

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

Jr & Sr UMY Orientation and Ice Cream Social



 **SEPTEMBER** 2022

This event is for both parents and teens from 4:00-5:30 pm on September 11 in the Youth Chapel!

Please come to this informational meeting to learn about a few of the changes in the youth program for the 2022-23 program year. You will meet the leaders and receive the packets with important dates for the upcoming program year. While the teens are excused to play games, the parents will have an opportunity to ask questions and learn a bit more about the year.

*Please note: Jr & Sr High Sunday School will begin **October 2**.*



Bob Kelly and Jim Deatherage will be facilitating an adult Sunday School class starting in October in the Susanna Wesley Room. There will be a Zoom set-up for those who cannot attend physically. The class will be a study of Timothy Keller's book, *The Prodigal God*. You may order the book at Amazon or contact Bob Kelly at 509-528-9254 or rkellyzx@gmail.com and copies will be ordered for distribution at the first class. The cost is \$16 for a paperback and \$12.99 for a Kindle version. We're looking forward to offering a class that is interactive, discussion oriented, and enriched by our shared life experiences and the insights members have from the reading.



VBS/Sunday School

VBS/Sunday School starts up Sunday, September 11! Breakfast will be served during the month of September starting at 8:30 AM. For additional information, contact starlite@kennewickfirst.com.

Theme Days for VBS

September 11 — *Favorite Color Day* – dress up in your favorite color.

September 18 — *Wacky-Tacky Mismatch Day* – Get creative, get goofy. Polka dots and animal print, borrow a silly tie from dad and mismatch your shoes, it is all up to you!

September 25 — *Tie-Dye Day* – Wear your VBS Tie-Dye shirt (we will be making these during week 1) and any other Tie-Dye accessories you have.



“The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you.”

—B.B. King

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



Over the years many of our SS volunteers have developed really great relationships with our guests, particularly

those who attend with regularity. Some live on the street and others have some type of domicile. But what we learn over time as we get to know them as individuals is that they are so much like us even though they might not appear to be at first glance. They become friends and true fellowship flourishes. So, when disaster strikes one of these friends, it gets personal. Like a death in their families (one man lost a son to a drug overdose) or more recently a man lost his remaining toes as a result of diabetes. He has no toes and most of each foot is gone. And he lives in a car. Or the young woman who seems to suffer from schizophrenia with hallucinations and all that entails.

So, what do we do? First, we welcome them. We feed them. We talk to them. We love them as Christ loves them – it's that easy and that hard. Please continue to pray for our guests and volunteers and come join us any Thursday at 5 PM.

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

Thursday at 10 am
September 1
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.

All Church Camp Out Recap



On the weekend of August 12, six sites at the Plymouth Campground were filled by Kennewick First UMC family members. Nine families were represented in those six sites, all together forming one body in Christ. We visited, swam, crafted, played, worshipped, and ate together. We resembled the early church, becoming a community that shared everything. Dave put pork on the smoker and "tended" to it all day...it was delicious, along with all of the side dishes brought by others! Michelle Collins let us celebrate her birthday with her, and we indulged in chocolate bundt cake and homemade ice cream! The swimming area, with a variety of paddle boards and inflatables, provided an afternoon of fun! Ethan Collins put his great swimming skills to use, rescuing a giant unicorn flotation device that was quickly leaving the swimming area and headed toward the fast moving river...the crowd cheered as he brought the unicorn back to the family who owned it. When Larry and Lorretta needed to pack up their camp site, they didn't do it alone...they had help from their camping community.

Opportunities to gather and get to know each other better are always helpful in building up our community. The only demons of the weekend had eight legs and spun webs as fast as UMW ladies sell apple pies! Despite the little critters being annoying, we managed to have a fantastic weekend together in a beautiful place with beautiful people, all created by God!!

"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust": I thank you for the assurance that whenever I call on you, you will answer.

(Psalm 91:2).



