

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Sunday School starts
September 10 for all
ages, 2 years old through
adult. Children's
Sunday School (2 years
through those entering

5th grade) will begin at 9 AM in the colored
pews downstairs in Wesleyan Hall. Youth
entering grades 6 through 12 will meet for
Youth Sunday School in the Youth Chapel
at 9 AM. An Adult Sunday School class
will take place in the Susanna Wesley room,
beginning at 8:30 AM.

Parents are invited to attend the adult
Sunday School class or the 9 AM service in
the Chapel. They are also welcome to join
us downstairs on the couches for a little
coffee and conversation while the kids are
in class. If you have any questions, please
contact Starlite Buchholz through the
church office at 509-582-2163 or by email
starlite@kennewickfirst.com.

Please join us September
17 for a special worship
service when the Mission
Trip youth will share
their Florida mission trip
experiences with us. The Sunday School
Teachers and Youth leaders also will be
dedicated on that Sunday, as they prepare
for a year of leading our children and youth.
Music will be led by Joe, Scott, Tim, and
Max, highlighting some of the songs they
shared on Mission Trip.



***The church office will be closed on
Monday, September 4, in observance of
Labor Day.***



2023

ADULT Sunday School

Bob Kelly and Jim
Deatherage 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
or Watch or Weep. We encourage you to
obtain a copy of the book ASAP, and read it
before our first class (available on Amazon
for Kindle at \$10.20 or hardcopy for
\$14.16).

It is a wonderful book of prose and theolog-
ical reflection by one person who found a
liturgical prayer in The Book of Common
Prayer that rescued her at times when she
found she could not find her own words
with which to pray. This study cannot help
but link your prayer life with all other
aspects of your life.

The first class will be on Sunday,
September 10. Reading the book in ad-
vance of class will be essential to capturing
all it has to offer. The class will start
promptly at 8:30 AM and meet in the
Susanna Wesley Room.

Please contact Bob at 509-528-9254 with
any questions. Hope to see you there!!

Articles for the October 2023
Clarion will be due **September
15**. Please note the earlier due
date! Thank you for your timely
submissions!



Family Carnival September 17, from 4 to 6 PM

Enjoy an afternoon of sweet carnival fun with activities and treats for the whole family, featuring a water slide, bounce house, sand art, and more. Free hot dogs and carnival treats will be offered while supplies last.

This is an **all-church and community event**, sponsored by the children and youth ministries of Kennewick First.

LIFT (Living in faith together)

Ladies, mark your calendar for a night of devotion, scripture, and prayer on Wednesday, September 13, from 6 to 7 PM. Please join us at the church for a time of faith and friendship! We envision regularly scheduled get-togethers that everyone will feel comfortable attending when they wish or are able. If you are interested, but are unable to attend that night, or if you have questions, please contact us by emailing puryear.peggy@gmail.com or cynthia@kennewickfirst.com or call Cynthia at 509-582-2163.



Special dates in September

Labor Day, *September 4*
National Grandparents Day, *September 10*
Patriot Day, *September 11*
Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15–Oct. 15*
First day of autumn, *September 23*

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



Evelin Enderlin will be our leader for the Single Support group this month!

Thursday, September 7, 10 AM
Kennewick Flower Shop
604 W Kennewick Avenue



Did you remember to put a



in your calendar on September 23? On that day, from 10 AM to 4 PM, many SPLENDIFEROUS quilts will be displayed in our church! Come and see the colors! the patterns! the workmanship! They will truly take your breath away!

We are sharing the talents of quilters from the 1800s through today. Our Benton County museum is loaning these treasures from local families for your enjoyment. We've also gathered other quilts from friends and families for you to admire.

We would love to share memories with you from our past and present and, perhaps, inspire the future.

Hoping to see you September 23!

Shirley Miller



**Office
Hours**

Beginning Tuesday, September 5, the church office will be open from Monday – Thursday, 8 AM—noon and 1—4 PM. Each Friday, hours will be 8 AM—noon.



UWF and Supporters Count Down To Holly Daze

It's almost here!! The year-long effort to create the best Holly Daze ever is in its final push!

Until bazaar day -- October 21 -- workshops will be held every Saturday.

Plus, UWF's unit meeting at 10 AM on Wednesday, September 27, will be a special workshop, led by Holly Daze chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier. All women of the church and their friends are invited to come and get in the Holly Daze spirit.

As with the Saturday workshops, the unit meeting will be in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Don't forget, we also need helpers for set-up the week before the popular autumn event, and afterwards, for take down.

Donated crafts, baked goods, and plants that are ready for pricing can be dropped off at the office or brought to one of the workshops for pricing. Meanwhile, please continue producing items and baked goods for the sale -- wood crafts, ceramics, knitting projects, art work, sewing projects, cookies, and cakes. All of your handicrafts are very much needed and appreciated.

By contributing to Holly Daze, and by attending, you are part of the great missions of United Women of Faith. Those include ECEAP, Grace Clinic, My Friend's Place, Second Harvest, Chaplaincy Health Care, Tri-Cities Union Gospel Shelters, aiding orphans in Africa, supporting our church youth activities, Piecemakers, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and world-wide UWF programs that benefit women and families.

