

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Second Harvest Food Drive in July



It's time to help our neighbors who are struggling to meet their bills and buy food and gas! As a result of high gas prices and inflation, the need for food among those hardest hit has increased significantly—demand is twice as great as it was in 2019.

KFUMC will be holding a food drive for 2nd Harvest during the month of July. 2nd Harvest is a nonprofit organization which provides food to all food banks and meal sites in the area. Collection boxes will be staged in the welcome area all month. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

Suggested food items: canned meats, tuna fish, chili, peanut butter, beans, powdered milk, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, cereals, flour, baking mixes, oatmeal.

Following worship on July 17, join our church family for a summer BBQ! The Leadership Council will be grilling burgers and hot dogs for us. Feel free to bring a salad, dessert, or bag of chips to share for this time of food and fun! The Leadership Council will also be giving us a brief update on the subjects they are currently discussing and the direction they see our church moving into in the future. We hope you can join us for this special fellowship event!



KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



Thursday, July 7, at 10 AM
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 our church to share life's joys, concerns, and faith. The group meets monthly and informally at the Roxy Antique Coffee Shop (Rockabilly Roasting), where you can purchase a cup of coffee or the like. May this be a place where friends gather to lend encouragement, laugh, and to share stories with each other.



Twinlow Camp still has spots available for an assortment of age-level camps, and KFUMC still has Campership funds available to help send families or young people to camp. If you have questions regarding how to register for camp and/or how to access a campership, please call the church office and we will help you out.



Soul Soup continues to serve about 45-50 meals each week as we enter our 9th year. It is

hard to believe that this multi-church ministry has lasted this long --- a testament to dedicated volunteers and those who support the ministry financially.

Year to date, we have provided nearly 60 bedrolls to those living on the streets. Some of our regulars have received multiple bedrolls as they are frequently stolen or damaged. Had one instance where a guest's sleeping bag caught fire and he ended up in the hospital with significant burns on his legs.

Many quilts and blankets have been donated this year – thanks to those dedicated quilters and blanket makers for their hard work. We give many blankets out and we place one in each bedroll as the sleeping bags are very light weight. Many thanks to all of the folks who provide the blankets, pick up the Panera donations, make the bedrolls, collect the personal care items – the list is exhaustive for all of the behind-the-scene folks making the lives of those who come to Soul Soup a little richer.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers!

Worship Planning Group Looking for Volunteers



Would you like to be part of a group that creates, plans, and implements innovative new worship services and experiences? If so, *we've* been looking for *you!* Give Pastor Mark a call at the church office or shoot him an email at Mark@kennewickfirst.com, if you have an interest in joining this ministry area.

VBS – Sparks Studios!



We are changing things up this year for VBS. VBS will take place this year during Sunday school time for the whole month of September. It all starts September 11 from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM (release time dependent on Church service ending). Breakfast will be served at 8:30, followed by VBS worship, crafts, Bible stories, music, and activities.

Registration begins July 17. A table with registration forms will be set up in the entryway. All Sunday School families have a spot reserved for next fall, but we still need you to register! Friends, family, and community members are welcome to join.

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



Spots are Still Available for the Kennewick First UMC Church Campout 2022!

You still have time to grab a spot at the 2022 KFUMC campout, scheduled for Friday, August 12, through Sunday, August 14, 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.

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



What's in a Name

The theme and curriculum that our PNW Conference is using for Summer Camp this year is called “What’s in a

Name.” The focus is on naming and claiming who God created us to be.

Names have great power. Some hold special meanings and some come with expectations. In a lifetime, we may give new meaning to our name or take a new name. Along the journey, we discover who we are and how God equips us to care for others. Campers are invited to use the sacred ground of camp to reflect on who they are as an individual and how they are connected to others. As we explore, we will be reminded that God knows us beyond any name we might be called and invites us into relationship.

As I write this, I am preparing to lead Primary campers (children entering 1st-3rd grade) June 26-29 at Twinlow Camp in the role of Camp Pastor. I’ve been going through the stories and scriptures that share how much God loves them and that He knows them by name! It will be exciting to teach these little ones about God calling out to Moses through a non-consuming burning bush...yes, God knew Moses’ name and his past, yet called him into a key leadership role! We will talk about Jesus changing Simon’s name to Peter (“Rock”) and the importance of the name change. Other great namings we will get to explore are Elizabeth naming John and, of course, Mary naming Jesus! There are many different names for God found in the scriptures and it will be fun to dive into them. Of course, Primary campers are at a foundational level, so we keep the theology simple. The Primary campers will likely have more to say about getting “called names” than

questioning why Jesus would change someone’s name, or they may wonder if Jesus will change their own name! Being around Primary campers reminds me that it’s ok to ask questions, because they typically have plenty . . . about everything!

