

THE CLARION

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KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON



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Church

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*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Easter

By Kathryn Boice

Will I dismiss Him
As Pilate did
Will I betray Him
As Judas did
Will I deny Him
As Peter did
Will I doubt Him
As Thomas did
Or will I run
With the good news
As did the others
Mary and
Mary Magdalene
Shouting,
"He Is Risen,
My Lord Is
Risen"



Maundy Thursday

Live Stream Sing-along,
April 1 at 6:30 pm

[https://
www.youtube.com/
PiratesoftheColumbia](https://www.youtube.com/PiratesoftheColumbia)

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 2 at 7 pm

[http://www.youtube.com/
PiratesoftheColumbia](http://www.youtube.com/PiratesoftheColumbia)

Easter Sunday Service

April 4 at 10:30 am

Sign up for our drive-in church at [https://
rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLi4](https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLi4).

The service will also be posted on our
YouTube Channel at 10:30 am ([http://
www.youtube.com/
PiratesoftheColumbia](http://www.youtube.com/PiratesoftheColumbia)).



"The very first Easter taught us this:
that life never ends and love never
dies."

—Kate McGahan

UMY Update

Hello Kennewick First!

The Bible is full of stories of God's people who faced unexpected challenges, requiring them to exercise their faith and practice resili-

ence in the face of dramatic, sudden detours in their lives. Because of their willingness to believe God and to change their plans (or have their plans changed for them!) in response to new, sometimes startling information, they witnessed God's work to make a way for them on new paths: the sea was split wide open, flames did not scorch man, and death was defeated.



I often pray to our Heavenly Father that He will equip me and guide me in leading the youth, leaders, and United Methodist Youth program towards Him. As time goes by, God continues to provide for us in every way possible and I truly owe it all to Him. During the last year, we have experienced completely unanticipated circumstances, yet we remained committed to our mission and open to new ideas and ways of being Christians together, and so we watched God make new roads where it appeared there was no way through. Our virtual youth ministry and socially distanced outdoor activities are a testament to God's faithfulness and our resiliency.

Just as He held the sea back for the Israelites, protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the flames, and rolled away the stone for His Son, I have no doubt that God has made a way for us this entire year. He took the need for changed plans and made a way for new opportunities to experience, new memories to be made, and new and old relationships to be strengthened.

Since September of 2020, the United Methodist Youth have been alternating between meeting virtually on Zoom and meeting in person for socially distanced outdoor activities. Just as God has been making a way in this past year, He is continuing to make a way as we enter the next season of youth ministry at Kennewick First. In the month of April, the United Methodist Youth will begin meeting in person each week for socially distanced outdoor UMY activities. Please keep the youth, leaders, and youth program in your prayers as we transition into having more opportunities for in-person fellowship with one another!

We thank you immensely for your continued prayers and support of the United Methodist Youth!

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



FUNDAY

course, fun! **We will meet together on Sunday, April 11; Sunday, April 25; Sunday, May 2; and Sunday, May 16, at noon.**

If you have not yet received the Zoom 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

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to join Rachel and Gracee on Zoom for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, games, crafts, and of



Torn Once and For All

Easter Sunday has always been very special to me. I remember, when I was little, my mom sewing me a new fancy

Cynthia Bement dress, accessorizing with a new hat,

gloves, purse, and white shoes! Of course, I enjoyed following suit for my children and now the granddaughters. Attending church and hearing parishioners singing joyfully “Up from the Grave He Arose” has always made me smile, and the simplicity of morning watch with communion is always the perfect start for an Easter morning. The child in me still loves a basket filled with chocolate, candy, and goodies, an egg hunt, and a ham dinner with potato salad shared with extended family.

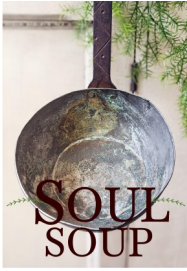
Through the years the people who gathered to celebrate have changed, but the reason for celebrating always remains the same. On Easter, we remember the sacrifice of love that Jesus Christ made on our behalf, and we rejoice in our salvation. While the story of the crucifixion can be challenging and painful to embrace, the mystery of the resurrection is exciting!

