

THE CLARION

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



World Relief Collection

In previous Januarys, this congregation has collected needed items for World Relief and

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE will do so again this year. The agency has been mostly shut down for the past 2 years with no refugees entering the country. But in the last two months of 2021, the agency received 52 refugees. For 2022, they are expecting 70 Afghans and 220 other refugees. The agency has put a plea out to the community for items needed to re-settle the families in the Tri-Cities.

There are some items that would be difficult to collect at the church (e.g., dining tables), but there are many items which church members can bring to the welcome area or to the church office. The requested items include:

- * pots and pans
- * baking dishes and silverware
- * kitchen utensils and knives
- * brooms and dustpans
- * large wastebaskets
- * shower curtains and rings
- * kids' toys, baby dolls, Barbies, cars, and Legos
- * sheets (mostly twin), blankets (queen or twin), and comforters (queen or twin)
- * towels
- * laundry and cleaning supplies
- * diapers
- * gift cards to Winco or Walmart
- * men's and women's winter coats and gloves for men

Starting in January, there will be a large box available in the welcome area in which to deposit your donations, or, if you are not attending church in person, please take them to the church office. Let's all support this important mission for World Relief.



2022



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

HONORING LONG-STANDING PILLARS OF KENNEWICK FIRST UMC

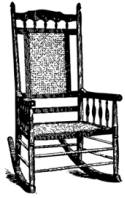


Please join us for worship on January 23rd at 10:00 a.m., as we honor those who have attended our church for decades! Many have been committed to our church by their attendance, gifts, service, and witness for over 50 years. While we know of many of you, we don't want to miss anyone, so if you are one of those pillars in our midst, please call the church office and give your name and the date you joined or began serving/attending regularly so we can properly honor and thank you, even if you are not able to attend in person. Your long-standing service and continued witness inspires all of us as we continue building up the church, community, and world in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions please contact Cynthia by email at cynthia@kennewickfirst.com or through the church office.

Happy New Year ♥ Happy New Year ♥ Happy New Year

On a cold winter morning, Holy Spirit,
enfold me in the warmth of your love.



Jr. & Sr. UMY

Rock-a-Thon

On February 19th-20th, the Jr. and Sr. UMYers will be rock-in' out during the Rock-a-Thon fundraiser! The youth will rock for about 15 hours, having fellowship, worship, and fun with their friends and leaders while raising money to support the UMY program. You may be receiving a phone call as they canvas the church congregation, as well as their families, friends, relatives, coaches, and teachers, for Rock-a-Thon pledges and donations.

Be sure to stop by to see the youth rocking before or after church on the 20th. You may pay your pledge or donation at coffee hour that day, or we will send you a post-card reminder the following week. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of these young people!

JR. & SR. UMY

**Bluewood
Ski
Day**



The United Methodist Youth are going to meet their youth group leaders at Bluewood on January 15th to enjoy a day of fellowship, skiing, and snowboarding with one another! Please keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers as they prepare for the Bluewood Ski Day, travel to and from the mountain, and enjoy the day with one another. Thank you to all who are making this day of fellowship possible for the youth!



Funday



On Sunday, January 9th and Sunday, January 23rd, 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!

We are so excited to see you!

In Christ's Love,
Rachel & Gracee

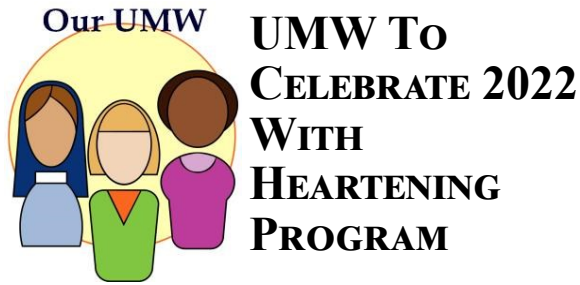


*Lighting the
way for
others*

When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (Iggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?



Start the new year off positively with UMW members, who serve in love, learn eagerly, and share goals while having fun with friends, old and new.

Chances are the local director of TROT, which offers therapeutic equine rides, will not bring a horse to the Wednesday, January 26, meeting of UMW. (Darn!)

Nevertheless, director Cynthia MacFarlan will offer an uplifting program filled with good news about helping local families with her special horses and pets.

She will speak at the 10 a.m. meeting in the Susanna Wesley Room. Kathy Wertman will welcome her and all who attend.

Joy Circle will provide treats, and the sharing gift will be for SARC, the Sexual Assault Response Center, whose services are vital to many in distress.

Earlier in the month, Joy members will meet at 7 p.m. on January 13. Contact leader Debbie Britton for details.

Tuesday Morning Circle will gather in the church library at 9:30 a.m. on January 11. Nancy Russell leads this group.

