

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



*Ellie Nelson
and
Scott
Almarode*

Ellie graduates from the Washington Virtual Academies in June, and Scott participated in a homeschool graduation ceremony in May.

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and
your plans will succeed."*

Proverbs 16:30

Congratulations!



A few spots are still available for the all-church campout the weekend of August 18-20—reserve yours today! This year, we'll be gathering at the Boardman (Oregon) 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 those 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.



2023

Congratulations to the following Children's Sunday School Students for having outstanding attendance for the year!



Alex Amegashie

Ryan Angelo

Molly Buchholz

Claire Phillips

Emilia Ramirez



June 18



Summer hours for the Kennewick First office will start June 5:

Monday through
Friday

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



Thursday, June 1, 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!



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.



Look Who's Going to Camp...

We are excited to share that we have more children and teens registered for camp this year than we've had since 2016! The list below includes those who are going and to what camp and when. Please feel free to drop these young people a note while they are gone. Receiving mail while at camp lets them know we are praying for them while they are away embracing the Lord in the great outdoors! So far, all campers are registered to go to Twinlow, and the address there is 22759 N. Twinlow Rd., Rathdrum, ID 83858. Please put the camper's name on the outside of the envelope.

Keep those camperships coming! Camperships may be made by writing a check to the church and writing "campership" on the notation line or by going onto our push pay account and donating under camperships. Thank you for supporting our campers and the PNW camping ministry!

Primary 1 June 25-June 28

Rachael Hare
Kallie Klingkammer
Camryn O'Donnell

Middle School Camp July 2-6

Alex Amegashie
Kaylee Klages
Paige Phillips

Sr High Camp July 9-13

Angelica Amegashie

Elementary Arts & Science August 6-10

Molly Buchholz

Elementary Camp August 13-17

Ryan Angelo

Middle School Fine Arts August 6-10

Daisey Buchholz
Emily Collins

Sr High Watersports August 6-10

Joe Buchholz
Max Buchholz
Ethan Collins
James Dreier
Laura Kirkwood



His Purpose

Cynthia Bement

Over 20 years ago, our Sr UMY, in partnership with 3 other Methodist youth groups from the Pacific NW, filled a 54-passenger van and drove 24 hours (without stopping for the night) to San Diego where we crossed the border into Mexico. Though it was hot, our accommodations rough, and our goal daunting, it was an incredible trip! Our goal was to build a home in just one week for a family in need and we did! Of course, the building codes in Mexico are much more lenient than we have in the United States (I'm thankful for codes that keep us safe). I remember with such fondness how the 4 youth groups came together as one and the power of our voices unified in song as we worshipped together each morning and night. Leaders and teens became dear friends, as we taught, mentored, and worked beside each other during the week (I am still connected with many of the adults . . . and the then-teens who were on that trip).

In the past 33 years, Kennewick First youth directors, including me, have planned numerous mission trips, Middler trips, ski trips, retreats, and camps. I've learned that while it's important to be an organized leader with an itinerary and goals set with God's guidance, it may be just as important to yield to God and recognize God's redirection. As well as we prepared each time, I doubt there was one trip or activity that went exactly as planned. On that first trip to Mexico, we had to adjust when materials didn't show up as expected, the old generator we needed seemed to run on prayer (and lots of it!), the temperatures were over 100 °F every day, and the ladies sleeping room was ransacked and our clothing stolen. When things don't go according to plan, we can be left feeling really uncomfortable, but the Holy One is able to re-orchestrate the plans we make, and He is always faithful. We follow Him.

Like that long-ago mission trip to Mexico, this summer our mission team will be joining a larger group from Texas, and I look forward to moments our groups will be united for the glory of the Lord! Our plan is to rebuild homes that were damaged by Hurricane Ian in September,

along with these friends we have not yet met. If we can help ready a home for a family that has been displaced, that will be wonderful . . . and with God's strength we will do our very best to help make that happen. Please pray for our 11-member team as we, along with our duffle bags, 2 guitars, a cajon, med bags, and Bibles, travel to Florida to answer the call to assist our neighbor, who just happens to be 3,000 miles away. May the Lord provide us with a cool breeze in the heat, shade for a water break, safe travel, patience beyond measure, good health (helped along with ibuprofen, Gatorade, and band-aids!) and an experience that excites others to go and do likewise!

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving, and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

—Monica L. Wilkinson



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Want an evening out . . . without the kids? Kennewick First United Methodist Church is hosting a

Parents Night Out

and the child care is on us!

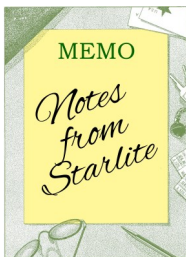
Friday, June 9
5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Available for all kids 0—through 5th grade. This is a FREE event!