On a typical Sunday, as a small child, we would come home from church and quickly change out of our “good clothes” and put on “play clothes,” but Easter was different. After attending worship, the family would sit down or gather for a large meal together. I can still hear the voice of my mother and grandmothers warning us as we were playing after dinner, “be careful not to tear or get your good clothes dirty”! Throughout scripture, tearing one’s clothes represents grief, mourning, or loss and is an old Jewish tradition. One example is Jacob, who ripped his clothing and put on sackcloth for

many days as he mourned the loss of his son. I think it’s interesting to note that the High Priest was exempt from some of the customs and was not allowed to tear his garments. Hebrews chapter 8 calls Jesus our High Priest who serves in the most Holy Place, and yet His seamless garment was torn and gambled off by the ones who crucified Him. His garment was not torn in mourning, it was torn to insult, to mock. Jesus knew He was the High Priest, because only the High Priest was allowed to go into God’s presence to atone for the sins of the people with a blood sacrifice. The High Priest was the mediator between the people and God and was the only one allowed into the Holy Place behind the veil in the tabernacle. At the moment Jesus gave up his spirit on the cross and breathed his last earthly breath . . . the temple curtain “veil” was torn by God from top to bottom into two pieces so that we are no longer separated from Him. Jesus was the blood sacrifice for our sins that forever allows us to come into the presence of God. Jesus allowed His flesh to be ripped, His clothes torn, and His body pierced for us to live guilt-free, full lives of faith. I wonder if the men who cast lots for and tore His garment ever figured out who He really was?

My Easter wish for you: I hope you enjoy a day worshipping at drive-in church or online; remembering Easter celebrations of the past with people who have gone on to life eternal; listening to favorite Christian music or hymns; watching a Christian movie; gathering with friends or family to make new “pandemic” style memories; eating a favorite treat or food; and reading scripture or devotionals.

Here is the point of what we are saying: We have a high priest like that, who sits on the right side of God’s throne in heaven. Our high priest serves in the Most Holy Place. He serves in the true place of worship that was made by God, not by anyone here on earth. Romans 8:1-2



Soul Soup Update

After a year of serving sack lunches out the front door, we still serve 30 to 50 meals each Thursday. We have developed a different way

to connect with our guests, but it is not the same as meeting them in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall at a table with a good hot meal in front of them. With continued vaccinations, we pray that we will be back to serving in the church within a few months. Just as many of us ask when we will be back in worship together again, many of our guests ask about when they might attend a service.

Many of our dedicated volunteers have not participated in Soul Soup during this pandemic period but are now asking to rejoin this mission effort as they become fully vaccinated. We are still limited to 5 volunteers at a time but will begin to rotate our newly vaccinated partners into service.

Please keep Soul Soup, our guests, and our volunteers in your prayers. And let's pray this pandemic into submission.

Proverbs 14: 21 – It's criminal to ignore a neighbor in need, but compassion for the poor – what a blessing! (The Message)

*Hope Rises for
Holly Daze*

Crafters to Meet Together



In the coming months, it should be possible for Holly Daze workshops to resume. Until then, co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier are asking you for ideas for projects that can be created while being socially distanced at church.



It is not too late to join our new digital Bible study library! RightNow Media is a digital Bible study resource that offers over 20,000 resources for individual spiritual growth and spiritual growth within groups. If you would like access to over 20,000 Bible study resources, please follow these steps:

1. To learn more about RightNow media, please watch this video: <https://brandfolder.com/s/6wws5bvf88knp3cm6f2khg7>.
2. Visit our Reopen Church website and register for "RightNow Media Invitation" to receive an invitation to join RightNow Media: <https://reopen.church/r/yYVuCLI4>
3. Once you have registered on Reopen Church, church staff will send you an invitation email to register for RightNow Media.
4. In your RightNow Media invitation email, click on the **Get Started** button.
5. Create your RightNow Media profile.
6. Explore and feed your soul!