Fun, Creative Times Are Here

Hey! If you are considering taking part in a Holly Daze workshop, or attending a motivating women's meeting, September is your month.

Every Saturday this month crafters, sewers, knitters, and friends will join forces from 9 to noon in the Susanna Wesley Room to fill the shelves at the incredible bazaar on October 15.

This will mark a return to church for Holly Daze after the online bazaars of the last two years because of the pandemic. For the four workshops in September (and the two set in October), help will be needed with pricing and labeling, painting, creating food mixes, and finishing up crafts.

Of course, the Bake Shop will be open for Holly Daze. That means the many wonderful bakers and cooks in our church are asked to contribute breads, cakes, tarts, candy, cookies, treats, and pies to our bakery, which is sponsored by Tuesday Morning Circle.

Who doesn't love a good pumpkin bread, sugar cookie, or fudge, pies, and other delectable delights? They always sell well, making a big difference in the funds our United Women of Faith can contribute to local, national, and international missions.

And don't worry. Pepiot's Famous Bean Soup mix will be back at the autumn event.

Holly Daze co-chairs, Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier, also are asking church gardeners to bring in produce and plants. Check with them for details.

Volunteers for the varied jobs required to put on the bazaar are encouraged to sign up soon. The perfect time to learn how you can help will be at a workshop, or at the Fall Welcoming Fete of our UWF unit.

This special meeting will be at 6:30 PM Wednesday, September 28. Hopefully, the early evening time will make it possible for more church women and friends to attend. Expect both fun and comradery, with yummy refreshments provided by your UWF board.

In addition to the Holly Daze update, lots of information will be shared about the missions and caring programs of our Kennewick First women. New ideas for mission and projects are welcome, such as for a Book Club. Plans also are in the works for our UWF members to visit Grace Clinic in Pasco.

Anyone who wants to come and needs transportation to the September 28 meeting should contact Kathy Wertman, UWF president. There are members who gladly will offer rides.





Seeking the Lost

By Cynthia Bement

It happened again just yesterday. I was out and about delivering some Upper Room Devotionals

and checking in on some of my favorite folks who are not able to get to church, when I found an empty room. This isn't unusual. Occasionally when I stop in to pay a visit with a parishioner, they won't be home or in their room. Sometimes I stop by if they haven't answered their phone for several days or their church friends are concerned when they can't get in touch with them. Typically, this is how my searching begins . . . and it can be time consuming. I call each of the three hospitals, I call a friend from the church, and if I know a family member, call them to check on our beloved church family member. I have always wondered how people just disappear, but it happens. Often an adult child who resides in another area will relocate their parent(s) to their area to be closer to them to better provide for their care. Unfortunately, the adult children sometimes forget to let the church office know or provide a forwarding address and phone number to contact them. My heart is always broken when I have exhausted all resources to locate one of our "lost" to us parishioners. Please know how much you are loved and cared for, you are not just a name in a church directory. Here are some ways that you can help your church care for you:

- ♥ Send prayer or visit requests to office@kennewickfirst.com or call the church office at 509-582-2163 so that we can be in contact with you.
- ♥ If you are relocating, please let the church office know.
- ♥ You are welcome to leave one of your children's phone numbers with the office or staff so that we can keep up with you if a medical issue or relocation should arise.

- ♥ Alert one of your friends at church to what is going on so that they can be praying for you.

The parable of the lost sheep comes to mind each time I (or we) begin searching for a parishioner. Just like Jesus, we have a strong love and bond with our Kennewick First family and care deeply. So many members of our community do a great job of connecting, contacting, and communicating with each other, but if you are someone that feels a bit outside the flock, please let us know so that we can help to bring you back into the fold. After all it can be a bit scary to be lost, and scary to be searching for the missing. It's always better when we are celebrating the great shepherd together!

Pumpkins, pumpkins, who has pumpkins? Orange, white, big, small we want them all!



