

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

You are all invited to...



The Senior UMY Dessert & Silent Auction Fundraiser

March 5, 2023
1:00 PM

Kennewick First UMC Ida Payne
Fellowship Hall

The Senior high are raising funds for their summer mission trip to Fort Meyers, Florida, June 15-24, where they will help to rebuild homes following the destruction caused by Hurricane Ian on September 28, 2022.

Please come to the church prepared to pool your money with the folks at your table to pick a dessert to share together. Gluten-free desserts will be an option. We will also have some other items there to bid on. When you get to the fellowship hall, please look for your host or table number, however if you haven't yet been placed at a table, we will be happy to seat you at one.

If you are not able to attend, but would like to give to this important mission opportunity, please mail a check or use the push pay system through the church and mark the memo section "Sr UMY Mission trip." We appreciate all donations, including desserts, so let Cynthia know if you are interested in making a dessert.

Special dates in March

World Day of Prayer, March 3

Daylight saving time begins, March 12

**Altha Perry's Birthday Celebration,
March 12, in Ida Payne 11AM-1 PM**

First day of spring, March 20



Happy Birthday to Two Special Centenarians!!



Altha Simmelink Perry will turn 100 years old on March 4, and three days later on March 8, Opal Smith will turn 100 years old too!! Both special ladies have served the Lord in extraordinary ways through the church, the community, and their families and friends. Altha and Opal have beautiful souls and have encouraged so many in faith for 100 years! Let's shower them with love and cards this month! Please contact the church office if you need an address.

Altha and Opal, may your 100th birthday bring you more than all the joy, wisdom, hope, and love you've always given away so freely. May God continue to bless you with life, health, and prosperity on this day and all days.

*Happy 100th birthday,
ladies!*





New Leadership Council Chair and New Lay Leader Elected

At our last Leadership council meeting we filled two very important positions. Cory Manley was elected this year's Chair of the council. He will be providing leadership with our council to help us discern the overall direction and mission of the church in the upcoming year. Also, Audrey Manley has volunteered to serve as our Lay Leader for the upcoming year. Audrey will be filling the position Jill Berg held until her term on the Leadership council came to an end in January. (Thank you, Jill, for your work in this role over the last 4 years!)

The Lay Leader position in the church is one that each United Methodist congregation has. The work of the Lay Leader as described in the Book of Discipline (Para 251) is to partner with the pastor to represent the laity of our congregation and to work with the pastor and other leaders to launch or strengthen ministries that build discipleship. In addition, the Lay Leader assists in advising the Leadership council about available opportunities and the needs expressed to advance the mission and ministry of the congregation in the community. Audrey will also serve as our congregation's Lay Member to the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference meeting that meets each summer.

We are so grateful to Cory and Audrey for their willingness to support Kennewick First in these important positions, helping our congregation to remain relevant in the changing community in which we live and to continue to be a church that believes "all people are beloved children of God, and that all of us can experience God's spirit in a world that reflects the Grace, justice, and reign of God."

Enjoy a Catered Lunch With UWF Members March 22



Always looking for new ways to support families and build friendships, our United Women in Faith will offer a catered lunch at its March 22 meeting. Cheri Baker is coordinating this special, first-ever event with Grace Kitchen that Wednesday. There will be no charge to those attending.

Activities begin at 10 AM in the Susanna Wesley Room at Kennewick First. Tuesday Morning Circle will be hosting and the sharing gifts for Grace Clinic will be coloring books, markers, hand lotion, socks, and bottled water. Bring what you can, please.

Mary Lynn Arter will present a program on the history of the church's stained-glass windows.

A business meeting, led by President Kathy Wertman, will be included, and Treasurer Kathy Harris will review UWF donations to various local and international missions.

Also, expect an update from Lori Butler on UWF plans for a benefit concert by Sherry Arnold this spring.

Following the lunch and business meeting, the new **UWF Book Club**, started by Darryl Vaughn, is expected to meet. All book enthusiasts are invited.

Holly Daze co-chairs, Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn, invite all to take part in the Saturday, **March 4, craft workshop**. Your ideas and smiles are welcome at this fun activity.

Joy Fellowship will meet at the home of Cherie Baker at 7 PM on Thursday, **March 9**.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship is scheduled to meet at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, **March 14**, in the Church Library.



After the Storm

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, was a day of constant prayer for me. Many of my friends and family members, including my

church family, were also in prayer for my son Brian and daughter in law Amelia, who live in Cape Coral, Florida, and work in Fort Meyers. My long prayer vigil was prompted by Hurricane Ian, which hit the gulf coast of Florida that day. Less than a year after my adult children moved to Florida, they would experience a near Category 5 hurricane that hovered over their new home for over 8 hours.

