

THE CLARION

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



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and our congregation will observe this solemn day with a service in our

sanctuary that evening at 7 PM.

During that service, as in many Christian churches, Pastor Mark will dip a finger in ashes created from burning the branches of the palms from last year's Palm Sunday service and use them to mark a cross on the foreheads of those who are willing to receive this sign.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation, and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return" Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."



2022



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

The Lenten Devotional books are being distributed!!! Many thanks to Phyllis Koschik for again being the champion for this great inspirational read. She chose **PILLARS OF FAITH** for the theme, and the Scripture that goes with the theme is "... I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God ..." *Revelation 3:12*. All 47 of the writings are past contributions from saints who have since gone on to life eternal.



We have been blessed for over 45 years to have someone in our midst who has worked so hard to bring us this devotional every other year. If you haven't already received your copy of this year's Lenten Devotional booklet, they are available in the church entryway and in the office. If you are not able to pick one up, please let the office know and one will be mailed to you.



Upcoming Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday Worship Service, March 2,
7 PM

Palm Sunday Parade, April 10, 9:45 AM

Palm Sunday Worship Service, April 10,
10 AM

Good Friday Worship Service, April 15, 7 PM

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 16, 9 AM

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

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



We will again be decorating the sanctuary with beautiful white, hypoallergenic spring flowers

for Easter! In keeping with tradition, you may remember 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. Order forms may be picked up from the office or at the church information desk. The last date to order is April 4. Please call the church office for more information.

PIECEMAKERS

Our Piecemakers group has not met for about 2 years now, but it's time for us to get to work again!



We will start meeting again on the second Wednesday. of every month. Our first meeting will be March 9 from 10 AM to about noon. Everyone is welcome to come help us to tie or sew up "tummies" on quilts that have been started by members.

We're looking for new people to join us! Bring a quilt to work on or just come to help finish some that have been started. We meet in the 3rd grade classroom, and we have batting and fabric to help you get started. When we get enough quilts made, we donate them to various agencies to give to those in need, such as Salvation Army, Gospel Mission, and the Kennewick Birthing Center.

Join us, we have a great time while doing something for the community. If you have questions, please call Phyllis Merrill, 575- 0521, or AJ Foster, 783-2855.

We have re-established our pre-COVID rhythm at Soul Soup in terms of our serving teams. KFUMC teams take the 1st and 4th Thursdays, Bethel has the 2nd Thursday, and the Kamiakin Key Club serves on the 3rd. We are averaging 35 to 40 meals served and continue to connect with our clients.



We were recently visited by Terrie Brown, the Resource Specialist at Columbia Industries. She is connecting with community groups who work with homeless and other folks who need assistance with housing, job search and training, health care, and a host of other issues. This is a relatively new service at CI and was started shortly before COVID shut so many things down. Terrie has remained active, but with severe restrictions, and she wants to be ready to be of maximum assistance as COVID restrictions are relaxed. We have made referrals in the past two years but never been able to know if they helped. Now we can refer directly to Terrie and did so with a homeless couple the night she visited us.

Moving forward, the volunteers at Prayer Watch (service on Monday nights) are hoping to again start to serve on Wednesdays, and the team at The Living Room church (3rd and 4th Tuesdays) are hoping to add the 2nd Tuesday to their schedules.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers. We continue to distribute blankets and bed rolls along with socks, gloves, and dental hygiene products. Many thanks to those who continue to make the blankets we are able to provide.

"One cannot define one's neighbor; one can only be a neighbor."

Heinrich Greeven





That good feeling will be in all our hearts at the UMW March meeting. On Wednesday the 23rd, we will be updated on Grace Kitchen, which we support. At the Pasco non-profit, women needing a second chance and job training are being helped and encouraged.

The director will share the Kitchen's story at 10 AM in our church's Susanna Wesley Room. Tuesday Morning Circle will be hostesses.

Kathy Wertman, UMW president, will have new directories to hand out. She will also lead us in catching up on the work of various committees.

One exciting report will be from Pat Walker. Twenty new selections are on the shelves of the UMW bookcase in the library. All church members and friends are invited to check out one or two books.

The 2022 additions are varied and very good. That includes Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. It's called the most important novel that the writer has yet created. A second highly praised novel is The Hate U Given, called stunning and absolutely riveting by critics.

There are great non-fiction books, too, such as ...

One Dress, One Year – One girl's stand against human trafficking.

The Time Is Now: – A Call to Uncommon Courage - The New York Times calls this "A cri de coeur against the status quo and for a bold spirituality to fight injustice."

Sacred Resistance: A Practical Guide to Christian Witness and Dissent

The Boy Who Delivered Joy – Critically ill, he still helped other sick children.

