

THE CLARION

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



In-person Sunday School is returning this September! The first day of Sunday School will be **September 12** starting at 9 AM.

Children's Sunday school is for children 2 years old through 5th grade, and Youth Sunday School is for 6th-12th graders. We are looking forward to getting back into our classrooms and seeing all of our wonderful students!

Sunday School will be part of an education "hour" that will occur before the worship service this year. The "hour" will run for approximately 45 minutes so families will have time to pick up their students and get to service by 10 AM. For parents and other adults who are interested, classes/activities will be scheduled for you as well during this education hour every Sunday; please watch for more information to come!

SHAKE DRIVE 2021

School will be here before we know it and that means the annual SHAKE school supply drive is in full swing! There is a bin in the entry of the church for all your generous donations. It will remain in place until **August 12**, so there is still time to participate in this vital project. A great number of families in our area find it a challenge to send their children to school with the supplies they need to fully participate in their educational experience. We can help! *Thank you..*



2021

A Christ-centered, inclusive and loving community

Community Fire Recovery

How do you help those in fire damaged areas as they recover from the devastation to their homes and property?



Photo courtesy of Davey Hare

One way is to make fans with air filters available so they can have cleaner air in their damaged homes or their temporary dwellings. That's what happened when Davey Hare and Bob Kelly delivered 12 fans, 24 filters, and bungee cords to Scott Hokonson of Malden, Washington. Scott's home was destroyed in last summer's fire that destroyed much of Malden, and he is now leading the recovery efforts there as the Pine Creek Community/Malden/Pine City Recovery Project Director. Kathy and Dana Bryson have stockpiled fans and filters at KFUMC for just such emergencies as part of our Conference's efforts to assist with emergency preparedness and disaster assistance. Thanks Kathy and Dana for your hard work and pre-emptive planning as Disaster Response Coordinators and for responding to Scott's call for assistance!!



**August 28
Historic Downtown
Kennewick
Tour of Businesses**



Hi friends,

We are in the middle of the hot Tri-Cities' summer days, but here at the church we

are looking forward to the fall and the worship services, programs, and events we will be offering. I want to let you know about the changes that will be happening for worship and Sunday School this fall. After many long discussions and questions about scheduling, resources, and opportunities, we will be adopting a fall worship schedule on September 12 that includes a Sunday School/Education hour at 9 AM followed by a single worship service at 10 AM .

Let me give you some of the background that informed our change. Since returning to in-person worship in May, our attendance has been steadily increasing as people are feeling more comfortable in large gatherings and more and more of us have received vaccines. At this time, we are averaging between 70 and 80 in worship on a Sunday morning, with roughly 50 people tuning in via our internet Live Stream. (The views of our Sunday services often grow to well over 100 views during the week, but those watching live on Sunday morning is around 50). Although KFUMC has a tradition of having a choice between two different times to attend worship on Sunday mornings, dividing the 75 people who are attending in-person into two worship services doesn't seem practical or beneficial at this time. Many of our church-goers have scheduling requirements at the places they live for dining, and a 10 AM worship service allows for those considerations. A 10 AM worship service allows for a 9 AM Sunday School program and an Adult Education time on Sunday mornings as well. We will be publishing a list of classes and opportunities as we get closer to the date and get the groups finalized.

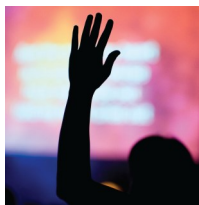
So, on Sunday, September 12, as we return from the holiday weekend, we will kick off the 2021 Sunday School programs and a set of Adult Education classes at 9 AM, then gather in the sanctuary at 10 AM for a time of Spirit-filled worship that includes praise in music and song, time for children and an activity time for kids, prayer, proclaiming the Word, and invitations to respond to our faith.

At present, we connect with approximately 200 people each week with our worship services . . . either in-person or online. No schedule will be perfect for everyone who finds inspiration and connection with God through our worship services, but we hope that these changes are a step toward new and varied opportunities to worship God together at KFUMC!

I've been thinking and talking a lot with individuals and groups about worship these last two months. I was reminded that as important as worship is in the life of a church, it is just a part of who and what we are and what we do. A holistic church offers places for us to worship and celebrate together, to be in service together, to grow in our relationship with God, and grow in our friendships with each other. I'm excited as we create a holistic community that loves God and loves our neighbors. I pray that as we put those pieces of our life together into place, we will experience the whole gospel and be the church God has called us to be!