Kids will enjoy an evening of fun and games, along with an engaging Bible story, crafts, and dinner!

Space is limited. **All children must be pre-registered by June 5th.**

For questions or to register your child, please call the church office at 509-582-2163 or email: Starlite@kennewickfirst.com.



Just a reminder that the 2022-2023 Sunday School program year has ended. We look forward to seeing all of you back here September 10!

Thank you to all who attended our **Sunday School Mother's Day Tea** and thank you to the teachers who brought delicious treats to share! We enjoyed a wonderful time of tea and fellowship, along with a little Bible lesson for the kids.



Summer events are coming your way! In lieu of VBS this year, the Education Department will offer several special

family events. Our first event will be on June 9 with a Parent's Night Out, and we hope to see all your kids there!



God remembers



It is not difficult for me to remember that the little ones need breakfast in the morning, dinner at midday and something before they go to bed at night. Indeed I could not forget it. And I find it impossible to suppose that our heavenly Father is less tender or mindful than I. . . I do not believe that our heavenly Father will ever forget his children. I am a very poor father, but it is not my habit to forget my children. God is a very, very good Father. It is not his habit to forget his children.

—J. Hudson Taylor



Nepal Missionary To Visit Kennewick First in July



Katherine Parker, a missionary our church supports, will visit Kennewick First at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, July 19, as part of her thank-you tour. All are welcome to come meet with Katherine and learn of her work.

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

Katherine Parker is a Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries, working in community development in Nepal. Her mission includes:

- ♦ adolescent empowerment, including sexual reproductive health and rights, mental health, and menstrual hygiene
- ♦ dignity for migrant workers
- ♦ water sanitation and hygiene.

Katherine is passionate about the process of linking values to action. In Nepal since 2013, Katherine first served in Cambodia. She has been a missionary since 2007. Out of college in 2000, she became a mission intern for three years with the Asian Rural Institute in Japan and Practical Farmers of Iowa.

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, was 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, CA. A long-time UWF member, she organized many mission trips.

Our UWF unit is delighted to welcome all to meet and discuss missions with Katherine.

It's Picnic Time For Joy Members



June is friendship month for members of Joy Fellowship. They will get together for a picnic at 6 PM on Thursday, June 8, at the home of Dorothy and George Block.

Lucky husbands are invited, too. There will be no formal meeting, just plenty of time for sharing stories, food, and fun. Of course, it's potluck. If you are not signed up but plan to come, please contact Barb Helton.

Joy Fellowship will not meet in July and August.



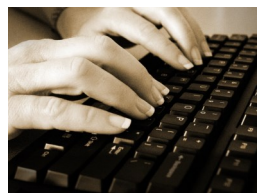
Book Club Chooses Great Summer Read

The new UWF Book Club, organized by Darryl Vaughn, is enjoying both reading and discussing fascinating novels and issue-oriented books. For summer reading, the members chose "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek."

Called Kim Richardson's finest novel, it explores the hard lives of the blue-skinned people in Kentucky and the backwoods librarians who helped them.

This celebrated book is part of the UWF collection and is available in the church library, local libraries, and bookstores.

For more information on the club or books, contact Darryl.



Message from your Lay Leader

I recently had surgery on my left shoulder. I had to wear a sling for six weeks. This is the first surgery that I have had where I temporarily lost the use of one of my limbs.

Although I knew why I needed to wear the sling, I did not like it. I couldn't wait for the six weeks to come to an end. I now have a much better appreciation for the ability to perform daily duties without being at a disadvantage. And it wasn't just daily duties that were difficult. It was also movement and function, such as balance, sleeping, and sitting.

Since getting rid of the sling, I have discovered that my shoulder hurts more. I now appreciate the function of the sling to protect and support my shoulder. The sling was a very important and vital part of my healing and a successful recovery.

I have a dear friend who suffers from severe rheumatoid arthritis, and as a result, she has had 28 surgeries and has been in and out of wheelchairs. Yet she has always been positive and hopeful throughout. I asked her one day long ago how she coped and stayed positive. Without hesitation, she answered "my faith in God – I know He will take care of me." It was just that simple. I didn't understand it at the time, but I certainly do now. By the way, she is the friend who introduced me to Max Lucado books and gave me the gift of his book "Anxious for Nothing," which impacted me tremendously.

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DID YOU KNOW.....

.....that **SPMT** (Staff-Parish Ministry Team) is the Human Resources Department of KFUMC? This Ministry Team oversees the church's personnel management structure and systems in accordance with Church policy, doctrine, and directives. Its goal is to maintain a legally and ethically defensible personnel system for the Church, providing a strong, positive relationship between the SPMT members and the staff and with the congregation, thus leading to the fulfillment of the church's mission.

