

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



The KFUMC Fall Sunday School and worship schedule begins on September 12. Our Sunday education hour begins at 9 AM with children,

youth, and adult Sunday School, followed by a single worship service at 10 AM in the sanctuary. The service will continue to be offered online for any who are unable to attend in person or do not yet feel comfortable gathering for in-person worship.

SEPTEMBER

2021

ADULT
Sunday School

Adult Sunday School offerings are still in the process of being

finalized, but one class that we know of is **The Pharisee in Us All.**

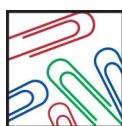
Luke 18:11. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evil-doers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' (NIV). This is a story Jesus told to help his disciples (and maybe even us) understand the right relationship we should have with God. It is not about being self-serving, judging others, or tooting our own horn.

Starting September 12, a new Sunday School class will explore the 12 Steps for the Recovering Pharisee (like me), a book by John Fisher. Join JimBob (Jim Deatherage and Bob Kelly) for this study as we explore how Jesus defined truth in such a way as to leave no one righteous—not one. We cannot be made right before God by being “better” than anyone else. By laying aside the Pharisee in all of us, we can embrace the grace, gratitude, and joy of the spirit-filled life.

To register and order a book, contact Bob Kelly at 528-9254 or rkellyzx@gmail.com

Children and Youth Sunday School

begins September 12 starting at 9:00 AM and this fall, we will be getting back into our classrooms! Children's Sunday school is for children 2 years old through 5th grade and Youth Sunday School is for young people in grades 6 - 12. We are looking forward to seeing all of our wonderful students! If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Starlite Buchholz at starlite@kennewickfirst.com.



Office Hours

Regular church office hours will resume on September 13. Beginning on that day, the office will be open from 8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, and from 8 am - noon on Fridays.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, CHURCH OFFICE VISITS WILL BE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL AHEAD!



So Blessed at Hood Park

Wrap-up by Cynthia Bement

Though the weather forecast called for a slight chance of rain, we were on the cusp of the mask mandate, and the air quality that had not been good, a few of us still gathered at Hood Park on the weekend of August 20-22 for the All-Church Camp Out. Five RVs and one tent made up our camping group . . . and I believe the children may have outnumbered the adults! For fun, we kayaked and swam in the river, painted beautiful lasered art projects that Davy prepared, played at the playground, and hung out with friends. We devoured smoked pulled pork with BBQ sauce, watermelon, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fancy pork and beans, and homemade pickles. For dessert, we enjoyed homemade ice cream, Girl Scout cookies, and homemade chocolate chip cookies . . . yummy! We Methodists sure do know how to eat well . . . and of course, there was a lot of great conversation. Our faith development was centered around our “chooser” the Holy Spirit, who helps us to make good decisions in life, and was targeted to a 5-year old audience. Friday and Saturday night story time helped to set the tone for children’s church on Sunday morning when we talked about Jesus at age 12 and His decision to be at the temple and not with His parents, and what we learn from His example. Best coffee hour ever, when the children decided that we should have ice cream at 9:30 in the morning after our “lesson.” Adults with coffee and children with ice cream sitting together outside on a warm Sunday morning enjoying God’s great creation is magical!



Bob Kelly had this to say about the weekend: “It was just a joy to see all the children playing together – these kinds of experiences bring lasting memories and can generate life-time relationships. So good for those of us older folks to be a part of the action. Fellowship and food are a tough act to follow.”

Rich Nelson added this: “What a feast we had Saturday evening with pulled pork, watermelon, corn, cookies, and ice cream. We experienced some welcome quiet time. I finished a good book and started another and did not take my laptop.”

Of course, with camping, there are always surprises . . . RV toilets that break, big scary spiders, car trunks that won’t stay closed, a fire ban, and a child vomiting! However, we were grateful that the rain didn’t come, we could be outside which allowed space between us for safety, and the air quality was better than it had been. The sky was blue and the sun was out, and the vomiting didn’t begin until several hours before heading home! God is good and so was the all-church camp out!



