

THE CLARION

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



Holly Daze Bazaar

Again this year, the UMW-sponsored Holly Daze bazaar will be held as an internet sale due to the high-level of Covid infections in our area. This

much-anticipated autumn event will feature a variety of craft items for the fall and winter holidays, as well as jars of bread and cookie mixes. In addition, select baked items may be purchased by pre-order. Plus, those who love Pepiot's Famous Bean Soup mix will be glad to know it will be available, too!

Church members and the community are encouraged to check out product information, including pictures, and place orders on the Facebook sale site, *Holly Daze at Kennewick First UMC*. **Holly Daze crafts and specialties may be ordered online through October 16.**

Then, on Saturday, October 23, UMW members will be at the covered entrance to the church to facilitate a drive-through event where church and community members may pick up their online purchases in a safe way.

Remember, all funds raised from this annual bazaar go toward local and world-wide compassionate services.

Crafters with items to donate to the sale are asked to contact co-chairs Susan Sandmeier or Darryl Vaughn to arrange a way to get the items to UMW. One option is to drop bazaar items off at the church office.

Psst . . . Planning has already begun for the online December Bazaar Encore, as well! We can't wait!



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

On Sunday,
October 10,
3rd, 4th, and
5th graders are
welcome to join

Funday

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 from 11:15 AM to 12:45 PM. Bring a sack lunch and your friends!

Mark your calendars for the Sunday School and UMY afternoon at Middleton's Fall Festival in Pasco on Sunday, October 17, from 2:00-5:00 PM and the Trunk-or-Treat at our church parking lot on Sunday, October 31, from 3:00-4:30 PM!



We are so excited to see
you!

In Christ's Love,
Rachel & Gracee

Coming in October

**October 2—Holly Daze workshop at
the church, 9 AM**

October 3—World Communion Sunday

**October 9—Holly Daze workshop at
the church, 9 AM**

October 27—UMW Unit Meeting, 10 AM

October 31—Trunk or Treat, 3 PM



Hi Friends,

A good friend and trusted colleague of mine, Rev. Mike Graef, penned these

words in a article he wrote a few weeks ago regarding “why Methodists require educated clergy” while he was on a study leave. I thought it was a thoughtful and well-stated article, and I wanted to share portions of it with you.

“I'm headed off for a quick study break soon...

Study days put me in mind of, 'why does our denomination, and our heritage as United Methodists, value and require an educated clergy?' Why are most UM candidates for ordained ministry required to have a four-year college degree, and then also a professional graduate degree called a Master of Divinity? Why an educated clergy? No doubt, it's because our founder, John Wesley, did his studies at Oxford, was a life-long learner, and read constantly on a great many subjects. Specifically, Wesley's own approach to learning sheds considerable light on why a typical United Methodist Church will have a high view of science, and the scientific method.

So in a little snapshot from his journal: in 1787 he is 84 years old and he's bouncing along in his carriage to the next preaching spot which happens to be in a little town called Dorking, south of London. Along the way he's reading an essay on "genius" by a Mr. William Duff. Wesley has this internal conversation with the essay, and writes in his journal:

‘[Mr Duff's] idea of it is not clear. For genius is not imagination any more than it is an invention. It is in its widest acceptation an extraordinary capacity, either for some particular art or science or for all, for whatever may be undertaken. So Euclid had a genius for mathematics, Tully for oratory.

Aristotle and Lord Bacon had a universal genius applicable to everything.’ [The Works of John Wesley, Journal and Diaries VII, Volume 24, p.65]

How about that? Mr. Wesley knows about all these smart people. But he especially confers ‘universal genius’ upon the ancient Greek, Aristotle, and Francis Bacon. Now Francis Bacon is most famous for setting forth the scientific method. Take that in for a minute. Our denomination values an educated clergy. Our founder's opinion of Francis Bacon is that he had universal genius. Francis Bacon set forth the principles of the scientific method.

Can we bring God into this? Wesley brought God into everything. It's not a leap to conclude that Wesley praised Bacon and Aristotle because they were praiseworthy. But praiseworthy for Wesley always points even higher to the divine. A correct definition of "genius" would have to pass the acid test: what does God say genius is?

So Francis Bacon's work on scientific method is still used today. There are nuances and different terms, and much has been improved on. But when we consider our plight today it's clear we only have vaccines against COVID because of scientific method. Decades and decades of work on other diseases have launched us into this good place of speedy delivery for COVID vaccines. Can we bring God into this and say that God is now constantly at work to quickly provide these vaccines for us? Bacon was a Christian. He might very well give God credit. He would certainly give God praise . . . With vaccine's success, we hold steady the course, we are strong, and we are joyful. Where there is joy there is energy and hope. We have faith and love. As we commit ourselves to the discipline of daily prayer and devotion, we will have daily peace. And from that place of peace, comes also then this quiet conviction: this is why we value an educated clergy.

