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



Kennewick
First United
Methodist
Church



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Worship Service,
April 10, 10 am

Good Friday Worship Service,
April 15, 7 pm

Easter Sunrise Service,
April 17, 6:30 am
(At Columbia Park)

Easter Worship Service,
April 17, 10 am
(in the Sanctuary)



The **Palm Sunday Parade**
is April 10 at
9:45 am. We
leave from

Wesleyan Hall at 9:45 sharp and
will parade around the block with
our palms, meeting up at the bell
tower at 10:00 to enter into ser-
vice. All are welcome to join in!



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Join us for our church
Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, April 16, at
9:00 am. The
Easter Egg Hunt is
open to all children 5th grade and
younger. Family, friends, and
community members are all
welcome. We hope to see you
there!



We will again
be decorating
the sanctuary
with beautiful
white, hypo-
allergenic



spring flowers for Easter! In keep-
ing with tradition, you may re-
member and honor a loved one by
donating \$12.00 to this memorial
in your loved one's name. All
flowers will be delivered to shut-
ins after Easter unless you specify
otherwise on the order form. Or-
der forms may be picked up from
the office or at the church infor-
mation desk. **The last date to
order has been extended to
April 13.** Please call the church
office for more information.

Craft Work Day Fun Holly Daze Workshop Invites New Crafters, Ideas

It's time to try your hand at a fun activity Saturday, April 2, during the next Holly Daze workshop. Bring your ideas and good stories to share.

Co-Chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn will welcome you anytime between 9 am and noon in the Susanna Wesley Room. Expect to have a good time, and make a new friend or two.

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



***Every Thursday at 10 am
Beginning April 7
Rockabilly Roasting
101 W Kennewick Ave.***

Whether you are widowed, divorced, or have always been single, we would like to invite you to gather with other Seniors from your church to share life's joys and concerns and your faith. The group will meet weekly and informally at the Roxy Antique Coffee Shop, called Rockabilly Roasting, where you can purchase a cup of coffee or the like. During the first meeting you will get to come up with a name for the group that may fit better than the generic one that is the title of this write up. May this be a place where friends gather to lend encouragement, laugh, and share stories with each other.

When Soul Soup started, our goal was to simply provide a warm meal for homeless people. Later, we discovered that in the hour plus that the meal was served, it was a time of safety and fellowship for our guests. As time went on, Soul Soup volunteers learned names, heard some life stories, and began to develop friendships with our guests and with one another.



In spite of our prayers to the contrary, most of us had a hard time believing that we would see many successes/turnarounds in the lives of our guests. Too often, some would come completely wiped out on drugs or in some mental health emergency. Some would be absent for long periods because they were in jail. Several died.

Then we noticed that one of the women who attended regularly but was frequently in a chaotic condition became noticeably absent. Months went by before we saw her again. We learned that she had gone to rehab and had been released to a halfway house. She showed up and was excited to let us know that she was clean and intended to stay that way, only through prayer . . . hers and ours. While we celebrated her victory, there remained a shadow of doubt that her sobriety would last, long term.

However, "D" now works for a non-profit that helps the homeless find housing and other essential services. She comes to Soul Soup occasionally now, not for a meal, but to socialize and catch up with the guests and Soul Soup volunteers and to help those guests in any way she can. We continue to be overwhelmingly blessed and have come to better understand that Soul Soup is God's ministry among His people and that His grace and mercy abound.



ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

We are getting ready to produce a new Church Directory! Please either call the office or send any address/telephone changes to the office as soon as possible so the directory will be accurate when it is printed. Thank you!



United Methodist Women Change Name, Expand Goals

UMW, serving across the world, is re-named! Our Kennewick First unit is now part of **United Women of Faith**, which is open to all women who share a devotion to missions, as outlined by Jesus.

The desire of UWF is to bring forth an array of new and improved programs that nurture current and new members, and advance love and services to women, children, and youth who face tough challenges.

A fresh website explains all the aspirations and changes which will be rolled out this year. There will also be a new All-Access National Membership, enabling women to join United Women in Faith via the website and participate online or in person at units such as ours.

UWF's first emergency grant of \$10,000 will support women activists in Ukraine. The grant will go to the organization's longtime partner in Kyiv to aid activists who plan to remain in their residences during the war and provide food, water, medicine, and other basic necessities to women and children living in bomb shelters.

If you want to take part in the many missions of United Women in Faith, come to our Wednesday, April 27, meeting at 10 am in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Eddie Kenoyer will lead a discussion on racial justice and how we can work to expand it. Joy Circle will be hostess. For the sharing gift we are invited to bring Fruit Loops and Oreos for My Friend's Place. Nancy Russell announced that the non-

profit also would welcome cleaning supplies.