Women of the church and their neighbors are welcome to all UMW activities.



Would you like to support these causes?

- *Tri-City Union Gospel Mission
- *Grace Clinic
- *Second Harvest
- *My Friend's Place
- *Boys and Girls Club
- *SARC (Sexual Assault Response Center)
- *Scholarships to Mission U
- *Orphans in Africa
- *Our Piecemakers
- *Seven Rivers District Missions
- *Our Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- *Our Youth Activities, Camperships
- *Our Kitchen Fund
- *Memorials
- *Tri-City Chaplaincy
- *UMCOR
- *Disaster Relief
- *Legacy Fund
- *ECAP (Early Childhood Education)
- *Cork's Place
- *Emergency Fund
- *Atlantic Street Center for Children
- *Tacoma Community House
- *Monthly and Thanks Offerings
- *Books for Library Collection

Our UMW supports each and all, thanks to members' dedication, giving, work, and fund-raising, such as Holly Daze, selling Pepiot's Bean Soup Mix, and also great cutlery.

If you'd like to help, or want to suggest another program to UMW, come to a meeting or contact a UMW officer. For 2022, they are Kathy Wertman, president; Eddie Kenoyer, vice president and social action; Phyllis Koschik, secretary; Kathy Harris, treasurer; Pat Walker, program resources; Su Mayfield, spiritual growth; Nancy Russell, membership; Micki Perry, education; and Bonnie Taylor, sunshine.





Holly Daze Scores High In Raising Mission Funds

UMW members are excited and grateful. All their ideas and hard work paid off big time at Holly Daze. Nearly \$6,000 was raised for missions and church outreach.

UMW is grateful beyond words to Holly Daze co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn, to Facebook coordinator Mary Lynn Arter, to those who attended workshops all year long, and to all the helpers at pick-up days.

Not to be forgotten are all the church and community members who bought holiday items, crafts, and baked treats. Hugs for them! They made the day.

Most likely, Holly Daze workshops will resume this month. Why not come and join in the Saturdays of fun and friendship? Watch for announcements at church . . . and keep an eye out for new bazaar projects. Hopefully next October Holly Daze will once again be held at church for all in the Tri-Cities area to attend.

WRAP UP IN LOVE



If you, a friend, or family member would like a gift of warmth and comfort this winter, remember that prayer shawls are waiting for you at the church office.

They are made with love and caring by Pat Walker's knitters and are blessed by the pastor.

Pick one or two up during office hours. Just looking at one on the back of a couch can bring a smile.

Soul Soup Year- End Report



It was satisfying to return to Ida Payne Fellowship Hall and serve Soul Soup meals there beginning in June 2021. Following sixteen months of sack lunches, the guests at Soul Soup appreciated a hot, sit-down meal and time for fellowship with one another and the volunteers. It took about a month for the word to circulate that it was business as usual. We now regularly serve 40 to 50 meals each Thursday. As the weather has cooled and the days have shortened, we have given out many sleeping bags, bed rolls with weather proof tarps, blankets, gloves, hats, socks, and hand warmers. Many thanks to all those who have donated these cold weather supplies. Because of the number of donated blankets, we can now include a blanket with a sleeping bag in the bed roll. Panera Bread continues to donate each week, which is a blessing.

The Kamiakin Key Club has returned to serving the 3rd Thursday each month. This group of high school students provide the meal, serve the meal, and assist with clean up. Our youth group, under Rachel Loomis' leadership, assists the first Thursday each month – it is so good to see such a service ethic in the young people in our church and community.

As the year comes to an end, we thank all of our volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents to serve in this ministry in so many different ways. They are indeed a remarkable fellowship of believers who actively follow Jesus' second command – love your neighbor as yourself.





Chaos to Confidence or Wandering Leads to Wisdom

By Cynthia Bement

During Christmas, I had the opportunity to put puzzles together with my 2-year-old granddaughter. One puzzle design was the Peppa Pig cartoon and one was of the Disney Princess Aurora. Each of these puzzles contained just 24 pieces. I set the box upright so that she could see the picture while we were putting the puzzle together. We first turned all the pieces with the design face up and picked out the four corner pieces . . . so far, so good. I then explained that the pieces with straight edges were the side pieces, and we referred to the picture to help set them in place to look like a picture frame . . . still going well! Next we began to fill in the inside of the picture frame that we had assembled, and here is where things began to get complicated! Up until this point, she had some good reference points and more order, but now all the pieces appeared to be the same shape with similar colors stamped on them. Frustration began to set in, and this once simple game was now an overwhelming challenge. Once again, I helped her to break it down into simple steps, making a few small connections that could connect to the frame, which would eventually complete the picture!