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105





Molly Kittson	3-Apr
Jeffrey Varzandeh	4-Apr
Dee Yount	5-Apr
Bethany Ahrend	5-Apr
Terry Milton	6-Apr
Debbie Shirey	7-Apr
Merrienne Door	9-Apr
Kathryn Thien	13-Apr
Loretta Curley	14-Apr
Cody Simmelink	14-Apr
Brittany Dyer	14-Apr
Mercedes Haberling	14-Apr
Paige Kaiser	14-Apr
Brooke Canada	18-Apr
Brady Hagen	19-Apr
Bill Mandell	20-Apr
Kathryn Eddy	22-Apr
Victoria Kippes	22-Apr
George Block	24-Apr
Jadyn Rhodes	25-Apr
Judith Mosebar	27-Apr
Bob Kelly	27-Apr
Kathy Wertman	30-Apr
Eva Walker	30-Apr
Isabelle Howard	30-Apr



Linda Tucker	2-May
Lynnaie Wright	2-May
Debra Williamson	2-May
Eric Baumann	2-May
Brandon Elvik	5-May
Patrick Bannworth	5-May
Mikayla Mason	5-May
Joshua Troxel	5-May

*Please pray for those
in need of healing,
comfort, and encour-
agement . . .*



Ernie Hockaday, Ron Baker, Evelin Choate, Jordyn Andrews, Kirk Higginson, Rita McElroy, Muriel Smith, Anita Knight, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, Jennifer Bateman, Jolene Kuhns, Peggy Snyder, Gweneth Russcher, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell.



Hollis Morris, long-time much-loved member of our congregation, entered his eternal home on Tuesday, March 30. He is survived by his wife, Kara, and four children, Victor, Alan, Karolyn, and Ron. Hollis will be remembered for his passion for his family and faith, his care for our church facilities, (including the roses!), and his love for pitching horseshoes. Please keep his family in prayer.

An Easter prayer



From the grave's depths, Lord Jesus Christ, you emerged, breaking the hold of sin, death and hell, that those who trust in you might share in your righteousness, life and beloved community with God the Father and all God's children. We bow in awe before your majesty, giving thanks for your grace extended so bountifully to us. By the power of your Spirit who lives within us, may we share the astonishing news of your resurrection with others, that they also may know your saving grace. *Amen.*



UMW to Learn about a Mission That Lifts Women out of Poverty

News about a wonderful new local mission for women, Grace Kitchen, will be shared with our church Wednesday, April 28, when UMW meets.

Amanda Lorraine, who founded Grace Kitchen last December, will tell how the old Union Gospel Mission building was transformed into a food production facility. Located in Pasco at 112 N. 2nd Avenue, Grace Kitchen offers women in need job training, giving them a second chance. Thanks to donors, the new nonprofit gives salaries to women in training.

The website is gracekitchentricities.org. Lorraine's varied experience includes being a chaplain at a women's shelter and being the outreach officer for a Bible Camp.

Our UMW president, Kathy Wertman, asks that all be alert for more information on the April 28 program as the day draws near. It will most likely be a 7 p.m. Zoom gathering, but that could change. If it is by Zoom and you would like to attend or listen in, contact Kathy or Susan Sandmeier.

Treasurer Kathy Harris is still accepting donations for UMW's national Legacy Fund, which supports missions. So far she has received \$150 from members to add to the \$200 that was budgeted for this year.

She also sent \$100 in an Amazon gift card to support the Nome Community Center in Alaska. Our UMW is taking part in a Seven Rivers District mission to provide supplies for the families in that remote area.

Our local UMW members sponsor orphans at the Jamaa Letu orphanage in Africa, which provides a safe place for displaced children to be educated, breaking the cycle of poverty and violence.

Kennewick First's UMW raises funds to support missions by producing Holly Daze, by dues and contributions, by selling Pepiot's Bean Soup (available at the church office), and by selling cutlery, managed by Mary Gadeken. All funds raised through UMW projects go for various good causes and church projects, such as supporting our youth activities, Grace Clinic, Union Gospel Mission, and Second Harvest.

