

THE CLARION

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



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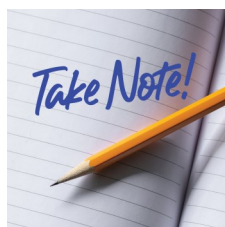
We have
another
opportunity to

help the refugees and immigrants who are being re-settled by World Relief in Kennewick. The number of refugees expected in 2023 is 240, plus 580 Ukrainians escaping the war in their country. There are so many families arriving that World Relief's warehouse is mostly out of the items needed to get the new arrivals settled. We can help them throughout the month of July by donating new items from the following list provided by the agency.

- ♥ New cooking utensils, such as baking and frying pans, mixing bowls, kitchen utensils
- ♥ New bedding items, such as sheets, blankets (twin and full)), comforters (twin)
- ♥ New small (bedroom) or large (kitchen) waste baskets and trash bags.

Drop off your donations at the World Relief table in the church entry.

Lynnaie Wright will continue to be the on-call Lay Shepherd through the middle of July, filling in for Cynthia . . . thank you, Lynnaie, for all the ways you serve the Lord!



If you would like a call or visit, please call the church office and they will put you in touch with Lynnaie or the Pastor.



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



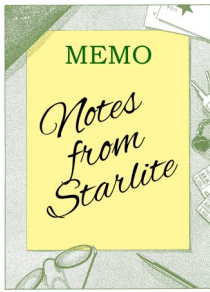
S.H.A.K.E. DRIVE

Kennewick First will host a S.H.A.K.E. (Seniors Helping Kids' Education) drive this summer for the students of the Kennewick School District. The drive is an opportunity for our congregation to provide school supplies to ensure "that children will begin school ready to learn equipped with needed school supplies."

The collection bins will be delivered on Monday, July 10, and will be picked up on Thursday, August 10.

Keep your eyes peeled for those back-to-school sales! Thank you in advance for your donations.





We had a successful Parent's Night Out on June 9th, enjoying a night with pizza, Veggie Tales, crafts, and games.

Thank you to all our adult and youth volunteers, and thank you to the parents who shared their children with us! We had a fun and wonderful night!



We are looking for a self-motivated individual to run Activity Time for our children next fall during our 2nd worship service. This is a 2-hour paid position: 1 hour for lesson prep and 1 hour during the worship service time to run the lesson and activity. You must be at least 16 years old to apply. For more details on the program or if you have any questions, please contact the church office to talk with Claressa Elvik or Starlite Buchholz.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



ALL-CHURCH ROLLER SKATING HOSTED BY KFUMC CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY July 16 from 4:00-6:00 PM

Come and enjoy a Christian music skating night. The entry fee and regular roller skate rentals are on us!* **This is an all-church event.**

Reserve your spot at the link below or scan the QR Code. Space is limited so register soon!

<https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4>

Location: Rollarena Skating Center
849 Stevens Drive in Richland
Date: July 16, 2023

Time: 4:00—6:00 PM

Call the church office at [\(509\) 582-2163](tel:5095822163) with any questions.



*If you want to upgrade to roller blades/speed skates, the cost to you will be \$2. The skate trainer for the little ones is \$3.



Sweatin' with the Oldies

Cynthia Bement

On Thursday June 15, Angelica Amegashie, Scott and Tim Almarode, Joe and Max Buchholz, James Dreier, and Ellie Nelson, drove to Seattle with adult leaders Cynthia Bement, Sierra Hogg, Dave Miller, and Dick Nelson; the next day, a non-stop flight delivered us to Ft. Myers, Florida, for the Sr Mission project. Prior to checking into our Adventures in Missions home base in Harlem Heights, we were able to go to the beach and have a nice lunch together that day. Brian and Amelia Bement surprised us with lots of snacks for the week!! While in Florida, we shared space and meals with two other groups, one from Texas and one from Michigan. There were about 60 people on the mission base who were deployed daily to various work projects. We tackled an assortment of tasks, including sheet rocking, mudding and taping, cabinet installation, ceiling and wall insulation, loading and unloading supplies, AC installation by Scott, and mold remediation by James. We learned very quickly that makeup, hair, and dry clothes are not possible in Florida, at least this summer, and cold showers are a blessing from the Lord!