Camping Kids (from left to right)

Blake, Bob, Annika, Rachel, and Camryn





Drivers Needed

The Church Transportation department is looking for Sunday morning van drivers to bring worshippers to church. There are two different vehicles - one van is equipped for riders and wheelchairs both, and one is only for riders. Kennewick First UMC has been honored to provide Sunday morning pick-up services for seniors for approximately 15 years, but this service is currently in jeopardy due to a driver shortage. Drivers need to be at least 25 years old to meet conference insurance criteria. If you are interested in being a Sunday morning driver, please call Randy Bement at 509-528-4763.



HABITAT BUILD RECAP

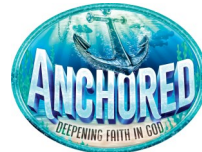
HABITAT Project

On July 31, KFUMC had 10 people gather to work with Habitat for Humanity on a local home. Our skills were put to use preparing the exterior of the home for painting and finishing irrigation lines, which successfully turned on without geysers! The new owners were blessed to move in only a few weeks after we were there. We worked side-by-side with other Habitat for Humanity homeowners, one had spent time in our youth group. What a blessing to be out helping our community members to help themselves. We hope to continue this work with Habitat for Humanity so watch for upcoming announcements for future work days.

Grandparents Day
is September 12



VBS 2021



Thank you to all the families who joined us for *Anchored* VBS this summer. It was great fun and was awesome seeing all of the kids again. We were able to enjoy a meal together and then gather outside for our VBS activities. A huge thank you to Michelle Collins for directing VBS this year! She put together fabulous decorations and activities for our kids to enjoy. We really appreciate all her hard-work and dedication this summer. We also want to thank all the youth and adults who stepped up to volunteer this year, we could not have done it without your help.

Soul Soup



This week we were reminded why Soul Soup is so important to those we serve. A young woman, Joy (not her real name), has been a guest for some time and until fairly recently had a drug addiction and troubled life. Joy decided to get clean and recover her life and is well on the way to doing so. She has returned to Soul Soup after her recovery work and has shared she has a job and is getting her life resettled. Her life is not without its struggles even yet. Soul Soup continues to be a place to help with a good meal, encouragement, and fellowship, and the meal helps her save a few dollars each week. After this last Thursday's dinner, Lynnaie Wright, one of our regular volunteers, stopped by Fred Meyers on her way home and saw Joy there and spoke to her. Joy was surprised and pleased by Lynnaie's contact and shared with her how important Soul Soup has been in her recovery because of the support she has received. It is indeed cause for us and all heaven to rejoice in Joy's recovery.



Fall Fun To Greet UMW Members, Friends September 22

Believe it. For the first time in too many months, women of our church are planning to come together in person at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 22, for a joyful UMW meeting.

Part of the joy, of course, is in being together. There will also be a fun workshop for Holly Daze that morning in the Susanna Wesley Room and the church kitchen.

Crafts planned will be for all levels of skills and will appeal to wide-ranging interests. One project will be packaged food products. Gloves will be provided and some may want to bring aprons.

Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn, Holly Daze co-chairs, are excited for the special time to help UMW get ready for the fall festival in October, which we hope will be held for the community once more at our church.

Two regular Saturday workshops are also scheduled for September 11 and 25.

As always, proceeds from the popular bazaar of crafts, holiday decorations and autumn plants are used by UMW to support many good causes, here and around the world.

UMW president Kathy Wertman will conduct a short business session during the meeting and other UMW news will be shared as well.

Pat Walker will report on new offerings in UMW's reading program. A busy UMW member, Pat will remind all that prayer shawls of many colors are available at the church office for yourself, a family member, or a friend who would enjoy the comforting warmth.

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.

On the national level, UMW will hold its 21st Assembly May 20—22, 2022. Perhaps a group from Kennewick First will attend this exciting celebration in Orlando, Florida.