As always, a selection of prayer shawls is available at the church office for free. Pat Walker, who leads the shawl ministry, said all blessed shawls are available at the church office to bring comfort and warmth to both children and adults. You are welcome to call her to request a particular color.

Pat also manages the UMW Reading Program books, fiction and inspirational. Call her at 585-5170 or email wclm-pat@aol.com for details.

Our Seven Rivers District will hold a Spring Zoom Meeting May 15 with the theme Fruit of the Spirit. Music and speakers are needed. One of the topics will be leadership. May 1 is the deadline for registration.

From July 29 to August 1, Mission U will be held at Yakima Wesley. Studies will include Finding Peace in an Anxious World, the Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship, and Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence.

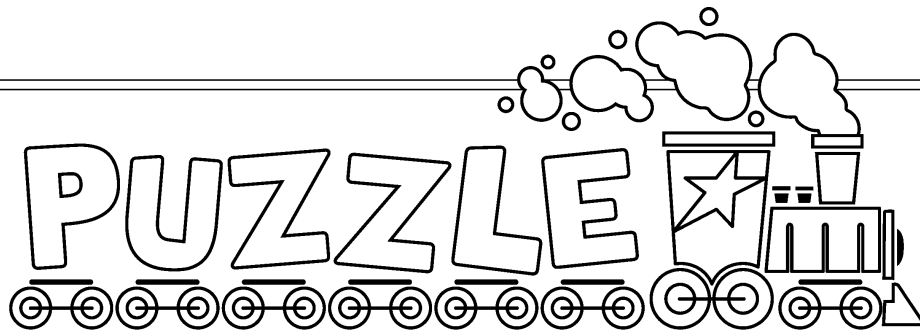
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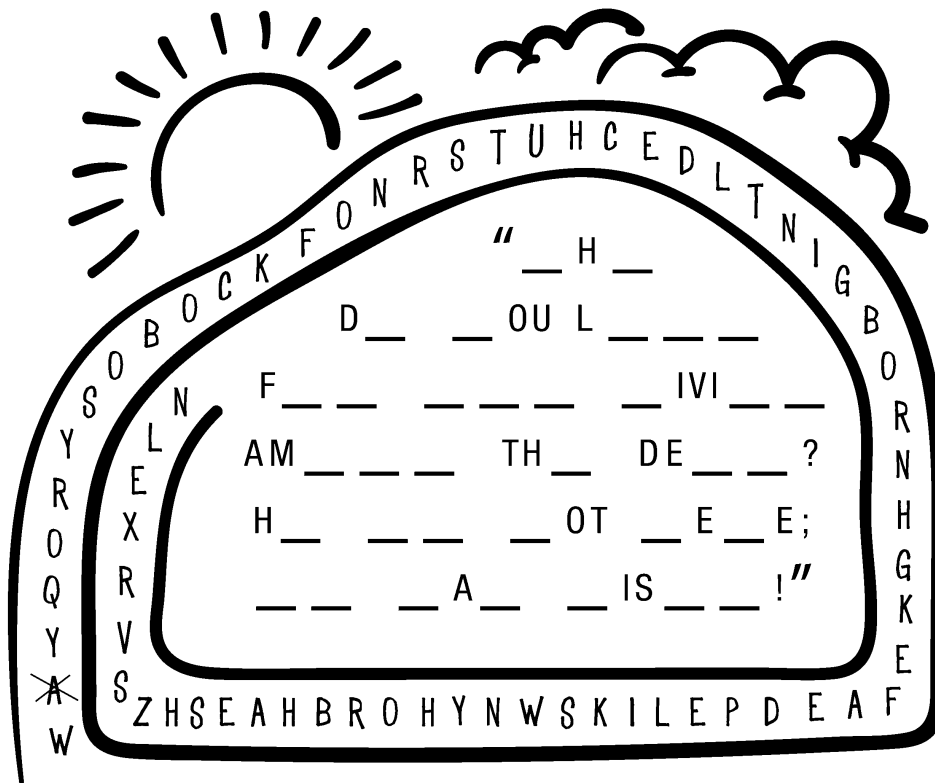
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EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV