

# THE CLARION

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



 **FEBRUARY** 2023

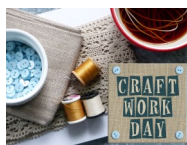


Prepare your heart for the season of Lent by joining our church family at an Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 7 PM.

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

## Holly Daze Workshops



Ready for a fun Saturday morning? Come to the next Holly Daze workshop on February 4 at 9 AM in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Co-Chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier are grateful to the many helpers who re-organized supplies in January. Now they are ready to produce crafts, so bring your ideas!

Mark your calendars. The plan is to have a workshop the first Saturday of each month.


*A Christ-centered, inclusive and loving community*

## Confirmation Classes



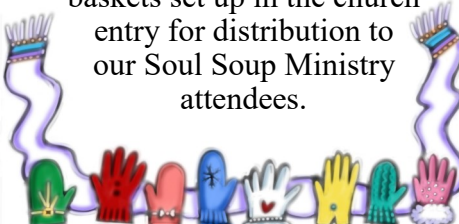
Confirmation classes for youth 7th grade and older who are active in the church will begin February 8.

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



### H.U.G.S.

Your donations of of **H**ats, **U**nderwear, **G**loves, and **S**ocks for both men and women are still appreciated! Drop them in the baskets set up in the church entry for distribution to our Soul Soup Ministry attendees.



## Special dates this Month

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2023*
- Transfiguration Sunday, *February 19, 2023*
- Presidents Day, *February 20, 2023*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 22, 2023*



## UWF To TAKE PART IN ADVANCING JUSTICE

The ongoing racial justice work of United Women in Faith will be supported by UWF members of our church at their meeting Wednesday, February 22.

You and your friends are invited to come pray, reflect, and put your faith into action at 10 AM in the Susanna Wesley Room. For sure, the journey toward justice is not over.

The sharing gifts will be for the international program, A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. Pat Walker will explain how UWF hopes to create a more equitable society.

The new UWF board, led by Kathy Wertman, will provide refreshments. For those who still need a copy of the 2023 Yearbook, they will be available. The theme this year is Building Friendships. All are grateful to Phyllis Koschik for her work producing this essential UWF guide.

Plans are still forming for a book club. Its organizer, Darryl Vaughn, asks for suggestions as to meeting places and books.

Joy Fellowship will meet at 7:30 PM Thursday, February 9, at Dorothy Block's home. Questions: contact Debie Britton.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship is expected to meet at 9:30 AM Tuesday, February 14, in the Church Library.



As many of you know, one of the most difficult challenges we will face is planning a memorial or funeral service for a loved one in the midst of



grief. Church staff and funeral directors want to help you fulfill your family wishes, but sometimes when asked basic questions regarding our loved one's favorite hymns, scriptures, or poems, we draw a blank. Being able to honor a family member with a service that truly reflects them is a gift. In the hope of streamlining and honoring the wishes of our church family members, we have created a simple form that can be filled out and kept on file at the church office so that when the time comes for your family to plan a service, they have a starting point.

**The forms will be available in the church entryway and in the church office.** We will also make a copy of the completed form for you to keep in your records or to put on file at the funeral home. Imagine your children having a document in front of them with some of your wishes, removing the guesswork. The questionnaire is a starting point for those honoring you, but it's *your* celebration of life, so help us plan a great service in remembrance of you!

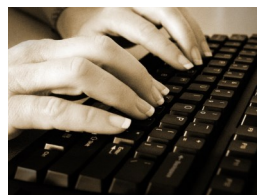


## Micki Perry Honored

Long-time UWF member, Micki Perry was recognized at church January 22 for her wonderful, dedicated service.

She is the education coordinator for our church UWF and is an active member of Tuesday Morning Fellowship. As a talented musician, she has also performed often for various church services and meetings.

The special recognition award pin was presented to her with deep-felt thanks for her cheerful participation.



## ***Message from your new Lay Leader***

Hello, my name is Audrey Manley, and I am your new Lay Leader. My husband, Cory Manley, and I joined KFUMC in November, 2016, and we have truly found our Christian family. I am excited to serve the Lord and our church, and I look forward to getting to know you all better. I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself to get the ball rolling.

