

THE CLARION

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



Kennewick
First United
Methodist
Church

*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



KFUMC
Single
Senior

AUGUST 2022

Support Group

Thursday, August 4, 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.

Kennewick First UMC Church Campout



There are still a few spots left for the all-church camp out August 12-14 at Plymouth. Contact Cynthia through the church office by **August 9** if you would like to reserve your spot for \$60.00.

SHAKE!!

KFUMC is sponsoring another SHAKE Drive! This drive will help to provide our local school children with school supplies, and with the cost of these items on the rise, our help is more important than ever this year! Kennewick First will be collecting supplies through **August 13**. A collection box is located in the Welcome Area. Your support of this outreach is greatly appreciated!



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.

*Articles for the September 2022 Clarion
will be due August 20. Thank you for your
timely submissions!*



goes International

Soul Soup has been on a world-wide tour for menus this past month. In trying to vary our meals, we have gone overseas in many instances. It all started with Linda Deatherage and her Slovakian Sausage Sandwich from Eastern Europe. Then Davey Hare prepared an old firehouse favorite, Egg Roll Rice Bowl, and Stacie Landon from Bethel went All American with a pancake supper. Bob Kelly went out of county to Walla Walla County for the old family favorite, Burbank Easy Casserole. Not to be outdone, Linda then did Easy Peezy Italianee Mama-Pia Casserolee. All in all, our foreign language skills were noticeably lacking, but our guests enjoyed the food and the imaginary trip around the world.

As you might have guessed by now, Soul Soup is more about fellowship than food. Food is our vehicle to fellowship for both our guests and our volunteers. If you are looking for a good time, come visit us at Soul Soup any Thursday from 5 – 6 PM.

The warmer weather is bringing us a few more guests each week. We see a few new faces, and it is a blessing to welcome them to this fellowship. 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.

Spark Studio VBS is coming September 11, 18, and 25, 2022. VBS will begin with breakfast at 8:30 AM in the fellowship hall followed by VBS/Sunday School from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM downstairs in Wesleyan Hall. VBS is for children 2 years old to those entering 6th grade. This is a free event.



Please follow this link for on-line registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3yx65z4y>

OR

Scan QR Code for link to registration form:



If you would prefer paper registration, you can pick up a form Sunday mornings at church.

We are excited for this new adventure in September and we hope you can join us!



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward



Karen Green	1-Aug
David Thien	1-Aug
Daniel Thien	2-Aug
Mark McMurray	3-Aug
Dorothy Block	4-Aug
David Brown	5-Aug
Sydney Howard	5-Aug
Amanda Nelson	6-Aug
Peter Almarode	6-Aug
Seth Mitchell	8-Aug
Kris Hand	9-Aug
Zoe Rhodes	9-Aug
Susan Mayfield	10-Aug
Caleb Wertman	11-Aug
Michelle Collins	13-Aug
Ethan Nelson	14-Aug
Kevin Alley	16-Aug
Harley Smith	17-Aug
Julie Hooley	17-Aug
Debbie Raymond	18-Aug
Jim Door	18-Aug
Cheyenne Westfall	20-Aug
Erna Sproul	21-Aug
Charles Russcher	21-Aug
Pat Walker	22-Aug
Jeffrey Flink	25-Aug
Stephen Bannworth	31-Aug



Early September Birthdays

Dean Mitchell	1-Sep
Rick Kerkow	2-Sep
Lindsay Varzandeh	3-Sep
Rebecca Hildman	4-Sep
Sherry Arnold	4-Sep
Geneva Nevius	5-Sep

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



Shelby Faught, Tim Anderson, Jaime Hildman, Joyce Norman, Altha Perry, Ron Baker, Suzanne Smith, Evelin Choate, Mark Hawley, Diana Sundvik, Kirk Higginson, Rita McElroy, 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.



Michelle Botu passed on July 28, following a courageous battle with a chronic lung condition. She is survived by her son, Steven, and her Aunt Beckie and Uncle Don Hildman. Please pray for them and the other family and friends who mourn her passing, but who celebrate her life of faith.

Alvin Brazell, dear husband of Darlene, entered eternal life on July 9. Please keep Darlene and their family in prayer.

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.



The awesome contributors to Holly Daze are stepping up their pace to make the October 15 bazaar

a great one! Two Saturday UWF workshops will be held this month. Crafters will gather at church from 9 AM to noon, August 6 and 27, to finish projects already in progress and start several new ones.

Holly Daze co-chairs, Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier, hope church gardeners will be bringing in produce and plants this fall. And, they invite you to share your crafting ideas at the August workshops.

Happily, one of the most popular departments at the bazaar - the Bake Shop - will be back. Sponsored by Tuesday Morning Circle, shelves in the Susanna Wesley Room will be filled with breads, cakes, cookies, candies, pies, and other delectable delights. We encourage all Kennewick First members and supporters to donate their special treats for sale.

If a friendship group or class would like to hold a baking workshop, call Nancy Russell, 509-987-3626, or email her at nancy.s.russell42@gmail.com. Promising to help bakers get organized, she says, "It is amazing what a small group of people can achieve."

Our United Women In Faith members also will be busy until October 15 baking, making their own handmade items, and setting up the bazaar.

Remember, on workshop days, our prayer shawl knitters will also meet. Contact Pat Walker for patterns or yarn or with any questions.

Find out more about UWF activities at an early evening meeting September 28, to which all women of the church and their friends are invited. Anyone who wants to come and needs transportation should contact Kathy Wertman, UWF president.

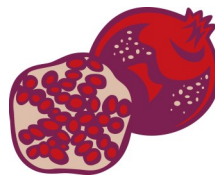
There are members who gladly will offer rides.

Plans are also moving forward for our UWF members to visit Grace Clinic in Pasco.

