

THE CLARION

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



Kennewick
First United
Methodist
Church

All Church Zoom Event!



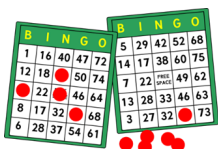
**March 14
4—5:30 PM**

**BINGO with us from your home.
We will provide the Bingo
Cards...**

**But you must pre-register by
March 7 to receive them!**

**Click on this link to reserve your
spot and to receive BINGO
cards!**

<https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4>



**This event brought
to you by those
fun-lovin' ladies,
Rachel & Cynthia!**

**Questions? - call the church
office at 509-582-2163**

Zoom in to Play for Prizes!!

Special Dates in March

- World Day of Prayer, March 5
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 14
- First day of spring, March 20
- Holy Week, March 28 – April 4, 2021
- Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Our Easter Egg hunt is back! Mark your calendars for April 3! However, due to the pandemic, this year it will be for our Church family only. It will not be a public event, but

you are welcome to invite your close family members. Social distancing and masks will be required.

When: April 3, 9 AM

**Where: Kennewick First United
Methodist Church**

**Who: This year's hunt will be for
children 5th grade and younger**

Kennewick 1st United Methodist Church

Office: 421 W. Kennewick Avenue
Kennewick, Washington 99336
(509) 582-2163

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



I have some tremendous news to share with you. This week, I learned that I am being recommended for ordination as an Elder in The

United Methodist Church! The Annual Conference will vote on my full membership in the summer, and I'm not sure when ordination will actually take place.

I officially started the candidacy process at 19, during my sophomore year of college at Whitworth University, and I've completed it in my second year of full-time ministry at the age of 26. My call was initially, and has been continually, nurtured and supported by you, my home church. I preached my first sermon at Kennewick First, was empowered into leadership through praise band in youth group, and was upheld as a teacher when I led a book study during my summer internship at KFUMC. You've cared for me in challenging moments, sent me cards with encouraging words, and celebrated each milestone of this arduous process along the way. It truly takes a village to make a pastor, and I'm so deeply grateful that you all are part of mine. Thank you for continuing to be that village and for celebrating this important milestone with me. I hope the ministry I get to participate in makes you proud.

Alexa Eisenbarth



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:

To learn more about RightNow media, please watch this video: <https://brandfolder.com/s/6wws5bvf88knp3cm6f2khg7>

Visit our Reopen Church website and register for "RightNow Media Invitation" to receive an invitation to join RightNow Media: <https://reopen.church/r/yYVuCLi4>

Once you have registered on Reopen Church, church staff will send you an invitation email to register for RightNow Media

In your RightNow Media invitation email, click on the **Get Started** button

Create your RightNow Media profile

Explore and feed your soul!

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105*



Cynthia Bement

Unlucky, but Blessed

My dear friend, Patty, had the good fortune to be born of Irish descent. On her living room wall hangs a large, framed copy of the Irish Blessing. We often giggle about her birth-right to Luck. I am mostly British and Welsh, so while we are both Celtic in our family history, she holds the “Luck o’ the Irish!” St Patrick’s Day, when we celebrate the Irish (and St. Patrick), can be a lot fun! On that day, we wear green to avoid getting pinched, eat corned beef and cabbage and shepherd’s pie and possibly wash down our meal with green beer!

The dictionary shares this definition of luck: *luck is the force that seems to operate for good or ill in a person’s life, as in shaping circumstances, events, or opportunities.* And according to all kinds of folklore, I could do a few things to amp up my luck. I could find a four-leaf clover, have a lucky dice, put a horseshoe open side up over a door (done), find a ladybug, focus on the number 7, have a rabbit’s foot or a special coin, put a dream catcher up in my home, collect frogs, grow a lotus flower, and pick acorns to begin to shift my prosperity!

While Patty and I have fun with her “lucky” Irish heritage, she is first and foremost a Catholic who places her faith in the Lord, just as I do. We both understand that the most important part of our heritage is that our families taught us about faith based on the scriptures and took us to church. By putting my faith and trust in the One who calls me by name, I am assured of my destination. When I ponder luck, I often think about fortune, winning, doing great, and success . . . all good things. When I ponder faith, I often think about love, humanity, sacrifice, and worship . . . all God things. Scripture gives us good direction about focusing on the will of God instead of setting

our minds on earthly things. Colossians 3:2 instructs us to “set your minds on things above, not on earthly things” . . . a challenge indeed. Honestly . . . when I ponder winning the lottery (the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow) and all the good for the Lord that I could do with the winnings, it gets me motivated. But what if the rainbow and the pot of Gold symbolize the promise of eternity where scripture shares that the streets are of pure gold?

