'm reminded that this season is about expectation. Expectation that there is a new day approaching; expectation that the God of peace, justice, power and compassion will be, and is, no longer far away, but is... with us, in Jesus. I'm reminded that in this season of expectation, not only do I expect God to be near and present, but as a follower of Jesus, I have the opportunity to be near and present with the concerns, brokenness and need for healing and wholeness in the world.

The belief that everyone is a beloved child of God, who can experience God's Spirit, and that Jesus invites us to be part of a spirit filled community that works to create a world that reflects the reign, justice and grace of God is the reason that for over a hundred years Kennewick First has been here! One of the ways we accomplish the work of creating such a world is by our financial gifts to this congregation.

Consider that *every week*, kids are met with open arms and are taught about, and experience the love of God, in our Sunday School Program. *Every week*, youth learn about the God of peace, justice and hope at a time in their life when they make decisions about who they will be. *Every week*, people have a warm meal and get at least one hour of peace in this building set apart for the work and worship of God. *Every week*, we gather in that same sacred space and worship the God of hope, life and love. *Every week*, people gather to study scripture, to pray, to be in service, to work for the kingdom of God.

Not only does the work we do here at Kennewick First make a difference in Kennewick and the Tri-cities, but it makes a difference in the world. Because of our connection with the United Methodist Church we enable missions, schools, hospitals, emergency care, and compassion around the globe. Just to name a few!

When we donate our finances to Kennewick First United Methodist Church important things happen. The programs and ministries that we believe matter to our community and world are empowered to grow and become effective. BUT even more importantly, when we become generous with our gifts it affects our hearts and souls.

Enclosed you will find cards in which you can let Kennewick First know how you can financially support the work we are called to be part of. I'd ask you to prayerfully consider your financial gifts to this church we love. During worship on January 19th we will present one of those cards as an offering to God, and I invite you to keep the second card as a reminder of the commitment you have made.

Thank you for your prayerful response!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Mark McMurray". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rev. Mark McMurray  
Pastor



# Puzzle!

Use the word list to complete the crossword. Then fill in the numbered blanks to read God's promise to Noah — and to us.

as, and, the, day,  
 cold, long, heat,  
 will, earth, night,  
 never, cease, winter,  
 summer, harvest,  
 endures, seedtime

“ 13 8 13 10 7 14 ”  
 2 6 5 9 6  
 3 12 6 1 down 4  
 6 11 across 1 across 11 down 15 ”  
**GENESIS 8:22, NIV**

Answer: “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV

## “STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.



**What you need:**

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

**What you do:**

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



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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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The rock is often used as a symbol of the Lord, our strength and firm foundation. A cross rising from the rock echoes many Bible verses that proclaim Christ as the rock of salvation; for example, “He alone is my rock and my salvation ...” (Psalm 62:2, ESV).

**Upcoming  
DEADLINE**

February 2020  
Clarion articles will be  
due on  
**January 20.**