

THE CLARION

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



Kathy and Dana Bryson have been leading an effort to get ash sifters built and distributed to those who have lost their homes to wild-

fires in Washington. Budding carpenters from KFUMC and the community have built about 81 sifters so far that have been delivered to Spokane Valley UMC for distribution to fire survivors in Malden, WA. A load will also go to Omak. Pastor Mark has been leading us on. It is good to be helping in any way we can. Gloves, masks, and eye protection go with each sifter.

The work product before shipping



Unfortunately, we cannot assist folks with the sifting due to our social distancing and other limitations. Being present and a good listener is so important in the recovery process. Let's keep our brothers and sisters who are caught up in this disaster in our prayers.



Delivery at Spokane Valley UMC



A Christ-centered, inclusive and loving community

Holly Daze Crafts Available in October

A safe and smart Holly Daze will be held by UMW on October 17. How?

The crafted items and famed bean soup mix can be pre-ordered on the Holly Daze page on Facebook.

In the coming weeks, updates on available crafts will be made, so check on Facebook often.

On Saturday the 17th, a drive-through lane in the church parking lot will be open between 11 am to 1 pm for orders to be picked up.

UMW's Facebook monitor, Mary Lynn Arter, will post individual photos of all items with their price and quantity. Buys can be made in the comment section for each craft.

On pick-up day, purchasers will need a check or exact cash in an envelope or baggie. Signs will be posted in the church parking lot to guide entry and exit. Items will be placed in the car's trunk.

It will be a contactless exchange, complete with masks. Holly Daze co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn promise big, grateful smiles behind their masks!

After all, proceeds from Holly Daze allow UMW to support many local and worldwide human service projects.



Friends,

Well, we survived the summer and here we are, moving into another fall in the Tri-cities. As you read through this month's newsletter, you will see all kinds of things happening in new and creative ways. As of the printing of this month's newsletter, we have had our first "Drive-in" church service and are working to do more. We are still making opportunities available for all of us to worship the God who loves us via online video streaming. We have plans to do a modified Holly Daze event; Trunk-or-Treat is in the works, and we, as a whole church, have an opportunity to get involved; and Bible studies via Zoom meetings are happening. I think it's safe to say, as our fall programming begins, this fall will be unlike any other the church has seen.

Thanks to all of you who have stepped up and continued to support the ministries of Kennewick First. The team that takes care of the grounds and makes sure the lawns are mowed and taken care of has continued their work every Friday morning . . .

THANK YOU! The volunteers who make sure that people in need receive a healthy meal on Thursdays at Soul Soup have modified the way they function and have continued to help people in our community . . .

THANK YOU. Every week people have volunteered to read scripture or perform a special musical number during our worship service as a way of helping us all worship together while we are apart . . . THANK YOU! Our Youth Ministry volunteers have tuned in to Zoom meetings, helped the Youth groups do modified in-person events, and provided leadership that helped us all follow safe protocols and continue to offer guidance to our youth . . . THANK YOU! Those are just a few of the things we are doing (or continuing to do) in new ways with your help.

With all those things happening, I am reminded that as a church we are called to worship together, serve others, grow in our spiritual lives, and create lasting friendships. Several years ago, I was part of a panel at a seminar. During the talk-back session, one of the presenters spoke a phrase in passing that has stuck with me: "Behind all our thinking and planning there must be a belief and confidence that God is still at work in the world." I do believe and am confident that God is still at work in our community, our nation, and our world. Thank you for being a community that loves God with all we are and loves our neighbor!

Now go wash your hands

Pastor Mark



Ruth Anderson to Retire

Long-time Financial Secretary, Ruth Anderson, is retiring! Join us as we honor and thank her for her 39 years of service with a drive-through party!

**Wednesday, October 21
6 to 7 pm**

Ruth will be sitting, masked, in the doorway of the church at the drive-through entry; come by with your cards, flowers, or simply a wave and your well wishes! Let's show her the love and appreciation we feel for her!

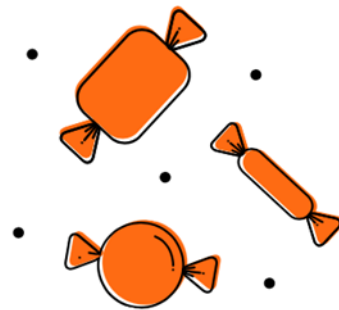
You are invited to the

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, October 25, 2020

4:30 - 6:00 PM

You are invited to walk through the Kennewick First UMC parking lot to receive candy from the United Methodist youth, leaders, and church members! In order to practice social distancing, we will be handing out candy and organizing the Trunk-or-Treat walk-through in a safe way. Please wear your mask (Halloween masks are ok, but COVID masks are also required) and dress up in your Halloween costume! Please keep in mind that our parking lot will be blocked off for the decorated cars involved in the Trunk-or-Treat so you will need to find alternative nearby parking. We hope to see you at the walk-through Trunk-or-Treat on October 25!