UMW's missions to make life better for the world's women and children will be featured in a virtual meeting at 4:30 PM, Tuesday, March 8. Register now online at UMW's web page for Voices from the Field. If you want to support many wonderful missions, send a check for UMW to our treasurer, Kathy Harris.

At their February 23 meeting, UMW members voted to give \$250 to World Relief and \$200 to help families displaced by the downtown fire.

Also, the Methodist Council of Bishops is suggesting we use our voices and influence to support inclusive voting rights. We are encouraged to demand that states and the federal government provide FULL SUPPORT for FULL PARTICIPATION in elections.

Holly Daze Needs Craft Happy Crafters **Craft Work Day**

Looking for a fun start to your weekend? Join your church friends at a holiday workshop at 9 AM on Saturday, March 5.

Plan on sharing *your* ideas for Holly Daze crafts, arts, and treats. Co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn will welcome your inspired ideas, as they are already thinking creatively for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays, and all other happy times.

One task scheduled for this Saturday is making pompom wreaths. You are also encouraged to bring your own craft project to work on.

Oh, by the way, please wear your masks, but keep the good thought that soon they won't be necessary.



Paw Patrol to the Rescue

By Cynthia Bement

Saturday February 5th was a beautiful day, unseasonably sunny and warm with temperatures reaching 63 degrees! Randy had to work, so Lucy Lou and I were on our own. Lucy Lou is our 3½ year old Beagle, and she really enjoys life! Like most dogs, she LOVES going on walks. I am sure many dog owners understand the need to spell the word “W A L K” when speaking out loud about the possibility of doing so in front of their dog – otherwise, the excitement doesn’t end until the “walk” happens. I had noticed, though, that Lucy wasn’t acting like her usual perky self on this particular morning, something seemed off, but I thought a walk in the sunshine might brighten her up. She livened up a bit when I put on her harness and got the leash, and she was excited when I opened the door for us to go out. We started off, and as usual, her nose was to the ground, sniffing everything and stopping often . . . she is all hound! But she was walking slower than usual and seemed distracted. After several blocks I was coaxing her, and several blocks later, she kept stopping and staring off into space . . . and I was getting concerned. The walk stopped when I observed her beginning to twitch. I scooped my 26-pound dog up in my arms and hurried to get her home so that I could get her to the vet. Walking as fast as I could while carrying my dog, I called Randy to alert him that something was terribly wrong with our poor pup so that he would meet me at home. I had barely hung up when Lucy’s twitching became faster and more pronounced . . . and suddenly her eyes rolled back. I stopped and gently laid her on the pavement of the school parking lot where she convulsed violently in a grand mal seizure, foaming at the mouth. I prayed/cried out loud, “Oh God help me!” and tried to keep both of us

calm . . . which wasn’t working! In that moment, I felt so helpless and alone. Several children observed the moment from far away and were hollering at me “is your dog ok?” - so sweet, but I couldn’t even answer.

About 30 seconds after calling out to the Lord for help . . . she arrived. I could hear a car come alongside me as I was kneeling beside my sick puppy. Her words were, “How can I help you?” to which I responded that I didn’t know what was going on with my dog, that she had never had a seizure before, and I didn’t know what to do. Her response was so kind: “I believe she will be ok, just keep talking to her, saying her name,” and I did. The stranger continued calmly sharing her observations out loud, “I think the seizure is almost over,” “her eyes are beginning to open,” “I think the worst is over,” and “see she is trying to get up” . . . all encouraging words to hear, because it meant another human was near me in a positive way, I wasn’t alone. She talked me through calling the vet and the animal hospital, offered to take Lucy and me immediately to the pet emergency hospital, and appeared genuinely concerned. The second time when she asked how she could help, I asked if she could take me home where my husband would be waiting for me and could transport us to the animal hospital, and she did. When we got to my house, I thanked her for her kindness and the time she spent with us, and she wished Lucy well and then left.

Randy and I took Lucy to the vet that day and ended up taking her two more times in the week that followed because of some intestinal issues, which led to a diagnosis of pancreatitis. Lucy may also have epilepsy . . . time will tell.

It has been a week since the seizure and Lucille Louella appears to be back to her old lively self! I have had some time to reflect on that moment of crisis. How great it is to know that when we cry out to the Lord for

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help, prayers are heard and answered, often in the blink of an eye! When help comes, we can choose to accept what the Lord provides. I will remember that asking “How can I help?” is more helpful than “Can I help?” Being present with another, especially in an emergency, is always better than being on your own. I couldn’t tell you what the kind lady looked like, but I remember the calm sound of her voice and the words she spoke. She knew Lucy’s name, but she didn’t know mine and I didn’t know hers - but somehow it didn’t seem to matter in the moment.