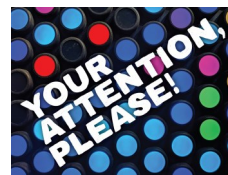
I had often prayed that their first hurricane would be a small Category 2 so that they could “practice” and get a feel for what to expect. Both Brian and Amelia celebrate birthdays in June, so months earlier I sent . . . well, Amazon delivered their emergency preparedness birthday gifts! From across the United States, I felt the “eye roll.” We sent them several emergency lights that are either solar, battery, or crank operated, along with an emergency AM/FM weather radio, solar cell phone charger, and LED flashlight. As parents, we just wanted to send them a gift that we knew would be helpful and practical, just in case. Little did we know that only 90 days later, those gifts that caused the eyes to roll would become such valuable and useful items!

During the hurricane we had limited communication, often hours would go by between texts that would let us know they were still doing well. We received a phone call from them at about 8 PM, their time, letting us know that not only were they ok, but the house was still standing. They didn’t have power, and wouldn’t for the

next 10 days, but they were thrilled that all was mostly good. They next day they got up and began picking up the pieces in the neighborhood. Brian helped neighbors put blue tarps on their roofs and one on his own as well, they searched for pieces of their fence (and found most of it) and helped neighbors clean up debris and relocate items. They hooked up the generator and learned to “make do” with what they could—Amelia learned she could make eggs in a waffle iron! While they did have minor roof damage and some sheetrock and fence damage, they fared well and they were thankful.

In the aftermath, they have helped friends and the community, where needed. Brian has sent many videos of the area; sadly some of the places he had taken us when we visited are gone or badly damaged. He has been saying all along, “Mom, you guys need to bring a mission team here, there is so much work to do,” and recently, I began to think he was right . . . and so we are! Like Mr. Rogers always used to say, “look for the helpers,” and as people of Christ, we are called to help our neighbors. So, this year a small group of Sr UMYers are going to Fort Meyers, Florida, to help neighbors that they haven’t yet met.

Storms cause damage, but storms also give opportunity to show God’s love. Please pray for the Sr UMY and their leaders as they raise funds to help repair and rebuild homes from June 15 to June 24 this year.



Pacific Northwest summer camp registrations are now open! Look for more information in future newsletters or visit <https://pnwcamps.org/>.



Soul Soup is serving an average of 70 guests each Thursday. We have been able to distribute HUGS packets to many of the guests and they appreciate receiving the hats, underwear, gloves, and socks. We also continue to supply bedrolls for those on the street and provide blankets for those with shelter. Thanks to all who contribute.

Davey and Michelle Hare, Linda Deatherage, and Bob Kelly prepared our first Sunday Soul Soup meal for Carol Allenbaugh and her volunteers to distribute on Bruneau Place. We did Firehouse Mac and Cheese with salad, bread, and fruit with tons of dessert. According to Carol it worked out well. She even got to go to church that Sunday with her husband instead of prepping the meal. This was a successful first venture into the Sunday meal prep. God is good – we have everything we need to feed those who might not otherwise have a meal on Sunday.

Some of our volunteers are so good about connecting with our guests! Jim Deatherage does a great job and has established very real relationships with many of our guests. Recently, Lynnaie Wright spent an entire dinner visiting each table and spending time with the guests, greeting them by name and inquiring about their welfare. She helped one guest complete an application for housing assistance – something that person would not have been able to accomplish on her own. This is what we are called to do.

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



Thursday, March 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.

The group meets regularly at the Kennewick Flower shop . . . it's quiet and those who come enjoy the lovely aroma!

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



All-Church Campout

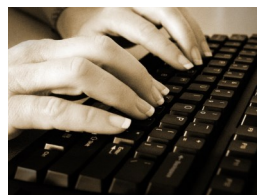
Reserve your spot now for the all-church campout the weekend of

August 18-20. This year, we'll be gathering at the Boardman Marina Park. A two-night stay at the Park is \$110, which will need to be paid when you reserve your spot through the church office.

If you receive camping discounts and want to take advantage of that savings, please book your own site at the Boardman Marina Park ASAP and hang out with us during the weekend!!

Questions . . . call Cynthia at 509-582-2163. We have a limited number of reserved spots.





Message from your Lay Leader

As I am learning much about our church, our structure, and my duties as Lay Leader, I have set my primary goal this year as education and communication.

I am making an assumption that some of you may be like me . . . still learning. Some of you may know a lot but have forgotten some things. I hope that the information that I share with you helps you to better understand how our church is governed from without, as well as from within. At the least, you may be reminded of something you forgot. At the most, you will learn something new.

