

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Youth Sunday

May 15

The Jr. and Sr. High UMYers will be leading worship on Sunday, May 15, at our 10:00 am worship service. Join us as we celebrate this UMY year and the high school seniors as they prepare their hearts and minds for their next chapter!

A special offering will be taken that Sunday to help provide Camp Scholarships for our children, youth, and families heading to United Methodist camps this summer.



A new member class is being offered on Sunday, May 15, at 11 am in the Susanna Wesley Room. Whether you already know you

wish to join or just want to familiarize yourself with the church, you are welcome to attend! RSVP to the church office by calling (509) 582-2163. Childcare will be available during the class.

If you cannot attend this class, but would like to join the church or want further information, please call the church office to make other arrangements.



*Articles for the June 2022
Clarion will be due on
May 20!*



Hats on for Faithful Ladies

Daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother, or grandmother,
no matter what hat we are wearing,
Being righteous is something we should strive for.

So on Mother's Day we honor faithful ladies who

Have nurtured, sacrificed for, taught, and loved us

By worshiping the Lord while crowning our head with a hat.

Cynthia Bement

Please join me, along with Clair and Paige Phillips, my young friends who helped to inspire and dream up this event, by wearing a hat to church on Mother's Day, May 8, to honor all faithful ladies, past and present, who have inspired us and our faith!

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





Last month as I was preparing for the Good Friday Tenebrae Service and going over the readings, I paused at the reading based on Luke 22:47-51: *While He was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, 'Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?' When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, 'Lord, should we strike with our swords?' And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, 'No more of this!' And He touched the man's ear and healed him.*

It reminded me how often we can resort to violence when we are afraid or feel threatened, confused, or powerless. I was reminded how Jesus responds to that violence . . . *No more of this!* No one should have to hear the alarming sound of gunfire cutting through the noise of children laughing and playing in a park or the everyday sounds of life being lived in our communities. But even those of us who are part of communities of faith that work hard to bring about a community that reflects a love for God and a love for our neighbor experience violence in our neighborhoods from time to time. In the City of Kennewick, we have seen a dramatic increase in violence over the last month and a half, specifically, shootings. Many of us have been asking ourselves, as people of faith, how do we respond or do we even respond?

I've been part of faith communities in which violence reared its head in the neighborhood and we responded by ceasing ministry and the good things we were doing in the neighborhood to withdraw back to our church, build fences and walls, and mistrust any "stranger" that came by. Other communities I've had connections with have not intentionally withdrawn from the ministry, but have felt a sense that the system that perpetuates this type of violent cycle seems so overwhelming at times that we don't know what to do, and we lose our passion and energy to keep up the work.

When I think about the "Christian response to violence," I think of Jesus' response when violence erupted in front of Him at his most critical moment . . . *No more of this!*

I think what troubles me most is that the violence we see in our neighborhood flows from a disregard for human life and dignity. The statement our Spiritual Leadership team penned when asked "Why is KFUMC here?" begins with this statement: "We believe everyone is a beloved Child of God . . ." If we truly value the image of God in all people, there comes a time that we put that belief into action. I believe now more than ever when violence is on the rise, we proclaim Jesus' words, *No more of this!* We continue with renewed passion to help children succeed and experience love. We feed those who are hungry. We care for and about those in need. We work against evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever form it presents itself. We work for change in systems that dehumanize people and push them to the margins of life. We respond to violence with love, a love that recognizes God in each of us, and proclaims that we are all beloved children of God. We pray for healing in communities that carry the weight of generations of broken relationships, and we stand in a gap that violence so often wants to fill, as a community of faith and love active in the world.

Pastor Mark

You are invited to the Sr. High



Dessert Auction

An event to raise funds for our mission trip to the Okanogan and Omak Counties, where we will be providing wildfire relief

**Sunday, May 22, 2022
1:00 PM**

Kennewick First United
Methodist Church
Corner of Dayton & Kennewick Avenue

As a table, you will pool your cash and checks together. The top fundraising table will choose their dessert first, second top fundraisers will choose their dessert next, and so on. Then you will enjoy your dessert!

Drinks will be provided

Thank you for your love and support!



**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 also a High School Camp, Middle School Camp, and an Elementary Camp that same week, too! Go online and check out the awesome and unique weeks of camp offered for all age groups and families!

Funday

On Sunday, May 1, and Sunday, May 15, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to meet with Rachel and Gracee 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!

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

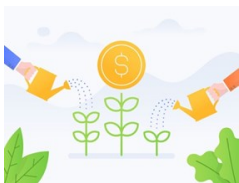


First Thursday of the Month
10 am
Rockabilly Roasting
101 W Kennewick Ave.

Whether you are widowed, divorced, or have always been single, we invite you to gather with other Seniors from our church to share life's joys and concerns and the faith that sustains us. The group will meet 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.



Jr. & Sr. UMY



Invest to Inspire Update

Thank you to those of you who have taken stock in the UMY trips and have become a shareholder by buying stocks at \$20 a piece! You will receive more information in the mail soon about celebrating our trips with us. If you would like to become a shareholder in the trips, it is not too late! Please email Rachel at rachel@kennewickfirst.com or call the church office at (509)582-2163.

