

# THE CLARION

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



## COVID-19 RESPONSE

Kathy Bryson recently advised the leadership group of a grant from UMCOR that is specifically designed to ad-

dress Covid-19 impacts on communities. In our community, the Boys and Girls Club has been working to provide food to those children in the Amistad area whose low income parents have lost jobs and income, and who are, at the same time, fearful of moving around the community due to the virus; thus their children are prevented from getting the lunches being distributed by the school district. During May, Bob Kelly became aware that the availability of food for distribution to these families has become a significant problem, and the B&G Club is struggling to keep this effort going.

As a result of a Zoom meeting Kathy and Bob had with Brian Ace of the Boys & Girls Club, they will be drafting a grant application for UMCOR Covid-19 Rapid Response to support the work of the Club in delivering food to 100 families in the six square block area near the Club. The plan at this point is to ask for the maximum grant of \$20,000 to help the Club pay the staff, which boxes and distributes food (use of volunteers is almost impossible due to potential for contamination of food or staff); purchase protein and dairy products to supplement the food donated by 2nd Harvest, and purchase personal care items such as toiletries, diapers, etc. that are not being distributed and cannot be purchased with EBT or food stamps. We will also be exploring ways to get some of the congregation involved, possibly buying the supplemental items and getting them to the club for distribution.



*A Christ-centered, inclusive and loving community*

Children's Sunday School has come to an end for the school year. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who brought their children to Sunday School and allowed us to teach them about the Bible every week! We are also very grateful to all the teachers who were so giving of their time, coming in every Sunday and sharing their faith with the kids. We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in September for the start of a new year!



We want to recognize those students who had great attendance for the 2019/2020 Sunday School year. Congratulations to the following:

Gold Attendance awards going to those who missed 0-1 days:

***Daisy Buchholz and Annika Tenney***

Silver Attendance awards going to those who missed 2-3 days:

***Molly Buchholz, Parker Baker, and Clara Cox***

Bronze attendance awards going to those who missed 4-5 days:

***Riley Baker, Emily Collins, Ethan Collins, Sawyer Glesener, Ryan Angelo, Clair Phillips, and Paige Phillips***





Community Reports of this committee's demise are overstated!!

Ministry Team We continue to serve bagged meals at Soul Soup and have had as many as 70 and as low as 23 persons on Thursdays. One May evening, we did hot dogs instead of our normal sandwiches, and I think our guests were pleasantly surprised. We have also given away many 1-lb. bags of bacon (from 2nd Harvest) and lots of cereal, canned fruit, bread, tuna fish, and other items. Bethel is collecting lots of these types of items as well as packaged goods for the lunches. Kennewick First serves as the treasurer for SS, and starting soon the SS Facebook page will include a link to our church website for donations to SS. Apparently, people have been asking how to donate to SS on line. We have them covered!!

Our bishop has extended the no in-person church service order until June 15 and specifically reiterated that the church is closed for all other activities with the exception of essential ministries, like Soul Soup (providing medical support, food support, and the like). Our normal committee activities (worship, community ministry, etc.) do not meet this qualification of essential. Please keep this vital ministry in your prayers.

A leadership team composed of the church council, staff, and ministry stewards has been meeting weekly via Zoom to plan the next steps in terms of re-opening the church. Pastor Mark has been giving updates in his weekly messages, but I think he has understated the difficulty in doing this type of planning. We are subject to CDC guidelines, the Governor's guidance and emergency declaration, and the bishop's directives. The conference is working on specific guidance for churches to follow in order to open once the time arrives. A very large concern is how to properly sanitize the church in order to minimize the potential

spread of the virus. There are issues regarding singing (yes, when we sing we extend the potential distance to spread the virus from 6 feet to 18 feet), protecting children and other vulnerable people, managing social distancing, etc.. A group of seamstresses are making masks so we can provide them to everyone once we reopen.

Before the virus, the team delivered the EverBlocks to the Boys & Girls Club, and we still have some money to help with "fidget" items. At this time, the Club has been overwhelmed with the provision of daycare services for essential workers and for getting food distributed to over 100 families each week. The grant discussed earlier in this newsletter will be a welcome help to the Club as it works to address community needs at this time.

If you have questions or ideas for our community missions group, please contact Bob Kelly.

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## Welcoming the Holy

Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers who turned out to be the Lord. Jesus said, "If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple," the giver will be rewarded (Matthew 10:42, NIV). An ancient Jewish proverb asserts: "Hospitality is one form of worship." A Russian Orthodox monk is said to have told a younger one, "Sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road and I say, 'Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?'" And an old Gaelic poem declares, "Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

Sometimes we think we must do something big to serve God. Today, when you smile at someone on the street, take time to entertain a child's question, bring cookies to a new neighbor, thank a server or clerk ... know that you are serving Jesus, that you are worshipping God.

—Heidi Mann



## *UMW Seeking Ways To Care and Share*

This is not a UMW article about cancellations. Yes, there are plenty of those, including our beloved May Salad Supper.

This is, however, an article of hope and caring.

If you can quilt, sew, crochet, or knit, you might want to use stay-at-home time to make blankets for children at risk. The goal for the UMC/UMW Conference (October 16-17 in Bothell) is 500 blankets. Suggested dimensions are 45"x 45", 45"x 60", or 56"x 84". For details, contact Seven Rivers UMW president, Marsha Aufenkamp at [m.aufenkamp@gmail.com](mailto:m.aufenkamp@gmail.com).

