

THE CLARION

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



Kennewick
First United
Methodist
Church

*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Holly Daze Saturday, October 21

Be ready for lots of fun, oohs and
aahs: It's Holly Daze time!

Saturday, October 21, our church will be converted to a colorful bazaar, staged annually by United Women of Faith to support missions locally and throughout the world.

Until that special day, there will be Holly Daze workshops every Saturday morning in the Susanna Wesley Room for craft making, labeling, fellowship, and fun.

Your homemade crafted items, baked goods, dried herbs, raffle items, and garden produce will be appreciated for the sale. Please bring all these wonderful treasures to the church before the sale to be priced and put out during set-up week.

Volunteers are needed for setup, working bazaar day, and taking down displays and tables. Note: new lightweight, collapsible tables were purchased for Holly Daze by the Memorial Committee.

More good news! The Holly Daze tradition of offering delicious apple pies to bake at home will return this year. Leading this project are Linda Deatherage, 509-430-7323, Brooke Kaiser, 509-430-8690, and Debbie Logan, 509-308-6000.

Please RSVP one of them to say you want to help. Pie "assemblers" will meet in the church kitchen at 9 AM on Friday, October 6, to peel, slice, roll dough, and season the pies!

The pies are always a popular choice, but that's only part of what draws bazaar-goers to the bakery. Delicious homemade cookies, breads, muffins, candy, and other treats make the bakery an essential part of the bazaar.

So . . . please bring in your favorite desserts and treats the days before the Saturday event. Your contributions are very appreciated and enjoyed.

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2023

*Please invite your friends and family to UMY's
Annual Trunk or Treat!*

Kennewick First United Methodist

Youth invite you to:

Trunk or Treat



October 29th

4:30-6pm

2 S. Dayton St

Our youth will be in costume handing out
candy at their decorated trunks.

Come in costume and enjoy the festivities.



KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

Thursday, October 5, 10 AM
Kennewick Flower Shop
604 W Kennewick Avenue

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Also featured that day throughout the church will be many kinds of handicrafts, ceramics, garden items, and holiday decorations for Halloween through Christmas. Expect the variety to be astounding!

To complete a project for Holly Daze, Joy Fellowship will meet at 7 PM Thursday, October 12, with Barb Helton at her business, Print Plus. The address is 2514 W. Kennewick Avenue. Interested in taking part or have questions? Contact Joy chair Debie Britton.

Although costs have gone up to produce bags of the famous Pepiot Bean Soup, the price will stay the same. You can expect many terrific buys throughout the various displays. There will be special local vendors this year, too.

Holly Daze co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn are very grateful that many in our church contribute crafts and bazaar items and help with the event. Donated crafts, baked good, and plants that are ready for pricing can be dropped off at the office or brought to one of the workshops for pricing.

In turn, UWF president Kathy Wertman thanks Susan and Darryl for their Holly Daze leadership, and she hopes we all will spread the word about the event to neighbors and friends to make this a most successful fund-raiser for many important missions.

By contributing to Holly Daze and by attending, you are part of the compassionate outreach of UWF and our church. Missions include ECEAP, Grace Clinic, My Friend's Place, Second Harvest, Chaplaincy Heath Care, Tri-Cities Union Gospel Shelters, aid for orphans in Africa, support of our church youth activities, Piecemakers, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, world-wide UFW programs that benefit women and families, and emergency funds to help disaster victims.



Pastor Appreciation Day—October 8

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

I Timothy 5: 17 (NRSVU):

We can follow Timothy's advice on **Sunday, October 8, Pastor Appreciation Day**. From teaching and mentoring to leading, serving, and guiding, pastors give a lot of time, energy, and heart to their churches. So think about how great it would be for you to give that goodness right back by writing a thank-you message for Pastor Mark. There will be a basket in the entry area for you to drop in a card or note of thanks and appreciation to Mark. And there will be special Mark-centric goodies for coffee fellowship time.

Need some suggestions to get started? Here are a few:

- What do you appreciate most about Pastor Mark?
- How is Pastor Mark a blessing to you?
- Are there any specific events you want to include in your note?
- Did Mark give a particular sermon or message that really impacted you? Why was it so meaningful for you?

Don't miss this chance to thank our pastor for all he does for us and our church.



Help our UMY with donations of candy for our annual Trunk or Treat!

CANDY NEEDED!



It is that time of year again!

The UMY Trunk or Treat is coming up on October 29th!