At the March unit meeting, Phyllis Koschik passed out a list of items needed for relief in Ukraine. Items should be taken to the sheriff's office at 7122 W. Okanogan Place. The list includes gauze bandages and new black winter socks, hats, and gloves.

Our program welcoming Spring was all about the sweetest-smelling building in Pasco, the home of Grace Kitchen! This marvelous non-profit assists marginalized women in our community with job training, friendship, education, and discipleship.

The Grace Kitchen director, Amada Lorraine, explained that their expanding, popular services and food products are available at 112 N Second Avenue in Pasco. On the Internet site -- Grace.Kitchen -- Pasta Mama and other products are displayed, and the Kitchen's work is explained. Our UWF members support the mission and hope to take a tour of their facilities soon.

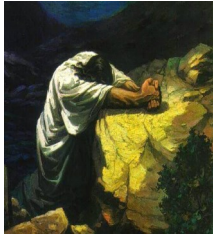
Micki Perry reviewed the 150 years of compassionate work by UMW and how the Legacy Fund will help our new UWF to expand.

Pat Walker encouraged members to try a book from the UWF bookcase in the church library. She recommended two new volumes, Gum Moon and She Came To Slay, the Life and Times of Harriet Tubman.

Phyllis closed the meeting with a sincere suggestion: Pray for peace, Place a sunflower in your window.

WORLD RELIEF SUPPORT

Thanks to everyone who donated to World Relief to help with the re-settlement of Afghan refugees and others who have arrived and will continue to arrive in the coming months. **If you have more donations, please call the Tri-Cities local World Relief at 509-734-5477 and make an appointment to drop off items.**



Where is your Garden of Gethsemane ?

By Cynthia Bement

I find celebrating the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday much more meaningful if I have spent time during Lent focusing on the journey Jesus made to the cross. We miss so much if we skip right from shouts of *Hosanna!* on Palm Sunday . . . “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” . . . to the Easter Sunday shouts and songs of praise . . . “Christ Is Risen!” In the days between those glorious Sundays, Jesus experienced many of His most meaningful moments with His friends, family, and God, revealing to us much about our Savior.

This year, I have thought a lot about Jesus’ significant time of prayer in the garden of Gethsemane prior to His arrest. An account of this time of prayer is included in each of the four gospels, and these scriptures help us to better understand both the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ. On the evening that Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Passover meal in the Upper Room, Jesus tried to give them some insight into the gravity of the moment in His words and actions. He spoke to the Twelve of the Holy Spirit, of the treatment they could expect in the coming days as His disciples, and He prayed for them and for Himself. He washed their feet to show them how they were to serve others and broke bread with them, equating it with the coming breaking of His body. Then Jesus led them to the Garden of Gethsemane, a familiar, quiet place, a special place to pray. Jesus was in great agony and under immense stress, and He asked Peter, James, and John to stay awake to “watch with Him and pray.” They and the others couldn’t fully know the depth of Jesus’ anguish, and Jesus had to wake them several times, as they struggled to stay awake. During this time of prayer, Jesus wrestled between asking

God to remove the cup of wrath from Him, showing His humanity, and submitting to His Father’s will (“yet not what I want but what You want”) revealing His divinity. Scripture tells us that He was “exceedingly sorrowful unto death,” but God sent an angel to strengthen Him. Jesus was praying so hard that His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground (there is a medical explanation for this).

All of us can probably relate to the feelings of fear and anxiety that lead to mental anguish, even if it isn’t to the extent Jesus experienced. We are also likely familiar with our need to have people support us and pray for us. Many of us live our lives hoping we are acting in God’s will, but few of us will be required to sacrifice our physical life in obedience to God.

But though my experience does not touch what Jesus endured, His time of prayer on that evening provides me with a few reminders and examples to follow:

- It is good to find a special or quiet place, where I can quiet my heart to meet with God
- Like Jesus, I should also be asking others to join me in prayer
- God understands that I may struggle, and does not hold that against me
- God is eager to strengthen me
- I should speak less and listen more
- The Lord wants to spend time with me
- The Lord answers prayer

God is about reuniting people to Himself and will strengthen us as we build His Kingdom. He reminds us that we are not alone, and that a community that lends prayer and support is a Good Thing. May we continue to be a church that prays for God’s Kingdom to come, “Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

“Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won’t always find answers, but you will always find Jesus.”

—Father Mike Schmitz



Jr. & Sr. UMY Trips & Fundraisers!