The children and youth of the church will be having a pumpkin festival in October, and we will need pumpkins to carve and paint. If you grew extra pumpkins this year or want to grab a few from the store, the church will be accepting donations this September and October. Thank you!



On October 16 from 4:00-6:00 PM, the Buchholz' family will host a pumpkin festival for Sunday School families, Youth Group families, Sunday School teachers, and Youth leaders. There will be a campfire, hot dogs/s'mores, gaga ball, pumpkin carving/painting, and more. Mark your calendars for this fun event and plan to join in some pumpkin fellowship!



Dean Mitchell	1-Sep
Rick Kerkow	2-Sep
Lindsay Varzandeh	3-Sep
Rebecca Hildman	4-Sep
Sherry Arnold	4-Sep
Geneva Nevius	5-Sep
Deanna Dreier	7-Sep
Brenda Shine	9-Sep
Barry Merrill	10-Sep
Halley Becker	10-Sep
Jasmine Urban	11-Sep
Robert Basche	14-Sep
Lynn Bateman	15-Sep
Annie Baker	16-Sep
Dave Miller	16-Sep
Cheryl Nixon	16-Sep
Amy Biglin	16-Sep
Daisy Buchholz	16-Sep
Marti Meyers	17-Sep
Tim Anderson	18-Sep
Karen Pfeiffer	19-Sep
Juli Troxel	21-Sep
Jim Koschik	24-Sep
Marshall Westerfield	25-Sep
Ayra'Zonna Kennedy	25-Sep
Wesley Leathers	25-Sep
Steven Meline	30-Sep



Early October Birthdays

Ethan Collins	1-Oct
Adam Berg	3-Oct
Ema Bruce	4-Oct
Bradley Kuhns	5-Oct
Deana Ahrend	5-Oct
Brooke Varela	5-Oct
Kelsey York	5-Oct

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, Evelin Choate, Mark Hawley, Diana Sundvik, Kirk Higginson, Rita McElroy, Muriel Smith, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Jennifer Bateman, Jolene Kuhns, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Juli Reinholz, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and our District Superintendent Rev. Daniel Miranda.



A Celebration of Life service for **Michelle Botu** will be held Saturday, September 10, at 10 AM in the Sanctuary with Pastor Mark and Pastor Doug officiating. A cookie reception will follow the service.

A primer on love



Is life not full of opportunities for learning love? Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them. The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love.

Henry Drummond

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 during office hours, 509-582-2163.



Active Women's Groups Planning Ways To Serve

A plethora of UWF activities will resume this month.

The prayer shawl knitters will get together Saturday morning, September 3, at church. Contact Pat Walker for patterns or yarn or with any questions. Crocheters, as well as knitters, are encouraged to come.

Joy Circle enthusiastically will welcome all church women and friends to their 7 PM, Thursday, September 8, meeting at Dorothy Block's home. The group's chair, Debie Britton, said they will undertake a project for Holly Daze. Joy's members are eager for the annual bazaar to be back at Kennewick First! Questions? Contact Debie or Dorothy.

If you prefer a morning meeting, come to the Tuesday Morning Circle on September 13 in the church library at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to visit and join this friendly group, too.

Their chair, Nancy Russell, says there will be a review of Holly Daze duties, including the Bake Sale. She also requested all church bakers and candy-makers bring their favorite treats and goodies in October for the sale in the Susanna Wesley room.

All kinds of baked goods and treats are wanted and appreciated. Nancy is also eager to help any small group put on a baking workshop. Give her a call.

And, don't forget the Saturday craft workshops. For sure, you will be glad if you come.



Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- ◆ My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- ◆ When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- ◆ I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- ◆ Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- ◆ I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- ◆ I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- ◆ Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- ◆ I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- ◆ My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- ◆ When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- ◆ I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- ◆ Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!



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Beginning September 11
Sunday Worship at 9 and 10 AM

Beginning September 6
Church Office Hours
8:30 AM — noon and 1 — 4 PM
Monday through Thursday
8 AM—noon on Fridays

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