

# THE CLARION

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



## 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.



*A Christ-centered, inclusive and loving community*

*Ash  
Wednesday*

Join us for an Ash Wednesday service, February 26 at 6 pm, as we enter the Lenten

**February 26, 6 pm** Season. Traditionally, Christian communities

have gathered 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays) to observe Ash Wednesday. For centuries, Christians have used Ash Wednesday as a time of prayer, confession, and repentance as well as an opportunity to embark on Lenten disciplines like prayer, fasting, reading scripture, and giving to those in need. We will gather here at church to observe this special service and be reminded of our own frailty and mortality, embarking on the journey of Lent together. We hope you can join us for this special and meaningful gathering!

*Live from Kennewick First . . .*

# SNL

It's Saturday Night Life!

February 8  
Chris Becker

February 22  
Rachel Loomis

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

Our church's caring Holly Daze workshop participants gathered once again on February 1 to begin work



on projects for the 2020 Holly Daze bazaar, which raises funds to support UMW missions and service projects.

Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn, Holly Daze co-chairs, will be helping organize tasks and projects for the year. It is their hope to have workshops regularly, aiming for the first Saturday each month. They are also looking for workshop leaders. Newcomers are very welcome, as are ideas for crafts. Watch the bulletin and email communications for upcoming workshop dates.





Hi friends!

Several years ago, I started a tradition of letting the youth have a night where they could play “stump the Pastor” during youth group. Over the years, it’s had a wide variety of responses. Sometimes there has been an awkward silence; the kids haven’t had any questions, and we’ve ended up singing some songs and playing volleyball. Other times it has been a wonderful time during which heartfelt questions about church and God were asked, and on one occasion, as a group, we were able to affirm a young woman’s feeling towards a call to ministry herself.

Like most things, there is an obvious moment when discussions and conversations are done . . . with youth, it’s usually the time that questions such as “Did Adam have a belly button?” and “If God can do anything, can He make a rock so heavy that he couldn’t lift it?” come up. I remember several years ago on “stump the pastor” night, the conversation was coming to an end and more silly questions were being asked. One middle school boy asked, “What’s the meaning of life?” Whether it was divine intervention or I just got lucky ( or a little of both), I, without missing a beat, said “That’s easy . . . ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul . . . and love your neighbor as yourself!’”

Believe it or not, the season of Lent is right around the corner. Ash Wednesday is February 26. During the season of Lent, I’ll be crafting my sermons from a wonderful book Scot McKnight wrote called THE JESUS CREED. It is about the reply Jesus gives when challenged by the Pharisees, as recorded in Matthew Chapter 22:

*Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with*

*this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*

*Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

If you would like to get a preview and be part of a study that follows the book, I will be teaching a class on THE JESUS CREED at our latest round of Tuesday night Cornerstone classes, beginning February 4 at 6:30 pm. Feel free to participate in this timely study on loving God and loving others!

*Pastor Mark*



### Better together

Racial reconciliation is a hot topic among Christians these days. In Sikeston, Missouri, which has a history of segregation, two church bodies recently decided to live out the gospel’s message of unity by merging.



Kenny King, pastor of the mostly black Smith Chapel, and William Marshall, pastor of the mostly white Trinity Baptist, had become friends. They realized both churches, while healthy, were undergoing transitions, so they joined forces. The new congregation’s name, Grace Bible Fellowship, represents God’s grace and the grace we extend to others — no matter their skin color.

“We want to . . . give people the benefit of the doubt instead of letting these issues divide us,” King says. “The gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to keep us together and not keep us separated.”



Where is your call in the community?

This is a question the Community Ministry team is asking now and throughout the new

year. It is a question only you can answer, but we thought we might highlight some areas of service in the community where some of our members are now following their call.

Grace Clinic is a free clinic that began operating in June 2002, seeing patients for 4 hours each Saturday in the basement of the Methodist church in downtown Pasco. Now located in the old Benton-Franklin Counties Health Department building on Canal Drive, the clinic is open Tuesday through Saturday and offers primary medical care, life coaching and counseling services, and limited dental services. Since opening, the clinic has served 80,303 patients. In 2019, the clinic was open 252 days serving 8,068 patients who averaged 46 years in age. 80% of the patients at the clinic would be classified as working poor. They make too much to qualify for Medicaid but too little to pay for their own coverage.



The clinic has a budget of about \$600,000 a year and utilizes a limited number of paid staff plus volunteer health care providers (doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, medical residents, translators, food pantry workers, and receptionists). The clinic helps patients acquire needed prescription drugs at reduced or no cost, particularly those with chronic health issues like diabetes.

So, if you are feeling a call to help heal people, there is a place for you at the clinic. Even if you don't feel the call to serve directly, you may wish to help the clinic financially. Many of the health patients require lab work which costs about \$22/patient – perhaps you are in a position to help with this co-pay by making a donation.

