

# THE CLARION

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



## Congratulations, Seniors!



June

2021

*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*

### United Methodist Youth Class of 2021

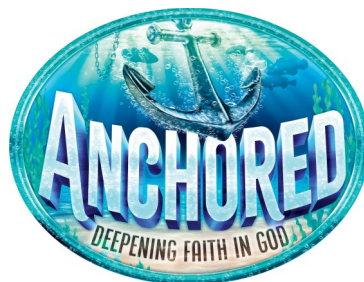
To our Seniors,

Katie Hanses  
Aiden Mason  
Eva Romero  
Hannah Shoemaker  
Anna Smith  
Jessica Urban

We have loved watching you grow at Kennewick First, in faith, in wisdom, and in character. As you continue your journey with Christ, we pray that you always know that you are a beloved child of God and that you can do all things through Christ because of the strength that comes from Him. You will always have a home at Kennewick First. We love you and are so proud of you! Congratulations on your graduation!

In Christ's Love,  
Your Kennewick First Church Family

### VBS Summer 2021!



Save the dates  
for the

evenings of August 3 and 4. We will be gathering outside this year for Anchored VBS! Dinner will be at 5:30 and VBS activities will take place from 6:00-8:00 each night. VBS is for children 3 years old through those leaving 5th grade. All families and friends of Kennewick First are welcome to join us. Michelle Collins is planning an awesome adventure for you this year! Keep an eye out for registration information. We will be emailing current Sunday School families and posting more info on our Children's Sunday School Facebook page soon. If you want to get on our contact list for VBS, please email Starlite Buchholz at [starlite@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:starlite@kennewickfirst.com).



### Holly Daze Crafters To Get Together June 5

It's official! The first Holly Daze workshop in this year of isolation will be Saturday, June 5, at 9 am in the Susanna Wesley Room at church. Please let Susan Sandmeier or Darryl Vaughn know if you are able to come.

There will be discussion that day about options for the fall bazaar. Also, Susan and Darryl, Holly Daze co-chairs, welcome your ideas for crafts and workshops.

Note: Attendees should be vaccinated.



We are so excited to be going to camp! This summer, Twinlow camp will be open 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 donated to our Campership fund on Youth Sunday! With your help, more children, youth, and families will have the opportunity to experience the spiritual impact that going to camp has. Twinlow has so many wonderful experiences 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 didn't have a chance to contribute on Youth Sunday, but 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 choose to write a 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 prepare for camp this summer.



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](mailto: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 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/>.



## Together for Good

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

Training was one of the first things that I started to look for after I was hired for the Congregational Care and Outreach position. I knew I needed a training event that would better equip me to serve and care for the souls in our congregation. When I am learning a new skill, I find it's very helpful to seek wisdom from those who have experience in that specific area. It is so wonderful to surround yourself with others who feel a similar calling and to hear the stories that impacted and molded them!

My search for training led me to a 3-day Lay Servant training at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, the largest United Methodist Church in the world. The training was wonderfully informative, but I was overwhelmed at how I might streamline the program to fit Kennewick First.

About that time (coincidentally? doubtful!), Tim Anderson suggested that I give this wonderful lady named Naomi McDermott a call; he felt she would be great at leading/teaching a Bible study. I gave her a call and we met together soon after. Tim was right, Naomi is a very gifted, faith-filled lady! As we visited, I shared about the Lay Shepherd program, and she shared about her work experience and how she felt she could serve. I began to sense that many of my questions about how to structure the Kennewick 1st Lay Shepherd training would be answered through her wisdom, experience, and giving spirit. We began spending time together, going through the thick training manual that I had received from the Church of the Resurrection, adapting it to best serve our congregation. In fact, Naomi ended up contributing a great deal of time working on adapting the program into the Kennewick 1st Lay Shepherd training seminar.