Church members, we would love for you to join in helping us! If you would like to volunteer to decorate your trunk and participate in handing out candy, please visit <https://reopen.church/r/yYVuCLi4> and click on "Trunk Or Treat Car Decorating Spot" to register for a spot in the parking lot west of the grassy area (UMYers, you do not need to register on Reopen Church; your car will be parked on the east side of the grassy area). Volunteers who are passing out candy, please arrive at the church parking lot at 4:00 PM to park and decorate your car. Please bring a large Costco-sized bag of candy or three smaller grocery store sized bags of candy. COVID masks MUST be worn; volunteers should not wear Halloween masks.

We need your help! We anticipate a large turn out from the community this year and we need candy donations that will be handed out at the Trunk-or-Treat. Please drop off donated candy at the church office.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we serve our community and church family!



FUNDAY

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to join Rachel and Gracee on Zoom for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, games, crafts, and of course, fun! We will meet together on Sunday, October 11, and Sunday, October 25, at 12 noon.

If you have not yet received the link for Funday or know someone who would like to register for Funday, please call the church office at (509)582-2163 or email Rachel at rachel@kennewickfirst.com.

We are so excited, see you soon!

In Christ's Love,
Rachel & Gracee

The Breakfast Club

Young Adults are welcome to join Rachel Loomis on Zoom for Bible study time, prayer, and fellowship. Please feel free to grab your favorite morning beverage and breakfast food while we gather together! **The Breakfast Club will be meeting next on Sunday, October 18, at 11:30 am.**

For more information about The Breakfast Club and how to get the Zoom link, please call the church office at (509)582-2163 or email Rachel at rachel@kennewickfirst.com.

We are so excited and can't wait to see you!

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

-Romans 12:4-5

What a Great Start to the 2020 -21 UMY Year!



On September 13, the Jr and Sr UMYers and their leaders had a wonderful time driving through the church parking lot to pick up their UMY packets at the drive-through spot and later meeting on Zoom for the orientation and parent meeting! Ice blocking on Carmichael Hill on September 20 was so much fun! It was a blessing to have 33 youth and leaders safely gather with one another for the first time since March to enjoy a socially-distanced UMY activity, to build relationships, and to spend time in devotion and prayer. The youth also received enough supplies for a four-week period of time that we will use to do crafts, cooking, and activities with one another on Zoom!

If you or someone you know would like to register for UMY and join us for our activities, please call the church office at (509) 582-2163 or email Rachel at rachel@kennewickfirst.com.



Thanks to our congregation members for your continued prayers and support of the United Methodist Youth program at Kennewick First!

God Bless You,
Rachel

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School has started up on Zoom every Sunday at 9:00 am. If your child is interested in joining us, please contact star-lite@kennewickfirst.com for the log-in information. Children's Sunday School is open for all children 2 years old through 5th grade.



OCTOBER Birthdays

Hannah Mowry	1-Oct
Ethan Collins	1-Oct
Adam Berg	3-Oct
Ema Bruce	4-Oct
Deana Ahrend	5-Oct
Jill Berg	6-Oct
Shirley Miller	6-Oct
Hannah Glazier	6-Oct
Brynnlee Marquardt	6-Oct
Etta Ballard	8-Oct
Bruce Britton	8-Oct
Stephanie Bannworth	9-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
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

EARLY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dallon Hare	2-Nov
Paige Phillips	2-Nov
Danielle Rhodes	3-Nov
Lloyd Leathers	5-Nov
Cynthia Glazier	5-Nov
Christian Tenney	5-Nov

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Ron Baker, Evelin Choate, Don Hildman, Jordyn Andrews, Kirk Higginson, Rita McElroy, Muriel Smith, Juli Reinholz, Anita Knight, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, Jennifer Bateman, Joe & Jolene Kuhns, Donna Troxel, Peggy Snyder, Don Meyers, Gweneth Russcher, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell.



Hailey (Boice) and Kyle Vander Malle welcomed baby Lane Leonard on September 28 at 4:47 pm. Baby Lane, who weighed in at 6 lbs 13 oz and 20.5 inches long, and his mom are doing well! Proud grandparents are Kim and Mike Boice, and proud great-grandparents are Connie and George Boice and Rita and Ron Shuck. Congratulations all around!

