

THE CLARION

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



Holly Daze Encore

Popular “Holly Daze Encore” To Highlight Baked Goods

UMW is again looking forward to its Christmas bazaar, *Holly Daze Encore*. Seasonal goodies, holiday decorations, lovely gifts, and more can be ordered online from November 29 - December 8. Yes, the *Encore* format will mirror that used for the popular October event, only with more baked goods and Christmas suggestions.

Photos of all items will be on a special UMW Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/mlarterwa>, which church members and the community are encouraged to visit to browse the sale items and place orders. The following Saturday, December 11, items can be picked up and paid for at the church, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Our October bazaar, the main fund raiser for UMW's missions of love here and across the world, was a success, with many items selling out.

Holly Daze co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier want to thank everyone who helped, including crafters, cooks, all contributors, and Mary Lynn Arter, our Facebook specialist. But more help and contributions are needed for the *Encore*!

Crafters and bakers with items to donate for the Christmas sale are asked to contact Susan or Darryl, who are working tirelessly to make the *Encore* bazaar possible, just as they did for the October event.

On behalf of all the families who benefit from the funds raised at the bazaars, UMW and our church are deeply grateful for Darryl's and Susan's ideas, dedication, and leadership.



2021



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

Advent is right around the corner! The Season of Expectation begins on Sunday, November 28, and continues on through the first three Sundays in December. With that in mind, one of the amazing traditions Kennewick First observes is preparing our historic church with Advent and Christmas decorations. We assemble the poinsettia display in the sanctuary, hang banners and evergreen boughs, and fill our church home with old and new decorations for this joyous season.



Following worship on Sunday, November 21, we will gather together to decorate. You are welcome to join us in unpacking, assembling, and hanging the decorations. We will be providing a simple lunch for the busy hands that gather to make this task light.

Please plan now to join us on the 21st to help prepare our worship spaces with the decorations that hold wonderful meaning and memories for our church and the community at large.

November 11

VETERANS DAY

Thank you Veterans!!

Note: The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of the day.

WHAT A GREAT START TO THE 2021-2022 UMY YEAR!



On September 12, UMY Orientation for Jr. and Sr. UMYers and their leaders was held in the sanctuary, providing the opportunity to learn about the youth program at Kennewick

First and to distribute UMY packets. Since Orientation Sunday, we have gone ice blocking down Carmichael Hill, slept under the stars at the Holloway's home, lost and found one another during Hide and Seek, solved a mystery during Human Clue, met at Middleton Farm Festival for an afternoon of fun with one another and our families, played Capture the Flag at Keewaydin Park, and planned and hosted the Trunk-or-Treat! We've also met weekly on Sunday mornings to participate in Retro Sunday School where the youth learn how retro TV shows relate to Bible lessons, served at Soul Soup on the first Thursday of the month, and sold Butter Braids to raise funds for the UMY program. Best of all, we have enjoyed a time of devotion and prayer at each UMY event!

I would like to thank the youth group leaders and Sunday school teachers who have made this busy UMY year possible so far:

Youth Group Leaders: *Starlite Buchholz, Michelle Collins, Jim Door, Cory Hare, Sierra Hogg, Sean Holloway, Adeline McMurray, Dick Nelson, and Jeff Varzandeh*

Sunday School Teachers: *Jim Door and Adeline McMurray*

Thank you for the faith, love, talents, and time that you share with the UMYers! We are beyond blessed by you.

If you or someone you know would like to

register for UMY and join us for devotion and activities, please call the church office at (509)582-2163 or email Rachel at ra-chel@kennewickfirst.com.

Congregation, thank you for your continued prayers and support for the United Methodist Youth program at Kennewick First!

God Bless You,
Rachel

TRUNK-OR-TREAT WRAP UP!



On Sunday, October 31, the Kennewick First UMY hosted a trunk-or-treat in the church parking lot for the congregation and community. Thank you to everyone who supported the trunk-or-treat by praying, donating candy, decorating a trunk, and/or bringing friends and family down to the church parking lot!

It was a wonderful celebration and was so much fun connecting with and meeting others; the creativity that went into each costume and trunk was incredible.

We look forward to hosting more community events in the future!

Pepiot's Bean Soup mixes are available for purchase (\$8 each) in the church office. These make *GREAT* holiday gifts and meals!