The United Methodist Youth and their leaders are going on the Sr. High Mission Trip and Jr. High Middler trip in the summer of 2022!

Sr. High Mission Trip: June 20 - June 26

The Sr. UMYers and their leaders will be going to the Okanogan and Omak area in Washington state. Through the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission organization, we will be doing various projects to help restore communities that have been affected by large wildfires. Our group will help to build houses and various structures. We will also be directly serving the community members in various ways.

Jr. High Middler Trip: July 20 – July 24

The Jr. UMYers and their leaders will be going to the Portland, OR, and Vancouver and Long Beach, WA areas. We will be going on many fun adventures to help prepare the youth for future mission trips as Sr. UMYers.

In fellowship with one another, both groups will experience moments that provide the opportunity for them to grow their faith, including worship, devotion, prayer, and small group time. They will also have the opportunity to step out in faith to try new things and to trust their fellow youth group friends and leaders!

To fund our summer trips and other UMY activities, we will be having multiple fundraisers this spring. These fundraisers include:

- ◇ Jr. and Sr. UMY **Invest to Inspire** in April. More information is included

following this article.

- ◇ Jr. and Sr. UMY Rock-a-Thon in April. See the next page for more information.
- ◇ Sr. UMY Dessert Auction in May. You will have the opportunity to buy yummy desserts to support the Sr. High Mission trip to the Okanogan and Omak areas. More information to come!

Jr. & Sr. UMY

Invest to Inspire



For the UMY **Invest to Inspire** fundraiser, you will have the opportunity to take stock in our trips. By buying stocks at \$20 apiece, you become a shareholder in the UMY trips and will be invited to participate in fun activities to celebrate our trips! The Jr. and Sr. UMYers will be at the **Invest to Inspire** table in the church entry on several Sundays beginning on Sunday, April 10, to help you take stock in our trips! If you are unable to come to the **Invest to Inspire** table, please email Rachel at rachel@kennewickfirst.com or call the church office at (509)582-2163.

Thank you for your continued prayers, love, and support of the United Methodist Youth programs at Kennewick First. We are so excited to go on spiritual and fun trips together this summer!

In Christ's Love,

The Jr. & Sr. UMYers and Leaders





Jr. & Sr. UMY

Rock-a-Thon

The Rock-a-Thon fundraiser is on April 22—23!

As soon as the sun sets on April 22, the Jr. and Sr. UMYers will be rockin' out until the sun rises on April 23! During the Rock-a-Thon, the youth will have fellowship and fun with their friends and leaders while raising money to support the UMY program and their upcoming summer trips. The youth have begun to work through the church directory to ask for your support. If you are able and willing to give a pledge or donation to a youth who calls you, you may pay in several different ways:

By check

- ◇ Make your check payable to: **KFUMC**
- ◇ In the memo line **write:**
"Rock-a-Thon" and the name of the youth you are pledging or donating to (there are prizes for the top fundraisers!)
- ◇ **Mail** the check to the church office:
421 W. Kennewick Ave
Kennewick, WA 99336

Online

- ◇ Go to the Kennewick First UMC webpage at: www.kennewickfirst.com and press the "give" button
- ◇ Select "Rock-a-Thon" and type the youth's name into the memo line

At the church on Sunday, April 24

We will have a table set up in the front entry of the church before and after the 10:00 am worship service. You may pay by cash or check.

Funday

On Sunday, April 10 and Sunday, April 24, 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 from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. Bring a sack lunch and your friends!

We are so excited to see you!

In Christ's Love,
Rachel & Gracee





Molly Kittson	3-Apr
Jeff Varzandeh	4-Apr
Dee Ann Yount	5-Apr
Bethany Ahrend	5-Apr
Sherry Elvik	6-Apr
Terry Milton	6-Apr
Debbie Shirey	7-Apr
Merrienne Door	9-Apr
Kathryn Thien	13-Apr
Loretta Curley	14-Apr
Kathryn Harris	14-Apr
Cody Simmelink	14-Apr
Brittany Dyer	14-Apr
Mercedes Haberling	14-Apr
Paige Kaiser	14-Apr
Bill Mandell	20-Apr
Punkie Eddy	22-Apr
Victoria Kippes	22-Apr
George Block	24-Apr
Nancy Russell	25-Apr
Scott Biglin	25-Apr
Jadyn Rhodes	25-Apr
Judith Mosebar	27-Apr
Bob Kelly	27-Apr
Kathy Wertman	30-Apr
Eva Walker	30-Apr
Isabelle Howard	30-Apr



Linda Tucker	2-May
Lynnaie Wright	2-May
Debra Williamson	2-May
Eric Baumann	2-May
Brandon Elvik	5-May
Patrick Bannworth	5-May
Mikayla Mason	5-May
Joshua Troxel	5-May




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



Altha Perry, Ron Baker, Evelin Choate, Diana Sundvik, Kirk Higginson, Muriel Smith, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, Jennifer Bateman, Jolene Kuhns, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Juli Reinholz, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent Rev. Daniel Miranda.

