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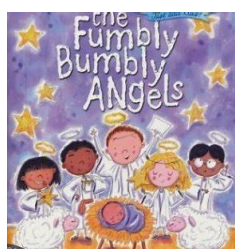
KENNEWICK 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER OF DAYTON ST AND KENNEWICK AVENUE,
KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON



2022

*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

*Kennewick First United
Methodist Children and Youth Present*



The Fumbly Bumbly Angels

They want to sing in the
Heavenly Choir, but are
they ready? Find out
December 18 at

10:00 AM!

Our Christmas pageant will be followed by
a Cookie Reception in the Fellowship Hall.
Coffee, juice, and cookies will be provided.
Please join us December 18!

*Note to all pageant participants and their
parents—**Dress rehearsal is on Saturday,
December 17, at 10 AM.***



Church Family Gingerbread House Building EXTRAVAGANZA!



Sunday, December 4, at 11:30 AM
following Worship
Ida Payne Fellowship Hall

Each person will get to assemble their own
Christmas Cottage
made from pop tarts, frosting, and candy!!

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! ...
Light and life to all he brings.*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Christmas Eve At Kennewick First



Saturday, December 24

The 4:00 PM family service will feature
Time with Young Disciples and the
Handbells. Infant care will be offered.

The 7:00 PM service will also feature
The Handbells.

Please invite your family and friends to join
us in welcoming the Christ Child!



Christmas Day Service

Christmas Day is on Sunday
this year. Please join us at
our regular worship time on
that day—10 AM.





Holly Daze Encore

Great Second Chance For Holiday Treats On December 4

Don't panic! It's not too late to pick up holiday treats, gifts, and decorations at Holly Daze.

A mini-bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 4, after the 10 AM church service.

Kennewick First's marvelous bakers are asked to bring in their breads, cookies, and cakes Saturday, December 3, to the Susanna Wesley Room, which once more will be transformed into a holiday fair.

Co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn say all profits from *Holly Daze Encore*, as with the bigger October event, will be used for important missions locally and across the world. Congregational support also will help fund the church's youth activities, camperships, Grace Kitchen, Second Harvest, Boys and Girls Club, My Friend's Place, and Grace Clinic.

Pepiot's Bean Soup will be available at the *Encore*, as well as at the church office. Many like to give the beloved mix for Christmas gifts; it would be a delightful meal to serve on New Year's Eve or following the 10 AM church service on New Year's Day!

Please plan to join us on Friday, December 16, at 6 PM for an opportunity to sing our favorite Christmas songs! Look for more information, including location, in coming bulletins and emails!



Downtown Kennewick Hometown Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 3

Parade starts at 10 AM
On Kennewick Avenue



One of our buses, which will be driven by Ron Shuck, will be in the parade! It will be decorated by all of you who show up at 8:30 AM at the church that day!

Decorations are being provided by Sherry Arnold, so just come and be extra hands to help decorate, and then feel free to ride in the warm bus during the parade...or walk and hand out peppermints! Bonus for getting there early is the ability to park in the church parking lot prior to street closures. Children who are participating need to be at the church by 9:30 AM to get into costumes to promote the Christmas pageant. Please note: for parents bringing children, we do not know what streets will be closed off or when, so beware and plan accordingly.



KFUMC December Funday

For Grades 3-5

11:15 AM -12:30 PM

**December 4—Church
Family Gingerbread House Making**

December 18—Christmas Party

**Meet at the church &
Bring a sack lunch**

Leaders – Gracee & Reneé Glesener



Winter has arrived and the cold weather is hard on our guests who are living on the street. We continue to see

new faces and with each face is a new story – not the kind most of us would want to hear and certainly not the kind we would want to live. The hot food and fellowship are welcomed by our guests and for some, the bedrolls, hand warmers, clean socks, and knit caps are a blessing. Thanks to all who make this possible.

“Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that is charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that. Help and give without expecting a return.” (Luke 6: 31-36, *The Message*)

Bob

Blessings to all this Christmas season!