## KFUMC Rummage Sale May 8-9

**Mark your calendars!** Set up begins Sunday, May 2, and sale days for the public are Friday and Saturday, May 8-9. We will take donations beginning Sunday, May 2. Nancy Osborn is back to do the recruiting and scheduling. Karen Barcot will manage the event and will work with you to make it run as smoothly as possible. Roberta Barcot is back as our chef for those great lunches. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Karen at 509-627-9295 or email Karen at [kbarcot@me.com](mailto:kbarcot@me.com). The proceeds from the sale will assist with repair projects around our church.



The church office has replaced some computers with new ones. George Block has cleaned the old ones of all files and loaded and activated Windows 10 on all machines. He has three tower (desktop) systems and two laptops. The desktop systems include tower, keyboard, mouse, Wi-Fi, and monitor (with speakers). The towers can be sold as separate devices. The laptops have new batteries. All machines have different capabilities and are priced accordingly. All proceeds from sales will go to the Rummage account. For more info and/or demo, call George at 783-9295. He can also send you an email with more particulars.



## Kennewick First UMC Members to Rebuild Homes in Saipan

Three Kennewick First UMC members will be traveling April 3 through 19 to the North Marianas Island of Saipan to rebuild roofs and enclose homes damaged by Super Typhoon Yutu. Mike Thien, Kathy Bryson, and Dana Bryson are part of an eight-member team that will travel for two days to reach one of the furthest US Commonwealth islands. Only Guam is further, through which the team will travel to reach Saipan.



Super Typhoon Yutu made landfall on Saipan and nearby Tinian on October 25, 2018, with gusts of 190 mph causing catastrophic damage to the small islands. It was the strongest typhoon to ever hit the North Marianas Islands and the second strongest to hit the US or its territories. The initial response was from nearby military organizations in Guam, Hawaii, and the mainland; these groups tarped roofs and set up cabin tents for temporary shelter. FEMA took on the next phase of bringing in skilled volunteer teams to get people out of the tents and into their homes. Known as United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) teams, skilled volunteers from across the nation have been serving in Saipan since March 2019 in very hot, high-humidity tropical conditions constructing roof joists and attaching metal roofs, along with installing doors and windows. Mike, Kathy, and Dana will be on one of the last teams to serve in Saipan under the FEMA volunteer program. For additional information about the Saipan UMCOR missions or how to volunteer for UMC disaster response, contact Dana and Kathy Bryson at [brysonpnw@gmail.com](mailto:brysonpnw@gmail.com).



*Kathy Bryson, PNW Conference Disaster Response Coordinator*

### UMW To Support Missions February 26



A prayer for women, united, in our church:

"Give me the courage and vision to do in this world your work of compassion. Make me a sister to all. Use me for your justice, love and peace."

This meditation is perfect this month because Kennewick First's UMW will take part in an inspiring world-wide program, Prayer and Self Denial, on Wednesday, February 26.

Pat Walker will talk about UMW's focus for 2020, "We Rise: Meeting God's Call to

Transform Communities."

At the 10 am meeting in the Susanna Wesley Room, your UMW officers will provide treats and welcome all. Kathy Wertman will lead a short business meeting, and there will be reports on UMW activities, including Holly Daze and social actions.

The offering will be for numerous UMW missions. Financial support by Methodist women everywhere supports national and international programs benefiting women, children, and youth. A few of the accomplishments of UMW are building schools, libraries, and clinics, training women for ministries, providing food and medical care, and offering aid to families uprooted by war and disasters.

## Stewardship FINANCE

At a recent Finance Team meeting, Pastor Mark estimated that he has visits from an average of four people a day requesting various kinds of help. In most circumstances he is able to discriminate between those looking for a hand-out and those having a legitimate need. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows Pastor Mark to help many who approach the church as a last resort.

Most of us in the congregation sympathize with the needs of others but have no way to determine if a request is for a legitimate need. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to help mitigate these legitimate needs. Though we personally have difficulty dealing with these needs directly, we can contribute to this fund in order to provide the resources to help those in need.

You may add to this fund by identifying a contribution to "Pastor's Discretionary Fund," and the money will be available for Pastor Mark to access as he deems appropriate. This is a continuing need in our community that you might want to remember as part of your routine giving

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Cornerstone classes will be held every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm beginning February 4. These classes are designed to teach, support, and offer fellowship and fun!

Pastor Mark will offer a **Lenten study**, *The Jesus Creed*, a video study authored by Scott McNight.



Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace University** will also be offered. Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past. There's a better way! Join the Financial Peace University group/class, and learn how to beat debt and plan for the future. The class will be facilitated by the Hare, Tenney, and Michelle Collins families. The class registration fee is \$100, however, the church is offering \$50 scholarships. Please call the church office to reserve your spot.