Pray for the people of Ukraine

This intercessory prayer was written for World Day of Prayer by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, on February 25, 2022:

God of the past, the present and the future,

Our thoughts and prayers are with our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and the surrounding countries in their fear and distress.

We pray too for all other regions of the world where there is conflict, unrest or oppression.

We pray that reconciliation will overcome hatred, peace will conquer war, hope will replace despair and that your plans for the region will be fulfilled,

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests . . .

Ephesians 6:18. 18

Save the date!

Kennewick First UMC Church Campout

Who's ready for summer??!! We're excited to announce that the 2022 KFUMC campout is scheduled for Friday, August 12, through Sunday, August 14! This year, we'll be setting up camp at the Plymouth Campground in Plymouth, Washington.

The campground offers 32 sites with electric hookups. Amenities include flush and pit toilets, showers, drinking water, a dump station, and playground. The day use area has a swim beach, boat ramp, flush toilets, vault toilet, and courtesy dock.

Activities to enjoy include:

- Swimming Site
- Wildlife Viewing
- Fishing
- Camping
- Boating
- Birding
- Day Use Area
- Kayaking
- Tubing
- Water Access
- Star Gazing

Registration forms may be found on the church website, in the church office, or, if you contact the church office, can be emailed to you upon request.




Godspeed Big Bus

Several weeks ago, the church Council and the Transportation team made the difficult decision to retire the biggest of our fleet, "the Big Bus." That beautiful sanctuary-on-wheels served our church for approximately 14 years. During her time with us, she provided many miles of safe transportation for many groups. The youth groups spent countless hours traveling on Mission trips, Middler trips, winter retreats, ski trips, Convo, Sunday night UMY events, and Christmas light nights! The entire church enjoyed fellowship together with trips to Mariner games, ladies holiday shopping trips to Spokane, WSU games, concerts, Christmas Caroling, and the Hood River Train ride/Pumpkin Hunt . . . to name just a few! Children were transported to and from Vacation Bible School! Our Seniors enjoyed several excursions as well. Many memories of faith were made in our wonderful 47-passenger vehicle including countless hours of Bible study, devotions, worship, and prayer. On long rides, games were played, movies watched, Bingo was called, naps were taken, and lunches were made at the back table. A feature that was most helpful on long trips was the bathroom!

Our Big Bus was well used, well cared for, and well loved! On her last night in her parking spot, a prayer of thanksgiving was said, and "Buddy Jesus" (who was a gift from a group of youth on the first trip out) was removed. Big Bus, it was a GREAT ride!

A special thank you to our CDL drivers who not only drove the bus, but also provided countless hours of mechanical assistance through the years: Randy Bement, Mike Boice, Sean Holloway, Mike Thien, Ron Shuck, and Jerry Wilhelm.

PUZZLE



Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection,
and each one offers important details.

Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)

4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)

5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)

7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)

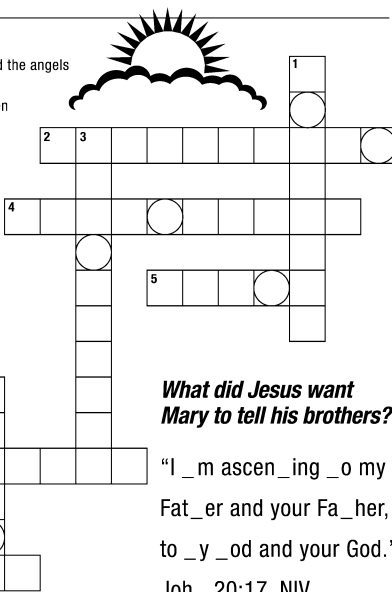
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

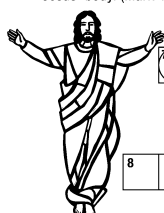
DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)

3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)

6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)





What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my Fat _ er and your Fa _ her, to _ y _ od and your God."

Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. garden, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

Christian Symbol



PASCHAL CANDLE—This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.

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8:30 AM - noon and 1 - 4 PM
Monday through Thursday
8 AM - noon on Fridays

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