

# THE CLARION

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



Kennewick  
First United  
Methodist  
Church



2021

*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



## News about our Sunday Worship Service

Beginning Sunday, May 2, we will be using a “sign in” procedure for our limited attendance gatherings on Sunday mornings, rather than reserving a spot at our RSVP.Church site. When you arrive for worship, please plan to provide your name and phone number in case we should need to contact you about any health concerns or updates. We will begin seating people in the sanctuary, and when we reach the seating capacity there, we will shift to seating people in the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall. When that space reaches capacity, we will seat the remaining congregation in the Youth Chapel.

Those who participate in person will be asked to wear masks and practice social distancing at a minimum of 6 feet (roughly two arm lengths) between households. Please refrain from wandering through the building or entering parts of the building that have closed doors, and when the service is over, please do not linger indoors. If you are not feeling well, have a fever, or other symptoms of illness, please keep yourself and others safe by remaining at home. The service, held at 10:30 AM, will continue to be live streamed for those who prefer to watch from home, whether because of illness or hesitancy about gathering together at this time.



“Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn’t know you had.”  
*Linda Wooten*

## You are invited

Youth Sunday is on Sunday, May 16, at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary! The Jr. and Sr. United Methodist Youth will lead us in worship and in honoring our 2021 graduating seniors. We hope to see you on Youth Sunday!



## YOUTH SUNDAY

May 16th | 10:30 AM



## FUNDAY

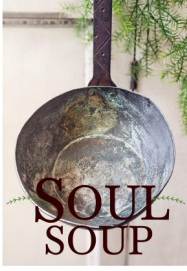
Funday, for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, is scheduled for Sunday, May 16, at noon with Rachel and Gracee on Zoom. For more information, contact the church office.



⇒ Office visits no longer need to be scheduled—you may stop in at your convenience.

⇒ Summer office hours, 8:00—noon, Monday–Friday, will begin June 7.

Notes  
from the Office



## Soul Soup Update

The church council has authorized the Soul Soup team to draft a plan for re-entering the church to serve meals in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall. Davey Hare, Jim Deatherage, Bob Kelly, and Stacie Landon (a volunteer from Bethel) will work on the plan with the goal of serving our guests in the church as soon as is reasonable. A significant part of the plan will be meeting all the guidelines and requirements of the state and health department for sanitizing, PPE, social distancing, and safe conduct into and exiting the church. The real power of this ministry is the fellowship that happens between guests and between the guests and servers at the table. We have missed that for over a year – everyone is ready to get back to a new normal. No firm date for resumption of serving in the church has been set – lots of planning and preparation will take place before that can happen. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

*Bob, Jim, and Davey*

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## Ideas for Holly Daze Wanted by Crafters



No date is set for the first Holly Daze workshop in this challenging year, but crafters are working at home and ideas for new projects are still wanted by co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier.

Why not give them a call?

Alan Rogstad, Executive Director for Camping and Retreat Ministries for the Conference, reports good news! On March 23, the State of Washington went to Phase 3 and issued guidelines for camps to run overnight programs this summer and approved camps to host guest groups, retreats, and weddings up to 50% capacity; similar guidelines are in place in Idaho. Twinlow has already announced its plans to reopen within the guidelines so it will be possible to have a church camp experience again this summer.



Even though the door is opening for these programs, reduced capacity will still mean not hosting many large groups that provide the most income. All the camps remain hopeful this will change as we progress toward summer.

The camps were able to survive this past year due to a PPP loan that was secured by the Conference for \$208,000. A second loan application has been submitted but not yet approved. Financially all of the camps are in a tenuous position. Even with camps reopening at 50%, revenues will be down from normal operations. Please keep the camps in your prayers, and if you can help any of them financially, please do so.

*Bob Kelly*  
Camping Board of Stewards

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“If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.”

—*Maya Angelou*



With great appreciation, I want to extend a big “thank you!” to our compassionate youth group leaders and Cornerstone Bible study teachers who selflessly served the United Methodist Youth during the 2020-2021 UMY year. When I think about the leaders and teachers who were called to serve our youth and the good works they were called to carry out, I cannot help but think of the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. After Jesus took the five loaves of bread and two fish, looked up to heaven, gave thanks, and broke the loaves of bread, He did not feed all of the people Himself. Instead, He commanded the disciples to give the food to the people. Once all of the people ate and were sat-

isfied, the disciples were back on KP, picking up twelve baskets of leftover broken pieces.