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

By Cynthia Bement

The famous Norman Rockwell painting “Freedom from Want” depicts a typical American Thanksgiving dinner gathering of family and friends. It almost appears to be an oil painting “selfie!” The work was painted during World War II, a time of hardship for many, and the turkey, a covered silver dish, celery, pickles, and what appears to be cranberries on the table may present a much different picture than what the “very abundant” family table looks like for many today. My guess, though, is that the painter wasn’t focused on what was on the table, but instead on *who* was at the table. What I appreciate most about this painting are the faces. All ages are represented around the table, and everyone seems to be filled with joy.

Norman Rockwell painted life as he wanted it to be, not always as it is. While many of us have experienced Thanksgiving moments that mimic the famous painting—perhaps with the addition of a children’s table—other Thanksgivings may not have been so idyllic.

We like to picture the first Thanksgiving with the Native Americans and the Pilgrims sitting down together with the same joy and ease that Rockwell captures in the painting, but I’m sure it was quite different than that. Of the original 102 colonists who sailed on the Mayflower, only 53 survived the first winter (of that number, only 4 were adult women) to celebrate the harvest in the autumn of 1621. The previous year was a time that included loss and grief (and maybe even homesickness) for the colonists. Nevertheless, they gathered at harvest-time for feasting and recreational activities . . . with approximately 90 Native Americans from the Wampanoag tribe. We don’t know exactly how these two groups came together, but we understand that they

shared meals and games for three days! There was likely some tension in both groups as a result of communication and cultural differences, but I am confident that everyone gave thanks to creator God for all that they had, in their own way and in their own language.

When we gather at table, whether at home or at church, we come with expectations. We have a vision of what we want and need, but each gathering is unique based on who is and is not present, as well as other life circumstances. Just like the first harvest feast, this year we may find people missing from our Thanksgiving table because of death or other circumstances, there may have been illnesses over the course of the year that will affect our usual customs, or there may be tension between family members or friends. Communication in families may be difficult this year. But like those who celebrated that first fall harvest, we will again gather to give thanks to God, appreciate our blessings, and welcome new faces in our midst . . . and, like those depicted in the Norman Rockwell painting, we will seek to find joy, have hope, and enjoy differences. We will give thanks to God for what we have, for what we have is from the Lord and what He has given us is more than enough, and is, in fact, often more than enough to share with others.

May this Thanksgiving be a time of appreciation, invitation, sharing, hope, celebration, and joy!

Wampanoag Prayer

Let us give thanks to the creator for all that he gives.

The harvest moon has shined its brilliance over our home

And now as we store the harvest of our work
The creator gives his sustenance.

The Earth will now rest through the coming seasons

Storing the energy needed to once again feed our people.

*Michael “Tender Heart: Markle
Seaconke Wampanoag*



UMW To Offer Thanks at November Meeting

Women are once again sharing friendship and service together at

UMW meetings.

In November, they will enjoy a time of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 17th, in the Susanna Wesley room at church. Why don't you bring a friend?

Our UMW president, Kathy Wertman, will welcome all. Su Mayfield will give a devotion and Kathy Harris will give the treasurer's report, including an update on monies raised at Holly Daze. Other members will report on missions and programs.

After discussion, Kennewick First's UMW board decided to maintain monthly unit meetings, as it is important to be together and continue our efforts to serve.

Even if there is no formal program, members and friends could work on personal projects, such as prayer shawls, crafts, or Holly Daze projects.

At our October unit meeting, our UMW members and friends enjoyed a virtual trip to Australia, thanks to a super travelogue by Arlan Gadeken, who travels and cruises yearly with his wife Mary.

The next UMW board meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 2, in the Susanna Wesley Room. You are welcome to attend.

Nationally UMW supports projects that benefit women, children, or youth, but never contributes to programs that discriminate based on faith, ethnicity, race, or gender.

United Methodist Women interprets the biblical passage from Luke 4:18 as both a model and a mandate for action and

advocacy: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

For more than 150 years, UMW members have challenged social injustice and tried to improve the lives of women and children in many countries, including the United States. Members advocate for peace and justice, education, and for the rights of families, farm workers, and indigenous peoples.