When the first puzzle was complete and it looked just like the picture on the box, she was thrilled!! We had mastered it!! But, would she be up for the second one? I was a bit reluctant to ask, “Blake Olivia, do you want to put the princess puzzle together now?” but to my surprise, her response was an excited “yes”! We set about putting the second puzzle together just as we did the first one. She remembered with confidence about the corner and straight-edged pieces and didn’t seem as concerned about the

many middle pieces and began matching the colors and pictures together with ease. The princess puzzle went together much faster and with much more enthusiasm than the first one.

There is such wisdom in the “been there done that” moments in our life. I bet there are very few people who enjoy uncomfortable, challenging, or the steep learning curve moments in life, but it is in conquering, stepping into, or trying that we grow in knowledge, wisdom, and confidence. We can be encouraged by remembering that Jesus equips as we are called, often providing mentors to help, and He Himself, who has promised never to leave or forsake us, will bring comfort and stability to a shaky learning moment.

As we enter a new year and begin to challenge ourselves with a fresh list of resolutions, may we remember to take them one at a time, break things down into small steps, and don’t get so overwhelmed that we decide to give up. The Wise Men followed a Star for many months before they found what we, too, search for . . . the Messiah, the Savior of the world, the love that came at Christmas . . . Jesus Christ. Just because we don’t read of the times the Wise Men were lost, low on water or food, in danger, or sick doesn’t mean that they didn’t experience these hardships, but I believe that the outcome far outweighed the challenge. Just so, this can also be true for each of us.

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

Hebrews 10:35–36

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.

—C.S. Lewis



Pete Baumann	4-Jan
Kara Morris	5-Jan
Karen Alley	5-Jan
Deana Harden	5-Jan
Marilyn Hockaday	6-Jan
Dick Nelson	6-Jan
Rick Glazier	9-Jan
Jonah Shiple	9-Jan
Melissa Nickolaus	11-Jan
Brian Bergum	14-Jan
Beverly Swanby	15-Jan
Roberta Barcot	15-Jan
Pat Phillips	16-Jan
Kristine Taggares	16-Jan
Chris Becker	17-Jan
Charmaine Harris	17-Jan
Olivia Holloway	17-Jan
James Choate	20-Jan
Cindy Leathers	20-Jan
Caleb Rhodes	20-Jan
Emma Glazier	21-Jan
Dennis Simmelink	23-Jan
Doug Mowry	23-Jan
Ellie Nelson	24-Jan
Annalise Becker	24-Jan
Donna Coordes	26-Jan
Gus Kittson	28-Jan
Peggy Puryear	28-Jan
Daniel Nickolaus	28-Jan
Phyllis Koschik	30-Jan
Rick Door	31-Jan

Richard Nelson	1-Feb
Victoria Keel	1-Feb
Lili Westvik	1-Feb
Chuck Smith	2-Feb
James Canada	3-Feb
Matt Kaiser	3-Feb
Steve Tucker	4-Feb
Kathleen Ritter	4-Feb



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, Diana Sundvik, Kirk Higginson, Muriel Smith, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, Jennifer Bate-man, Jolene Kuhns, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Helen Mitchell, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent Rev. Daniel Miranda.

Diane Hanson passed peacefully from lung cancer on December 7. She is survived by her loving husband, Jerry, and her children and grandchildren. Diane and Jerry faithfully attended our church prior to their move to Minnesota to be closer to family in 2016.



Thank you for your many expressions of love and sympathy at the sudden passing of my brother, Weldon. Some of you shared memories of him and all my siblings attending here as children, and I can't tell you how much that fills my heart. It seems like a lifetime ago, and yet also like yesterday.

As you have throughout my life, my church family has shared in and sustained me during both the toughest and most joyous of times. I thank God for each of you and am comforted in the knowledge that we will all be together again because of the sacrifice and promise of Jesus Christ.

*In love and gratitude,
Sherry Slape Arnold*

HAPPY
New Year!



May you and yours have God's love and peace during 2022.

Love,
The United Methodist Youth



HAND OF GOD—This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19).

Puzzle!

Match each clue with the correct biblical dreamer.
Use the Scripture hints if needed.

- ___ 1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams.
- ___ 2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams.
- ___ 3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows.
- ___ 4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus.
- ___ 5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.
- ___ 6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt.
- ___ 7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup.
- ___ 8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh (Genesis 41:17-21)
- B. The Magi (Matthew 2:12)
- C. Jacob (Genesis 28:12)
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer (Genesis 40:9-11)
- E. NT Joseph (Matthew 2:13)
- F. OT Joseph (Genesis 37:9, 11)
- G. Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:19)
- H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35)

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B



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

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