I was born and raised in Grandview WA, as was my husband. I graduated from Grandview High School in 1980, and was active in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track and Field. I was a member of the Honor Society, and was the Valedictorian for my graduating class. I then went to Central Washington University in Ellensburg, where I received my degree in Business Administration. Cory also graduated from CWU with his degree in Biology. We then married and moved to Oregon where Cory attended graduate school to obtain his Doctorate of Optometry. We moved to Kennewick in August of 1989 and purchased into the Pasco Vision Clinic, working with our partner until our early retirement in 2018. We have no children or pets, we love to travel, read, snow ski, and watch football.

If you need to contact me, you may do so by emailing me at: [almanley1@gmail.com](mailto:almanley1@gmail.com), or by calling or texting me on my cell phone, **509-948-8699**.

Blessings to you all in this new year!

## ***DID YOU KNOW.....***

... that United Methodist Women was formed in 1869 by eight women in Boston? They originally were named the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society to help women in India. They have evolved over their 154-year history, changing their name multiple times, with the latest being in 2022. They are now named United Women in Faith, but their mission has expanded greatly. Their membership is now over 500,000, and their annual budget is \$27,000,000! They promote spiritual growth, leadership, fellowship and friendship, international mission support, local charities, social advocacy and justice, and community transformation.

Our UWF unit held their first meeting of 2023 on January 25. I was so thrilled to be in attendance to learn their great history! They installed their new officers and issued their new Yearbook. Current officers are as follows:

President: Kathy Wertman  
Secretary: Phyllis Koschik  
Treasurer: Kathy Harris  
Secretary of Program Resources: Pat Walker  
Sunshine Correspondent: Bonnie Taylor  
Spiritual Growth: Su Mayfield  
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach: Nancy Russell  
Education and Interpretation: Micki Perry  
Social Action: Lori Butler

Our unit consists of two Fellowship Circles. The first is **J.O.Y.**, which stands for Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last. They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM at rotating member homes. The second circle is **Tuesday Morning Fellowship**. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the church library. As a unit, they all meet as one on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 AM in the Susanna Wesley room.

Our UWF supports local charities, such as Grace Clinic, Grace Kitchen, Second Harvest, Tri-city Union Gospel Mission, and My Friend's Place, as well national and international missions. Groups that have "spawned" from UWF are Prayer Shawls, Piecemakers (quilts), Holly Daze, and a new Book Club.

If you would like to learn more about this great organization, you can visit the national website at <https://uwfaith.org>, or contact one of our UWF officers.

*Submitted by Audrey Manley*



## Help Tackle Hunger

On Super Bowl Sunday,

February 12, the UMY will be asking us to help fill soup pots with cash to donate to the local food bank . . . push pay is an option too! As always, we welcome food donations that will be delivered to the food bank. Food can be brought any Sunday and placed in the grocery cart at the sanctuary exit by the elevator.

*Souper Bowl of Caring is a registered trademark of Souper Bowl of Caring, Inc., Houston Texas.*

## Sweetheart “Souper Bowl” Social

On February 12 at 11:00 AM following second service, the UMY will provide lunch for the congregation, Love Soup! Come down to the fellowship hall and enjoy a bowl of chicken soup. . . good for the soul! This simple lunch is an expression of love from the teens to you all in appreciation for the countless ways they feel supported by their congregation. Please mark your calendar for soup on Super Bowl Sunday!



## The Sr UMY Dessert Auction

**March 5**

Enjoy a yummy dessert and support this fundraiser that will help the youth to realize their summer mission trip goal!

## Rock-a-Thon Wrap

Last month, the Jr. UMY rocked out during the annual Rock-a-Thon fundraiser, January 14-15! The youth rocked for about 14 hours while being in fellowship, worshipping, and having fun with their friends, and leaders. Thank you for your pledges, donations, and continued support of these energetic young people and our youth program, which helps to fund their 2023 activities! The 12 participating teens raised \$5172, thank you so very much! Pledges or donation can be made by dropping off or mailing a check to the church office or paying online through push pay.



Top Rockers are:

1st- Zane Mason \$1215.00

2nd- Paige Phillips \$750.00

3rd- Daisy Buchholz \$700.00

Most Calls Made- Emily Collins



## KFUMC February Funday

**For Grades 3-5  
11:15 AM—12:30 PM**

**We will meet on the 5th  
and 19th of February**

**Bring a sack lunch and  
we will provide the activities!**







One of our long-term Soul Soup guests and friend has been in the hospital for several weeks as the result of frost bite to her foot. Doctors were not able to save her toes on that foot and had to amputate her toes. Due to infection, they ultimately had to take a portion of her leg as well in a second surgery. Her health has not been good for some time and this was the culmination of many different factors. She has

housing but most of us would not consider it to be anything near adequate (leaking roof, damaged electrical system, no heat, etc.). Our guests live very hard lives and need our support and prayers.