Currently, our UMW members are making masks by the dozens, calling to check on church members and neighbors, and even Zooming in small groups.

You have probably guessed that Mission U in July is cancelled. UMW nationally is planning to provide online learning opportunities. Look for updates from our own UMW president, Kathy Wertman.

Our treasurer, Kathy Harris, is asking that we try to keep up with our UMW pledges during the next months so that mission work can continue. Not surprisingly, with the lack of fundraisers, nationally UMW is running 34% short in pledges.

It is still hoped that by October, Kennewick First's fantastic Holly Daze may be held. But the fun craft workshops are not occurring, as we want everyone to stay home and healthy. Crafters are encouraged to work on projects on their own, if that is possible.

Our UMW will not have any formal meetings through August. Our next meeting, if it is safe by then, will be September 23. Meanwhile, please share your ideas, news, and concerns with one of our UMW board members: the two Kathys, Eddie Kenoyer, Phyllis Koschik, Pat Walker, Su Mayfield, Nancy Russell, Micki Perry, and Bonnie Taylor.

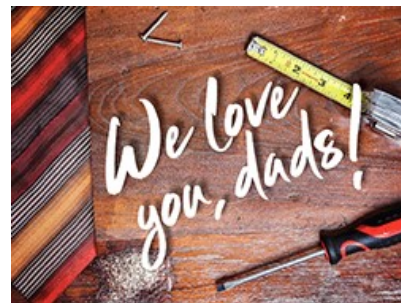
If you are reading more these days, don't forget UMW has a reading program, too. Pat Walker has books that she could probably leave on her front porch for you, if requested.

One of the many missions that the national UMW supports is the Navajo Nation, which is suffering greatly with the Covid-19 virus. The UMW Center there offers a safe place and opportunity for a new life for women, including transitional housing.

Mission work, which goes on locally and throughout the world, is strongly needed at this challenging time.

That brings us to a shortened UMW prayer:

*Dear God, Grant us loving patience, compassion in relationships, and boldness of action. Fortify us with your wisdom and strength as we strive to live healthy, balanced lives. Amen*



**Father's Day—June 21**

## UMY & Funday 2019-2020 Wrap Up

The United Methodist Youth and Funday programs would love to thank you for your continued prayers and support! We have navigated virtual children's and youth ministry in this season by staying connected on Zoom throughout the week for UMY, Sunday School, Funday, and hangouts twice a week, and we feel so incredibly blessed to have these opportunities. Please continue to keep the UMY and Funday programs in your prayers as we transition to our abbreviated summer schedule!

This UMY and Funday year would not have been possible without the love, support, time, and talents given by our volunteers!

I would love to thank our Jr. High youth group leaders, Starlite Buchholz, Brandon Elvik, Nicole Loomis, and Dick Nelson; our Sr. High youth group leaders, Jim Door, Sherry Elvik, Sierra Hogg, Danny Kuby, Kiauna Kuby, Sean Holloway, and Jeff Varzandeh; our Youth Sunday School teachers, Brittany Becker and Jim Door; and my fellow Funday leader, Mikayla Bateman!

Thank you for serving the Lord and our youth! We love you!

In Christ's Love,  
*Rachel*



### All Church Camp-Out



Time to Register for the All Church Camp-Out  
August 7-10 at Hood Park near Burbank

You may print the registration (located on the KFUMC webpage) and mail it, along with your check, to the church office:

Kennewick First United Methodist Church  
421 W. Kennewick Ave  
Kennewick, WA 99336

Or, call the church office at 509-582-2163 to register over the phone and then mail in your check.

We are continuing to plan for this wonderful family/church community event. If the Bishop has not approved us for the specific phase that allows meeting in this way, the campout will be cancelled and you will be refunded your registration fee.





IN OUR  
Thoughts and Prayers

Edwina Kenoyer	01-Jun
Kevin Loomis	01-Jun
Rachel Loomis	02-Jun
Amber Arnold	04-Jun
Brian Bement	04-Jun
Walker Taggares	06-Jun
Kevin Howard	07-Jun
James Dreier	08-Jun
Dolores Conrad	10-Jun
Kirk Higginson	11-Jun
Hailey Dreier	11-Jun
Marc Harden	12-Jun
Gloria Harden	13-Jun
Brittany Becker	13-Jun
Alexis Leathers	13-Jun
Joe Sproul	16-Jun
Jocelyn O'Donnell	16-Jun
Ernie Hockaday	20-Jun
Jill Door	20-Jun
Vickie Bergum	22-Jun
Larry Sehmel	23-Jun
Don Hildman	24-Jun
Ron Shuck	24-Jun
Becky West	25-Jun
Brenda Gregory	26-Jun
Thomas Cox	26-Jun
Gloria Weible	27-Jun
Jim Deatherage	28-Jun

**Early July Birthdays**

Maxwell Buchholz	02-Jul
Mary Gadeken	04-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	04-Jul
Nancy Osborn	05-Jul



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

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

***Please pray for those whose loved ones have recently passed over to life eternal. . .***

***Bruce Cornely*** died on May 16. Please keep his wife Ellen, children, and grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.

On May 2, our good friend ***Jean Faught*** passed peacefully in her sleep. Her kind ways and faithful service to our church will not be forgotten. We pray for the comfort of her family.

***Marian Gravenlund***, who was a good friend to our church family, died on April 27.

And finally, we lift up the family of ***Gayle Canada***, who entered Glory on May 23. Shhh . . . I think I can hear her *Hallelujah* now! She will be missed.

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Sunday Service at 10:30 am via  
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