I believe it is better to be blessed than to be lucky! As people who know the truth about Jesus Christ and who are secure about our final destiny, why do we sometimes cling to luck instead of hope? Have we forgotten that our passport has already been stamped? Let us live and love as people who want EVERYONE on the trip with us, confident of where we are going . . . regardless of where we came from!

May we begin the practice of saying “God Bless You” instead of “Good Luck” to folks, because we know the relevance and effectiveness of God’s blessing in our lives and hopefully, just maybe, we can share the Good News with those who may not be aware of the vast difference between luck and blessing!

Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

*The rain fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in the palm of
His hand.*

Enjoy finding all the scripture references to this Blessing . . . there are several and they are beautiful!!



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, March 14 at 4:00 PM on Zoom for All-Church Bingo. Sign up at the following link by **March 7** to reserve your spot and to receive BINGO cards!

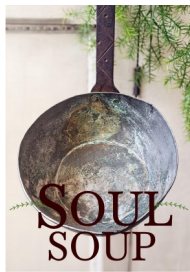
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Then, on Sunday, March 28, at noon, we will meet on Zoom for our regular Funday meeting.

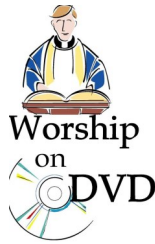
If you have not yet received the Zoom link for Funday or know someone who would like to register for Funday, please call the church office at (509)582-2163 or email Rachel at rachel@kennewickfirst.com

We are so excited, see you soon!

In Christ's Love,
Rachel & Gracee



Soul Soup continues to serve between 30 and 50 meals per week. The cold weather this past month has impacted participation, but we are still seeing the people living on the street. We are giving them two or three meals each and are including a hot dish each time and have had several donations of sleeping bags which have gone to good use. Hopefully the weather will begin to warm up and make life a little easier for those on the street. We are so blessed to be located where we can serve this vulnerable population and to have such a supportive congregation that makes this ministry possible through your generous support of KFUMC.



Worship DVDs

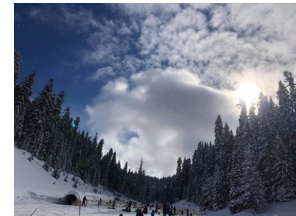
Don't let the lack of internet access prevent you from worshipping with your KFUMC family! DVDs of the worship services are created each week, and you may contact the church office at 509-582-2163 or email Cynthia@kennewickfirst.com and she will deliver the DVDs to you. If you don't have a DVD player, but would like to take advantage of the DVDs, a player can be provided.

JR. & SR. UMY

BLUEWOOD SKI DAY



On Saturday, February 20, 18 United Methodist Youth and their families met their youth group leaders, Pastor Mark, and I at Ski Blue-



wood to enjoy a day of fellowship, skiing, and snowboarding with one another! Thank you for keeping us in your prayers. Everyone traveled safely to and from the mountain and safely enjoyed the day of fun in the snow. What started as a wet and snowy day turned into a beautiful, sunny day! What a blessing it was to spend the day outside in God's beautiful creation while making memories that will last a lifetime. I am so proud of each and every skier and snowboarder for being brave and persevering throughout the day! Thank you for your continued prayers, love, and support, and thank you to all of the parents and leaders who made this day of fellowship and adventure possible for the youth!

Blessings & Joy,
Rachel



Our UMW *UMW Sings Feed The Birds, Feed The Birds*

The Bird Lady in *Mary Poppins* would have loved the UMW February meeting!

Our featured speaker, Janice McIntyre of Richland's Wild Birds Unlimited, spoke on feeding and caring for birds. She encouraged everyone to feed the birds, to use tube feeders, and to keep the feeders clean. She also noted that Anna hummingbirds winter in this area, and there are special liquid feeders for them. Her shop has lots of books and pamphlets on caring for birds.

Janice suggested several online sites to learn more: Nature Centered Podcasts at www.wbu.com/podcast; Cornell Lab of Ornithology at eBird.org; audubon.org/native-plants; www.hummingbirdsociety.org, and www.feederwatch.org.

Our UMW president Kathy Wertman thanked Janice for sharing her welcomed advice and praised Susan Sandmeier for her computer skills that make it possible for UMW members to meet. If you would like to attend a UMW meeting by Zoom, or simply listen in, contact Susan or Kathy.

The group members expressed support for taking part in a Seven Rivers District mission to provide supplies for the Nome, Alaska Community Center. Kathy will get details about the mission for further discussion.

Plans are going forward to produce packets of greeting cards with photographs of the church at Christmas time. Print Plus has offered to print the cards at no cost. The beautiful cards will be sold at Holly Daze next fall.

Kathy Harris, our UMW treasurer, gave a detailed budget report. Due to extra efforts during the year of isolation, including a smaller, online Holly Daze and the gifts and dues of church women, UMW remains financially strong. For now, members should continue to mail their contributions and dues to her.

