

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



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Our congregation has loved watching you grow at Kennewick First; in faith, in wisdom, and in character. As you continue your journey with Christ, we pray that you always know that you are a beloved child of God and that you can do all things through Christ because of the strength that comes from Him. You will always have a home at Kennewick First.

We love you and are proud of your accomplishments!

*Love,
Your Kennewick First United Methodist
Church Family*



The last day of Sunday School before summer break is June 5. We appreciate *all* the teachers who made the fun, growth, and friendships possible this year! We love and cherish your commitment to our students. Thank you!

And kids, we can't wait till we see all of you back in September for another year!

2021-2022 Children and Youth Sunday School Teachers: Cheri Baker, Phyllis Merrill, Sandi Montague, Becky Phillips, Starlite Buchholz, Linda Hawley, Sierra Hogg, Renee Glesener, Joe Glesener, Jim Door, Rachel Loomis, and Adeline McMurray.

We are also thankful for Jim Deatherage and Bob Kelly, who taught our Adult Class last fall. It was a great learning and bonding experience for those who attended!

Summer office hours begin **June 6**. The office will be open 8 AM to noon, Monday through Friday, through the summer months.





VBS – Sparks Studios!

We are changing things up this year for Vacation Bible School. VBS will take place this year during Sunday School time in the fall starting

September 11. We plan to meet from 8:30 – 11:00 AM (release time dependent on church service ending), with breakfast served at 8:30 followed by VBS worship, crafts, Bible stories, music, and activities. More details will follow, with early registration coming in July. All Sunday School families have a spot reserved for next fall. Friends, family, and community members are welcome, but space is limited so watch for registration information and sign up early!

VBS Sunday School is free, and is for kids ages 2 through 6th grade.

“Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. Kids will learn that God’s creativity didn’t stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God’s workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him.”



Bishop Stanovsky has announced the appointment of the Rev. Alexa Eisenbarth to the South Sound Cooperative as the Associate Pastor at Olympia UMC, effective July 1. She has been serving at Orting UMC.

Cards may be sent to: PO Box 1231 Orting, WA 98360 . . . Thanks be to God!

Father’s Day June 19

Please join us in worship as we honor all of the sweet gentlemen in our congregation!



A Prayer for Christian Fathers

*Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.*

Amen.

- Author Unknown



KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

*June 2
10 AM
Rockabilly Roasting
101 W Kennewick Ave.*

Seniors, you are invited to gather with other Seniors from our church to share life’s joys and concerns and the faith that sustains us. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Roxy Antique Coffee Shop, *Rockabilly Roasting*, where you can purchase a cup of coffee or the like. Join your friends and make new ones as you gather together to lend encouragement, laugh, and share stories with each other.



By Cynthia Bement

Unplug to Recharge

1 Corinthians 3:16 - Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the **Spirit** of God **dwells** in you?

When the battery in one of my electronic devices is running low, I have to find the correct cord and

plug my cell phone, tablet, or computer into an electrical outlet to recharge the battery so that I can call, text, and continue to work. Many of our other life tools need a certain kind of energy to run, too. Whether it be electricity, solar, gas, or batteries, that energy comes from an outside source. Christians often talk about plugging into Jesus to recharge, as if God is an outside source, but the Holy Spirit, the power source God sent to us, is “always” with us, living within us, always ready to recharge our souls and spirits.

Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit has the power to make us more like Christ, is the One who gives us power, who guides, convicts, leads, sanctifies, and empowers us, the One who helps us pray, gives spiritual gifts, renews us, anoints us for ministry, brings unity, gives patience, helps us to be obedient, brings joy, helps us to remember, comforts us, unites us to Jesus Christ, and so much more! I long for these things, don’t you? I have learned that if I want the Holy Spirit to keep me charged up so that I am ready for the life and work God has called me to, I’ve got to take the time to leave the world and its cares behind and sit with the Holy Spirit and let Him do His work in me.

Often scripture mentions how Jesus would go away, “retreat,” to find a quiet place to pray. In other words, He **unplugged** in order to spend time with His Father. We need that as well. Of course, we know that in spite of His good intentions, the crowd would often follow Jesus, and the time He planned to spend with His Father became

time for healing, preaching, and making lunch for thousands . . . oh, the life of the One who gives Life! We, too, may find that God has other plans for us, bringing someone who needs us just when *we* planned to unplug! Our good intentions can even be derailed when our minds are distracted as we pray.

No, it isn’t always easy for us to unplug from life’s demands, even for a good cause, but Jesus is a great teacher of how to listen to and communicate with God His Father while loving and caring for others. I must intentionally turn off the TV, put my phone down, and turn off the music to hear the “still small voice of God.” The Holy Spirit is within us, directing us, but as Mary Lynn Arter shared at one of our Time With Young Disciple moments, if God is like a GPS and we have the music up too loud or are talking, we won’t hear His directions . . . and then we’ll have to be rerouted! When we seek a deeper relationship with God, we look forward to unplugging and purposely tuning in to our Power Source. As we continue in these times of retreat, we will learn to embrace the sacred in the quiet, which can lead to a calming of the soul.

I look forward to my time at Twinlow Camp each summer, when there are always great moments to serve, learn, pray, eat, swim, hike, and make wonderful connections in a community of faith. But there are also beautiful opportunities to have quiet time, sit by the lake or pray at morning watch, sing around a campfire, and drink morning coffee on the deck! My hope is that we all have places that help us to unplug and listen. Whether it is the ocean, forest, lake, mountains, sanctuary, backyard, or your home, just remember to ask the Lord to speak to you and then, *be still*...

...and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

1 Kings 19:12



Summer Brings Out Craftiness In Women

The next three months will be a creative time for our United Women in Faith, formerly UMW.

Members and friends will make crafts, bake, garden, and sew for their upcoming fall bazaar.

The first summer workshop for Holly Daze will be Saturday, June 4, from 9 AM to noon in the Susanna Wesley Room at church.

Holly Daze Co-Chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn encourage all to bring a friend or two – along with their craft ideas – to this session and to other workshops coming in the weeks ahead.

Not only are the workshops great for friendship, they are wonderful for missions. All proceeds from the annual October bazaar will go to support women and families throughout the Tri-Cities, the country, and even the world.

Our UWF president, Kathy Wertman, will be at the workshops, eager to share with you about our UWF activities, including supporting this church's youth, Grace Clinic, My Friend's Place, Piecemakers, Second Harvest, and the Union Gospel shelters.

At the June 4 workshop, Pat Walker and her prayer shawl group will also meet. Knitters and crocheters are invited to take part in this beloved project. Over the years, more than 1000 shawls have been created, blessed, and given to comfort and encourage community and church members. A colorful array of shawls is available at the church office, or contact Pat.



Kennewick First UMC Church Campout 2022

Summer is here!! Well, close enough! Have you signed up for the 2022 KFUMC campout, 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.



Thank you for coming to the Sr. High



Dessert Auction!

On Sunday, May 22, the Sr. Highers and their leaders held the Dessert Auction to raise funds for our mission trip to Okanogan and Omak Counties, where we will be providing wildfire relief. Thank you to everyone who attended the auction to support our mission trip.

In total, we raised \$5,737!!

A special thank you to those who baked and donated yummy desserts! We would like to thank these wonderful bakers:

Kevin Alley
Cynthia Bement
Gracee Glesener
Linda Hawley
Hayley Albertson
Sydney Howard
Ella Lehrman
Alice Loomis
Phyllis Merrill
Shelly Ohman
Heather Ramirez
Jeff Varzandeh
Sharon Varzandeh
Trent Westfall

Thank you for your love and support! The Sr. Highers and their leaders are beyond grateful and blessed for your generous contributions to the 2022 Sr. High Mission Trip!



Next Stop... Okanogan and Omak Counties, WA!

Please keep the Sr. Highers and their leaders in your prayers as they pack, prepare, and depart for the 2022 Mission Trip! We can't wait to spend June 20 through June 26 worshipping, serving, and being in fellowship with one another. Thank you to our church family for making this trip possible!

Love, the Sr. High UMY and their leaders



Summertime splendor

One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory."

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word. Thomas Merton writes, "By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."