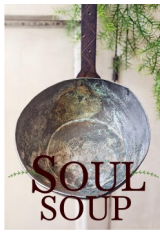
See ya' in church, friends!

Pastor Mark



I was glad when they said to me "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1



Soul Soup has completed almost two months of serving dinner in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall. Our number of guests has been relatively low until just recently, and we are again serving about 40 guests each Thursday. Our guests

thoroughly enjoy getting out of the heat and spending time leisurely eating their dinners and conversing with the other guests and servers. We also supported the second COVID vaccination pop-up clinic and fed the team giving injections. Nice and very dedicated young professionals.

About a month ago we were the beneficiaries of a wonderful gift of meat (hamburger, diced chicken, bacon, and

prepared taco meat from Union Gospel Mission. They have been receiving more of these donated products than they can use so are sharing the bounty with groups like Soul Soup. We ended up with 120 lbs of donated meat!!! Porters BBQ also donated their end of day BBQ'd brisket, sausage, and chicken to SS so we have had wonderful product to add to our meal preparation. And, lest we forget, Panera Bread donates bread and desserts each week.

God is good and we see His blessings each week at Soul Soup. If you would like to join us on a Thursday to assist with serving and clean-up, just come!! We would love to include you in this wonderful fellowship.

Holly Daze Crafters Looking To October

There are two Holly Daze Saturday workshops planned for August, tentatively set for the 7th and 28th. Co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier and UMW will be sending notices with the details.



There is strong hope that the popular bazaar of crafts, holiday decorations, and autumn plants will take place indoors in October at our church! That means new crafting projects are needed, produced at workshops or at home. Remember, all proceeds are used by UMW to support many good causes, here and around the world.

This summer, a number of artistries are proceeding well, including stuffing fabric Christmas trees, making rice-filled hand warmers, and creating wool-felt pumpkins. Wooden trees also are being painted. All levels of skills are welcome at the workshops as we share a time of connecting with fellow church members who share a love of caring for others -- a primary UMW goal.

When UMW supporters are not sending cards or making crafts, they also are reading books in the national reading program, managed here by Pat Walker. Email her at wclempat@gmail.com for details.

Pat also encourages those who want a prayer shawl, whether for their personal use or for a family member or friend, to stop by the church office. Shawls of many different colors are waiting there for you to choose just the right one.

Our UMW president Kathy Wertman shares that members throughout the world are responding faithfully to communities affected by Covid. Grants and partnerships with church and grassroots groups offer support by sewing masks, delivering food baskets, and raising awareness on health issues caused by COVID. Many masks were sewed and distributed here by our UMW members

In addition to Holly Daze and other projects, women of our church raise funds by selling great cutlery, managed by Mary Gadeken, and also by selling Pepiot's Famous Bean Soup.



Shopping by Cynthia Bement

... Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
Philippians 2:6-8

I'm not one to just go to the mall and look around, but when I need something or want to purchase a gift for someone, I go shopping! This last year, with so many stores closed, I learned a bit more about online shopping. I learned that (for some online stores) if you purchase a certain dollar amount, the shipping is free. And that if I am purchasing a gift for someone, it can be wrapped and sent to their home, avoiding paying extra money in shipping. My favorite online shopping benefit is two-day shipping, (which often turned into about 4-day shipping as the parcel service got busy) but was still quick! When I want to mail someone a card who lives in Kennewick, it almost always takes about 4 days, so packages arriving in that same amount of time still seems speedy. Almost everything I know about online shopping I learned from my daughter, and she is excellent and well-practiced at this life skill. Although online shopping has some great benefits, I missed going into stores and picking out or trying on merchandise. The best way to determine the quality of an item is to see or feel it, or get a recommendation from someone who has experience with it. I often read reviews of an item before making an online purchase to help me decide whether to make the purchase.

