

# THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



## Jr. High Rock-a-Thon

Just a heads up! The Jr. High Rock-a-Thon is on January 14 and 15! The Jr. Highers will start making their Rock-a-Thon calls at the end of December and will continue into January, asking for donations for the Jr. High youth program.



## KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



Thursday, January 5  
10 AM  
**Rockabilly Roasting**  
101 W Kennewick Avenue

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.

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

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## Special dates in January

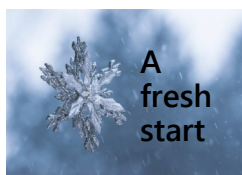
- New Year's Day, January 1, 2023
- Epiphany, January 6, 2023
- Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2023
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16, 2023
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2023

## Confirmation News

Confirmation classes for youth 7th grade and older who are active in the church will begin February 8.



A parent/youth meeting will be held on February 5 at 3:30 PM for those interested.



*I suppose when we wake on January 1 the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each new year, each new decade. That's why I also like sunrises, Mondays, and new seasons. God seems to be saying, "With me you can always start afresh."*

—Ada Lum





**UWF To Visit Switzerland At January 25 Festivities**

Thanks to world traveler Arlan Gadeken, UWF members and friends will share in an adventure to Switzerland together at 10 AM on Wednesday, January 25.

Where? How? In the Susanna Wesley Room! We will enjoy Arlan's personal recollections, called "Chocolate and the Alps."

Hopefully the day here will not be as cold as a winter day in Switzerland. In any case, there will be warming treats offered by Joy Fellowship.

Also, your 2023 UWF board will be installed. Serving will be President Kathy Wertman, Secretary Phyllis Koschik, Treasurer Kathy Harris, and these committee chairs: Program Resources, Pat Walker; Spiritual Growth, Su Mayfield; Membership, Nancy Russell; Social Action, Lori Butler; Education, Micki Perry; and Sunshine, Bonnie Taylor.

Come, celebrate your officers and also congratulate Gloria Harden for being named Woman of the Year, recognizing her many services and caring projects for Holly Daze, our church, and community.

The sharing gift will be for My Friend's Place, which aids local teens. Please bring their favorites, Fruit Loops and Oreos!

Pat Walker says that 2023 books for UWF's reading program are in, and she has already read two that she recommends, Cousins and Phoebe.

Exciting news! UWF will start a book club! Its organizer, Darryl Vaughn, said this new UWF activity will be formed this month. She asks that we send her suggestions for

meeting places and books.

The new board will hold a planning session at 10:15 AM on Tuesday, January 3, in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Weather permitting, Joy Fellowship will meet Thursday, January 12, at Jane Foreman's home at 7 PM. The weather caution goes for Tuesday Morning Fellowship, too. If possible, they will meet at 9:30 AM, January 10, in the Church Library.

## UWF Members Celebrate Holly Daze Huge Success

The figures are in! Holly Daze brought in nearly \$11,000 for missions and community giving!



Co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn thank all who created arts and crafts, baked, and gardened for the annual event. They also appreciate all those who came to the annual bazaar and its encore and went home with bags of treasures.

There will be a Holly Daze work party on one Saturday in January to clean out the storage area in the basement kitchen and move items to the new storage room off Susanna Wesley Room. Look for an announcement from the chairs as the bitter cold snap eases.

If you would like more of the bazaar's Bean Soup to warm up a cold evening, a dozen or so bags are still available at the church office.



*Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pete Baumann	4-Jan
Kara Morris	5-Jan
Karen Alley	5-Jan
Deana Harden	5-Jan
Marilyn Hockaday	6-Jan
Dick Nelson	6-Jan
Rick Glazier	9-Jan
Melissa Nickolaus	11-Jan
Beverly Swanby	15-Jan
Roberta Barcot	15-Jan
Pat Phillips	16-Jan
Chris Becker	17-Jan
Olivia Holloway	17-Jan
James Choate	20-Jan
Cindy Leathers	20-Jan
Emma Glazier	21-Jan
Dennis Simmelink	23-Jan
Ellie Nelson	24-Jan
Annalise Becker	24-Jan
Gus Kittson	28-Jan
Peggy Puryear	28-Jan
Phyllis Koschik	30-Jan
Rick Door	31-Jan



#### EARLY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rich Nelson	1-Feb
Victoria Keel	1-Feb
Chuck Smith	2-Feb
James Canada	3-Feb
Gladys Amegashie	3-Feb
Matt Kaiser	3-Feb
Steve Tucker	4-Feb
Kathleen Ritter	4-Feb



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



Aggie Mowry, Eddie Kenoyer, Mary Shoop, Jim Foster, Sarah Reeve, Bill Mandell, 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.



Please keep the family and friends of Louise Hafer, who entered into life eternal on November 28, in prayer. Her life was celebrated at a graveside service on December 10.

Paula Eakin, daughter of Lloyd and Ardith Eakin, passed on December 20. Please surround her parents, her sister Jennifer and her brother David in prayers. A graveside service was held on December 27. Cards may be sent to the Lloyd Eakin family at 4401 W 21st Avenue in Kennewick 99338.



#### ***Prayer Requests***

Prayer requests may be sent by email to:  
[cynthia@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:cynthia@kennewickfirst.com)  
 or  
[office@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:office@kennewickfirst.com)

Requests may also be made by calling the church office during office hours, 509-582-2163.