We have had a lot of community response the last few years, and we have handed out a lot of candy!

This is all thanks to your generous donations!

We will have the wheelbarrow in the lobby starting Sunday, September 24th for your candy donations.

There is also a Push Pay option to donate to a Candy Fund that will be used to buy candy in bulk.

Welcome

We are excited to welcome our new Activity Time Leader, Josylyn Olson! Josylyn, a lovely Christian

lady who attends Southridge High School, is active in sports and has a love of teaching. We are so happy to have her with us on Sunday mornings. Please introduce yourself and say hello!

Activity time is directly after Time with Young Disciples during the 10:00 AM worship service. Activity Time is primarily for those 3 years old and potty trained through children who are in 5th grade.

The Kennewick First UMY will again be offering Butter Braids and Advent Calendars for sale to our congregation and community this fall. Sales of these favorites help to fund this vital UMY program.



Orders for Butter Braids may be placed beginning on October 1, and sales will continue through

October 15. Our UMY youth will be reaching out to give you the opportunity to participate in this popular fundraiser! *Note: This will be the last year we will sell Butter Braids in person. Beginning next year, we will be switching to online sales.*

We will also be selling Advent calendars starting October 21 at Holly Daze. After Holly Daze, they will be available after church services and in the church office while our supply lasts. We will have two nativity designs and two Santa designs.



Thank you for your continued support of our youth program! Please reach out to Claressa at the church office with any questions.

Thank You

I would like to thank all those who have prayed for me, called, and sent cards as I was recovering from knee replacement surgery. I cannot begin to tell you how much these acts of kindness meant when I was in so much pain, giving me much-needed encouragement. While my knee is still quite swollen and sore, I am back to driving and can finally see light at the end of the tunnel.

Blessings and thanks to everyone for their thoughtfulness.

Mary Gadeken



UWF to Learn about Meals On Wheels At October Meeting

The Wednesday after Holly Daze, United Women in Faith will both review the event and hear a terrific program about Meals On Wheels, presented by Kara Hernandez.

Women of the church and their friends are encouraged to come to the 10 AM meeting on October 25 in the Susanna Wesley Room.

The sharing gift will benefit the Tri-Cities Union Gospel Mission. Attendees are asked to bring toiletries for women. Also, Piecemakers will provide stuffed animals for the Mission.

President Kathy Wertman will hold a short business meeting, and reports will be given on UWF activities, including our Reading Library and the wide variety of volumes available. That includes novels, biographies, and books on today's social issues and spiritual growth.

After the October 25 session, the new UWF Book Club, organized by Darryl Vaughn, will meet. All are invited to stay for a "lively" discussion and take part in choosing the next book to read.

UWF's nominating committee (Phyllis Koschik, AJ Foster, and Kathy Wertman) will meet soon to develop a slate of officers for 2024. Women interested in serving are asked to contact one of the committee members for details about positions and their roles. A proposed board will be suggested to members in December.



A Lenten booklet will be published for the Lenten Season 2024, the period of time from Ash Wednesday (February 14) to Easter (March 28).



The theme will be: Matthew 16:18: *Jesus said, ... "Upon this rock, I will build my church."*

A total of 47 meditations (one for each day) will be written by members of our congregation and clergy. The format will be set up similar to the Upper Room. The meditation should have no more than 260 words.

You do not have to use the scripture above; you may choose another to fit your meditation. It can be a personal experience, a testimony, or something that has inspired and deepened your faith.

If you would like to write a meditation, contact Phyllis Koschik, Editor, who will have a format page for you to follow.

Meditations are to be sent to Phyllis at her email: eckpakzzz@charter.net.

The deadline for submitting a meditation is **DECEMBER 1**.

Thanks to
our fabulous
Lawn Crew



Thank you to everyone who helped keep our church grounds mowed, weeded, and looking good this summer!

Darryl Lamberd
Dave Miller
Mona Miller
Harold Baker

Bob Arnold
Cory Manley
James Dreier
Jerry Keel

We appreciate each and every one of you !



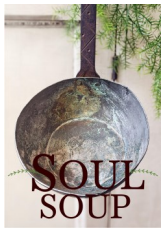
Cynthia Bement

I remember a time when, at 10 AM on a Sunday morning, the organ pipes would blast a sacred hymn alerting our congregation to quiet and ready themselves for worship. As the music played, the procession would begin. Young acolytes in black and white robes brought in the light, the liturgist carried the cross, the pastor carried the word of God, all followed by a stream of robed choir members singing in beautiful harmony. I recall times when a trumpet or bells or a chant called us to worship. My earliest memory of communion was receiving the elements by coming forward, kneeling at the communion rail and drinking from a tiny glass cup and receiving a piece of bread from the pastor. The music was always special and varied with many contributing, bells, choirs, or individuals. Mostly, I remember how perfect it all looked when I was sitting in the pew. It wasn't, of course.