We all worked hard at whatever was put before us, and our group stayed positive through it all...including a bug infestation situation in our sleeping rooms. Not only did we work hard at our job sites, each day we had camp chores to do, and more times than not, the Kennewick youth stepped in when others stepped out. I could not have been more proud of our young people! We took two guitars and the cajon drum (there was a keyboard on site), and several times our young people led worship and did a fantastic job!! Our group met twice daily for devotion and small group time, which was also when they devoured snacks!! Due to meetings, the adults had about 45 minutes or less of free time daily, while our teens had just about 2 hours. including our shower time.

Not only did we work hard and spend time growing our faith, we played hard, too. For fun, we enjoyed celebrating the seniors with a nice dinner in a private room, ate key lime pie at the best place in Ft. Myers, went to the Edison Ford Museum for Father's Day, went on an airboat ride, and held a baby alligator. We also had dinner and went swimming at Brian and Amelia's home, where the 12-foot inflatable

alligator I had sent earlier waited for us, thus fulfilling the promise I had made to James—that he could wrestle an alligator!!

Here are some comments from the teens:

- Overall favorite work project: The last day we did drywall, mudding, and taping with our entire group! Second place was installing insulation.
- God moments: Meeting the homeowner, Julia, praying for her and her praying over us; worshipping every day; the senior Bible dinner; work that wasn't boring, surviving the heat and humidity; everyone singing "Holy Water" with our praise team leading; our guys working hard to help with operation "bug out," and wrestling the alligator!
- Things we learned: Hard work pays off; God can be in the smallest things; we work well as a team; fleas are bad; working with others is fun; don't move to Florida; important work skills; the power words can have on others...good and bad; how to act gracefully when things are not fair; trying grits is good...but I don't have to have them again; perseverance; no matter how bad we have it...someone else has it worse; and learning new praise songs is wonderful!!
- How the trip may impact our lives: Great introduction to the physical and spiritual elements of missionary work; wonderful memories and stories; the power of people coming together to serve a common goal and the miracles that come from that; can't complain when you know others have lost everything; the importance of stopping my work to have conversation and really listening to those I am working for; how much impact the adult leaders can have on you; work skills; traditions of others; good communication skills; how to challenge and grow faith; and how God can use the smallest things for good!

The trip was a blessing for the Floridians and the Washingtonians! We learned that sweat shows no partiality between young and old. There are lots of stories to tell, but the biggest one is that the Lord continues to be glorified and lifted up even in moments of hopelessness. Thank you all for the prayers and financial support that made this trip possible.

Acts 20:35-35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the less fortunate, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'



Calling all Adult Sunday School Acolytes or Wannabees

Jim Deatherage and Bob Kelly want to invite you to consider joining us for a study of Tish Harrison Warren's book "Prayer in the Night for Those Who Work Watch or Weep." We are encouraging you to obtain a copy of the book this summer and start to read it (available on Amazon for Kindle at \$10.20 or hardcopy for \$14.16). It is a wonderful book of prose and theological reflection by one person who found a prayer in the Common Book of Prayer that spoke to her at times when she found she could not pray. It will help you link your prayer life with all other aspects of your life.

We have not yet set a schedule for the class, but it will start in late September or early October.

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep
This night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
Soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
And all for your love's sake. Amen.*
Book of Common Prayer

Watch the Clarion for further information or contact Jim or Bob.



KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

Thursday, July 6, 10 AM
Kennewick Flower Shop
604 W Kennewick Avenue

Single Seniors, enjoy a beverage and good conversation with your single friends during this monthly get-together!

Lay Shepherd Pizza Party!

On Tuesday, July 18, at noon, the Lay Shepherds will gather for pizza and pop at Round Table Pizza on Clearwater. It will be a time to catch up and care for each other. Please RSVP to Cynthia at 509-582-2163.



We are clearly into summer mode at SS. We continue to serve 60 – 80 meals each week, and with the



onset of summer, all the meal prep is being done by KFUMC volunteers. In addition, on the 3rd Sunday of each month, we prepare a meal for distribution by Carol Allenbaugh and her group of volunteers on W. Bruneau St. near Vista Way. Many homeless folks congregate in that area.

One of our long-term guests, Jimbo, died of an overdose three weeks ago. He had been clean on and off and died of a fentanyl overdose we were told. He was easygoing and friendly and was a "street brother" to another of our guests, helping him to stay clean and manage what little money he had. Needless to say, Jimbo's death shocked us all.

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.

Lunch With Nepal Missionary And UWF



Wednesday, July 19

You are invited to meet missionary Katherine Parker at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, July 19, as part of her national thank-you tour.

