

# THE CLARION

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



## S.H.A.K.E. DRIVE

The collection box for the S.H.A.K.E. (Seniors

Helping Kids' Education) drive will be in the church entry until it is picked up on Thursday, August 10. That means there is still time to donate! This drive gives our congregation the opportunity to provide supplies to ensure the children of the Kennewick School district "will begin school ready to learn equipped with needed school supplies."

## All-Church Family River Day



We are having an All-Church Family River day on August 13! We will meet at Two Rivers Park in Finley from 1:30—4 PM. Please bring your friends and family, lunch/snacks, a lifejacket (if you have one), and any water toys you may have. If you have kayaks, paddle boards, and small boats this is a great time to bring them out. See you on the 13th!



## KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

Thursday, August 3, 10 AM  
Kennewick Flower Shop  
604 W Kennewick Avenue



2023



*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*

The all-church campout is the week-end of August 18-20. This year, we'll be

gathering at the Boardman Marina Park. There is one RV spot left for the two-night stay which is \$110, and also one tent site available for the two night stay and the cost for that is \$45.00, which will need to be paid when you reserve your spot through the church office. All are welcome to come for the day on Saturday to swim and spend time with your church friends! Just pack a picnic lunch and park in the community parking lot and join us!



If you have questions, please call Cynthia at 509-582-2163.



We are looking for a self-motivated individual to run Activity Time for our children next fall during our 10 AM

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.



## *Message from your Lay Leader*

I am excited for our church summer BBQ picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 13, after the 10 AM worship service.

The Leadership Council will be your hosts for the day, grilling up hamburgers and hotdogs. The buns, condiments, all eating utensils, water, and lemonade will be provided. The meal and meeting will take place in the Ida Payne Hall. The council is asking for your help in providing salads/side dishes, chips, or desserts for the BBQ picnic.

There will also be a Ministry Fair during this time. The purpose of this ministry fair is twofold: 1) it will give all church members access to information on who is serving our church on each ministry team and their duties; and 2) it will give members a chance to ask questions, especially if you find that you might be interested in serving on one of the teams.

As for the main program, I will be presenting a brief summary of the PNW Annual Conference that was held June 13 – 15. Pastor Mark will also have some items to present, as well as the Facilities Ministry Team.

I look forward to seeing you all at the picnic. It should be fun and very informative!

Blessings to you all,

*Audrey Manley, Lay Leader*  
[almanley1@gmail.com](mailto:almanley1@gmail.com)

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

....That our church's three Administrative Ministries (Facilities, Finance, SPMT) meet together on the 3rd Thursday of the even months?

.....That our church's Program Ministries (UWF, Music, Youth, Sunday School, Missions) meet together on the 3rd Thursday of the odd months?

The Chair/Steward of each of these committees meets with the Pastor as a group to share information on what each ministry is doing.

They do this to:

- ensure each team is fulfilling its responsibilities to the church and congregation;
- ensure that the teams are fulfilling the mission of KFUMC;
- determine future needs of the church;
- share resources and ideas with each other to be more efficient;
- determine if there are any liability exposures or concerns on their activities;
- coordinate their activities so as not to duplicate efforts;
- coordinate their calendars so they are not competing with each other.

Our ministry volunteers work hard to keep our church running well and providing needed services to our members and to our community. Please let Pastor Mark or me know if you would like to become involved in a ministry. Not only is it a rewarding experience to help make a difference in your church, it is a great way to build fellowship and strengthen relationships with your fellow church members. I continue to be amazed as I learn about the very interesting and exciting lives of our members.

*Submitted by Audrey Manley, Lay Leader*

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I am one in whom Christ dwells and delights. I live in the strong and unshakable kingdom of God. The kingdom is not in trouble, and neither am I.

—James Bryan Smith



## Family Skate Wrap Up

We had a wonderful time at our family roller skating event in July! Thank you to Richland Rollarena for a fabulous night of skating and Christian music. We had a blast watching all the kids, youth, and parents skate around the rink and show us their awesome skating skills. Thank you for supporting the programs of our church and coming out for such a wonderful night!

The Chubby Bus will be headed to Twinlow taking campers for a fun camping experience the week of August 6! James, Joe, Max, Daisy, Molly, Laura, Emily, and Ethan will enjoy a week of camp fun while Cynthia Bement will be a camp pastor and Starlite Buchholz will be roaming around volunteering in various areas. The following week, Ryan will be heading up for middle school camp. Please keep them all in your prayers for a safe and awesome camp experience!



Sunday School starts back up again September 10 at 9:00 AM. Sunday School is open to all kids 2 years old through high school. The nursery is open at 9:00 AM for kids 2 years old and younger. Parents are always welcome to join us downstairs on the couches for a little coffee and conversation while the kids are in class. We look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks!