UPDATE

Soul Soup continues on and our numbers are increasing slightly. With cooler nights, the demand for blankets and sleeping kits is growing.

We have received three generous donations totaling \$750 in the last two weeks and are averaging 45 guests each Thursday



Our UMW UMW Advocates Principles To General 2021 Conference

As of today, our Kennewick First UMW is unable to meet formally. That does not mean the dedicated women of our church are not communicating and sharing hopes.

There are plans going forth for a limited Holly Daze; for making prayer shawls, quilts, and crafts; for supporting good causes; and for staying informed.

Nationally, UMW's board is proposing principles to guide the General Conference in 2021. They are reflected in these statements:

Gender Equity ... Both clergywomen and laywomen still find their work dramatically undervalued and underappreciated in many spaces. A faithful future for the church will seek gender justice, share power equally with people of all gender expressions, and respond particularly to the global and local needs of women, children, and youth.

Mutuality in Mission ... A faithful future for the church will allow every region to discern its own callings and shape its own future without undue interference, manipulation, or financial threat.

Antiracism ... The church must move beyond rhetoric and ensure the leadership of people of color, provide meaningful material and social support for ministries and churches serving communities of color, fulfill its own promises in the Charter for Racial Justice, and reject racism in all its forms.

LGBTQ Inclusion ... We support the formation of an expression of the church that will celebrate every individual, including LGBTQ persons in the full ministry and life of the church, without barring ordination or marriage. United Methodist Women is an inclusive organization.

The UMW national board states that while there are no perfect solutions, they believe that the most faithful future for the church must be based on these principles. For more information on their activities and goals, check out United Methodist Women online.

One example of UMW activity is the testimony of several members last month before the Environmental Protection Agency. The women urged higher quality standards for limiting air pollution. They said at the hearing that the climate crisis and pollutants from vehicles, power plants, chemical plants, refineries, factories, gas stations, and paint are harming humanity.



Thanks Comes to Our UMW From Thousands of Miles Away

The article on our prayer shawls in UMW's *Response* magazine brought a request from Gayle in Apopka, Florida, for a blue shawl.

Of course, one blue shawl was quickly in the mail!

This touching thank-you note from Gayle is worth sharing.

"...I have used it at my infusion treatments and at home watching TV...Your group members put a lot of love into this project and it is felt when I wrap myself in this shawl. God's blessings to you and the UMW at your church for this beautiful project that reflects God's love for all."

Prayer shawls of many colors are available at the church office. Also, if you want to make a shawl, contact Pat Walker or one of her assistants, Annie Baker and Janet Shelton.



Greater love
has no one
than this to lay
down one's life
for one's
friends. You
are my friends
if you do what I
command. I no
longer call you

*servants because a servant does not
know his master's business. Instead, I
have called you friends, for everything
that I learned from my Father I have
made known to you. John 15:13-15*

I find much meaning and hope in the beloved hymn, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, penned by Joseph Scriven in a letter written to his mother in the mid 1850s. Joseph grew up in Ireland and, after graduating from Trinity College, was anticipating marriage to his childhood sweetheart. Tragedy struck one day before their wedding: she died suddenly when her spooked horse threw her into the river and she drowned. The impact of his loss led him to relocate to Ontario, Canada, where he devoted himself to caring for others and doing good deeds for those in his community, especially for those who could not repay him. Joseph eventually fell in love with a young lady named Eliza and the two planned to be married; however, she fell ill with pneumonia and passed before they could be married. Even though Joseph struggled with the losses in his life, he always found solace and peace in the nearness of God, whom he described as his closest friend.

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
And what a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Many of us are currently facing loss and trials. I have heard the discouragement of people who want the year 2020 to be over. The troubles and inconveniences that have come with a pandemic have not been easy to navigate, along with protests, fires, excessive smoke, no in-person church, education system challenges, job loss, etc. . . . the news can be heartbreaking. This hymn is the reminder of hope during loss and discouragement. We have a friend in Jesus who can be closer to us than any human, as Christ is always with us. This hymn suggests that we give EVERYTHING to God in prayer, so that the Lord can replace our requests with peace and hope.

I pray that amid whatever pain or frustration you are feeling, you can humbly place it at the feet of Jesus, leave it and walk away, trusting the Lord will embrace your request like the aroma of fine incense. When you walk away, lift your eyes to the needs of others, as Joseph Scriven did, finding ways to care for and encourage neighbors . . . who knows, maybe through something as simple as a sifter, hope can be restored!



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Worship Schedule

Online Sunday Service at 10:30 am
at <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>

Church Office Hours

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