Our UWF will host a lunch in her honor that day at the church, arranged by Kathy Wertman and Phyllis Koschik. Contact them for updates as plans firm up

Parker, affiliated with the Methodist Board of Global Ministries, works in community development in Nepal. Her mission is focused on adolescent empowerment, dignity for migrant workers, and water sanitation and hygiene.

From California, Katherine attended Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. Her Master of Science degree, also in biology, is from California State University in Sacramento. Her graduate thesis was on bacterial contamination of drinking water in rural Ghana.

Katherine's home church is Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church in Mill Valley, California. A long-time UWF member, she organized many mission trips.

Katherine has been a missionary since 2007. She was a mission intern for three years with the Asian Rural Institute in Japan and Practical Farmers of Iowa and has spent 10 years in Nepal.

She opens her arms to the poor, and extends her hands to the needy.

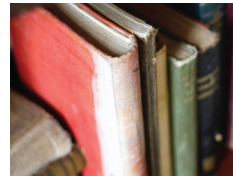
Proverbs 31:20

Holly Daze Crafting To Continue on July 1



As always, Holly Daze co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn are thinking ahead to the fall and the annual bazaar.

They encourage you and your friends to attend this Saturday workshop and also to pursue your crafts, baking, and gardening at home. They suggest freezing baked goods and bringing ideas for fall and holiday crafts to the July 1 workshop, which will begin at 9 AM. **And why not bring a friend with you for the fun and friendship?**



Book Club, UWF Promote Reading

Want a good book to explore this summer? United Women in Faith has dozens in its bookcase in the church library, waiting to be checked out.

Also, the new UWF Book Club, organized by Darryl Vaughn, is suggesting "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" for reading in July. Called Kim Richardson's finest novel, it explores the hard lives of a special group of people in Kentucky and the backwoods librarians who helped them.

This celebrated book is also part of the UWF Collection and is also available at local libraries and bookstores.

For more information on the club or books, contact Darryl. For more information about all UWF books, contact Pat Walker.



Message from your Lay Leader

Now that our coffee hour has started again, I have been making an effort to attend it as often as I can. Seeing all of you in church during the worship service is really nice, but to be able to visit with you one-on-one at coffee hour has been a blessing.

I have met some of you for the first time during coffee hour, and some of you I have been able to get to know better. A couple of months ago, I met Brenda Gregory for the first time. Since I don't have children or grandchildren, I am not familiar with the programs for our youth. I discovered that Brenda works for the church to care for our younger children during our worship service. What a nice lady, and what a blessing it is to have her to care for our children so their parents can enjoy worship on Sunday!

I intend to learn more about our youth services here at the church so that I can share the information with you all. I know that I was not the only person to meet Brenda for the first time that day. A couple other ladies also got the chance to meet her during that same coffee hour.

I urge all of you to take a little extra time after our Sunday worship service to attend coffee hour. We can build strong fellowships with our Christian brothers and sisters. See you all there!

Audrey Manley, Lay Leader
almanley1@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW.....

.....that the recent Pacific Northwest Annual Conference was held in Tacoma June 13 – 15, 2023? Pastor Mark attended in person, and Cory and I attended online. This is the first time either Cory or I have been involved in a church conference.

This conference was the 150th regular session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. 150 years! That is so impressive, especially since Washington didn't even become a state until 16 years later in 1889.

I won't divulge the details of the conference happenings at this time, as I believe that I will be sharing this information in person with you at a later date this summer. I will tell you that we learned more about how our conference is governed and how it affects our church specifically. We also got the chance to see our new bishop, Cedrick Bridgeforth, in action. We were very impressed by his leadership and level of calmness in dealing with many technical difficulties with the audio and visual setup. He has a great sense of humor, and his spiritual words of wisdom were very insightful and moving. He presented a wonderful sermon on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, which was his theme for this conference – "Go and do likewise."

You can go online at www.pnwumc.org to watch videos from this conference and hear the bishop's opening sermon. You can also see photos from this event, as well as other reports.

The 2024 PNW Annual Conference will be held June 13 – 16, 2024, somewhere in the Seven Rivers District (our district), location yet to be determined.

Submitted by Audrey Manley, Lay Leader



Darryl Lamberd is looking for people to help him mow the lawn at the church. If you are able to help, please contact him at 509-619-4305.