The moment church changed for me, (and began to change me through the Lord), was when flawed me, dressed in my filthy rags of sin, decided to get involved. I guess this is where I should apologize! It's easy to get caught up in believing that a church has all its ducks in a row . . . until you jump in the pond with the other ducks! Every church is filled with imperfect, flawed humans, meaning there will always be challenges. We can make it all *look* perfect, but in the end, we may be sacrificing authenticity if our focus is just on the outward appearance.

For me, it is about striving for or working towards the perfection of Jesus Christ in all areas of my life and the church. Asking myself, am I grounded in Jesus Christ, am I telling others about Jesus Christ, am I serving and loving others through Jesus Christ, are my actions based on honesty and integrity as found in the scriptures, and do I offer grace and forgiveness to others, as Christ extends it to me? Due to my humanness, I will fall short and you will fall short, too, and that's why church isn't perfect.

Matthew 5:48 calls us to "be perfect, therefore as your heavenly Father is perfect" . . . daunting, right? How can I be perfect when Adam and Eve couldn't even be perfect! In doing some research, I find that the Greek word for "perfect" can also be translated to mean maturity, wholeness, or complete as God is, which is surely worth pursuing. May we continue to strive for lives that mimic the perfect One, grounded in His word, generous in love, quick to forgive, and mature in wisdom, so that when people come into our church they experience worship with brothers and sisters coming together to practice perfection the best they can, not the perfection of the outward vessel, but inwardly, in their hearts!



There has been a resurgence in the numbers of those attending Soul Soup, including some families. During the past weeks, we have had one or more family groups with children in attendance. We have reached a high of

97 meals served, and are seeing a new average of 60—65, even on the first Thursday (many of our guests have some income from SSI or SNAP [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program] which helps to give them some food security early in the month). The changing of the season will bring new needs – warmer clothes, more bedrolls, socks, etc. Mental illness and drug addiction are both cause and effect for so many of our guests. A new team from Bethel joined us on the 1st Thursday and is led by Marcia and Rich Kimura. They are a great team and it is a joy to have them join us.

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.

ADULT Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class is studying "Prayer In The Night" by Tish Warren Harrison and is focused on a prayer that is part of the Anglican service of Compline (evening prayers before bed). It explores the inherited prayers and practices of the church that tether us to belief in the doctrines of the church that bring light and good news in darkness. The book is available on Amazon and is a recommended read.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the Susanna Wesley room. Please join us!



Message from your Lay Leader

Some of you may remember that I was raised in the Baptist church. Although it was not a good experience for me overall, two good things did come from it.

First is that I was saved and baptized in that church. Second is that I loved to sing hymns. There is something to be said about holding the hymnal book in your hands and singing loud and proud. That is when I could truly feel the Holy Spirit moving through, around, and in me. I bet others of you feel the same way.

So, I am curious.....why aren't we doing this at KFUMC? I would love to hear us all singing loudly, rejoicing in the Lord, all while holding dearly the hymnal book in our hands. I know that having the words up on the big screen is helpful for many, but for me, it doesn't help with the rhythm of the hymn. Seeing the music scales in the hymnal help me follow the rhythm better.

Now, with all that being said, I do have an ulterior motive to getting you all to sing louder, and that is so that you don't have to hear my terrible voice! I cannot carry a tune, but I love to sing hymns, so let's all sing loud and proud, letting the Holy Spirit move us!

Audrey Manley
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DID YOU KNOW.....

.....that October is observed as National Clergy Appreciation Month? It is also known as Pastor Appreciation Month. A day is set aside within the month to celebrate pastors, and it is always the second Sunday of the month. This year it is Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Since 1992, October has been observed for this celebration in the U.S. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions goes back to the time of Apostle Paul. As founder of many of the first Christian churches, Paul encouraged the congregation to give 'double honor' to the elders who managed the affairs of the church. He was especially concerned about honoring those whose work is preaching and teaching. Paul also urged Christian communities to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord, and who admonish you. He believed that holding these spiritual leaders in the highest regard in love because of their work was crucial to Christian beliefs.