The members of this ministry team are volunteers, and they are led by a Chairperson. They meet every month on the 3rd Tuesday in the Susanna Wesley Room at 6:30 PM. Current members are:

Rick Kerkow – Steward (Chair)
Mary Lynn Arter
Bracken Deatherage
Linda Deatherage
Roberta Barcot
Susan Sandmeier
Pastor Mark McMurray
Audrey Manley, Lay Leader

This ministry team is best with 8 to 10 members, with each member serving a 3-year term, optimally. These meetings are closed meetings and strictly confidential. This team is in need of more members, so please reach out to Rick if you are interested.

The list of SPMT duties is long and includes: (to name a few)

- Confer and counsel with Pastor and staff regarding ministry conditions, education, relationships, priorities, skills, and goals
- Develop and recommend personnel policies and monitor compliance
- Develop and recommend staff positions and job descriptions
- Enlist, interview, evaluate, review, and recommend candidates for service
- Review Parsonage condition and issues
- Review Pastor appointment issues in an advisory capacity only
- Perform annual reviews of Pastor and staff
- Develop staff budget as part of the annual church budget.

DID YOU KNOW.....

.....that our church has 7 Sr High UMY and 4 adults participating in the Sr Mission Trip next month in Florida? After reading Cynthia's article in last month's Clarion, I was pleasantly surprised at the size of the mission team. However, it made me think about how expensive it must be to send 11 people to Florida on this mission trip!

Then I remembered the tremendous success of the Sr High UMY Dessert Auction. Cynthia informed me that she had several fundraising projects planned to support this mission and that she was hoping the Dessert Auction would raise around \$10,000. Praise God that they actually ended up raising over \$23,000 in just 1½ hours! Additional fundraising projects were not needed after all! They successfully raised enough money to fund this very important mission trip.

I know Cynthia worked very hard in organizing this fundraiser for the Sr High UMY. She made many, many phone calls to local merchants soliciting donation items for auction. The Sr High UMY members also made calls and visits to local merchants soliciting donations. Cynthia recruited church members to host tables, leaving the responsibility to fill the 8 chairs at each table to the host. There were 15 tables total. The first 7 tables were hosted by the parents of the teens going on the mission.

Others that helped with this event were Starlite Buchholz, Sharon Varzendah, and the amazing UMY Leadership team, including Jeff Varzendah, who made copious amounts of coffee! The youth were on hand to "wait on" tables.

Guests at each table pooled their money, placed it in an envelope, then submitted them up front to be ranked from the highest amount to the lowest. The highest ranked table got to choose a dessert first for their table to enjoy, and so on until each table had a dessert to enjoy. Then, any desserts left over were donated at the end of the afternoon. Many church members made or purchased the desserts.

A silent auction was coordinated during the event by Jim and Merrienne Door, and then two worthy items were presented in a live auction: 1) Dinner for six at Tagaris Taverna, compliments of Kristine Tagaris, and 2) a two-night stay at Pinecrest Lake House at Twin Lake, courtesy of Twinlow Camp.

Praise God that we have such an involved youth presence in our church, as well as devoted youth mentors to lead them. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and commitment to this mission of KFUMC.

Submitted by Audrey Manley, Lay Leader

Message from your Lay Leader

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I admire my friend greatly, and she humbles me. Her faith has not wavered, even though she has much difficulty walking and sitting for any length of time. She trusts in Jesus for her care and healing, as did the leper who left the colony to seek Jesus and the woman who suffered from hemorrhaging.

Perhaps we can look at our faith as a "sling." If we wear it, it protects us and comforts us. If we discard it, we hurt, and don't feel secure, safe, or comfortable.

Audrey Manley, Lay Leader
almanley1@gmail.com



The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone

with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, Diary of a Young Girl





THANK YOU TO OUR CLEAN-UP CREW!

The Facilities Ministry Team would like to extend a hearty thank you to all those who participated in our All-Church Clean-up on May 20. It has been over five years since an organized workday has taken place, so it was badly needed. Servants pulled cushions off pews to vacuum them while others painstakingly polished the woodwork. Others oiled the wainscoting, oak doors, tables, and handrails, swept under the pews, and vacuumed the altar area, chapel and overflow, entryway, and hallways. The altar crosses were expertly polished to prevent deterioration. Windows were washed, sills dusted, lightbulbs changed, ceiling tiles replaced, classrooms cleaned and organized, library books sorted, shelves dusted, refrigerators and ovens scrubbed to shine, expired goods tossed, and cabinets organized. That was just inside! The landscape team mowed lawns, weed whacked, trimmed trees, removed old sod, dug, raked, watered, and repaired sprinklers and water lines, all in the heat. We gratefully recognize these hard-working volunteers: Harold and Cheri Baker, Connie Boice, Lynnaie Wright, Dave and Michelle Hare, Bonnie Randle, Sarah Reeve, Gus and Donna Kittson, Jim and Merrienne Door, Dave and Mona Miller, George and Dorothy Block, Barb Helton, Jim and Linda Deatherage, Shirley Miller, Phyllis Merrill, Sawyer Glesener, Kathy Meline, Rick Kerkow, Bob Kelly, Darryl Lamberd, Cynthia Bement, Starlite Buchholz, Clarissa Elvik, Bob and Sherry Arnold, Darryl Vaughn, and Deb Reeve. Sawyer wins the prize for youngest participant; you get to guess who wins the oldest!