Our UMY leaders and Cornerstone teachers reflect the hearts and actions of the disciples in this story. Just as the disciples did when feeding the 5,000, our leaders and teachers answered the call of Jesus and were obedient to His direction to them. They fed the people they were called by Jesus to serve. They helped to plan activities, planned and taught lessons, arrived before UMY to set up, stayed after UMY to clean up, and encouraged and prayed for the youth, one another, and for me. Each of our leaders and teachers has a servant’s heart, full of compassion, willingness, grace, and of course, fun!

Thank you to all of the UMY leaders and Cornerstone teachers who continue to use their God-given gifts and talents to serve the United Methodist Youth at Kennewick First! We are so blessed to have you on the UMY team.

In Christ’s Love,  
*Rachel & the UMYers*

#### **UMY Leaders**

Starlite Buchholz  
Michelle Collins  
Jim Door  
Sherry Elvik  
Sierra Hogg  
Sean Holloway  
Dick Nelson  
Jeff Varzandeh

#### **Cornerstone Teachers**

Chris Becker  
Bracklen Deatherage  
Jim Door



## **Stock Donations**

We have had inquiries as to whether Kennewick First is able to accept corporate stock as a donation to the church. We recently set up an account with Ty Haberling’s HFG Trust that will enable us to accept stock donations and also invest some of our cash reserves. There are significant tax advantages to donating appreciated stock to a charity such as the church. Contributors should check with their tax accountants to determine the specific personal advantages. The church can only accept stock listed on a major stock exchange. If you have questions or would like to donate, please contact our Finance Team Leader, Rich Nelson, at 509-783-4817 or richnel-son1942@msn.com.



## *Let Them Eat Cake*

When I was 17 years old, I received a year of cake decorating lessons from Betty Stein at the Griggs Department store in Pasco with my friend Kim Foster (daughter of Jim & AJ).

*Cynthia Bement*

I really enjoyed decorating Christmas cookies and thought cake decorating skills might be helpful for that and for making beautiful family birthday cakes.

I remember thinking that the first several weeks of class were boring. We spent the first week talking about tools we would need and about baking. The next several weeks were about “construction” and “icing.” It felt as if half the classes in the first session were nearly over, and I still didn’t know how to make a cake look pretty! Slowly and meticulously, we moved into borders, simple flowers, and piping. Betty was an exacting teacher. She would teach a technique, and we would practice it over and over again, removing or fixing our mistakes before moving on to the next task. Often, I would find myself rushing to get to the “fun” part, but I soon realized that shortcuts and rushing were not bringing the end results that I desired. I have learned that about 75% of the time I spend on a cake is building . . . and only 25% is spent decorating it. My first tiered cake was hard, but was a great lesson in sponge architecture.

In the past 40 years I have repeatedly used what Betty Stein taught me. I find that the style of decorating she handed down is becoming a lost art. When I watch “Cake Boss” on TV, I see Buddy, the head baker, using some of those “old school” styles, and it’s inspiring. I continue to enjoy learning my craft, even though I share it now just with my family due to arthritis in my right hand. I made my first 3-tiered wedding cake for my sister-in-law when I was about 19, and in the years since, I have made hundreds of wedding, anniversary, and birthday cakes . . . and they all survived car rides, heat, and children, and remained upright! When I would pray for us to have money to pay for

camp, dance costumes, bills, hockey, and soccer tournaments . . . miraculously I would get a call from someone, often a stranger, who had received my name regarding making a wedding cake . . . God has answered my prayers countless times through baking!

Have you ever noticed the very specific building instructions God gives in several Bible stories like Noah’s Ark, the Ark of the Covenant, and the building of the Temple? God has visions and uses his people to fulfill them, and He gives good direction for building solid structures. Following God’s precise directions, Noah spent many years constructing the ark that safely brought his family and the animals through the flood. The children’s song “Wise man Foolish man” talks about the differences between the man who built his house on the sand, and the man who built his house on the rock. The house on the sand goes splat, while the house on the rock stands firm! The last verse instructs us to build our lives on the Lord Jesus Christ, and the blessings will come down!

The Lord wants us to focus on building a solid, foundational relationship with Him, grounding ourselves in scripture, and acting upon it, just as my cake decorator instructor knew that we needed a firm foundation in the art of baking and constructing a cake before we began to learn decorating skills. Because of God’s firm foundation, He is able to transform us from the inside out so that our beauty reflects the Spirit of God. I find today that everyone wants a quick answer and a quick fix. A beautifully decorated cake, like life and faith, takes time to create. And like a cake, if we do not have a solid foundation, we will easily crumble under the weight of life.

I hope you and God spend some time together building you up and smoothing out the frosting of life. Focus on foundational techniques so that you are the most beautiful version of you, one that can stand solid and upright before the Lord, in spite of any imperfections in the “frosting,” (which, by the way, are normal!)