Soul Soup at KFUMC is going to start preparing a meal on the 3rd Sunday of each month for distribution off-site by a team headed by Carol Allenbaugh. We will prep the hot meal from 11 AM to 1 PM in the KFUMC kitchen, and Carol will pick it up for distribution. Central Church is preparing a meal the first Sunday of each month and Carol and her team of volunteers do the others. Carol has been doing this for six years and serves each Sunday at 1:30 PM on W. Bruneau Place, just east of Vista Way. She and her team serve 50-60 homeless and low income people each Sunday. Please keep this powerful street ministry in your prayers.

## KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



Thursday, February 2  
10 AM

**Kennewick Flower Shop**  
604 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 each month.

Beginning in February, the group will be meeting regularly at the Kennewick Flower shop . . . it's quiet and has a lovely aroma!

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



## Don't lose the key

In Walking on Water, Madeleine L'Engle writes: "We have to be braver than we think we can be, because God is constantly calling us to be more than we are, to see through plastic sham to living, breathing reality, and to break down our defenses of self-protection in order to be free to receive and give love." That sounds inspiring, but the moment I stumble, exhausted or overwhelmed, these words no longer encourage. Instead, they read like the work is mine alone, and I'm not up for that.

Knowing some of L'Engle's writings on faith, I researched that quote. Turns out it had been chopped off at the knees. Her next words are the key: "With God, even a rich man can enter the narrow gate to heaven." With God.

I can't respond to God's call to be more than I am, grow in faith, serve my neighbor or "enter the narrow gate to heaven" on my own. But "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26), and whatever Jesus calls me to do, he will equip me to do, walking with me all the way.

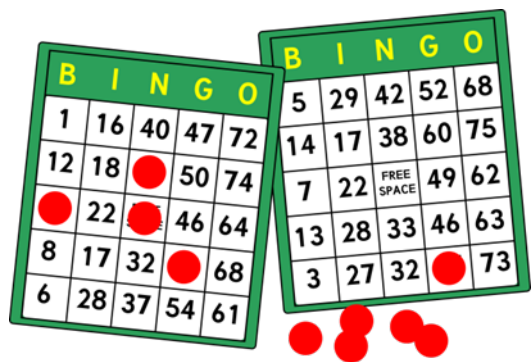
—Heidi Hyland Mann



**Come One...Come All**  
**All Church Event**  
**BINGO**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**4-6:00 PM**

**Ida Payne**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Popcorn - Punch**  
**& Prizes**





Rich Nelson	1-Feb
Victoria Keel	1-Feb
Chuck Smith	2-Feb
Gladys Amegashie	3-Feb
Matt Kaiser	3-Feb
Steve Tucker	4-Feb
Kathleen Ritter	4-Feb
Mark Hawley	5-Feb
Jason Elvik	5-Feb
Anita Cochran	5-Feb
Judy (Kookie) Graham	6-Feb
Amy Basche	6-Feb
Earl Pfeiffer	8-Feb
Cheri Baker	8-Feb
Eric Berg	8-Feb
Darlene Brazell	9-Feb
Debie Britton	13-Feb
Joanna Puryear	13-Feb
Donna Parkes	17-Feb
Donald Board	18-Feb
Matthew Marquardt	18-Feb
Micki Perry	24-Feb
A.J. Foster	25-Feb
Jackson Koval	25-Feb
Emery Tenney	25-Feb
Cory Manley	26-Feb
Peggy Snyder	28-Feb
Doris Brown	29-Feb



Aiden Mason	2-Mar
Becky Phillips	3-Mar
Altha Perry	4-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Arlan Gadeken	6-Mar
Dennis Arter	6-Mar



## PRAYER list

*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, Bill Mandell, Larry and Karen Barcot, Sandi Montague, Shelby Faught, Tim Anderson, Jaime Hildman, Joyce Norman, Altha Perry, Ron Baker, Evelin Choate, Dorothy Lyle, 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.