Throughout the world, UWF is a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of improving the lives of women and families. Every day, our members show up, take action, and invite all caring women to join us in Jesus' mission to the poor and afflicted. For example, in Kenya, many women cannot afford to feed their families. With the help of UWF they are given chickens to raise so they can sell the eggs and buy food.

UWF takes stands on social justice issues. After the Supreme Court limited the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate emissions from power plants, a UWF spokesperson said, "The Supreme Court decision in *West Virginia v. EPA* signals a major setback in the fight against the climate crisis. It limits the Agency's ability to set effective standards needed to reduce greenhouse gas pollution from coal and gas fired power plants under the Clean Air Act."

"As women of faith called to steward the earth and care for one another, we are deeply concerned about the Court's low regard for frontline communities. Extreme heat, wildfires, and intensifying storms are already disproportionately impacting women and girls around the world and devastating Black, Indigenous, Latino, Asian American, Pacific Islander and low-wealth communities in the United States."



POMEGRANATE—

Because the pomegranate has an abundance of seeds, the fruit is used to represent hope and future life. It also symbolizes the many believers who are individual members of the universal Christian church.

While leading camp earlier this summer I shared one of my lunch experiences with Pastor Debbie Sperry from Wenatchee First UMC and she asked me to retell it for a video devotion to present to her church. After I did so, I decided to write it out for my church family, too.

Cynthia Bement

To Dip or not to Dip



I was blessed to spend a July week at Twinlow camp serving on the spiritual team for primary campers and elementary age campers. There were other events at Twinlow that same week - Jr High water sports campers and a Sr High mission project team were also there.

Most age-level camp activities are kept separate, but mealtimes are not.

Upon entering the dining room for a meal, everyone makes a mad dash for a seat at a table, especially if you want to sit with your friends. Typically, there is an adult at every table, but I wouldn't necessarily be sitting with only primary or elementary campers; I could be sitting with Jr. water sports campers, or I might have some mission team campers at the table. One afternoon, following the lunchtime "quick grab a seat moment," I found myself with Bob Kelly and an otherwise all-girls group! Our table was a bit crowded with three senior high, five primary campers, and several adults. The menu for the warm day was French dip sandwiches with au jus, french fries, and an apple. When our table was called, we all formed a line to enter the kitchen to pick out what we wanted, "buffet style." I followed as the first-grade girls began to make their way through the line.

Following behind these young girls, watching and listening to what they wanted placed on their plates, I was reminded that their palette and food experience isn't as

refined as mine. They got to choose whether they wanted a sandwich, which was roast beef with a slice of cheese on it, au jus, fries, and an apple. Sounds pretty simple, right? But if you're six years old, those choices can pose some really hard questions, and the process can be a little more complicated than we think!

After the little girls made it through the line and carefully carried their plates back to the table, we all began to settle into our meal. Once at the table, some of the older girls started noticing that their plates looked somewhat different than the plates of a few of the primary campers. That is, two primary campers chose to go with the au jus without the sandwich. Now, I think most of us adults and teens know the au jus goes hand-in-hand with the sandwich. But when the six year olds went through the line, they picked "soup," fries, and an apple. Again, those of us with some years behind us know that au jus is mostly broth, and right away the older girls started questioning me, "Don't they know this is a dip for the sandwich?" and I said "They're primary campers, they're six years old, and probably not." One senior high camper continued, "Well, they didn't grab a sandwich so they don't have anything to dip in their au jus," and again I responded, "You know that, and I know that, but at six they may not have the same wisdom that you and I have." And so lunch continued with little girls eating their "soup," sharing how wonderful it was and eating their fries slathered in ketchup. Another senior high camper asked in dismay, "Why aren't they dipping a sandwich in their soup, that's how you eat a French dip sandwich," and I responded again with "You know that and I know that, but they don't know, and they are happily eating their meal and it's okay." And if the little girls noticed the rest of us were dipping sandwiches in the "soup," none of them said a word! We all just sat around the table together, visiting and laughing as Rachel got ketchup all over her name tag!

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The life lessons we learn at camp can be as simple as a meal, but are nevertheless important. As I sat there at the table, I thought...hmm isn't this kind of like church? Sometimes those of us who've been practicing our faith and attending church for a long time have a wisdom about us, and we kind of know some of the background of why we do the things we do. But occasionally, when new folks walk through the door, they might not know why we do what we do. We take so much of our "why" for granted and we assume. We start thinking "those new folks need to do it like we do it, don't they know they should do it like us?" And the reality is, there are a lot of ways to do faith and church, just like there are a lot of different ways to eat a French dip sandwich. Sometimes you can just eat the meat and the cheese, sometimes you can just have the soup, and sometimes you can put it all together and you can dip it, and it's all good that way, too!

At the end of the day our faith in Jesus Christ is the most important thing and at the end of that meal everybody got fed, so I just ask you to think about how you come to the table. Are you open to the ways that other people experience God and are fed? Are you okay with loving those around the table, knowing that we have differences, but realizing that the most important piece is being unified through the love of Jesus Christ who sits at the head of our table?



Puzzle!

Look up each verse in an NIV Bible and find a word that fits in that row. Then write the word from the bold vertical column in the blank below to complete Proverbs 24:3-4.

1 Corinthians 8:1		N				
Philippians 1:9					H	
2 Peter 1:5						S
		A			2 Timothy 3:7	
Matthew 24:32				S		
John 7:15				R		
					I	Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18					E	
	W				Proverbs 24:5	

By wisdom a house is built, and ...
through _____ its rooms are filled with
rare and beautiful treasures.

PROVERBS 24:3-4, NIV

answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, power, knowledge

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SUMMER HOURS

Sunday Worship—10 AM

Church Office Hours
8 AM - noon
Monday through Friday

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