## Get up . . . Flee . . . Go!

The “flight to Egypt” is recounted in the Gospel of Matthew 2:13-15.

The scriptures share that “an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’” This was not the first time Joseph received a message from the Lord regarding the Messiah, but I’m sure that this particular news was simply terrifying to Joseph. There would have been no time for careful folding and packing, a garage sale, or a going away party with family and friends. This was a “run-for-your-life” survival moment! The message from God that the angel delivered required an immediate response. Jesus’ two Daddy’s were working together to keep Him safe . . . to save His life.

And both Mary and Joseph were obedient to the voice of God as the Lord directed their path toward safety. And they were safe.

As I read this story, I see many reasons to pause and ponder my faith in the new year.

- Am I listening to the voice of God . . . do I quiet my soul enough to hear?
- As I read the scriptures, do I listen for direction?
- Am I obedient to the Lord?
- What do I need to flee from that might bring me to a healthier place?
- Why did God put breath in my lungs today?
- When God calls me to go . . . how quickly do I respond?

There are many more questions that I can ask when I read this passage . . . these are

just the first that God placed on my heart. We often make New Year resolutions, but there is one we should make each day - that we would open our eyes and ask the Lord for direction for our lives . . . and then ask for the grace to follow that direction when it comes. Each day we are given life, life that belongs to the Lord. We all have unhealthy habits that we could flee from, or life-giving healthy disciplines we could run to . . . or both! Are there warnings God is giving to you that you need to heed? To whom might the Lord be directing you that you can help? How can you better listen to the still small voice of God? May we, like Joseph respond without hesitation to the direction we receive.

In this New Year, why not try a combination of Nike’s old slogan, “Just Do It,” with its new slogan of “Play New” - who knows, BIG things could happen between you and God for the transformation of the world!!

Happy 2023!

*Cynthia ><*



Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for the phone calls, the cards, and the prayers that were graciously sent on my behalf in regards to my health concerns these past months. During the times when darkness crept in, the only prayer I could muster up was, “Help me, Lord,” but you, my friends, filled in the gaps with eloquent and compassionate prayers for healing to the Lord. I knew the Lord had received the prayers and I kept pleading with Him to please answer those prayers. And then little by little my eyes were opened to show me the Lord’s work in my life. The darkness was beginning to fade away and the light of hope was allowed in. It feels so good to be on the downhill stretch. Bless you all for your kindness, care, and love.

*Lynnaie Wright*





## KFUMC January Funday

For Grades 3-5  
11:15 am—12:30 pm

January 1—No Funday - New Year's Day  
(No Sunday school either)

January 15 – Meet at the church with a sack  
lunch for a fun time with your friends!

Leaders– Gracee & Reneé Glesener

**Happy New Year!**

As the year comes to an end, those of us who serve at Soul Soup find that through that service we are blessed beyond our wildest dreams. And others, who most of us don't know, are drawn in and find ways to support those we serve. During Christmas week, a long-time friend of Jim Deatherage from The Walk, Cowboy, provided 60 handmade bracelets of woven cordage for both men and women that we could distribute. He also provided a bag of cards that they can use as they wish. Hopefully, these bracelets will serve as a reminder to those receiving them that each one is a loved child of God.

With the colder weather, our number of guests has dwindled some, but we are still serving about 40 to 45 meals each Thursday. We continue to give out bedrolls, blankets, socks, hats, and gloves along with hand warmers. Keep our guests in your prayers and thank you for all of your support!



## *The January/ February Upper Rooms are in!*

*Upper Room*  
**DEVOTIONALS**  
*Available*

If you haven't yet received an Upper Room Devotional and would like one, they are available on the information desk in the church entryway or we can mail one to you— just call the church office and request one.



A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped with this year's Christmas Pageant! We could not have done it without you! We appreciate all the hard work that went into working with the kids, the costumes, the music, and the cookie reception. A big shout out goes to the parents who got their kids to all the practices and rehearsals and a very BIG thank you to all the wonderful children and youth who acted, sang, and played music.

### **Kennewick 1st United Methodist Church**

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



# UMY January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 No Sunday School or UMY</b>  	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>8 Sunday School 9 am</b> <b>Praise Band 3 pm</b>  <b>UMY Birthday Party</b> <b>4-6:00 pm</b> 	9	<p>“YOU CROWN THE <b>YEAR</b> WITH YOUR <b>GOODNESS</b> AND YOUR <b>PATHS</b> DRIP WITH <b>ABUNDANCE</b>” <i>PSALM 65:11</i></p>				<b>14 Jr UMY Rock-a-Thon</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> <b>Bring Packet, rocking chair,</b> <b>And a snack to share!</b> <b>(see packet information)</b>
<b>15 Sunday school 9 am</b> <b>Rock-a-thon ends at 10 am</b>  <b>Sr UMY</b> <b>Leaders Choice</b> <b>4-6:00 pm</b> 	16					21
<b>22 Sunday School 9 am</b> <b>Praise Band 3 pm</b>  <b>Clue</b> <b>4-6:00 pm</b> 	23					28
<b>29 Sunday School 9 am</b> <b>Praise Band 3 pm</b>  <b>BUNCO</b> <b>4-6:00 pm</b> 	30	31				<b>Confirmation Classes</b>  Confirmation Classes for those 7th grade and older, will begin February 8th.  A parent/youth meeting will be held on February 5th for those interested.