Pepiot's Bean Soup, available at the church office, is still selling well. In addition, those who want to buy superb cutlery may contact Mary Gadeken. All funds raised through UMW projects go for UMW's various missions and church projects, such as supporting Grace Clinic, Union Gospel Mission, and Second Harvest.

Annie Baker said that a prayer shawl she just finished was sent with her prayers to comfort a woman in Ohio. As always, a selection of prayer shawls is available at the church office for free. Call Pat Walker to request a particular color.

Pat also has a stack of UMW Reading Program books, fiction and inspirational, at her home. Call her at 585-5170 or email wclempat@aol.com.

Su Mayfield's devotion for the month was titled "Remember, You Don't Have To Be Perfect."

Micki Perry talked about the importance of empowering women in our own community. Responding to that, Cyndi Kittson offered to contact Grace Kitchen in Pasco, a local program that helps women, to inquire about securing a speaker for a future UMW meeting.

Susan Sandmeier reported that it may be July before the church is able to function normally. That means more Zoom meetings and producing crafts for Holly Daze at home.

No March UMW meeting is scheduled.

Nationally, UMW is very active supporting economic and environmental justice. Addressing climate challenges is in line with the UMC Book of Resolution that states those who historically experienced environmental racism should be at the center of decision making and employment for a just, sustainable, healthy economy.

As Earth Day in April nears, UMW leaders say that the U.S. must avoid false energy solutions that disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, Latino, and low-wealth communities.



Becky Phillips	3-Mar
Altha Perry	4-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Arlan Gadeken	6-Mar
Dennis Arter	6-Mar
Opal Smith	8-Mar
Forest Dexter	8-Mar
Starlite Buchholz	9-Mar
Robert Marple	11-Mar
Amy Sweetwood	13-Mar
Joseph Ahrend	15-Mar
Clara Cox	15-Mar
Lillian Anderson	19-Mar
Andrew Nickolaus	19-Mar
Dorothy Lyle	22-Mar
Fern Smith	22-Mar
Judy Milton	24-Mar
Robert Rhodes	24-Mar
Jessica Urban	25-Mar
Sally Herker	27-Mar
Linda Hawley	27-Mar
Bob Arnold	27-Mar
Don Hand	27-Mar



Early April BIRTHDAYS

Molly Kittson	3-Apr
Jeffrey Varzandeh	4-Apr
Dee Yount	5-Apr
Bethany Ahrend	5-Apr



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



Ron Baker, Evelin
Choate, Jordyn
Andrews, Kirk Higginson, Rita
McElroy, Muriel Smith, Juli Reinholz,
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

*. . . And for those mourning the loss of
loved ones . . .*



Joe Kuhns passed away on
Thursday, February 11.
Jolene and their two sons,
Brad and Murray, were
very grateful to be able to
spend several precious hours with Joe be-
fore he passed. A graveside service is
pending, weather permitting. Let's sur-
round this family with prayer and cards.
Cards may be sent to Jolene and family at
406 W. 21st Place, Kennewick WA 99337.



If prayer stands as the
place where God and
human beings meet,
then I must learn
about prayer. Most of
my struggles in the
Christian life circle
around the same two themes: why God
doesn't act the way we want God to, and
why I don't act the way God wants me to.
Prayer is the precise point where those
themes converge.

Philip Yancey

STAYING CONNECTED CLASS

Staying Connected is a free, 4-session class on Zoom for those with early stage memory loss and their care partner. It covers topics such as communication, safety, depression, family connections, and staying active in things you love to do. This class meets in a comfortable, support group type setting so participants can connect with others with similar experiences. We also provide resources for the participants to use as they begin their journey with memory loss.

Julie Logan Hooley and her team are scheduling classes throughout the year and would like to set aside some dates that might work well for members of our Church.

If you have questions regarding this online Zoom-style class please call:

Julie Hooley

Care Navigator

Alzheimer's Association, Washington State Chapter

office: 509.392.8571 | cell: 509.412.2371 | jmhooley@alz.org | www.alzwa.org

Staying Connected

A SMALL GROUP SEMINAR FOR
PEOPLE WITH EARLY STAGE
MEMORY LOSS AND A CARE
PARTNER. HELD IN 4 SESSIONS

Classes are being scheduled regularly

Virtual meetings (must have a computer or iPad with Internet, a camera and audio).

Details available at registration.

Pre Registration Required, call

1-855-567-0252

A care partner may be a family member, partner, or friend and they must live with or be able to be physically present with each other during the classes.

How do you cope with the daily challenges of memory loss?

How do you stay engaged with things you love to do?

What is the importance of activity, family and social relationships in maintaining your quality of life?

How can your mood affect your memory, and what can you do to improve it?



For More Information or to Register Call: Aging and Disability Resource Center

1-855-567-0252

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