For several years now, Naomi has been my right hand in the Lay Shepherd program. I have learned so much from her faith, her interpersonal relationship skills, the hospice training she has received, and her leadership skills. When God called me, the Spirit was also leading Naomi to connect alongside me in ministry. I will be forever grateful for her willing and giving heart to jump start the Lay Shepherd ministry program with me. Through the process, we have become Sisters in Christ who care deeply about each other. She and her husband Tom are Christ's disciples; they are open to the leading of the Spirit, and, as it happens, the Spirit is leading them to relocate to Boston in August. I will miss her, but I am excited to see God's work in her life and in Tom's.

Scripture is filled with leadership teams that worked together to fulfill a task or calling from God. Even Moses had his brother Aaron's assistance to help him with speaking; they were a team orchestrated by God. Ecclesiastes 4:9 & 10 speak to teamwork, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help." Doing God's work together in the world strengthens the bonds of love between God's children and between God and His children. We are called to be in unity and community. If you are not already serving somehow, please pray about what God may be calling you to and who He may have in mind to come alongside you. Remember, if you say "yes," then God will equip you with everything and everyone you need to get it done! Not only have I been blessed with the partnership I have had with Naomi, but the Lay Shepherd team and congregation have as well.

On June 27, we will have an opportunity to appreciate our Lay Shepherds, introduce the newest Lay Shepherds, and honor Naomi. Please join me in praying God Speed to Tom and Naomi as they prepare to relocate.

*Cynthia Bement*



## Sunday School

Sunday School has wrapped up for the year. Thank you to all the families who have participated this year, it has been great being able to see your kids over Zoom. We are looking forward to seeing you in person this coming fall! We also want to thank all the teachers who joined us and participated over Zoom. It has been a wonderful way for our families and teachers to stay connected.

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## Let's Build!



We are putting a group together to serve with Habitat for Humanity on one of their home building projects. Jill Berg is coordinating a service date in July. The group size is limited to 15, so all hands can be busy. Stay tuned for date and times. If there is enough interest, we will work to have a few other dates later in the summer/fall for more people to get involved. Watch for an announcement for sign-ups, which will be accomplished through the online reservation on the church's website.

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*Love is a commitment to seek the good and to work for the good and welfare of others. It doesn't stop at our front door or our neighborhood, our religion or race, or our state's or [our] country's border. This is one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth, as the hymn goes. It often calls us to step outside of what we thought our boundaries were, or what others expect of us. It calls for us to sacrifice, not because doing so feels good, but because it's the right thing to do.*

—Bishop Michael Curry, *Love Is the Way*

## Conference Camping Update



The Camping Board of Stewards (CBS) met via Zoom on May 20 to review the status of our four camps moving into the summer season. Only Twinlow will be offering overnight camps this summer, and those will be capped at 50% capacity. The site advisory boards for the other three camps (Lazy F, Indianola, and Ocean Park) decided they were not in a position to do so. They are hosting day camps, family camps, and limited retreat opportunities.

The CBS received a second PPP loan of \$208,000 to assist with keeping the camps operational as we continue to cope with the impacts of COVID. This is a forgivable loan based upon how it is used (mostly staff costs and utilities) but does not begin to make up for the lost revenue of reduced or no summer camps. Looking long term, the Washington State legislature passed a bill that will move to get all 5th and/or 6th grade students into an outdoor learning experience for a week each year. A few school districts do this now, but all districts will be required to develop plans over the next couple of years. Our camps in Washington will be looking at how they might be a destination for these *Outdoor School for All* activities for some of the districts.