Check out UMW on the Internet to learn more about its programs and opportunities to serve.



O Happy Day! UMW Circles' Friendship Time Returns

In November, the two UMW circles will be meeting and welcoming current members and hopefully new ones.

November 9, Tuesday Morning Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. President Nancy Russell encourages you to join in the "reunion" of old and new friends.

Joy Circle will meet on Thursday, November 11, at 7 p.m., either at Dorothy Block's home or by Zoom. A final determination will be announced soon. Lynnaie Wright will present the program.

Both circles invite women of the church and their friends to come and become part of the service of love of UMW.

Your Butter Braids are Almost Here!



During October, the United Methodist Youth had their Butter Braid fundraiser to raise funds that help to offset the cost of UMY activities, trips, and retreats. Thank you for ordering Butter Braids from the UMYers!

To practice social distancing, Rachel and the leaders will be at the church garage with your Butter Braids on Friday, November 19, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You will need to get your Butter Braids to a freezer as soon as possible after picking them up so they do not begin to thaw! If you cannot pick up your Butter Braids at the church on Friday, November 19 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., please communicate with Rachel, the office, or the youth who sold you your Butter Braids to arrange an alternative.

Thank you so much for your ongoing love, prayers, and support of the Kennewick First UMY. We hope that you enjoy your delicious Butter Braids!

SNL Saturday Night Live

Live...

From Kennewick First it's
Worship night!!
Come as you are
November 6 at 6 pm
To the Outdoor Covered
Entry
Dress warm for Outside or in
car for Drive in!
Message by James Canada
& Praise music by
Sherry, Dave, Kurt...& Co.

On **Sunday, November 14 and Sunday, November 28**, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to meet 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 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and your friends!



Funday

We are so excited to see you!

In Christ's Love, *Rachel & Gracee*



Coffee and Conversation!

While the children and youth are in Sunday School, Sunday School families are invited to join together by the couches in the basement for coffee and conversation. We will have fresh-brewed coffee available every week. We will also be taking orders to get coffee from a local coffee shop if you desire something a little different. Thank you to Michelle Collins for this wonderful idea!



Danielle Rhodes	3-Nov
Lloyd Leathers	5-Nov
Cynthia Glazier	5-Nov
Christian Tenney	5-Nov
Ruth Anderson	6-Nov
Michael Zabel	7-Nov
Joline Board	10-Nov
Connie Boice	11-Nov
Gene Wertman	12-Nov
Ann Sehmel	16-Nov
Matthew Elvik	17-Nov
Nicole Loomis	19-Nov
Craig Mayfield	21-Nov
Lee Simmelink	23-Nov
Jane Hunt	24-Nov
Randy Bement	24-Nov
Kayla Ebberts	24-Nov
Jolene Kuhns	28-Nov
Mary Lynn Arter	28-Nov
Mona Miller	28-Nov
Trevor Troxel	28-Nov
John Harden	1-Dec

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



Altha Perry, 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.



Our dear friends, **Clara Reed** and **Nancy Gover** have entered life eternal. Clara passed on October 4, and on October 15, Nancy passed. Please pray for comfort for their families and friends; they were dearly loved and will be missed.



As the weather cools down and the daylight is reduced each day, our numbers at Soul Soup are gradually increasing. It is interesting to note that, each week, we are seeing some new people who are living on the street.

Those attending for the first time are a little tentative in their approach as they don't know what to expect. We try to make them feel comfortable with a warm greeting (thanks to Steve Tucker who monitors the door) and as they go through the serving line. Jim Deatherage makes it a point to talk with each guest and can pretty much get a life story in a couple of minutes. Keep that in mind the next time you talk with him. It is also interesting to note that many of our guests ask God to bless us as they leave each week. Imagine that!!!

We are giving out bedrolls and blankets as well as hand warmers. Based upon donations of prepackaged and canned foods, we have a couple of different distribution tables for those who want to take some food when they leave. We don't use all the donated bread and desserts from Panera each week, so a good deal of that is taken by the guests. The Kamiakin High School Key Club is again preparing and serving dinner on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Please keep our guests and all of our volunteers in your prayers as we move into winter.

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Sunday School—9 AM
Worship Service—10 AM

Church Office Hours
8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm
Monday through Thursday
8 am - noon on Fridays

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