

THE CLARION

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



Habitat Build July 31!

The first (but hopefully
not the last!) KFUMC

Habitat for Humanity build of 2021 has been scheduled for July 31! Work will begin that day at 8 am and continue until 2:30 pm. Habitat provides a Crew Leader who has experience in construction tasks, as well as in working with volunteers. Volunteer groups accomplish everything from framing to sheetrock to installing underground sprinklers under the watchful eye of the Crew Leader. All the materials, tools, and safety equipment necessary for the task will be provided.

The group size for this build will be limited to 15. Check out the church website for an opportunity to sign up. Volunteers will also be required to complete an application for Habitat for Humanity. Details regarding the application and further details about the build day will be emailed once you've signed up. Any questions, please contact Jill Berg, 509-491-0116.



*God's
Fellows
Are Back!*

Starting Friday, July 9, the men of this church are invited to the God's Fellows Group that meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the library. What a great opportunity for our men to gather together for fellowship!



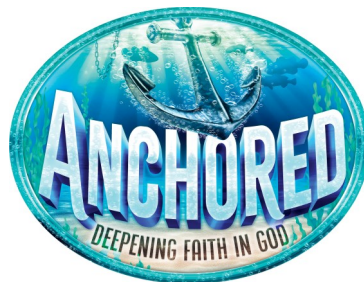
2021



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

VBS Summer 2021!

AN
EXCITING
2-NIGHT
EVENT!



August 3rd and 4th
Dinner: 5:30 (inside),
VBS: 6:00-8:00 (outside)
For children 3 years old through 5th grade

Please preregister by July 20th
(forms can be found on the VBS table in the
entry way of the church or
inquire with the church office
at 509-582-2163.



Volunteers Needed - VBS 2021

Want to help out with VBS this year? It will be held August 3 and 4 from 5:30-8:00. There is a registration table in the entryway of the church that has a volunteer sign up sheet or you can sign up on the church website.



Smile as if you know the ending to your Story!

During the past year, our face-to-face encounters with others were significantly fewer than what we have been used to in prior years. When we ventured out for something “essential” or were at work, we were only able to see the eyes of other people, and their voices were muffled, which made hearing a challenge, but wearing masks became routine, as we were encouraged to do so to remain healthy. Of all of the things we experienced this past year that were heartbreaking (and there were many), the hardest for me was not being able to see, *in the flesh*, the faces of my extended family, friends, church family, and members of the community. Our faces, which often reflect our souls, were half covered.

While I am grateful for technology and the opportunities it allowed to visit with family, friends, and church community without a face covering, it wasn't the same as being in the same room. I am enjoying the greatest homecoming by attending “in person” worship again . . . and seeing the faces that I care so much for! Together as a community of faith, we hear the scriptures, a message, the music, and we pray. Together we are reminded of the hope and love of God and are encouraged to put our trust in the Lord. Together we celebrate life everlasting. Being together physically for worship is a privilege and a blessing . . . no longer a given. Being together as a church community was something I took for granted; I will never do that again. I missed being with every one of you in person!

Loss, physical hurt, emotional pain, and rejection are the trials of this earth, but we know that nothing separates us from the love of Christ Jesus, not even death . . . I heard that in a great book! Gathering and

sharing stories is something Christians have been doing for centuries. What we learn when we listen to each other is that we all experience life's challenges in unique ways and at different times in our lives, and having a friend who represents Jesus in those moments is a gift. Because we have confidence through the redeeming love of our Savior, Smile! Proverbs 15:30 reminds us, “A smile makes people happy. Good news makes them feel better.” We have the best news of all to share with others - the good news of Jesus Christ! At long last, we are able to share that news with a smile so that others not only hear the message, but see the joy it brings!

*And we all, with unveiled
face, beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another. For
this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
2 Corinthians 3:18*

More Joy . . .



On Friday evening June 25, Reverend Alexa Eisenbarth was Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church in Kent, Washington, with the laying on of hands by Bishop Elaine J. W. Stanovsky. Standing up with her were Reverend Geoff Helton and Cynthia Bement.