Recently, I wanted to purchase a specific brand and style of shoes, so I did a computer search on the style, size, and brand. Many store sites “popped” up that carried these shoes, and many were familiar to me, Kohls, Macy’s, etc....but I found that those that were unfamiliar to me generally offered the shoes at a lower price. These sites “looked” legitimate and very similar to Kohls and Macy’s, except that the shoes were much cheaper in price. In the back of my mind, I heard the saying “if it’s too good to be true, it probably is” so I thought I better investigate this so-called “good deal.” I did some research on the unfamiliar websites and found that two of them are not “trustworthy” sites, and there were actually several notices that they were likely scams. I played it smart and ordered the shoes from Kohls, a store I trust and from which I received the ordered pair of shoes in exchange for my hard-earned money, and I was satisfied. Most of us want a good deal, or at least a fair price when shopping, but we have to be on our toes to avoid counterfeit merchandise and fraud.

What a blessing that as Christians, we stand on the firm foundation of the Lord Jesus, who is The Truth. There is no fraud in Him! We are even invited to “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8) for ourselves (like handling a piece of clothing to determine its quality!). When we accept his offer to exchange His righteousness for our unrighteousness, we “taste and see” that He is trustworthy and faithful. The transaction He invites us into is no scam. The “deal” that *seems* too good to be true really is true! “He (God) made Him (Jesus Christ) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21.) Losing some money on a pair of shoes bought from a questionable website would be a minor lesson learned; missing out on Christ’s offer would result in losing much more—Life with our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ!

Lord, thank you for your Son who ensured the forgiveness of our sins and our Life with you. Help us to be diligent disciples who abide Jesus, keeping ourselves grounded in the truth, your word, and your ways, Amen

UMY Orientation



Welcome to UMY! United Methodist Youth programs at Kennewick First UMC offer opportunities for 6th to 12th graders to learn and practice Christian principles and participate in fun activities. It is our goal to provide a safe and structured environment where the youth feel welcomed and loved by the Lord and their teachers and leaders.

The Jr. and Sr. UMY Orientation for teens and their parents will be held on Sunday, September 12, from 6-8 PM. We will begin by meeting in the sanctuary to go over information about youth group, Sunday School, Cornerstone Bible study, trips, and fundraisers, and teens and parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Following the information portion of the orientation, we will have an ice cream social!

Thank you to our amazing youth group leaders, Sunday School teachers, and Cornerstone teachers for serving the Lord and our youth program! Our youth are blessed to have such loving and fun adults to nurture and lead them in their faith. We are thankful for all of your love and support and could not do it without you. Please continue to keep the youth, leaders, and teachers in your prayers as we begin the 2021-2022 UMY year!

Teens and parents, we look forward to seeing you at the UMY Orientation on Sunday, September 12, in the sanctuary!

In Christ's Love,
Rachel, Director of Youth Ministries

Funday



On Sunday, September 12, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to join Rachel and Gracee in the 4th and 5th grade room for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, games, crafts, and of course, fun! We will meet together every other Sunday from 11:15 AM to 12:45 PM.

We are so excited to start the Funday year again. See you soon!

In Christ's Love,
Rachel & Gracee



Karen Green	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
Amanda Nelson	6-Aug
Peter Almarode	6-Aug
Seth Mitchell	8-Aug
Kris Hand	9-Aug
Zoe Rhodes	9-Aug
Susan Mayfield	10-Aug
Caleb Wertman	11-Aug
Kerry Ann Collins	13-Aug
Ethan Nelson	14-Aug
Kevin Alley	16-Aug
Harley Smith	17-Aug
Julie Hooley	17-Aug
Jim Door	18-Aug
Erna Sproul	21-Aug
Charles Russcher	21-Aug
Pat Walker	22-Aug
Jeffrey Flink	25-Aug
Tyler Boice	27-Aug
Evan Arnold	28-Aug
Stephen Bannworth	31-Aug
Dean Mitchell	1-Sep
Robin Chase	1-Sep
Kennedy Taggares	1-Sep
Rick Kerkow	2-Sep
Lindsay Varzandeh	3-Sep
Rebecca Hildman	4-Sep
Sherry Arnold	4-Sep
Kristie Myhrum	4-Sep
Geneva Nevius	5-Sep

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



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. Daniel Miranda



Susan and Dennis Sandmeier send their thanks to all who sent happy greeting cards to them in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Susan and Dennis!

A prayer about slowing down

God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.

—Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer* (edited by Sarah Bessey)

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