Our Soul Soup guest counts are staying pretty steady with 35 to 50 meals being served depending on the week of the



month. Early in the month, numbers tend to be down as many of our guests get some form of government assistance in the form of disability payments. The good news this past month is that one of our guests has secured an apartment through the Kennewick Housing Authority. He is just so happy – the change in his outlook as a result is amazing!

But what about times other than Thursday evenings when our guests need a meal? One option is a lunch that is given out by our office staff. Susan Sandmeier started bagging up lunches years ago. As word got out, the demand grew and the Missions Committee began using annually budgeted funds to purchase the foods that went into the lunches. Now the church purchases the food, and lunch bags are filled by students at Amistad Elementary with the help of a Kiwanis volunteer. This service project allows the students, who are in grades K through 5, to regain library privileges that were lost due to lost or damaged library books. They like to help the homeless – some have undoubtedly been there.

Panera continues to provide bread and desserts that are served at Soul Soup each week. If you visit Panera for a meal, be sure to tell them “Thanks” for supporting Soul Soup!

Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's finger-nails, a puppy's tail, a crooknecked squash, the bobwhite's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

Catherine Marshall



Be Inspired; Come May 25 To Learn about Soul Soup

The warm days of May are always welcome, but a particular one will be joyfully celebrated by our church women this year. On Wednesday, May 25, they will learn firsthand about Soul Soup and its future. Bob Kelly and Jim Deatherage will talk about this wonderful Kennewick First mission at the 10 am meeting of United Women of Faith (UMW) in the Susanna Wesley Room. All are welcome to come and learn about this Thursday community meal provided for years at our church, including during the Pandemic. Actually, Soul Soup is more than food . . . It's friendship, connection, and caring for many.

Our UWF president Kathy Wertman will lead the morning's activities, and her board of officers will provide treats. The sharing gift will be for Doctors Without Borders.

There will also be reports on other UWF service projects across the world. Local missions that Kennewick First women support include Grace Clinic, My Friend's Place, Second Harvest, Chaplaincy Health Care, the Union Gospel shelters for men and for women, along with special contributions to other local agencies and our own church youth activities.

Want updates on Holly Daze, cutlery sales, or new books in the UWF library? More good reasons to join in the friendship time May 25.

Remember, UMW was renamed United Women of Faith this spring to initiate more programs that nurture members and aid women and children who face tough challenges.

UWF's first emergency grant of \$10,000 helps women activists in Ukraine to provide food, medicine, and other basic necessities to families living in bomb shelters. Also, UWF in this country supports 90 missions in vulnerable communities.



Kennewick First UMC Church Campout

During the summer of '22, the KFUMC annual campout will be at Plymouth Campground in Plymouth, WA. Plan to be there from August 12 through August 14! The sign-up sheet is on the website under Links and Forms, or you may call the office to have a sign-up sheet sent to you. Come to our yearly campout and have a wonderful time of worship and fun!

Bring Your Ideas, Craft Projects To Holly Daze Workshop May 7



For a fun, creative morning, come to the next Holly Daze Workshop at 9 am on Saturday, May 7, in the Susanna Wesley Room. A second 9 am to noon workshop is also set for June 4, so mark your calendars.

Bring a friend or two to both sessions. Co-Chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn encourage all to come share in preparing for the fall bazaar, put on by UWF. All proceeds from the annual October event go to support Jesus' missions of love.



Jr. & Sr. UMY Rock-a-Thon Wrap-up

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

On Friday evening at 7:30, the youth and their leaders arrived at the church for the Rock-a-Thon fundraiser to raise funds for the Jr. High Middler Trip to the Portland, Oregon, Vancouver, Washington, and Long Beach, Washington areas, and the Sr. High Mission Trip to the Okanogan and Omak areas.

They rocked from sunset to sunrise while being in fellowship with one another. They played games, visited, colored and drew pictures, read books, watched a couple of movies, and ate snacks!

Thank you so much for your love and support! We raised over \$6,000 through pledges and donations and are feeling beyond grateful and blessed.

If you have not paid your pledge or donation, or would still like to give a pledge or donation, you may by cash, check, or online.

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

And 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.

Pacific Northwest Conference News

Help with your gift to the Jamaa Letu Orphanages

Hope for the Children of Africa is a task force of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church. Since 2000, through a partnership with the South Congo Episcopal Area, we support two orphanages, Jamaa Letu Orphanage I & II, and collaborate with mission teams in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In response to a request from African Bishops in the United Methodist Church, the task force was created during the late 1990s to assist in providing relief and reconciliation to innocent children who were victims of wars, famines, and the destruction of schools and hospitals due to unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The children of Jamaa Letu have known war, famine, poverty, and abandonment due to the ongoing conflict there. Jamaa Letu I and II provide these children with a secure environment including food, water, a bed, education, and attention to their medical needs. The facility is run by loving, nurturing house mamas.