UMY SUMMER UPDATE



Summer UMY is in full swing! Our Jr. and Sr. UMYers and leaders are excited to be meeting bimonthly this summer for a time of devotion, fellowship, and fun in the sun with the Son! In June, the UMY enjoyed an outdoor movie night in the church's grassy area. We watched *Soul Surfer* on our new blow-up screen and enjoyed ice cream, popcorn, and soda. We also played beach volleyball at Leslie Groves Park in Richland. In July, we are going to be doing

a Polaroid scavenger hunt in downtown Kennewick, and we are meeting at the Gesa Stadium for a night at the Dust Devils game! In addition to our bimonthly UMY activities, the Sr. Highers and their leaders have the opportunity to meet for 3:33, a time of fellowship at an ice cream or coffee shop! Please continue to keep the youth and leaders in your prayers as they find rest and enjoy all of their summer activities.

*From the rising of the sun to the place
where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

Psalm 113:3

Join the Glean Team Reduce Food Waste, Feed the Hungry

It's estimated up to 40% of all food grown or produced for human consumption in America is never eaten. This is food that's safe, edible, and nutritious. It's a significant percentage of God's bounty wasted. And yet, there are people in our community consuming less than 13% of their recommended daily fruit and vegetable intake according to the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

You can participate in reducing this waste while helping feed our neighbors in need. Join the Fields of Grace gleaning team.

When asked why she and her husband Harold glean, Cheri Baker said, "We feel blessed to be able to do something that helps people who are struggling to provide for their families, by making fresh, healthy food more accessible. We also enjoy doing something with people who find joy in helping others."

The mission of Fields of Grace is to identify and gather fresh, nutritious produce to help feed our community. The gleaned produce is distributed through local food banks. Nearly 10% of the population in Benton and Franklin Counties faces food insecurity on a regular basis. Almost half of those served by our food banks are children.

Fields of Grace volunteers work in teams to collect fruits and vegetables from commercial orchards and farms, and from residential property. All ages and abilities are welcome. To learn more about gleaning opportunities, register as a volunteer by visiting the website at www.fields-of-grace.com. Call (509)492-2209 with your questions or to offer produce for gleaning.

*Lisa E. Williams
Executive Director*





Camp season has begun! This summer, Twinlow camp is opened with limited capacity for elementary, middle, and high schoolers. There is also Family Camp that the whole family can enjoy!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Campership fund! With your help, more children, youth, and families will have the opportunity to experience the spiritual impact that going to camp can have. There are so many wonderful experiences that Twinlow has to offer: worshipping at campfire time, playing group games on the playfield, being in devotion at Morning Watch, being in small group fellowship, canoeing and swimming in Twin Lakes, making crafts, and more! If you would still like to help children, youth, and families go to camp this summer, please choose "Camperships" when giving online at <https://www.kennewickfirst.com/> or if you donate by check, please write "Camperships" in the memo line. The campers are blessed by you and your giving hearts! Please continue to keep the campers, camp staff, and camp volunteers in your prayers as they head to camp this summer.



It is not too late to register for some camps! To learn more about camp and to explore camp dates, please visit the Twinlow website at <https://twinlow.org/> or email Rachel at rachel@kennewickfirst.com. Please call the church office at (509)582-2163 or email Rachel if you are interested in receiving a Campership. We hope that you say "YES!" to camp. The memories that you make, the friendships that you gain, and the impact made on your faith could last a lifetime!

To check out all of the United Methodist Pacific Northwest Camp and Retreat centers, visit: <https://pnwcamps.org/>.




Max Buchholz	2-Jul
Mary Gaden	4-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul
Nancy Osborn	5-Jul
Lori Butler	9-Jul
Harold Baker	10-Jul
Louise Gustafson	12-Jul
Alexa Eisenbarth	13-Jul
Lily Bruce	14-Jul
Jeanne Alexander	16-Jul
Kaylon Marquardt	16-Jul
Jim Foster	18-Jul
Cynthia Bement	20-Jul
Karen Barcot	21-Jul
Jeanette Mitchell	22-Jul
Naomi McDermott	23-Jul
Mary LaMont	25-Jul
Joyce Norman	27-Jul
Dianne Marquardt	28-Jul
Steve Kennelly	29-Jul
Jerry Poole	29-Jul
Susan Urban	29-Jul
Susan Bechtol	29-Jul
Sandy Perkins	30-Jul
Margo Cox	31-Jul
Karen Green	1-Aug
Jacob Hanson	1-Aug
Hailey Vander Malle	1-Aug
David Thien	1-Aug
Daniel Thien	2-Aug
Mark McMurray	3-Aug
Rachel Cochran	3-Aug
Helen Mitchell	4-Aug
Dorothy Block	4-Aug
Eula Hagen	4-Aug
David Brown	5-Aug
Sydney Howard	5-Aug




Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement and for those whose loved ones have recently passed . . .