The Facilities Team is currently ensuring the placement of our new security camera system, which Ron Shuck is overseeing. In addition, the team is getting quotes for cleaning out the sump pump while addressing the ongoing sewer line issue. Bob Arnold is the Chairman of this team, and Dave Miller is his Co-Chair.

Holly Daze Fun To Continue

Saturday, June 3, Holly Daze crafters will meet from 9 AM to noon in the Susanna Wesley Room at church. Come and share your talent and friendship!



Workshops for Holly Daze will continue through the summer. Ongoing projects include painting wooden items, completing pom poms for indoor snowball fights, and crafting ornaments out of colorful buttons.

At two sessions coming up, Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier will show how to make garlands out of wine corks, beads, and wooden spools; and how to make paper stars out of scrapbook paper.

You are encouraged to join in the fun with your UWF friends.

In other good news for the October bazaar, which is sponsored by UWF to raise funds for missions, apple pies should be back in the bakery!

Linda Deatherage, Brooke Kaiser, and Debbie Logan have stepped forward to coordinate the making of dozens of pies, always a bazaar favorite. Want to help? You are needed, for sure.



Eddie Kenoyer	1-Jun
Alex Amegashie	2-Jun
Corey Osborn	2-Jun
Rachel Loomis	2-Jun
Elliott Kaiser	3-Jun
Amber (Arnold) McKonley	4-Jun
Brian Bement	4-Jun
Eleena Becker	5-Jun
Walker Taggares	6-Jun
Kevin Howard	7-Jun
William Osborn	7-Jun
James Dreier	8-Jun
Jessica Perry	10-Jun
Hailey Dreier	11-Jun
Bonnie Taylor	12-Jun
Marc Harden	12-Jun
Gloria Harden	13-Jun
Brittany Becker	13-Jun
Lexi Leathers	13-Jun
Marlee Middleton	16-Jun
Joe Sproul	16-Jun
Jocelyn O'Donnell	16-Jun
Caleb Baker	17-Jun
Alex Jr Amegashie	19-Jun
Jill Door	20-Jun
Vickie Bergum	22-Jun
Larry Schmel	23-Jun
Don Hildman	24-Jun
Ron Shuck	24-Jun
Becky West	25-Jun
Brenda Gregory	26-Jun
Thomas Cox	26-Jun
Gloria Weible	27-Jun
Nicole Dyer	27-Jun
Jim Deatherage	28-Jun
Emily Koval	29-Jun



Maxwell Buchholz	2-Jul
Ivy Varela	2-Jul
Mary Gadeken	4-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul

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

PRAYER list

grieving the passing of loved ones . . .

Aggie Mowry, Lloyd Leathers, Dean Mitchell, Dorothy Lyle, Larry and Karen Barcot, Eddie Kenoyer, Tim Anderson, Jaime Hildman, Joyce Norman, Altha Perry, Ron Baker, Mark Hawley, 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.



Kirk Higginson entered life eternal on May 23. Kirk will be remembered as a faith—filled man of God who cared deeply about others. We are

thankful for his life and the blessings he brought to ours! Thanks be to God!

A memorial service to remember his life will be held on Saturday, June 3, at 10:30 AM at Kennewick First.

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Summer Schedule/Hours

Sunday Worship at 10 AM

Church Office Hours (beginning June 5)
Monday—Friday
8 AM to Noon

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



UMY June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Middler Trip Meeting 3:15pm <u>Registration Due Today!</u> Pool Party 4-6pm—Meet at the church wear modest swimwear, under your clothes or coverup. Bring a towel and water bottle.	5	6	7	8	9 Date Night 5-8pm Youth Volunteers needed from 4:30-8:15 to help with activities for younger kids	10
11	12	13	14	15 Mission Trip Begins For registered Senior UMY	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Please pray for the youth and leaders on the Mission Trip this week.						
25 Mission Trip Ends	26	27	28	29	30	<i>Please let me know if you would still like to go to camp. We will help with registration!</i>