Taste and see that the Lord is good!



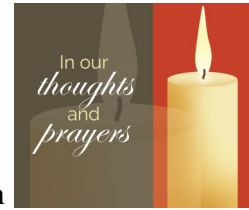


Linda Tucker	2-May
Lynnaie Wright	2-May
Debra Williamson	2-May
Eric Baumann	2-May
Brandon Elvik	5-May
Patrick Bannworth	5-May
Mikayla Mason	5-May
Joshua Troxel	5-May
Joan Osborne	7-May
Darlene Nelson	7-May
Nathaniel Door	7-May
Nickolas Wilhelm	7-May
Joe Mosebar	9-May
Kiauna Canada	9-May
Rylee Mason	9-May
Larry Berg	11-May
Kasey Crouner	14-May
Gunnar Glazier	14-May
Austin Basche	14-May
Noah Baker	14-May
Tom McDermott	17-May
Shane Shippet	17-May
Cory Hare	17-May
Ryan Shippet	18-May
Kathy Meline	19-May
Austin Door	23-May
Molly Buchholz	23-May
Jeanette Hummel	25-May
Raygen Woodford	27-May
John Hunt	29-May
Russ Bechtol	29-May
Heather Shoop Ramirez	29-May



Eddie Kenoyer	1-Jun
Kevin Loomis	1-Jun
Rachel Loomis	2-Jun
Amber Arnold	4-Jun
Brian Bement	4-Jun
Eleena Becker	5-Jun

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



Ernie Hockaday, Ron & Annie 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.



### ***Waiting Until God is Heard***

We're often taught that prayer is speaking to God. And of course, that's part of it. It's good to pray for the well-being and needs of others — even Jesus prayed for his disciples. It's okay to pray for our own growth in faith and love. It's a wonderful, powerful thing, modeled especially by the Psalmists, to give God thanks and praise. And God welcomes our cries of pain and sorrow, offering the Spirit's help when words fail us (Romans 8:26).

But through the ages, many deeply faithful followers of Christ have practiced contemplative prayer, centering prayer and other forms of stillness before God. Danish theologian Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) expressed it this way: "To pray does not mean to listen to oneself speaking. Prayer involves becoming silent, and being silent, and waiting until God is heard."

"Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force but through persistence."

—Ovid



## Surprises Coming to UMW At May 26 Zoom Meeting

Prepare to have some fun and be inspired at the 7 PM UMW Zoom meeting Wednesday, May 26.

Our own dear Pat Walker, who loves reading, will share reviews of several new captivating books. She hinted that one will be about Maya Angelou. The others will be surprises.

We are fortunate that our UMW maintains a library, from which all are encouraged to borrow books throughout the year.

Of course, at the May get-together our UMW president, Kathy Wertman and others on the board will share updates about activities and missions locally and throughout the world. If you would like to attend by Zoom or listen in, contact Kathy or Susan Sandmeier.

Sadly, because of the pandemic, UMW will not hold its annual May salad supper, an event that we share with women from a number of local churches. Cancelling it was hard. But this makes us doubly glad we still can get together in a safe, virtual way, catching up with each other, sharing laughs, and praying together.

Treasurer Kathy Harris will report how our goals for 2021 are being met. Kennewick First's UMW raises funds to support local and international missions, thanks to Holly Daze, our dues and contributions, and the sales of Pepiot's Bean Soup as well as cutlery, which is managed by Mary Gadeken.

Also, UMW members and friends continue to knit and crochet prayer shawls. They are available from the church office or contact Pat Walker, who leads the shawl ministry.

Voices from the Field with UMW missionaries will be held virtually Monday, May 10. Check out [unitedmethodistwomen.org/training-for-transformation](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/training-for-transformation) to learn how women continue to be bold and courageous leaders, fighting poverty, hunger, and disease and claiming their voice in church and society.

Zoom meetings are keeping Seven Rivers District active, too. There will be a virtual District Meeting on May 15 with the theme Fruit of the Spirit. Contact Nadine Griffin, [nadinegriffin@yahoo.com](mailto:nadinegriffin@yahoo.com), for details on registering.

Tentative dates of July 29 to August 1 are set for Mission U, to be Zoomed from 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.

Last week the national UMW conducted a Zoom Faith Talk on gun violence and ways to prevent it. Many discussed the mass shootings that plague our nation, along with the suicides, domestic partner abuse, and community-based violence that result in the vast majority of U.S. gun deaths.

Founded in 1869, United Methodist Women has 80,000 members and is the largest denominational faith organization for women in the world.

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8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm  
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