Your financial support is the only lifeline to Jamaa Letu’s success. Several ways to donate are available. Between now and June, you may donate to your local church, designated to Jamaa Letu. You may choose to give through this special fundraising link, <https://bit.ly/jars2022>. All the funds donated here will go to support the orphans. Other options include texting the code “JARS2022” to 44-321 to pull up the same page on your mobile device, or if you would prefer to give by check, you can mail your gift to the PNW Treasurer’s Office: P.O. Box 13650, Des Moines, WA 98198. Indicate “Jamaa Letu Orphanages” or “Jamaa Letu Scholarships” in the memo.

The money collected will support the operating expenses, such as food, clothing, school fees, utilities, and salaries for the staff for the orphanage.



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
Joan Osborne	7-May
Darlene Nelson	7-May
Nathan Door	7-May
Nick Wilhelm	7-May
Joe Mosebar	9-May
Rylee Mason	9-May
Larry Berg	11-May
Ryan Young	13-May
Kathleen Crowner	14-May
Gunnar Glazier	14-May
Austin Basche	14-May
Holly Bergum	15-May
Thomas McDermott	17-May
Shane Shiplet	17-May
Cory Hare	17-May
Ryan Shiplet	18-May
Katherine Meline	19-May
Austin Door	23-May
Molly Buchholz	23-May
Raygen Woodford	27-May
John Hunt	29-May
Russ Bechtol	29-May
Heather Ramirez	29-May

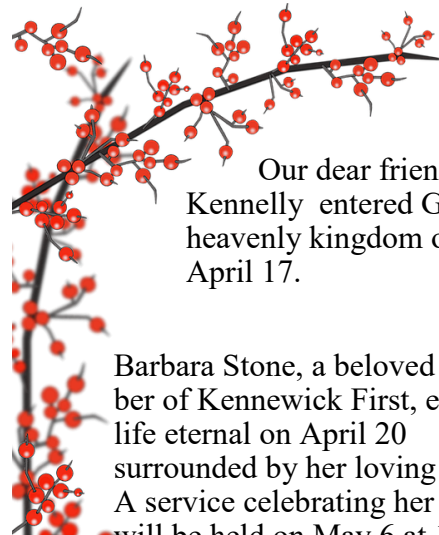
Early June Birthdays

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

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



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.



Our dear friend Sue Kennelly entered God's heavenly kingdom on April 17.

Barbara Stone, a beloved member of Kennewick First, entered life eternal on April 20 surrounded by her loving family. A service celebrating her life will be held on May 6 at 10 am in our church.

Prayers prayed in the Spirit never die until they accomplish God's intended purpose. His answer may not be what we expected, or when we expected it, but God often provides much more abundantly than we could think or ask. He interprets our intent and either answers or stores up our prayers. Sincere prayers are never lost [and] will never be wasted or go unrewarded.

—Missionary Wesley Duewel

One of the Marys Had a Little Lamb



Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 19:25

While reading the Easter scriptures from the Bible this year, I was again fascinated by how many Marys were at the Cross of Jesus. In fact, there are enough that sometimes it can be confusing! I understand that Mary, the mother of Jesus was present, along with Mary Magdalene and Mary the wife of Clopas...who is also listed as the mother of James and Josas, and may confuse us into thinking there was another Mary.

There were other women nearby, however, the Gospels identify only four by name. Of the four, three of them were named Mary. The name Mary (the Greek form of the Hebrew Miriam) was a common name in first century Palestine, as the name Olivia is today. Because I am not a Biblical scholar, I ask more questions than I have answers, so my understanding about the Marys is limited. However, I know that the three Marys at the cross were all close to Jesus, they were His mother, His aunt, and a dear friend and disciple. I believe they were near Jesus at this time to support Him and each other. Just as each of us bears the name "Christian," we all come to know Jesus through a unique and different journey, one where we find ourselves needing support from each other.

The meaning of the name Mary comes from a root word meaning "beloved," or from a word meaning "bitter" or "rebellious," a reference to the biblical Miriam's life as a slave in Egypt. I am sure each of these meanings were familiar in Mary's (mother of Jesus) life, and they are meanings that each one of us can claim as well. Even

when Mary looked upon Her son, whom she loved, whom she had witnessed perform great miracles, whom she knew could heal and bring folks back from the dead, and who was the Son of the Most High... she was His mother and her heart was broken. The perfect lamb on the cross was *her* lamb, and He was being sacrificed for the sins of the world. My sins, past, present, and future died on the cross in front of three Mary's...and many others, who loved Him and cared for Jesus in ways that I have not experienced.

I am not only grateful for My Lord, but also for the Marys who witnessed firsthand what I read about in the scriptures. One Easter Sunday when our son Brian was in about 7th grade, he took one of the blank computer labels from the pew pocket, along with a church pen, and began to write. Following worship, he peeled the back off it and adhered it to my sweater for all to read. It said, "My Name is Thia because God has taken away my Cyn!" I thought it was the funniest play on my name, and at the same time a very true statement. So let's remember that we are an Easter people, forever changed through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ...Mary's perfect little lamb.

(Cyn) Thia Bement

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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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