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



Thursday at 10 AM

December 8

Kennewick Flower Shop
604 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 typically meets monthly and informally at the Roxy Antique Coffee Shop (Rockabilly Roasting), where you can purchase a cup of coffee or the like. **However, we will meet at Kennewick Flower Shop Coffee until we know the future status of Rockabilly Coffee due to the sudden passing of the owner.**

May this be a place and time for friends to gather to lend encouragement, laugh, and to share stories with each other.



The Tailgate Trunk or Treat was a sweet success!

Hundreds of children from the community and congregation paraded by decorated trunks and costumed UMYers to receive a bounty of treats! Families were lined up through the parking lot and around the corner on the sidewalk 30 minutes in advance of our group being ready. We started about 15 minutes before the advertised time and ended the evening with pizza for our shivering, hungry teens. Thanks to all of the donations from very generous folks—like Michelle Hare who donated approximately a dozen Costco-sized bags to

the cause - we did NOT run out of candy, although it was close! It was truly a fun night interacting with our neighbors and each other. The winners of the teen Trunk or Treat prizes are:

Best Theme (Group): Ellie Nelson and friends
as the players in the game of “Clue”

Best Theme (Individual): Ethan Collins
2nd- James Drier

Most Creative: The Buchholz and Almarode
Rock Band
2nd- Cameron Keaney

Most Decorative Trunk: AJ Kirkwood
2nd- Varzandeh family



Breakable Nativity Sets

Cynthia Bement

I remember the day my mama brought home and set up our nativity set following a shopping

spree to the S & H green stamp store. We were living in Lewiston, and I believe I was in the first grade. When feelings are attached to memories, I can recall them in detail, and my memory of the moment my mother placed each figure with care into its position in the stable is a beautiful picture that I treasure. The creche seemed bigger when my younger eyes looked at it than it does now in my parents' home. Because we had horses and easy access to hay, my mom even placed hay on the floor of the little nativity scene. Of course, this breakable treasure was set up with a familiar mother's warning . . . "this is not a toy and is not to be played with, we look at it with our eyes, not our hands." Somehow, we understood its reverence and didn't play with it.

I really enjoy looking at nativity sets, and the one that Reverend Geoff Helton (he wasn't a pastor then) brought back from the Holy Land for me is out year-round. I put two breakable Nativity sets up high and out of reach of tiny hands each Christmas, but place two other sets down low—these can be played with (the Fisher-Price set has a donkey and a cart).

Through the years I have enjoyed teaching the story of Jesus' birth using a nativity set or a flannel board scene. We see the figures and the animals together in what appears to be a barn or stable and remember the story, even the parts we romanticize or that don't line up with what know of the actual timeline of events. One morning years ago when teaching youth Sunday school, I asked the students to share with me what they knew about the birth of Jesus and the

timeline of the nativity events. As is typical, one of the "facts" that was shouted out, was that of Joseph walking and Mary riding on a donkey on their way to Bethlehem from Nazareth. I asked the class to open a Bible and find the passage where it states that Mary specifically rode on a donkey. (Hint: there isn't one!) I wouldn't have thought this new discovery of scriptural fact would have been so earth shattering, but for one young lady named Joanna . . . it was nearly traumatizing! The awe and wonder of the nativity scene had just shattered! All her years of "knowing" how Mary got to Bethlehem was forever altered. I got her calmed down by sharing that Mary may very well have ridden a donkey or, what I have always envisioned, that Joseph - a carpenter - built her a little cart to ride in. Our class talked about how we can so often get caught up in the details or the small things, such as

- ♥ Was Mary wearing blue? (She is in many pictures!)
- ♥ Was Jesus a baby in the manger when the Kings arrived or a toddler running about?
- ♥ Did Mary ride a donkey or in a cart?
- ♥ Were they in a stable or in a cave?

We can make educated guesses about some of the small details, but we don't have hard facts about many of them. Let us remember the big picture . . . the humble nativity scene is a reminder to us that God loves us so much that sent His Son to the world to redeem us from our sin and grant us eternal life through His sacrifice!