Even though clergymen had enjoyed special standing in their parishes, it wasn't until 1992 that Focus on the Family, an American Christian organization, would begin promoting Clergy Appreciation Month as a national month of observance. In highlighting Clergy Appreciation Month, Focus on the Family urged that there be a national celebration of the clergymen who play important roles in the functioning of the Church.

From Clergy Appreciation Month came the idea of dedicating one specific day to pay tribute to the pastors. This day came to be known as Pastor Appreciation Day. It recognizes the contributions and services of pastors, priests, reverends, ministers, and all other clergymen. Christians come together to express their gratitude to pastors and other staff of the church. Many congregations observe the day by taking up a special offering to bless their pastors. Others may show their gratitude through different means such as honoring their pastors with meals, gifts, and even paid vacations.

So, on Sunday, October 8th, please take a moment to recognize your Pastor in whatever manner you feel moved to do.

Submitted by Audrey Manley, Lay Leader



Hannah Mowry	1-Oct
Ethan Collins	1-Oct
Adam Berg	3-Oct
Ema Bruce	4-Oct
Brooke Varela	5-Oct
Jill Berg	6-Oct
Shirley Miller	6-Oct
Hannah Allen (Glazier)	6-Oct
Brynnlee Marquardt	6-Oct
Etta Ballard	8-Oct
Bruce Britton	8-Oct
Stephanie Bannworth	9-Oct
Janet Shelton	10-Oct
Dave Hare	11-Oct
Kristy Dauncey	13-Oct
Amelia Kittson	13-Oct
Aidan Canada	14-Oct
Barbara Patterson-Skeen	15-Oct
Steven Botu	15-Oct
Mary Shoop	16-Oct
Cindy Foster	16-Oct
Jane Foreman	17-Oct
Bracken Deatherage	19-Oct
Dana Bryson	21-Oct
May Darrow	22-Oct
Amberley Almarode	23-Oct
Ken Williamson	24-Oct
Sierra Hogg	24-Oct
Janet Klingler	26-Oct
Gracee Glesener	26-Oct
Wes Door	27-Oct
Raymond Porter	27-Oct
Sharon Varzandeh	28-Oct
Donna Kittson	31-Oct



Dallon Hare	2-Nov
Paige Phillips	2-Nov
Aurora Hooley	3-Nov

PRAYER *Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement and for those who are grieving the passing of loved ones . . .*

list

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



Don Sundvik, a member of our church for many years, died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, September 17.

Please keep his wife, Marian, and the rest of Don's family in prayer. There are no plans for a service at this time. We praise God for his life!

Our former District Superintendent, Juli Reinholz, also died on September 17. We lift her husband, David, and daughters in prayer. A



Celebration of Life will be held at Pioneer UMC in Walla Walla on Saturday, November 4, at 2 PM.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Nursery Provided
Adult Sunday School at 8:30 AM
Children and Youth Sunday School at 9 AM
Chapel Worship at 9 AM
Sanctuary Worship at 10 AM

Church Office Hours




Monday—Thursday
8 AM to Noon and 1 to 4 PM
Friday—8 AM to Noon

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October



Sun		Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>	Butter Braids sales start Oct 1st.	2	3	4	5	6	7 Fall Overnighter—6pm-11am Featuring: 9 Square in the Air Bring: Clothes Toiletries Sleeping Bag Praise Band 4:30-6pm
Scavenger Hunt—4-6pm Wear Tennis Shoes A Great day to Invite a Friend! Praise Band 2:30-6pm	Butter Braids are one of the Fundraisers that we participate in to raise money for our youth group.						Brainstorming for Trunk or Treat Come with ideas for your trunk, and raid the craft closet.
8 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>	Please sell as many as you can!	9	10	11	12	13	14
Fall Overnighter Pick up youth at 11am	Butter Braid sales will be from Oct. 1-15th this year.						
15 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>	They will be delivered in November Exact Date TBD	16	17	18	19	20	21 Holly Daze Bazaar Helpers Needed 8:45am-3:15pm Sr. High Scary Corn Maze—Wear Tennis Shoes 5-9pm Please bring \$10
22 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>	Jr. High Corn Maze—Wear Tennis Shoes 2-6pm Please bring \$5.	23	24	25	26	27	28
							
29 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>	Trunk Or Treat 3:30-6:30pm Invite friends to help hand out candy. Wear a non-scary costume.	30	31		