**Debbie Shirey**, a beloved member of our congregation, passed on January 20. She was the daughter of the late Don and Donna Shirey. Please lift her sister, Deanna Pool, and the family in prayer.

Please continue to pray for Kevin Pierce and his family as they grieve the sudden loss of wife and mom, **Bethany Pierce**, on January 8. Bethany's passing has also impacted the Burbank Elementary School community, where she was a teacher; we pray for the healing of her school "family" as well.



### ***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.



## If I Win the Lottery . . .

By Cynthia Bement

Does the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes still exist? I remember years ago, adhering all the stickers in the correct place on the entry form and mailing it back, without ordering any magazines. I was pretty sure that the reason I never won was that I didn't order anything! Still, I could picture the prize patrol folks standing at my door with the oversized million-dollar cardboard check in one hand and a bouquet of red roses in the other. Oh, the cool things one could do with their winnings!

Several weeks ago, while cleaning a youth storage area, I came across a big stack of index cards that were used in a team building "get to know you" exercise. Some cards helped us to know others by prompting us to share our favorite ice cream or TV show, or food. Other questions required a bit more thought:

- where do you feel closest to God?
- what is something you wish you could do?  
and...
- if you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would purchase?

The stack of cards had been filled out by both leaders and teens twenty years ago. I found mine and giggled at my responses because they remain true to this day! When I read the answer that I gave to the lottery question, I was humbled. I could not have imagined that my answer would become a reality . . . but it did! . . .but *not* through the lottery. My answer was that "I would buy the church a big bus, with a bathroom, air conditioning, and TVs with a VCR." The reason for the desire was the then-challenge of traveling with the youth in a caravan of 9 vehicles, 3 of them 15 passenger vans, with one typically pulling a trailer. Leaders were often driving their own vehicles, and our

group spent a lot of time separated, not together. I knew a bus would be so helpful, but, hey, I didn't even play the lottery!!

**But God** knew the desires and prayers of my heart and the concerns for the safety and closeness of our group. So with the help of some pretty amazing people, lots of fundraising, and a church that supports young people, the dream became a reality. With Jerry driving and me in the jump seat, we brought our "new-to-us" 47 passenger bus (with a bathroom, AC, and TV & DVD player) back from Seattle! She was always known as "the big bus," and she was loved.

God didn't need for me to win the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes or the lottery in order to provide for our needs. Let us not forget that our God can do ANYTHING, nothing is too hard for the Lord! If God can resurrect Jesus Christ, and erase sin from us, then *of course* God could help us move people from point A to point B!

What is your hope for the church? Write it down and give it to the Lord in prayer, and just see what God can do!

*"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"*

*Jeremiah 32:27*

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Monday through Thursday  
8 AM—noon on Fridays


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





# UMY February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Jr UMY Ski Day</i> 
* 5 Sunday School 9 am Confirmation mtg. 3:30  Sr UMY Escape room 4-6:00 pm email starlite@kennewickfirst.com to register for this event. 15 people max. <b>\$5.00 to hold your spot</b>	6	7	8 <i>Confirmation Class</i> 6:00-7:30 pm 	<div>           John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.            (World English Bible, public domain)         </div>		11
12 Sunday School 9 am  <b>Sweetheart "souper bowl" social</b> Please come to the kitchen at 10 am We will prepare the soup and then serve our church family at 11 am... The service project will be done at noon!	13	14 ♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥	15 <i>Confirmation Class</i> 6:00-7:30 pm 	16	17 <b>Sr UMY Snow Go</b> <b>Must be pre registered to go!</b>	18 
* 19 Sunday School 9 am <b>JR UMY SPECIAL EVENT</b> <b>4-6 PM "GUEST ARTIST"</b> <b>COST IS \$5.00</b>  <b>Sr UMY home about 3 pm</b>	20	21	22 <i>Confirmation Class</i> 6:00-7:30 pm <i>Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm</i> 	23	24 <i>Confirmation Retreat</i> 7 pm	25 Confirmation Retreat ends 1:00 pm
26 Sunday School 9 am <b>All Church BINGO</b> <b>4-6:00 pm</b> <b>Friends &amp; Family Welcome!</b> 		28	<b>Sr UMY Dessert Auction Social</b> <b>March 5th</b> <b>2:00-400 pm</b> <b>Parent &amp; Youth meeting is Feb. 12th at Noon following the soup Luncheon.</b>			