May we continue to be surprised and in awe of what the Lord continues to teach and reveal to us every day . . . even in the moments that seem to shatter or break us, we know that God is near, revealing truth, power, grace, and love . . . all while wrapped in humility.





John Harden	1-Dec
Wyatt York	1-Dec
Angelica Amegashie	1-Dec
Margaret Beesley	2-Dec
James Marquardt	7-Dec
Noelia Haberling	7-Dec
Matthew Shoop	8-Dec
Valiant Alderson	9-Dec
Betty Baumann	10-Dec
Annika Noel Tenney	11-Dec
Audrey Manley	12-Dec
Holli Simmellink	13-Dec
Erica Ewing	13-Dec
Ty Haberling	14-Dec
Thomas Yount	14-Dec
Joe Buchholz	14-Dec
Carol Kerkow	15-Dec
Marcus Wertman	15-Dec
Sean Holloway	17-Dec
Christopher Whitney	17-Dec
Robert Kuch	18-Dec
Ron Baker	23-Dec
Joyce Scott	23-Dec
Kathy Bryson	23-Dec
Mike Thien	23-Dec
Colin Wertman	24-Dec
Claire Phillips	26-Dec
Marie Duncan	29-Dec

Early



Pete Baumann	4-Jan
Kara Morris	5-Jan
Karen Alley	5-Jan
Deana Harden	5-Jan



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



Aggie Mowry, Mary Shoop, Jim Foster, Sarah Reeves, 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.



Our dear friend, **Marti Meyers**, passed from this life on November 8. Marti walked each day with Jesus and we rejoice that now she is walking with Him in His Father's house. We have all been blessed by her life and gifts, and we look forward to the time we will see her again.

LaVonne Anderson passed peacefully at home on November 7. LaVonne was an active member of our church for many years, and we thank God for the blessings she shared with us. Her family includes Tom and Melissa Gregory.



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.



UWF Brings Warmth To Winter Holidays

The cold of December will be swept aside by the warmth of friendship shared at UWF activities.

A special joyous Christmas program will be presented by Mary Lynn Arter at the women's unit meeting Wednesday, December 14.

All church women and their friends are invited to the 10 AM festivities in the Susanna Wesley Room. UWF officers will be installed, the sharing gift will be for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and the board will provide holiday treats.

Come and say an encouraging word to your 2023 board, led by Kathy Wertman as president. Also, members will congratulate Gloria Harden for being named Woman-of-the-Year, recognizing her many services and caring projects for our church and community.

Expect to hear good news about *Holly Daze Encore*, set for Sunday, December 4. Co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn thank all in advance for bringing in baked goods on Saturday, December 3, and for choosing holiday gifts and decorations in the Susanna Wesley Room after the 10 AM church service.

Other UWF holiday activities include members helping with refreshments for the Christmas Pageant on December 18.

Joy Fellowship will meet at 7 PM on Thursday, December 8, at the home of Jane Foreman. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. Contact Debie Britton to celebrate with Joy Fellowship.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship will be hosted by its leader Nancy Russell at her home for a brunch on Tuesday, December 6 or Wednesday, December 7. Let Nancy know which date works best for you. If you can, bring a dish to share. There will be an angel ornament exchange and donations collected for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Pat Walker and her wonderful prayer shawl knitters will meet at the church Saturday, December 3, at 9:30 AM. All knitters and crocheters are encouraged to attend. Patterns and yarn will be provided.



*The Lord is coming, always coming. ...
Life is Advent; life is recognizing the
coming of the Lord."*

—Henri Nouwen

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Sunday Worship at 9 and 10 AM
Sunday School at 9 AM

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

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*Articles for the January 2023 Clarion will
be due December 20. Thank you for your
timely submissions!*