Users of the Kitchen in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall

We have a wonderful kitchen in Ida Payne that gets a lot of use and some abuse. We have great appliances, including a commercial dishwasher and most of the dishes and utensils that might be needed to support any gathering.

On the refrigerator nearest the swinging doors into the kitchen there are some useful tips and rules for using the kitchen and its appliances. All who use the kitchen, even for small events, are encouraged to refer to and follow these guidelines.

Why is this important? First and foremost, failure to abide by the guidelines could result in someone getting sick from food contamination or poisoning. Second, the Benton-Franklin Health Department has permitted the kitchen as a “soup kitchen,” which is one level below a commercial kitchen. This was essential in getting approval to host Soul Soup in our church. The kitchen is subject to inspection at the Health District’s pleasure, and if there are too many violations, the kitchen could be closed to Soul Soup. Since we serve from 60 to 80 meals each Thursday to homeless and other food-insecure folks in our community, that would be a serious blow.

Our kitchen is a great resource and blessing to many ministries in our church. Please help to keep it clean and safe.

We are the Piecemakers of the First United Methodist Church. Our mission is to make simple blankets for children in need.



Included with each blanket is a loveable stuffed animal needing a hug.

Our group meets the second Wednesday of each month, excluding summer months. We meet in the 3rd grade Sunday School classroom from 10 AM to noon.

We display our blankets in the new entry-way several times a year, and we would like to invite you to see an example of what we do at our showing on Sunday, July 23, in the new entry way.

Every October we donate stuffed animals to the Women’s and Children’s unit of the Union Gospel Mission.

At Christmas time we donate our blankets, each with a stuffed animal, to the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery, Salvation Army, Tri City Union Gospel Mission, Marine Corp Toys for Tots, Tri-Tech Skills Center, Linus (through Discount Sew N Vac).

If you know a child who is in need of a warm snuggly blanket, please contact Phyllis Merrill (509 586-3784) or AJ Foster (509 783-2855).

Please join us on September 13 as we start up again. All skill levels are encouraged to join as we gather together to sew and tie blankets while sharing fun stories and lots of laughs.

Hope to see you there!!





Maxwell Buchholz	2-Jul
Ivy Varela	2-Jul
Mary Gadeken	4-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul
Nancy Osborn	5-Jul
Lori Butler	9-Jul
Harold Baker	10-Jul
Louise Gustafson	12-Jul
Alexa Eisenbarth	13-Jul
Othnelia Amegashie	14-Jul
Lily Bruce	14-Jul
Jeanne Alexander	16-Jul
Kaylon Marquardt	16-Jul
Jim Foster	18-Jul
Cynthia Bement	20-Jul
Karen Barcot	21-Jul
Jeanette Mitchell	22-Jul
Mary LaMont	25-Jul
Joyce Norman	27-Jul
Dianne Marquardt	28-Jul
Jeff Jansen	28-Jul
Steve Kennelly	29-Jul
Jerry Poole	29-Jul
Susan Urban	29-Jul
Susan Bechtol	29-Jul
Sanders (Sandy) Perkins	30-Jul
Margo Cox	31-Jul



Karen Green	1-Aug
Hailey Vander Malle	1-Aug
Mark McMurray	3-Aug
Dorothy Block	4-Aug
David Brown	5-Aug
Sydney Howard	5-Aug

Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement . . .



Aggie Mowry, Lloyd Leathers, Dean Mitchell, Dorothy Lyle, Larry and Karen Barcot, Eddie Kenoyer, Tim Anderson, Jaime Hildman, Joyce Norman, Altha Perry, Ron Baker, Diana Sundvik, Rita McElroy, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Jennifer Bateman, Jolene Kuhns, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Juli Reinholz, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, and our District Superintendent Rev. Daniel Miranda.

Friends and family members grieving the passing of loved ones are also in need of your prayers for their comfort and encouragement . . .



Mark Hawley, beloved husband of **Linda**, entered life eternal on May 30

Jim Bumgarner passed away on June 14. Jim was preceded in death by his dear wife, **Lois**.



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Summer Schedule/Hours

Sunday Worship at 10 AM

Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8 AM to Noon



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



July



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9 Movie Overnighter Pickup from church at 11am	10	11	12	13		15
16 Family Roller Skating Night 4-6pm Rollerarena in Richland Register using the QR code		18	19 Middler Trip Begins 5pm	20	21	22
23 Middler Trip Arrives Home ~ 1pm	24	25	26	27	28	
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