

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

SOUL SOUP NEEDS YOU to volunteer to pick up donated Panera bread and desserts on the 1st and/or 2nd Wednesday of each month. Panera is located on Queensgate in Richland. Pick up occurs on those two Wednesday evenings just before closing (currently 8 pm with winter hours and then 9 pm). The donations are boxed, and you would deliver them to the church for use and distribution at Soul Soup on Thursday. If you can help, please call Bob Kelly at 528-9254 for more details.



The colder and wetter weather is keeping guests away from Soul Soup in spite of the need for a good meal. We continue to serve a sack lunch with a hot entrée such as Frito chili, beef burritos, or hot chicken sandwiches.

Soul Soup is currently blessed with sufficient financial resources, so help other organizations serving the area's poor if you can. Please keep this ministry and its guests in your prayers.

Special dates in January

Epiphany, January 6
Baptism of the Lord, January 10
Religious Freedom Day, January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
January 18-25
Inauguration Day, January 20



A Night at the Drive-In!

Children and youth, along with their families, are invited to park their cars in the church parking lot to watch a drive-in movie on Sunday, January 17, at 5 PM! The movie will be projected, and popcorn and soda will be served! Wear your comfy, cozy clothes and bring your favorite pillows and blankets! See you soon!



Happy New Year!

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

May Christ bring love, joy, and peace upon you and your family in the new year. Happy new year to you and yours!

Love,
The United Methodist Youth

God of the Ages, I offer you my heart,
anew with this new year. Help me love you
and my neighbors all year long,
one day at a time.



UMW Meets Giving Goals

In the difficult 2020, our United Methodist Women wondrously were able to fund all budgeted charities, thanks to the faithful efforts of many.

The two online Holly Daze bazaars helped enormously, as did all the contributions and dues paid by UMW members, as well as the cutlery sales, which were managed by Mary Gadeken.

The Christmas edition of Holly Daze raised our profits to more than \$3100. Not only is UMW grateful to all those who bought holiday crafts, we are thankful to our faithful contributors and to Mary Lynn Arter for keeping track of all the orders and to Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaugh for co-chairing the event.

We also thank our treasurer Kathy Harris for keeping track of hundreds of details. She makes all go smoothly, for sure.

Some of the local missions Kennewick First's UMW supports are Grace Clinic, My Friend's Place, Second Harvest, Chaplaincy Health Care, the Union Gospel Mission, and, of course, our own youth activities and Piecemakers.

Good news! If you would like a delicious bowl of hot soup on these cold days, there are still bags of Pepiot's famous bean soup available at the church office.

With President Kathy Wertman and the other returning board members to plan for 2121, UMW will go forward with its missions. As soon as we all get our vaccinations, there will be a fantastic UMW gathering to celebrate.

One mission that is open to all in January is simple – read. UMW's Reading Program is a cherished tradition that encourages social action, spiritual growth, nurturing neighbors, and developing leaders. Pat Walker

will gladly get you started with a novel, biography, or a book on an issue that interests you.

Before you know it, you will be an advocate for change, too.

Nationally in 2021, United Methodist Women will focus on two campaigns, *Just Energy for All*, and *Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline*.

At our church, contact Kathy Wertman with your ideas for local missions and service projects. They will be welcome.



Epiphany Epiphanies

Sometimes brief words of ancient wisdom can spark an “aha!” moment — a revelation of new insight about God or faith. Here are some epiphanies for the season of Epiphany.

If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus ... for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here, the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.

—St. John Chrysostom (347-407)

So that we might also have the means to go, the one we were longing to go to came here from there. And what did he make? A wooden raft for us to cross the sea on. For no one can cross the sea of this world unless carried over it on the cross of Christ.

—St. Augustine (354-430)

You wish to see; listen. Hearing is a step toward vision.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)



A Weary World Rejoices!

Cynthia Bement

My favorite Christmas hymn is “O Holy Night,” most especially sung on Christmas Eve in our sanctuary. Growing up, when my children were little, they called it “Sherry’s Song,” as she was the only one that they had ever heard sing it. Through the years I have heard it sung by many different groups and people, and I have come to appreciate the different styles and musical interpretations . . . but mostly I love the lyrics. The words of one of the verses—the middle verse - speak profoundly to me, yet that verse is rarely sung.

*Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming;
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land,
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;*

Chorus

*He knows our need, To our weakness no stranger!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King! before him bend!*

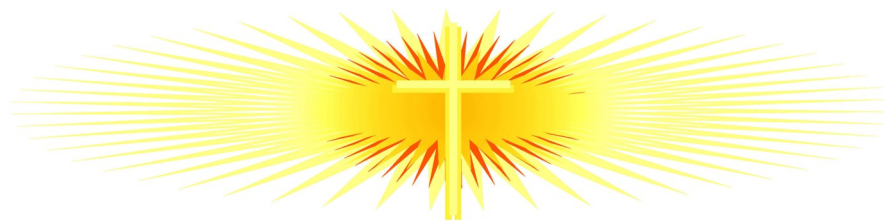
The lines *Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, In all our trials born to be our friend, and He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger,* are filled with such inspiration. We will always have trials and hardships, but as Christians we understand that God is always with us!

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

In one recent week, two of our saints entered life eternal; both of these wonderful people had a big impact on my life! Donna Troxel was a friend who mentored me in faith and worked with me on the Education area of the church, while Don Meyers taught me to stand firm in what I believe is true and right! Yes, I have sadness that I will not see them again on this earth, but I am also filled with joy and appreciation that I knew them personally and had many opportunities to worship with and learn from them. Both Donna and Don knew love, joy, and pain. I witnessed both of these great pillars participate in worship on many Sunday mornings when it was difficult for their bodies to do so, but they didn’t want to miss the opportunity to worship their Savior, the One who never left them. I believe both Donna and Don crossed over into life everlasting with great joy, their worn-out bodies made new, and that they are now able to “bend before their King”!

As we enter 2021 there will still be trials, we will still have moments of weakness, we will still have need, and sadness may still come . . . but take comfort that we are not alone! A weary world rejoices because we know to whom we belong and that there is always hope for a better tomorrow because of Jesus Christ!





Pete	
Baumann	4-Jan
Kara Morris	5-Jan
Karen Alley	5-Jan
Deana Harden	5-Jan
Marilyn Hockaday	6-Jan
Dick Nelson	6-Jan
Richard Glazier	9-Jan
Jonah Shiplet	9-Jan
Melissa Nickolaus	11-Jan
Jack St. John	12-Jan
Brian Bergum	14-Jan
Beverly Swanby	15-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
Cindy Leathers	20-Jan
Caleb Rhodes	20-Jan
Emma Glazier	21-Jan
Dennis Simmelink	23-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
Ruby St. John	27-Jan
Gus Kittson	28-Jan
Peggy Puryear	28-Jan
Daniel Nickolaus	28-Jan
Phyllis Koschik	30-Jan
Rick Door	31-Jan

Early February Birthdays

Rich Nelson	1-Feb
Lili Westvik	1-Feb
Chuck Smith	2-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
Anita Cochran	5-Feb

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, Peggy Snyder, Marti Meyers, Gweneth Russcher.

. . . and for the families and friends whose loved ones have joined the Church Triumphant . . .

The angels ushered our sweet sister in Christ, **Donna Troxel**, through heaven's gates on December 26. Cards may be sent to the family in care of Andy and Juli Troxel, 7008 W. 31st Place, Kennewick WA 99338.

Another of our saints, **Don Meyers**, was welcomed into the Lord's presence on December 28. Cards for his loving wife, Marti, and the family may be sent to Marti at 1807 W. 8th Place, Kennewick WA 99336.

Both Donna and Don were active, beloved members of our congregation family. With their gifts and graces, each contributed to our corporate life in Christ. We are so grateful for their lives! We will miss them here, but look forward to the day we see them again.

THANK you. *We want to express our deep appreciation to all who have sent cards and prayers to us on Linda's passing. Each and every card brought comfort and knowledge that her smile and laughter were recognized by so many people. I have read and reread many of the cards and have shed tears over the wonderful words that have been written about Linda. We also want to thank those who participated in the drive through the park. I am so appreciative of the entire church family that we have been a part of over these many years.*

Thank you,

Darryl, Shawn, Adam, and their families

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, January 10, and Sunday, January 24, at noon on Zoom!** You and your family are also invited to park your car in the church parking lot to watch a **drive-in movie on Sunday, January 17, at 5 PM!** The movie will be projected, and popcorn and soda will be served! Get cozy by wearing comfy clothes and bringing pillows and blankets!

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



Children's
Ministry
News

Children's Sunday School starts at 9:00 AM over Zoom every Sunday for children 2 years old through 5th grade. If you want to join us, contact Starlite Buchholz at starlite@kennewickfirst.com to get the Zoom ID for the class. We just finished up our tour of the Bible ending with the book of Revelation and the promise that Jesus will return. Starting in January, we head back to the beginning of the Bible. Come and join us!



Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19th-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omartian points out that we're either making progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."



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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