JR & SR UMY DECEMBER 2022



Mon







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Sat

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04 Sunday School 9 am Praise Band 3:00 pm Christmas Kooky fun! 4-6 pm 	5	<div> <p>Dear Parents and UMY'ers,</p> <p>The downtown Kennewick Christmas Parade is on December 3rd. We will be decorating one of our church vans and walking the parade route handing out candy promoting our children's Christmas pageant. We are seeking teen volunteers who would be willing to help...possibly wearing a pageant costume! Parking can be a challenge, so allow yourself plenty of time.</p> <p>The dress rehearsal for the pageant is on December 17th, so if you are in the pageant or want to help, please be present.</p> <p>Jr UMY'ers...and parents, plan to attend the Rock-a-Thon meeting on December 18th at 3:30 prior to UMY! Packets will be handed out!</p> <p>December 18th is the UMY Christmas party. Please wear your tackiest Christmas outfit or sweater. No food or candy gifts please, due to food allergies.</p> <p>No Sunday school or UMY on December 25th or January 1st.</p> <p>◇◇ Cynthia & Starlite</p> <p>"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." – Luke 2:11</p> </div>			9	Downtown Kennewick Christmas Parade Meet at the Church by 9:30 am in the children's area if you would like to participate. 
11 Sunday School 9 am Praise Band 3:00 pm UMY Christmas lights Bus Tour Dress Warm 4-6:00 pm 	12				16	17
18 Sunday School 9 am Christmas Pageant at 10 am Worship Praise Band 3:00 pm Jr UMY Rock-a-thon Parent/youth meeting at 3:30 pm prior to UMY UMY Christmas Dinner & Party 4-6 pm—Wear tacky Christmas sweater! Bring a (\$5-7.00) gift to exchange *Please refrain from buying candy for gifts...let's get creative with this giving opportunity! 	19				23	24
25 	26				30	Christmas Eve Services <i>Family Service with infant care & time with young disciples 4 pm</i> <i>Second Xmas eve service at 7 pm</i> <i>Bells will play at both!</i> 

Puzzle!

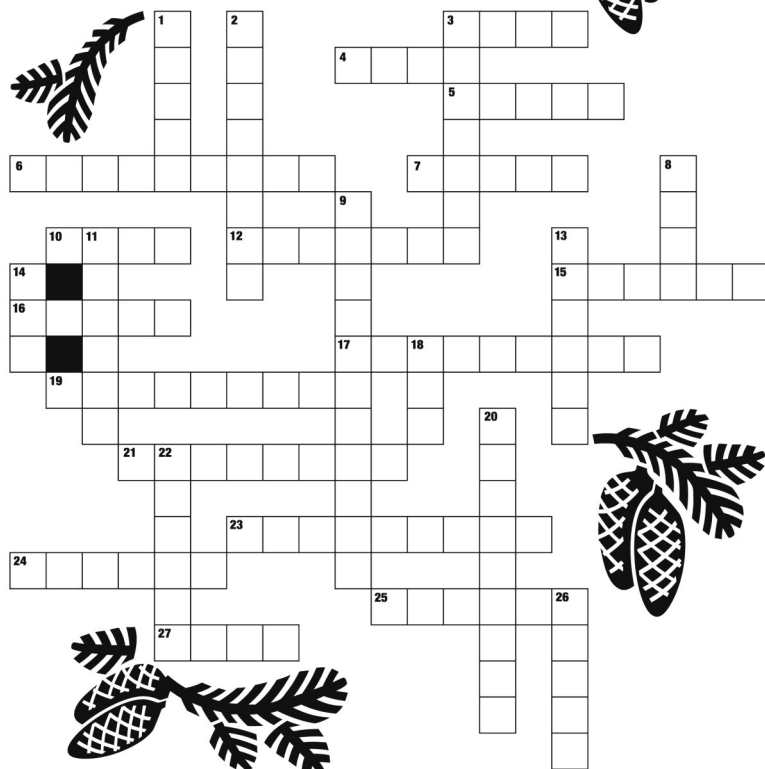
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus _____
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
18. B&B
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod, ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star

Christmas Crackups

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?

Cookie sheets.

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

"Freeze a jolly good fellow!"

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?

Ornamints.

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?

Santa walking backward.

Why did Rudolph get a bad report card?

Because he went down in history.

What is an elf's favorite kind of music?

Wrap music!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing. It was on the house!

What kind of photos do Santa's helpers take?

Elfies.