The Assembly website at assembly2022.org contains a wealth of information and resources regarding the meeting. Registration is now open for both the in-person event or the virtual experience.





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| 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 |
| Deanna Dreier | 7-Sep |
| Barry Merrill | 10-Sep |
| Halley Becker | 10-Sep |
| Nicholas Haberling | 11-Sep |
| Jasmine Urban | 11-Sep |
| Robert Basche | 14-Sep |
| Lynn Bateman | 15-Sep |
| Annie Baker | 16-Sep |
| David Miller | 16-Sep |
| Cheryl Nixon | 16-Sep |
| Amy Biglin | 16-Sep |
| Daisy Buchholz | 16-Sep |
| Harvey Johansing | 16-Sep |
| Marti Meyers | 17-Sep |
| Tim Anderson | 18-Sep |
| Karen Pfeiffer | 19-Sep |
| Juli Troxel | 21-Sep |
| Marshall Westerfield | 25-Sep |
| Wesley Leathers | 25-Sep |
| Evelin Choate | 26-Sep |
| Steve Meline | 30-Sep |
| Hannah Mowry | 1-Oct |
| Ethan Collins | 1-Oct |
| Adam Berg | 3-Oct |
| Ema Bruce | 4-Oct |
| Brad Kuhns | 5-Oct |
| Deana Ahrend | 5-Oct |
| Brooke Varela | 5-Oct |



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

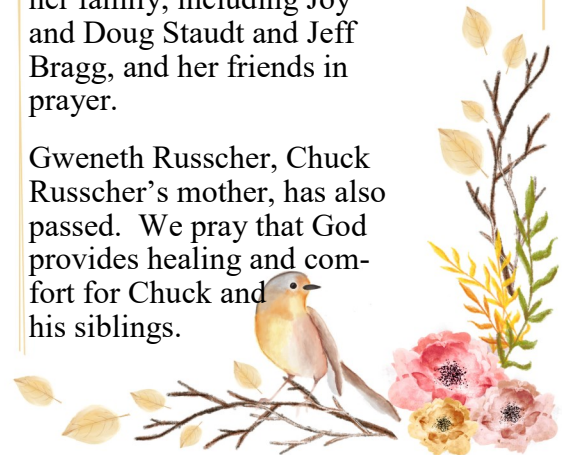


Ernie Hockaday, Ron Baker, Evelin Choate, Jordyn Andrews, Kirk Higginson, Rita McElroy, Muriel Smith, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, Jennifer Bateman, Jolene Kuhns, Peggy Snyder, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell.

Jennifer McMurray's brother, Jeff, passed on August 4. Let's be in prayer for Jeff's family, his parents, and Jennifer, Pastor Mark and their family.

Christine Bragg passed away on August 15. Please keep her family, including Joy and Doug Staudt and Jeff Bragg, and her friends in prayer.

Gweneth Russcher, Chuck Russcher's mother, has also passed. We pray that God provides healing and comfort for Chuck and his siblings.



Thank you for the cards and prayers at the passing of George's sister Janelle. Friends are a comfort at a time like this.

George and Connie Boice

Summer UMY... and That's a Wrap!



As summer UMY is coming to a close, we wanted to say “thank you” for your love and support! Our Jr. and Sr. UMYers and leaders have been 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. In July, we went on a Polaroid scavenger hunt through downtown Kennewick, played Four Square in the Air, and met at the Gesa Stadium for a night at the Dust Devils game. We served at Vacation Bible School, played hard at our pool party, and had fun at our slip-n-slide night during August! In addition to our UMY activities, the Sr. Highers and their leaders had 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 transition into the 2021-2022 UMY and school year!

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.

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



As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone



As we gather again for another Sunday School year, we have three 3rd graders who will be receiving their Bibles. Riley Baker, Molly Buchholz, and Nola Klages will be getting their Bibles during one of our services this fall. They will embark on a fun, exciting journey through God's Word with the NIV Adventure Bible!

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