For many of these children it will be their first time away from home, taking a swim test, trying new food, walking outside to another building to use the restroom, making new friends, and hearing about the love of Jesus. If the campers leave Twinlow knowing that they are known, beloved Children of God and that camp was a safe place to grow in life and faith, then we will have prevailed! The win is when we see them again the following summer, remember them, and call them by name!

Cynthia Bement

Soul care through studying

Summer isn’t often associated with studying, but it can be an ideal time to dive into God’s Word. Just keep in mind: Studying the Bible involves more than merely reading the words. The process begins with a humble spirit to not only gain information but to let Scripture transform you.

I’ve heard about various practices for Bible study. Some people set aside a special place, with multiple concordances and commentaries at their fingertips. I thrive on a bit more variety. Comparing a couple of Bible translations and paraphrases proves helpful for my studies.

Renovaré, Richard Foster’s institute that aims to help people become more like Jesus, advises: “It is vital to study not only books but also those things around us such as nature, relationships, events and cultural values.” What are the most meaningful ways for you to study God’s Word?

—Janna Firestone



Max Buchholz	2-Jul
Mary Gaden	4-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul
Nancy Osborn	5-Jul
Kelly Dean	8-Jul
Garrett Simmelink	8-Jul
Lori Butler	9-Jul
Harold Baker	10-Jul
Louise Gustafson	12-Jul
Alexa Eisenbarth	13-Jul
Lily Bruce	14-Jul
Jeanne Alexander	16-Jul
Jim Foster	18-Jul
Cynthia Bement	20-Jul
Karen Barcot	21-Jul
Jeanette Mitchell	22-Jul
Seth Solbrack	22-Jul
Mary LaMont	25-Jul
Joyce Norman	27-Jul
Steve Kennelly	29-Jul
Jerry Poole	29-Jul
Susan Urban	29-Jul
Susan Bechtol	29-Jul
Sandy Perkins	30-Jul
Margo Cox	31-Jul



Early August Birthdays

Karen Green	1-Aug
David Thien	1-Aug
Daniel Thien	2-Aug
Mark McMurray	3-Aug
Dorothy Block	4-Aug



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



Shelby Faught, Tim Anderson, Hallel Gonzalez, Michelle Botu, 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.



Punkie Eddy entered eternal rest peacefully on June 11. We thank God for her life and witness, and we pray that her family and friends are comforted.

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky has announced her intention to appoint Rev. Mark Williams as pastor of Selah UMC on July 1st - *Thanks be to God!*

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests may be sent by email to: cynthia@kennewickfirst.com or office@kennewickfirst.com

Requests may also be made by calling the church office between 8 AM and noon—509-582-2163.



WORKSHOPS, CRAFTS, BAKING

KEEP KFUMC MEMBERS BUSY

Here's a salute to the men of the church who share their skills and contribute to Holly Daze, which benefits missions locally and all over the world.

With their woodcrafts, gardening, arts, and yes, even baking, men will help make this fall's UWF bazaar one of the best ever.

Of course, our United Women In Faith members and friends will be busy this summer making their own handmade items and baked goods and by attending Holly Daze workshops.

The next workshop will be Saturday, July 2, starting at 9 AM at the church. Come if you can! It will be a fun time for crafting and camaraderie.

Holly Daze co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier suggest church members check online at Pinterest for scads of craft and sewing ideas. And they invite you to share your own ideas at the upcoming workshops.

At home, women will be gardening and baking and freezing breads, coffee cakes, and cookies. Others will be knitting and crocheting holiday items, such as pumpkins, wreaths, holiday-themed kitchen and clothing items, and making pottery and artistic items.

Our UWF unit is planning an early evening meeting in September for all women of the church and their friends to learn about the many activities and missions that we participate in. Anyone who wants to come and

needs transportation should contact Kathy Wertman, UWF president. There are members who gladly will offer rides. Look for details in the next Clarion.

Also, in the fall, our UWF supporters will visit Grace Clinic in Pasco. Over the next two months, this wonderful mission that serves Tri-Cities women will offer its spices, pasta, and sauces at the Kennewick Public Market at the Columbia River, open Thursdays through Sundays. Parking is at Bruneau and Beech Streets.

Mission U for our district will be July 22 to 24. If you are interested in attending, contact President Kathy.

The UWF tenet declares it is "a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done. And we invite you to join us."

At its spring meeting, UWF approved \$275,000 in grants, backing a significant new partnership with Girls Embracing Mothers, a group that empowers girls in grades K-12 whose mothers are in prison to break the cycle of incarceration and lead successful lives with vision and purpose.

Last year, United Women in Faith contributed more than \$4 million for national and international grants and scholarships.

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SUMMER HOURS

Sunday Worship—10 AM

Church Office Hours
8 AM - noon
Monday through Friday

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