## LIFT (Living in faith together)



Ladies, mark your calendar for a night of devotion, scripture, and prayer on Wednesday, September 13, from 6-7:00 PM. Please come and help us design a time of growing in faith and friendships together. We are envisioning regularly scheduled get-togethers that everyone will feel comfortable attending when they wish or are able. If you would like to attend beyond September 13 but are unable to attend that night, or if you have questions, please contact us by emailing [Puryear.peggy@gmail.com](mailto:Puryear.peggy@gmail.com) or [cynthia@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:cynthia@kennewickfirst.com) or call her at 509-582-2163.



## Family Carnival! September 18

Put September 17 on your calendar now for the KFUMC Family Carnival! Enjoy an afternoon of sweet carnival fun with activities and treats for the whole family. This is an all-church and community event, sponsored by the children and youth ministries of Kennewick First. More details to come but save the date now for the afternoon of September 17!

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver





**Be Ready.  
Go Forth &  
Do Likewise!**



# Early Response Team BASIC TRAINING

**Saturday, August 26, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**First UMC | 1607 E. Division St. | Mount Vernon, WA**

**\$25**  
**ERT Basic**  
**Class**



Be ready when the next disaster strikes to help those most in need. The Early Response Team Basic Training will prepare you on ways to clean out a flooded home, haul debris, sift through ashes and work alongside survivors while staying safe. The class is taught by United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) certified trainers and includes examples of recent missions, hands-on activities and an opportunity to meet people with a passion to serve. Anyone 18 years or older is welcomed to attend.

Register now at:  
<https://qrco.de/ert-2023>  
Registration deadline is  
**Friday, August 18.**

Registration fee is \$25 and includes all training materials, lunch and snacks. Scholarships available.

Questions? Contact **Kathy Bryson**, PNW Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, at [brysonpnw@gmail.com](mailto:brysonpnw@gmail.com), (509) 539-2978.

## We Care for Others When Taking Part in Holly Daze



Do you enjoy gardening? Baking? Crafting? Sewing? Ceramics? Card-making? Knitting? Wood-working? Being with friends? Volunteering for a great cause?

Then Holly Daze is the mission for you. Yes, **mission**. That's because all of the proceeds from the UWF community bazaar in the fall will go to make lives better across the world.

Learn more about this great annual event at the upcoming Holly Daze workshop. Crafters and colleagues will meet at church Saturday, August 5, beginning at 9 AM.

Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn, Holly Daze co-chairs, hope you will come and bring your ideas.

For sure, the day for the bazaar is fast approaching. It will be Saturday, October 21.

To help prepare, UWF members and supporters will devote their next unit meeting to a Holly Daze project. That will be at 10 AM, Wednesday, September 27.

For that special session, UWF officers will provide treats. And, those attending are encouraged to bring items for the sharing gifts for the church's Soul Soup. Suggested are small boxes of fruit juice, bottled water, 1-gallon zip bags, and soft granola bars.

Also, on the morning of August 5, prayer shawl makers will meet in the reception area near the Susanna Wesley Room, where the crafters will be working. If you knit or crochet, or want to get better at either one, come with your needles. And, you are welcome to check on the Holly Daze crafters and see if there are other creative projects you'd like to take part in. For more

info, contact chief knitter Pat Walker.

Here's a partial list of the services a successful Holly Daze will support --- Grace Clinic, My Friend's Place, Second Harvest, Chaplaincy Health Care, Tri-Cities Union Gospel Mission orphans in Africa, Cork's Place, missionaries, and the pastor's emergency fund.

### *Nepal Missionary Visits* **KFUMC**

If all missionaries are as caring, smart, cheerful and dedicated as Katherine Parker, plus they get the support they deserve, there is great hope for the world.

The Methodist missionary visited Kennewick First on July 19 as part of her national thank-you tour. She spoke at a UWF program that morning. Our members also hosted a lunch in Katherine's honor, arranged by Kathy Wertman and Phyllis Koschik.

Affiliated with the Methodist Board of Global Ministries, Katherine works in community development in Nepal. Her mission is focused on promoting gender equality, making lives better for those with disabilities, and improving the economy for families with new business opportunities and environmental projects.

She is supported by our UWF in her work to bring fullness of life for all and to transform societies to be more inclusive and equal. Her talk on the history and people of Nepal was engrossing.

Katherine's home church is Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church in Mill Valley, California. A long-time UWF member, she has organized many mission trips over the last two decades. To follow her work email [kparker@uncmission.org](mailto:kparker@uncmission.org), or read about the United Mission to Nepal at [umn.org.np](http://umn.org.np).





## Look Alive Out There!

Have you ever watched a little league game? Young players without much experience are trying to remember what to do and how to do it. And while they have coaches, their parents tend to coach from the bleachers, too. It's got to be so confusing for the young ball player with so many different instructions being hurled at them. I remember attending many little league ball games and hearing parents shout out "LOOK ALIVE OUT THERE!" - in fact, I have heard coaches bark this out as well. Of course, this well-meaning encouragement was intended to "perk" the team up, and maybe it did for a brief time, but was it ultimately helpful? I don't know.