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This is why we're lucky our founder recognized the genius of Francis Bacon — so that we can calmly stand strong and even see the hand of God as He delivers us, using science in these days. The apostle pleaded with the Lord three times to take the thorn away from his flesh. 'But he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12.9)."

As we move into the months ahead, I do so with hope rather than fear. I trust that, even in difficult times, it is God's Spirit alive and well in us that moves us into new places of joy.

Pastor Mark



Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and brings you in (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. (Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling face
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see (Matthew 5:16)



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE KENNEWICK FIRST UMC

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, October 31, 2021 • 3:00-4:30 pm

Stop by our church parking lot to enjoy free trunk-or-treating before you trick-or-treat in your neighborhoods!

Please come in your costume and invite your friends!

Cynthia Bement

"A friendly church providing God's aloha to everyone we encounter."

*The mission statement from the Lahaina
United Methodist Church in Maui*

As Randy and I were planning our first trip to Hawaii, the island of Maui to be exact, we began by talking with friends and family who had already vacationed there. It was wonderful to hear people share about their island adventures, trip tips, and recommendations for great places to eat. We acquired some books on Maui with maps of the island, so that we could familiarize ourselves with the lay of the land before we even landed. One of the best pieces of advice we received was to make dining and excursion reservations months in advance, and are so grateful we did, as most of the island is open at only 50%. Surprisingly, several different people encouraged us to go to the Lahaina United Methodist church for worship, saying it was one of their favorite Maui experiences. Going to church on vacation is normal for Randy and me, but rarely is a church mentioned as a "must do." However, we took the good advice and we went!

The Lahaina UMC was organized in 1896, but will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of being in their current building next year. The church is steeped in Methodist tradition and in the island's heritage of Japanese, Filipino, Korean, and Tongan cultures. The outside of the church tends to resemble a home, rather than what we typically imagine a church to look like. After walking up the front steps of the church (which was equipped with a stairlift chair), we were both greeted with fresh leis. These leis are handmade by the UMW ladies each week, and there appeared to be about 50 of them that morning. Mine was made from pink plumeria and was highly fragrant, and Randy's was made of tiny white flowers



that had no fragrance. Almost all the ladies were wearing a dress or skirt, and so were the Tongan men and boys, wearing their unique cultural dress.

The church was so beautiful! Stained glass windows along both side walls were all open to let the ocean breeze in. The windows in the front behind the communion table were bright with color thanks to the morning sun. The lone pianist played a mix of hymns and contemporary music on a keyboard as people greeted each other and took their seats. Much of the chancel area resembled our own church. Banners were up, the communion table had similar vestments, and the same candle stands. Like us, they are trying to bring in technology without disrupting the beauty and reverence of the space. We happened to be present on Grandparent Sunday when they honored grandparents and those who have stepped into that role for others. We stood and received leis made from candy. The leis were so cute and were the perfect gift to give our granddaughters when we arrived back home.

It was also communion Sunday. We followed a litany for the Eucharist, prayed the Lord's prayer, recited the Apostles Creed, and sang the Gloria Patri together, and I was moved to tears . . . it was familiar and unifying. The Tongan Choir (about 15 members, mostly men) sang a song with words that I didn't understand, but to a tune that was familiar and beautiful. The congregation shared heartfelt community

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prayers with sincerity, and after the benediction, the pastor and a few others picked up their ukuleles and sang their community closing song with words that I couldn't pronounce, but it was sung with such enthusiasm that I could feel the joy! Even leaving the building was a wonderful experience - the church is adjacent to the ocean, so when departing through the big glass French doors, your gaze is met by a stunning view of the beautiful blue water and white waves.

This little church of about 50 people hosts three worship services each week: a regular Sunday morning worship, a separate Tongan service, and a Hispanic service. The church is host to a preschool on their grounds and serves the homeless in the community. They have identified that they are a church that welcomes and hosts others, often travelers, and they live into that mission. The members provide great hospitality and bring something familiar from our heritage that most can relate to and identify with.

Attending the Lahaina United Methodist Church reminded me that we at Kennewick First UMC are also part of a strong heritage and have been an enduring presence in our community for many years as well. I love that we have always been a beacon of hope for so many and that we continue to serve our neighbors. Our visit to the Lahaina church also reminded me of the importance of living into our church's mission as folks begin to make their way back to church following months of being home, as children and youth have started meeting together for Sunday school and youth group, as Bible studies, UMW, and fellowship groups gather again . . . how do we, understanding that the pandemic has brought a new kind of heightened standard for safety and hygiene, welcome each other and strangers in our "Christ-centered, inclusive, and loving community?" In a world where we are no longer accustomed to seeing the smiles of

others, shaking hands, giving high five's, holding hands and singing, or praying and hugging, we are still family who needs each other and has a desire to show love and care to each other and those in our community.

Let's be praying for inspiration and guidance about new ways we can welcome newcomers and encourage them to be part of our family as we seek creative ways we can use our heritage and faith to continue to lead others to Jesus Christ!