I am pleased that quarterly church potlucks have started back up. Our Leadership Council plans to use these potlucks not just for fellowship, but also for sharing information about our various ministries in our church. As we have many ministries, we hope to highlight one or two at each potluck. At our last potluck, Pat Walker highlighted the United Women in Faith.

I also plan to include a Q & A section in the Clarion to address questions that arise.

I look forward to hearing from you about any questions, suggestions, or concerns you have about our church or about my goals. My cell phone number is 509-948-8699, and my email is almanley1@gmail.com.

Audrey Manley, Lay Leader

DID YOU KNOW.....

.....that the United Methodist Church has over 12 million members worldwide? The early beginnings of Methodism started back in 1736 when brothers John and Charles Wesley came to the New World to spread the movement they began as students in England. The UMC was created in 1968 when The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church united to form a new denomination. The UMC does not have a central headquarters or a single executive leader. Duties are divided up among three main bodies: The General Conference, The Council of Bishops, and The Judicial Council.

The General Conference, which meets every four years, is the legislative body that sets official policy and speaks as the entire denomination. It has the power to revise The Book of Discipline and The Book of Resolutions. It can also make amendments to the denomination's Constitution. The General Conference also approves the budget allocating apportioned funds, approves the UM Hymnal and The Book of Worship, and approves the official teachings such as Baptism and Holy Communion.

The Council of Bishops is comprised of all bishops, both active and retired, and is charged with the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interest of the entire Church. It provides guidance in carrying out the Church's mission. This council meets twice a year. Each bishop is specifically assigned to preside over the work of a regional area. In the UMC, the Office of Bishop is filled by ordained clergy members who are consecrated for their role as Bishop of the church. They are elected at Jurisdictional Conferences held every four years, and each serves a four-year term. All bishops attend the General Conference.

The Judicial Council is the denomination's highest judicial body and consists of nine members. It is made up of four clergy and four laity, with the ninth seat alternating between the clergy and laity. Members are elected by the General Conference, with the nominees being submitted by The Council of Bishops. Each member serves a term of eight years and can serve two successive terms. This council meets twice a year to consider whether actions of the various church bodies adhere to the constitution and are following the rules outlined in The Book of Discipline.

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Q & A from your Lay Leader

Following are four questions that have come to my attention:

Q: Where are our buses? I have not seen them parked behind church.

A: We have sold the big bus, as repairs needed far outweighed its value. The other buses have been parked off-campus to minimize the threat of theft or vandalism.

Q: What are the exposed PVC pipes that are in the back of the church?

A: This is a temporary repair of our ongoing plumbing issues.

Q: When will we be able to host a Walk with Christ again?

A: Due to the major plumbing repairs that still need to be made, we are unable to host large events that will put too much demand on our current plumbing system.

Q: When will the major plumbing repairs be done?

A: Due to the extremely high cost of the repairs, the sewer/plumbing repairs would best take place in conjunction with some other projects, so that expensive excavating and ground work would not have to be done twice. When those projects are ready, we will address them in a bundle.

**As you slide down the
banister of life, may
the splinters never
point the wrong way.**



DID YOU KNOW..... (continued from previous page)

Geographical regions in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines are divided up into Central Conferences. The United States is divided up into five geographical areas called Jurisdictions. Our State of Washington is in the Western Jurisdiction. In our Western Jurisdiction, there are seven Annual Conferences. Three of these Annual Conferences, (Alaska Conference, Oregon/Idaho Conference, and Pacific Northwest Conference) are part of The Greater Northwest Area. The Greater Northwest Area is led by Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth. Our Annual Conference is the Pacific Northwest Conference. Within our PNWC are five districts that include over 250 churches in Washington, the Idaho Panhandle, and the greater Vancouver, B.C. area. Our district is the Seven Rivers District, which includes 32 churches in Washington and is led by District Superintendent Rev. Daniel Miranda.

The denomination's website, www.umc.org, is filled with helpful information and resources if you want to learn more.

Stay tuned next month when I plan to highlight our Finance Ministry Team and our Leadership Ministry Team.

Audrey Manley, Lay Leader



Confirmation 2023

Please pray for our six Confirmands who are attending classes on Wednesday evenings from 6—7:30 pm. The experiential classes will end with a dinner celebrating our young people, attended by their parents and sponsors, on March 18, and Confirmation Sunday will be on March 19. Confirmands participate in six weeks of classes as well as an overnight retreat, which was held February 24—25. The classes and retreat are led by Pastor Mark and Cynthia Bement. May these young people know how beloved they are by the Lord.