In life, we are hit with a barrage of instruction and information from all different directions, and it can be confusing and overpowering. Who do we listen to, who is correct, what if I do the wrong thing, or worse yet, can I discern the truth? The number and volume of opinions, directions, and information is crushing, and in the midst of it all, we are supposed to "LOOK ALIVE OUT THERE." My life is in Christ, but if I want to look alive in Christ, I need to be able to listen to what God wants me to hear! If all we can hear is what others tell us to be and do, then we run the risk of losing ourselves and who the Lord created us to be.

If you ever feel overwhelmed with the constant, loud volume of this world, remember that YOU control the dial. You can change the channel, turn it down, or turn it off. You can put your phone down. You can choose to open your Bible and read, listen to Christian music or hymns, attend worship or a study, and spend time in quiet prayer.

May the one who saved you by Grace out of His great love for you, remind you how to tune into His voice and help you navigate the truth...for He is your ultimate coach!

*Ephesians 2:1-5 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

## SAVE the DATE

On September 23, our sanctuary will be overflowing with beautiful quilts. There will be unique designs and marvelous colors to catch your eye.

The workmanship will take your breath away! Some of our quilts date from the 1800s, while some are much newer.

Our local museum is sharing its collection



with us as part of the Downtown Creative Art Festival.

If you love to sew (or even if you don't!), you will be amazed at what beautiful quilts flow from the hearts and hands of many.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 23!





So, what are you doing on Thursday afternoons from 4 – 6:30 PM? Feel free to come to Soul Soup and help to

prepare and serve a meal to the homeless and food insecure. Most of our guests reside within a few blocks of the church – these are our neighbors.

We continue to serve 50 – 70 meals each week. The heat is particularly hard on those living on the street. In addition, we continue to make sack lunches available through the church office. We give about 40 lunches away each month and have done so for years.

The bread and desserts we receive from Panera have decreased in volume due to changes in their practices and we are occasionally short of desserts. We can always use cookies – you can drop them off on Thursday or bring them to church on Sunday and we can pop them into the freezer.

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.



## Middler was a Blast!

Daisy, AJ, Kaylee, Paige, Kellen, and Emily, six of our Middle School UMY members, along with Claressa, Starlite, and Izaiah as their leaders just returned from a wonderful Middler trip! We learned more about our faith, how to build lasting relationships, and how to be brave. From beautiful landscapes, magical musicals, waterparks, and theme parks we all had a fantastic time! Two of the highlights from the trip that the youth were talking about on the way home were the musical and the amusement park.

We are so grateful to our congregation for their prayers and the monetary support that allows us to have these adventures while we grow closer to each other and to our loving God. We will treasure these memories always!



## Sunday School for Adults

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.

The first class will be on Sunday, September 10. Reading the book in advance of class will be essential to capturing all it has to offer.

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.



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
Amanda Nelson	6-Aug
Peter Almarode	6-Aug
Kris Hand	9-Aug
Susan Mayfield	10-Aug
Kerry Ann Collins	13-Aug
Ethan Nelson	14-Aug
Kevin Alley	16-Aug
Harley Smith	17-Aug
Julie Hooley	17-Aug
Jim Door	18-Aug
Debbie Raymond	18-Aug
Erna Sproul	21-Aug
Pat Walker	22-Aug
Jeffrey Flink	25-Aug
Stephen Bannworth	31-Aug



Dean Mitchell	1-Sep
Rick Kerkow	2-Sep
Lindsay Varzandeh	3-Sep
Rebecca Hildman	4-Sep
Sherry Arnold	4-Sep
Geneva Nevius	5-Sep



*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.

*Lord, you know what is best. May your will decide what shall be done. Give what you will, how much you will and when you will. Do what you know is best for me. Do what pleases you and brings your name most honor.*

*Put me where you will, and deal with me in all things as you please. I am in your hand — turn me backwards and forwards, turn me upside down. Here I am, your servant, ready for anything, for I have no desire to live for myself but only to live perfectly and worthily for you.*

*Thomas a Kempis*

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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 September 2023 Clarion will be due August 20. Thank you for your timely submissions!***





# August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Transportation to Twinlow Camp            Please arrive at 7:30am if you            are registered for this week of            camp and are using Church            transportation.</i>	7 	8	9	10 Campers Return about 6:30pm from Twinlow.	11	12
13 Potluck & Ministry Fair (11:30-1pm) Family River Day @ Two Rivers 213316 E Finley Rd, Kennewick <b>1:30-4pm (Changed Time)</b>  Bring Lunch, chairs, and any river toys you would like.	14	15	16	17	18  All Church Campout in Boardman OR	
20	21	22	23	24	25	 <p>WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, AS SCRIPTURE HAS SAID, RIVERS OF LIVING WATER WILL FLOW FROM WITHIN THEM.</p> <p>JOHN 7:38, NKJV</p> <p><i>Angie Lee</i></p>
27	28	29	30	31		