In a world where it might appear that people are against each other, or at least that’s too often how it seems, I’m here to testify that in this world that God created and called good, good still exists, and that goodness still exists in the form of human kindness. It’s true that violence happens. We still have much work to do on this earth, but good is also happening!! God created you and called you good . . .so let’s get after it and go do some more good today!

Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers.

3 John 1:5



Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawls Comfort Loved Ones

Cozy prayer shawls in a wide array of colors are available at the church office for those special people in our lives. Pick out one for a friend, family member, or neighbor, anyone for whom you would like to show your care. Each shawl is made with love by a church member, under the guidance of Pat Walker, and has been blessed by our pastor.

Calling All Sunday School Families!



Sunday School families, mark your calendars and invite a friend for the return of our Palm Sunday Parade on April 10th.

We will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th.



More details for both these events will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

The right words for victory in Jesus

My mom tells a story of me as a preschooler, swinging in our backyard and singing loudly (and off key, I’m sure): “Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He socked me and bopped me with his redeeming blood.” Though that isn’t an example of how to effectively share Jesus with your neighbors, the mistaken words might contain a nugget of truth.

In 1939, a stroke partially paralyzed hymnwriter Eugene Bartlett. Bedridden and unable to perform anymore, he penned his final, most beloved song, “Victory in Jesus.” The actual lyrics read: “O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood.”

It’s beautiful to realize that Jesus did indeed seek me out and pay the ultimate price for me. But sometimes I forget — and that’s when he “socks me” and “bops me.” Jesus loves me too much to let life’s chaos and struggles distract me from him and what he’s done. Let’s all remember to celebrate our victory in Jesus!

—Janna Firestone

Becky Phillips	3-Mar
Altha Perry	4-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Arlan Gaden	6-Mar
Dennis Arter	6-Mar
Opal Smith	8-Mar
Forest Dexter	8-Mar
Starlite Buchholz	9-Mar
Robert Marple	11-Mar
Amy Sweetwood	13-Mar
James Foster	14-Mar
Clara Cox	15-Mar
Lillian Anderson	19-Mar
Dorothy Lyle	22-Mar
Fern Smith	22-Mar
Judy Milton	24-Mar
Robert Rhodes	24-Mar
Jessica Urban	25-Mar
Sally Herker	27-Mar
Linda Hawley	27-Mar
Bob Arnold	27-Mar
Don Hand	27-Mar

Early April Birthdays

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



Doris Brown celebrated a birthday on February 29 . . . except we didn't HAVE a February 29 this year! I am so sorry to have missed including this dear lady's birthday in the February Clarion; still we want to send her very happy, if belated, birthday wishes!



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

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



Please be in prayer for the family and friends of ***Walt Enderlin***, who passed away peacefully on February 11. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and children, Lisa, Carl, and Leslie and their spouses, as well as several well-loved grandchildren.

Thank you, Marlene!



For over 55 years, Marlene Jelsing has served on reception teams for both weddings and memorial services, many years as the team leader. She has recruited volunteers, baked cookies, set up tables, served folks, and cleaned up! I can't imagine how many coffee cups she has washed or how many thousands of cookies she has baked . . . always with a smile and always gracious. Her last reception as team leader was February 19 following the celebration of life for her dear friend, Helen Mitchell. Marlene, we thank you for your many years of service, hospitality, and leadership . . . your church is very appreciative of you!

To everyone else who serves on this team, you are all incredible ladies who make receptions in our church so great!! We look forward to Kathy Wertman taking the lead in the future!

How Well Do You Know Your Church Building?



The Facilities team has created a bulletin board that is located between the restrooms near the entrance. On it, you'll find the names of the team members posted for your reference and also in the event you might want to talk with them. There is also a place for you to put concerns or questions about the grounds or buildings.

Please take a moment to "guess" the answers to some of the trivia questions posted about the church building . . . and be sure to check back as the questions will change throughout the year!

Thank you to the Facilities team for keeping our church, office, and parsonage in great working order!! Your countless hours of behind-the-scenes work are a blessing to all of us and we are thankful for you!!



All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



I could tell you the answer, but where's the fun of that? See John 12:1-8 for the answer. See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; and Luke 7:36-39 for the person identified in those accounts.



Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2022

Daylight saving time begins, March 13, 2022

First day of spring, March 20, 2022



Christian symbol

40—In Scripture, this number often indicates a time of trial or testing, or simply marks significance. It rained 40 days and nights during the Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. The Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).



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8 AM - noon on Fridays

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