Edwina Kenoyer	1-Jun
Kevin Loomis	1-Jun
Corey Osborn	2-Jun
Rachel Loomis	2-Jun
Elliott Kaiser	3-Jun
Amber (Arnold) McKonley	4-Jun
Brian Bement	4-Jun
Eleena Becker	5-Jun
Walker Taggares	6-Jun
Kevin Howard	7-Jun
William Osborn	7-Jun
James Dreier	8-Jun
Jessica Perry	10-Jun
Kirk Higginson	11-Jun
Hailey Dreier	11-Jun
Bonnie Taylor	12-Jun
Marc Harden	12-Jun
Gloria Harden	13-Jun
Brittany Becker	13-Jun
Lexi Leathers	13-Jun
Brandon Mayfield	15-Jun
Camden Simmelink	15-Jun
Marlee Middleton	16-Jun
Joe Sproul	16-Jun
Jocelyn (Bement) O'Donnell	16-Jun
Hailey Sullivan	16-Jun
Jill Door	20-Jun
Vickie Bergum	22-Jun
Larry Schmel	23-Jun
Don Hildman	24-Jun
Ron Shuck	24-Jun
Becky West	25-Jun
Brenda Gregory	26-Jun
Thomas Cox	26-Jun
Gloria Weible	27-Jun
Nicole Dyer	27-Jun
Jim Deatherage	28-Jun
Conner Simmelink	28-Jun
Emily Koval	29-Jun



Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement including those grieving the passing of loved ones . . .



Jennifer Bateman, Jaime Hildman, Joyce Norman, Shari Adams, Altha Perry, Ron Baker, Suzanne Smith, Evelin Choate, Mark Hawley, Michael Logan, Diana Sundvik, Kirk Higginson, Rita McElroy, Muriel Smith, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Terry Simmelink, Jolene Kuhns, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Juli Reinholz, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Miranda.



Robert "Bob" Marple entered life eternal the afternoon of May 18. Bob and his lovely wife, Lee Ilah, joined the church in 1958; she preceded him in death many years ago.

He served the church for decades and was an active worshipper until he was no longer able. Bob's service will be June 4 at 11 AM at the church. Cards to the family may be sent to: Bob Marple Jr, 1201 Adair Drive, Richland WA. 99352.



On May 1, baby boy Anikin Sky Elvik entered the world weighing 9 pounds, 12 ounces, 20 inches long! Proud parents are Brandon and



Claressa and proud grandparents are Sherry and Jesse Elvik! Cards may be sent to: Brandon and Claressa Elvik, 6005 Chapel Hill Blvd Apt B201, Pasco WA 99301.



Sign up for a camp today!

Registration is now underway for Summer Camp! Camp is a wonderful time to focus on faith while enjoying the great outdoors and making friends! To register, go online to www.pnwumc.org. Under the heading Ministries, click on Camp & Retreat Ministries. Then click on one of the four PNW Camps. Under your desired camp, you can select an age-specific camp to attend . . . and then complete the registration!

Kennewick First gives camperships to all children, youth, and families who are active in the church. Please call Rachel or Cynthia in the church office to find out how much campership you will receive based on the camp you have chosen. The camperships cover roughly half the cost of the camp you attend, typically \$150/\$175 for a full week of camp, \$100 for a 3-day camp, and \$75 per person for family camp.

Cynthia will be at Twinlow Camp beginning the week of June 26 as Camp Pastor for Primary 1 . . . there is a High School Camp, Middle School Camp, and Elementary Camp that week, too! Go online and check out the awesome and unique weeks of camp offered for all age groups and families!



**Articles for the July 2022
Clarion are due June 20.
Thank you for your
timely submissions!**

In June, Soul Soup celebrates an anniversary of sorts. In June of 2013, KFUMC served its first Soul Soup



meals. That was out of the “old” kitchen where the preparation was much more complicated than it is now. The kitchen remodel really made a huge difference in the ability to prepare meals quickly for a large number of people. Thank you to everyone at KFUMC who made the kitchen remodel a reality!! It has served our community well.

Our number of meals served is pretty steady at 40-45 each Thursday with occasional increases to 50 or 55. This includes some take-out meals to shut-ins our guests serve. We continue to see new faces, and they seem to always be surprised at the meal and fellowship. We try to warmly welcome each guest at the door and again when they enter the dining hall.

As our volunteers get to know our guests, it is transformational to see friendships develop that go far beyond a simple “hello.” For many of us, we look forward to seeing our friends each week.

Feel free to join us any Thursday. And please keep this ministry, its guests, and volunteers in your prayers.

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SUMMER HOURS

Sunday Worship—10 AM

Church Office Hours
8 AM - noon
Monday through Friday

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