Our Confirmands are:

*Angelica Amegashie
Max Buchholz
Kaylee Klages*

*Daisy Buchholz
James Dreier
Paige Phillips*



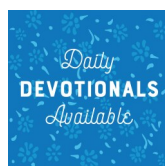
KFUMC Souper Bowl of Love

On Super Bowl
Sunday, February 12,
the UMY provided a

soup luncheon for the congregation. A choice of chicken noodle or taco soup was offered along with crackers, corn bread, and tasty homemade dessert treats! The tables were decorated in pink, red, and white and adorned with Valentine centerpieces. All who attended were well fed, and we hope they felt the love!

While the luncheon was free, the teens did take an offering for the food bank. The soup "donation" pots were individually decorated with the colors of the teams playing in the big football game of the day, the Chiefs and the Eagles. The winning team for the food bank was the Eagles: \$331.01 over the Chiefs with \$199.00, which was a different outcome than the football game itself . . . congratulations KC Chiefs!

The Lord calls us to feed the hungry and we continue to do that in many ways at KFUMC. Each week Soul Soup provides a meal at the church, lunches are handed out weekdays through the office, we provide food to the food bank by loading up the grocery cart, and we take special offerings for the food bank throughout the year . . . let's continue to feed God's children!



Upper Room Devotionals

The March/April Upper Room devotionals are available in the church entryway or call the church office at 509-582-2163 to request a copy by mail. Please let us know if you prefer one with large print.

KFUMC March Funday



**For Grades 3-5
11:15 AM—12:30 PM**

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



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

**Gracee will provide a movie during the Sr
UMY Dessert Auction on March 5th!*

Leaders- Gracee & Renee Glesener

Looking ahead to April . . .



Sunday April 2 – The Palm Sunday Parade will begin right after Sunday School. Children, youth, and all adults are welcome to join us as we parade around downtown Kennewick and enter the sanctuary for the 10:00 AM service. We will meet downstairs in Wesleyan Hall at 9:40 AM. Hope to see you all there.

Saturday, April 8 – Save the date for the Easter Egg hunt (More details to come).





Aiden Mason	2-Mar
Becky Phillips	3-Mar
Altha Perry	4-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Arlan Gadeken	6-Mar
Dennis Arter	6-Mar
Opal Smith	8-Mar
Starlite Buchholz	9-Mar
Jim Foster	14-Mar
Clara Cox	15-Mar
Dorothy Lyle	22-Mar
Fern Smith	22-Mar
Judy Milton	24-Mar
Sally Herker	27-Mar
Linda Hawley	27-Mar
Bob Arnold	27-Mar
Don Hand	27-Mar



Jeff Varzandeh	4-Apr
Sherry Elvik	6-Apr
Terry Milton	6-Apr
Debra Reeve	6-Apr



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.



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, 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.

To experience genuine human love, to be part of a community of love is to experience the presence of God.

—John J. McNeill

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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


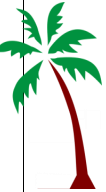







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Articles for the April 2023 Clarion will be due March 20. Thank you for your timely submissions!



UMY March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>5 Sr UMY set up at 10 am (following Sunday school). Wear "tropical, beach attire".</p> <p>Sr. UMY Dessert & Silent Auction 1-2:30 pm</p> <p>Disney movie for Jr UMY along with Infant & childcare</p>			<p>1</p> <p><i>Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30 pm</i></p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> 	 <p>4 Sr UMY Auction Prep...4-6:00 pm</p> <p>All Parents & Teens Welcome!</p>
	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30 pm</i></p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Sunday school 9 am</p> <p>Praise band at 3:00</p> <p>Nerf Night 4-6 pm</p> <p><u>Bring friends & Nerf toys if you have them!</u></p> <p>Raffle drawing for those Who bring a friend!</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30 pm</i></p> <p><u>Spring retreat registration due today!</u></p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Confirmation Dinner</i></p> <p>For students, parents and sponsors.</p> <p><u>5:30-7:00 pm</u></p> 
<p>19 Sunday school 9 am</p> <p>Confirmation Service 10 am</p> <p>UMY Game Night 4-6:00 pm</p> <p>Featuring "Sardines"</p>	<p>Parent Dessert Auction Reminders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please fill your table with 8 people. • Please send/ or hand out reminder cards to your guests. • Arrive early to greet your guests. • <u>Auction items due February 26th</u> • Please stay after (briefly) to help clean up <p><i>Youth participation regarding table funds, family support letters and items donated for auction, all go towards the trip for your teen!</i></p>		<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Spring Retreat</p> <p>At Twinlow Camp</p> <p>Meet at church 5 pm</p> <p>Eat dinner first!</p> <p><u>Registrations due 3/15</u></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Spring Retreat</p> 
<p>26 Sunday school 9 am</p> <p>Home from retreat around 3:00 ish</p>			<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