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

 **Lois Mullen** entered life eternal on June 9. We pray that God will comfort her family, including sister Kathy Reynolds, and all those who knew and loved this spunky lady.

 **Bobby Alley** passed on June 11, survived by his loving wife and children. The Alley family has experienced a series of losses recently, and we pray for their strength, comfort, and healing.

The family and friends of **Lois Bumgarner** are mourning her passing on June 21, but celebrating a well-lived life. Please keep her husband, Jim, and daughter Brooke and family in your prayers.

In Appreciation...

Thank you to those who serve on the Funeral/Memorial service team, most especially our Coordinator Shirley Miller. Your acts of kindness and helping hands for our church family and community before, during, and after a memorial service or funeral is very much appreciated. None of us can know what all goes on behind the scenes of organizing and implementing a memorial service and reception unless we walk in your shoes. You allow families to grieve and celebrate, knowing someone else is taking care of the details. Your acts of service in a typically fragile time is a gift.



Our UMW Summer for UMW means holding Holly Daze workshops, reading great books, pursuing our missions, and keeping in contact with each other.

The next craft/friendship get-together will be Saturday, July 10, in the Susanna Wesley Room at church . . . just like in past years. You are invited to come between 9 and noon and help paint wooden items.

Chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn encourage UMW members and anyone else interested in crafts and art to join in the fun.

Attendees should be vaccinated.

UMW president Kathy Wertman wants all to have a wonderful summer and is hopeful that we will be able to resume regular activities in the fall.

Mary Gadeken is the UMW member to contact to buy great cutlery, and Pat Walker manages both the prayer shawl ministry and UMW library.

Mission U is scheduled for July 29 to August 1 and will be zoomed from Yakima Wesley. These are the exciting programs planned: 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. Contact president Kathy for details.

Nationally, UMW is calling for immediate action for better gun control, as there has been a resurgence of mass shootings. Members are hoping for effective background checks and bans on assault weapons. These common sense measures will help prevent terrible shootings, making our families and communities safer.

Hope defined

Hoping does not mean doing nothing. It means going about our assigned tasks, confident that God will provide the meaning and the conclusions. It is not compelled to work away at keeping up appearances with a bogus spirituality. It is the opposite of desperate and panicky manipulations, of scurrying and worrying.

And hoping is not dreaming. It is not spinning an illusion or fantasy to protect us from our boredom or our pain. It means a confident, alert expectation that God will do what he said he will do. It is imagination put in the harness of faith. It is a willingness to let God do it his way and in his time. It is the opposite of making plans that we demand that God put into effect, telling him both how and when to do it.

—Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*



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Church Office Summer Hours

8 am - noon
Monday through Friday

www.kennewickfirst.com
facebook.com/KennewickFirstUMC

**A FEW SPOTS ARE
STILL AVAILABLE!!**

Church Camp-Out at Hood Park

Friday Afternoon August 20 - Sunday August 22 at Noon

The church has reserved some camp sites at Hood Park for August 20-22. Please check your calendar and reserve your site today! The sites are both tent- and RV-friendly, offering both water and electricity, no sewer. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with your family surrounded by your church community in a beautiful casual setting. There are a couple of ways to register:

- Print this page, complete the registration form below, and mail it with your check for \$48 to Kennewick 1st UMC, 421 W. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick WA 99336. (The form is also available to print out on the church website.)
- Register by calling the office and follow up by mailing a \$48 check to the church office.
- In either case, you also have the option of paying electronically. **Whether you pay by check or online, be sure to include a notation that payment is for the CAMP-OUT.**

When your registration and payment are received, Cynthia will confirm your reservation and mail you information regarding your site number and park specifics.

Any of our unused sites will go back to the park on August 14th for a refund, so please let us know as soon as possible.



It will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. Ezekiel 47:9



Kennewick First UMC Camp-Out Registration

Friday August 20 - Sunday August 22 Noon

Hood Park near Burbank, WA



Name _____

Phone Number _____ email address _____

Number in party _____ (cannot exceed 8)

Camping Site (circle) Tent RV Tent-Trailer Fifth-Wheel Trailer

Number of tent(s) (cannot exceed 3) _____ or length of camping rig _____ feet

Cost of a camp site is \$48. Please submit this form (or call the church office to reserve a spot) and your check to Kennewick First UMC, denoting Camp-Out on the memo line **OR** pay electronically, also noting that payment is for the Camp-Out.

Your site information will be sent following submission of your payment.