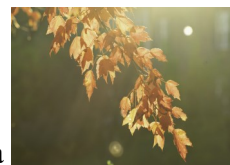
Sunday school-aged children and UMY-aged youth, along with their friends and family, are invited to meet at Middleton Farm's Fall Festival and Corn Maze in Pasco on Sunday, Oc-

tober 17, from 2:00-5:00 PM! Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes that can get dirty. Meet your Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders outside the front gate at 2:00 PM to receive your tickets and directions. Starting at 3 PM, we will have access to our rented campfire area to use as a home base. This is also where we will have our devotion and fellowship time.

Please register for the corn maze by Sunday, October 10, on the [rsvp.church](https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4) website: <https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4>. The church is buying your entrance tickets, but you are welcome to bring spending money if you would like to buy treats and pumpkins. We hope to see you at Middleton Farm's Fall Festival on the 17th!

*It is in your hands to
create a better world for
all who live in it.*

—Nelson Mandela





October will be a very busy month for UMW members! In addition to the hustle and bustle of the Holly Daze bazaar, UMW members will be treated to a memorable presentation at their Unit meeting on October 27. Following a warm welcome to all from KathyWertman, our UMW president, Arlan Gadeken, who has traveled extensively with his wife, Mary, will be sharing on their trip to Antarctica!

You are invited to the 10 AM program, which will be held in the sanctuary. Of course, expect to hear about the success of Holly Daze and about future UMW plans for missions and service to church and community, as well.

Our UMW recently received a certificate of thanks for the donation of many quilts and prayer shawls to the 2021 Pacific NW Conference. The group also received a second certificate, this one from the Seven Rivers District, recognizing the financial gifts of this group to UMW Missions around the world.

Kennewick First UMW members also sent a contribution to UMCOR for hurricane relief during the month of September.

Nationally, UMW opposes the new Texas law on abortion as a danger to women and an intrusion on families and affirms that women and families need access to the full range of reproductive health care. Over many years the Methodist Church crafted a position on abortion that respects the sacredness of life and recognizes tragic conflicts for women that may justify abortion.

United Methodist Women also call for sound stewardship of the earth and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserve creation for the benefit of present and future generations. Already the effects of the climate crisis on women, especially those living in poverty, is severe.

Soul Soup

Numbers of guests are rising at Soul Soup with 50+ meals served during each of the past two weeks. The Kamia-kin High School Key Club will start preparing and serving dinners on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting in October. They have done so in the past and are just restarting following the COVID break. Also, our KFUMC youth group will assist with serving on October 7 – a nice addition to our group of volunteers.

With cooler weather on the way, our hot meals will become more important as will the time out of the weather for the meal and some fellowship. Please keep our guests and the volunteers who prepare and serve the meals in your prayers.



DRIVERS NEEDED

The Church Transportation department continues its search 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 for riders only. A CDL license is not required to drive these vans!

Kennewick First UMC has been honored to provide Sunday morning pick-up services for seniors for approximately 15 years, but will no longer be in a position to offer this service if the current shortage of drivers is not addressed. Drivers must be at least 25 years old to meet conference insurance criteria. If you are interested in becoming a Sunday morning driver, please call Randy Bement at 509-528-4763.



Ethan Collins	1-Oct
Adam Berg	3-Oct
Ema Bruce	4-Oct
Bradley Kuhns	5-Oct
Deana Ahrend	5-Oct
Brooke Varela	5-Oct
Kelsey York	5-Oct
Jill Berg	6-Oct
Shirley Miller	6-Oct
Hannah Glazier	6-Oct
Etta Ballard	8-Oct
Bruce Britton	8-Oct
Stephanie Bannworth	9-Oct
Janet Shelton	10-Oct
Dave Hare	11-Oct
Amelia Kittson	13-Oct
Aidan Canada	14-Oct
Steven Botu	15-Oct
Mary Shoop	16-Oct
Jane Foreman	17-Oct
Bracken Deatherage	19-Oct
Dana Bryson	21-Oct
May Darrow	22-Oct
Amberley Almarode	23-Oct
Ken Williamson	24-Oct
Sierra Hogg	24-Oct
Corbin Rhodes	24-Oct
Janet Klingler	26-Oct
Gracee Glesener	26-Oct
Wesley Door	27-Oct
Ray Porter	27-Oct
Sharon Varzandeh	28-Oct
Donna Kittson	31-Oct
Jason Door	31-Oct
Dallon Hare	2-Nov
Paige Phillips	2-Nov
Danielle Rhodes	3-Nov
Lloyd Leathers	5-Nov
Cynthia Glazier	5-Nov
Christian Tenney	5-Nov



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



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. Daniel Miranda.



Ernest (Ernie) Hockaday passed peacefully at home on September 2 at the age of 94. Please lift his wife, Marilyn, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in prayer.

Prayer is the time God has reserved for us when He can recalibrate our thinking and renew His peace in our mind and soul.

Jim Masim



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Worship Service—10 AM

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8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm
Monday through Thursday
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