A **women's book discussion** of *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*, written by Joe Siple will be facilitated by Peggy Puryear. It is a story of the unlikely friendship between a 100-year old man who is ready to die and a ten-year old boy who is just hoping to live another year. Please call the church office if you would like to join in or call Peggy at 539-1613.

**Youth Cornerstone (Girls)** The girls will use a curriculum called "Seamless: Understanding the Bible as one Complete Story." Available for all junior and senior high girls, the class is being led by Rachel Loomis.

**Youth Cornerstone (Boys)** The boys curriculum is called "Defined: Who God Says you Are." Available for all junior and senior high boys, the class is being led by Bracken Deatherage.

**Elementary Cornerstone / and Childcare** for those under 5 years old will be available.

### **The T.K.L.S.T.G.L.\* Sewing Club**

Phyllis Merrill will once again offer a sewing class for kids. Children will learn basic sewing skills, create some clothes, crafts, and make items for local charities. If your child is interested in joining, please call Phyllis at 586-3784 to reserve a spot. The Cornerstone Children's sewing group needs adult volunteers who can help assist children on Tuesday evenings from 6:45 – 8 pm during class. Please contact Phyllis Merrill at 586-3784 if you can help in this way .

# FEBRUARY Birthdays

Richard Nelson	1-Feb
James Canada	3-Feb
Matt Kaiser	3-Feb
Steve Tucker	4-Feb
Kathleen Ritter	4-Feb
Mark Hawley	5-Feb
Jason Elvik	5-Feb
Kookie Graham	6-Feb
Amy Basche	6-Feb
Mary Jansen	7-Feb
Ryan Bannworth	7-Feb
Cheri Baker	8-Feb
Eric Berg	8-Feb
Darlene Brazell	9-Feb
Mandy Simmelink	9-Feb
Maia Canada	9-Feb
Debie Britton	13-Feb
Joanna Puryear	13-Feb
Izaiah Canada	14-Feb
Donna Parkes	17-Feb
Don Board	18-Feb
Rita Shuck	21-Feb
Andrew Tillman	21-Feb
Micki Perry	24-Feb
A. J. Foster	25-Feb
Cory Manley	26-Feb
Peggy Snyder	28-Feb

## Early MARCH Birthdays

Richard Meilink	1-Mar
Becky Phillips	3-Mar
Altha Perry	4-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Arlan Gadeken	6-Mar
Dennis Arter	6-Mar

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Ron Baker, Shelby Faught, Jean Faught, Evelin Choate, Kirk Higginson, Rita McElroy, Muriel Smith, Juli Reinholz, Anita Knight, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, Jennifer Bateman, Donna Troxel, Norma Williams, Peggy Snyder, Don Meyers, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell.

*Priscilla Botu recently passed, and her memorial service was held in our church on Saturday, February 1. Please continue to keep her daughter, Michelle, and grandson, Steven, in prayer, along with the rest of her family and her friends.*



M & Ms will meet on February 17 for potluck at Noon. We have been unable to secure a speaker from the Impact Center as planned, but are hoping that Joe Lusignan will join us since he was unable to speak to us in January. If that doesn't work, we may hear about how we know we are getting old! In any case, we will have a great time, good food, and fellowship. Bring a dish to share and join us.



**Please mark your calendars for the Sr. High Auction!**

## *A Night Under the Montana Sky*

**Sunday, April 26, 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 youth and their upcoming Mission Trip in June to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana!**



*That's a Wrap . . .*

### **Sr. UMY Snow Go**



The Sr. High traveled to Kellogg, Idaho, on January 24 for a week-end of worship, fellowship, and playing in the snow! They enjoyed a day at Silver Mountain, with Bible study and small group time that centered on the theme "Fearless" and living fearlessly in their faith. Thank you for your prayers and support of this active group of teens and leaders!

On Super Bowl Sunday, the Jr. and Sr. High collected donations for our local food bank. Thank you for helping us to fight hunger this Super Bowl Season!



### **Jr. High Ski Day!**



On February 1, the Jr. High youth and leaders traveled to Ski Bluewood near Dayton to enjoy a day of skiing, snowboarding, fellowship, and worship! Thank you for your prayers and support of the Jr. Highers and their leaders!

### **Rock-a-Thon**



Last month, the Jr. UMY rocked out during the annual Rock-a-Thon fundraiser, January 18-19! The youth rocked for about 15 hours while being in fellowship, worshipping, and having fun with their friends and leaders.

Thank you for your pledges, donations, and continued support of these young people and our youth program; your donations help to fund their 2020 activities!



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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 **Caregiver Support Group** will meet on February 10 at 10:30 am in the Library. This is a great group for anyone who is taking care of a family member or friend and is needing some support.



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