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**A blessed Father's Day to the dads and father figures among us!**

**June 20**





Eddie Kenoyer	1-Jun
Kevin Loomis	1-Jun
Corey Osborn	2-Jun
Rachel Loomis	2-Jun
Amber Arnold McKonley	4-Jun
Brian Bement	4-Jun
Eleena Becker	5-Jun
Walker Taggares	6-Jun
Kevin Howard	7-Jun
James Dreier	8-Jun
Dolores Conrad	10-Jun
Jessica Perry	10-Jun
Kirk Higginson	11-Jun
Hailey Dreier	11-Jun
Marc Harden	12-Jun
Gloria Harden	13-Jun
Brandon Williamson	13-Jun
Brittany Becker	13-Jun
Alexis Leathers	13-Jun
Camden Simmelink	15-Jun
Joe Sproul	16-Jun
Jocelyn Bement O'Donnell	16-Jun
Ernest Hockaday	20-Jun
Jill Door	20-Jun
Vickie Bergum	22-Jun
Don Hildman	24-Jun
Ron Shuck	24-Jun
Becky West	25-Jun
Brenda Gregory	26-Jun
Thomas Cox	26-Jun
Gloria Weible	27-Jun
Nicole Dyer	27-Jun
Jim Deatherage	28-Jun
Conner Simmelink	28-Jun
Emily Koval	29-Jun
Max Buchholz	2-Jul
Mary Gadeken	4-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul
Nancy Osborn	5-Jul



*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, 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.

*Please pray for the families and friends of those whose loved ones have recently passed . . .*



**Anita Knight** entered life eternal on May 12. Please pray that God will comfort the family and friends who will miss her dearly.

**Bob (BJ) Alley** passed on May 18, and his daughter, **Margaret Morton**, also died on May 21; both had been battling COVID. There are other family members also fighting that virus; please cover them in prayers for comfort and healing.

Thank you so very much for the prayers, cards, flowers, and visits as I was recovering from gallbladder surgery. Mary Gadeken, the meal of chicken and rice was perfect for my sensitive tummy . . . so appreciate you! The love shown to me is such a beautiful reflection of your love for the Lord! Our church family is AWE-SOME!!!



*Cynthia Bement*



## UMW Books Now Available To Borrow at Church Library

Looking for a good novel or biography or spirit-filled book to inspire you?

Pat Walker announced at a May 26 Zoom meeting that UMW books can now be picked up from and returned to the church library. During the week, stop by the church office for a key and take all the time you need to choose an armful of good reading.

During the meeting, Pat reviewed four children's books, which she indicated all ages would enjoy. Those are *Rise*, which is about Maya Angelou, *Unstoppable*, *Sulwe*, and *Indian No More*.

The congregation is blessed that our UMW financially supports a special library, from which all are encouraged to borrow books.

UMW president, Kathy Wertman, welcomed members with a prayer, and Kathy Harris reviewed the group's finances. She said a donation was made to the Nome (Alaska) Community Center, and \$368.69 was contributed by members to the UMW Legacy Fund, which makes possible compassionate missions throughout the world.

It was also announced there are only a handful of Pepiot's Bean Soup bags still available at the church office. This has been a wonderful fund-raiser for UMW for decades and UMW is very appreciative of the church's support.

Also, Mary Gadeken continues to manage sales of cutlery for UMW, and members keep knitting and crocheting prayer shawls to comfort friends and neighbors. Pick up one from the church office or contact Pat Walker, who leads the shawl ministry.

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

Programs 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.

Kennewick First's UMW will not formally meet over the summer, but members still want to hear your ideas for service. We hope to be able to meet face-to-face at church in September.

And, over the next three months please keep working on those art projects, crafts, and gardening for Holly Daze. Your efforts make a huge difference in many lives.



We anticipate serving Soul Soup indoors in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall starting on June 3 (subject to changing conditions). Capacity will be limited to 40 guests at one time, and we have strict health and safety protocols to follow with our adopted plan. There will be lots of sanitizing going on, but it will be so nice to once again serve our guests indoors in a sit-down mode and be able to fellowship with them. Jesus showed us the way to serve the poor, the ill, and the outcasts of society – we strive to follow His way at Soul Soup.

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### Church Summer Office Hours

8 am - noon  
Monday through Friday

[www.kennewickfirst.com](http://www.kennewickfirst.com)  
[facebook.com/KennewickFirstUMC](https://facebook.com/KennewickFirstUMC)

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.