For the special unit meeting September 27, president Kathy Wertman will lead a short business meeting, and UWF officers will provide treats. Those attending are invited to bring items to support the church's weekly community Soul Soup. Suggested items include small boxes of fruit juice, bottled water, 1-gallon zip bags, and soft granola bars.



Joy Fellowship will meet at 7 PM on Thursday, September 14, at the home of Deb Reeve.

Listen to the loving voice

Figurative thieves are all around: Illness steals time and energy. Inflation robs many of financial stability. The bandit of social media chips away at our productivity, self-esteem, quality time with loved ones. Prejudice and oppression prey on certain groups of people. Doubtless, you can think of other thieves and bandits.

But above their noise, listen for another sound: A warm voice whose loving tone calls us by name. A voice that puts us at ease because it's familiar as a favorite blanket, a path we can walk in the dark, a song we know by heart. That voice rising above any force that would steal and kill and destroy is, according to John 10, the loving voice of God made known in Jesus, caring for us as a good shepherd does his sheep. And lest you get confused, thinking God is angry and judgmental, think again. That is the sound of thieves and bandits; don't listen to them, don't follow them, don't give them your heart!

"I came," says Jesus the Shepherd-Gate-Messiah-Savior, "that [you] may have life and have it abundantly" (v. 10, NRSV).

—Heidi Hyland Mann



Lava, Lava Island

Cynthia Bement

Approximately 20 years ago, our church put on a VBS called “Lava, Lava Island.” I remember Kristi Thien bringing in a huge paper maché volcano that was taller than me, just one of the really cool decorations that included many very tall cardboard and paper palm trees. We all wore plastic leis, flower shirts, sandals, and grass skirts. The theme was: A place where Jesus’ love flows! During the week, children and adults embraced learning about faith through the love of Jesus Christ, with an island flair. Because I had never been to Hawaii, learning Hawaiian words and culture was new and exciting for me.

I wouldn’t visit Hawaii until September 2021, when I realized that while our “Lava, Lava Island” décor was outstanding, it couldn’t compare to the real thing with all of the colors and sweet scents. Our first trip to the islands was with our son, Brian, and daughter-in-law, Amelia. We had a fantastic time exploring the island, driving the road to Hana, eating at Cheese Burger in Paradise, visiting a pineapple farm, worshipping at Lahaina United Methodist Church, attending a luau, and swimming in the beautiful, warm ocean. This summer, in July, Randy and I went back again to the beautiful island of Maui with our daughter, Jocelyn, son-in-law, Mark, and grand girls, Camryn and Blake Olivia. While we stayed in Keahi, we made many trips to Lahaina; our most memorable was on July 4. On that day we ate lunch at Fleetwood’s, bought Dole Whips on Front street, spent time in the art gallery, enjoyed music in the park, sat in the shade of the Old Courthouse, walked around and under the Banyan Tree, saw the fort and watched the boats, and the girls picked out stuffies at the local ABC store. We truly enjoyed our Fourth of July spent in Old Lahaina town. During our ten-day stay on Maui, we made several trips to Lahaina and through Lahaina, for the luau at the Royal Lahaina Resort and to go to Baby Beach.

We never dreamed when we left Maui on July 12 that, less than a month later, many of the places we visited would be on fire, burn, and be gone. Little Blake Olivia was heartbroken that the stuffies she didn’t choose burned before other children could adopt them. We have all heard horrific stories from those who survived, and sadly the death toll is still rising, while many who were spared remain homeless. And as we are processing this tragedy, our beloved Washington State is on fire. Again, many are being evacuated, but sadly many of those who were in the fire line lost homes and animals. Two have lost their lives . . . and I complain about the smoke and high air quality index number. Shame on me!

For those of us whose lives continue on with homes intact, but who are highly concerned about those who have been affected by fire, whether in Maui or in our home state, we CAN GIVE. You can go to our church website and choose Give to Disaster Response, writing in the notes where you would like the funds to go. Another option is to write a check and write “disaster relief” in the memo section and “Maui” or “Washington,” drop it in the offering plate, and we will get it to the correct area. May we be “ohana” (family) to those near or far away, demonstrating how God’s love flows through kind and generous hearts.

Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11



All Church Camp Out Revisited

For the handful of folks who set up their camping rigs in Circle “B” at Boardman’s Marina Campground the weekend of August 18-20, it was a wonderful weekend in spite of the smoky air! There were 15 people and two dogs who camped overnight, however, a dozen more, plus one more dog, joined in on Saturday. Evenings were filled with music, dessert, conversation, and children’s story time, while the days were mostly spent at the river playing in the water.

Opportunities such as these provide a closer experience with our church family. Observing Emily Collins lead and entertain four impressionable, energetic, talkative little girls all weekend, with patience and kindness, was priceless. We shared food, conversation, water toys, games, and crafts, along with faith and friendship. Shout out to Dave Hare for the delicious smoked meat for dinner Saturday night and to all who shared side dishes...the fantastic food and great company filled us well; unfortunately the yellow jackets liked us and our food too!! Boardman hosted us well, and we look forward to next year already!

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

STONE TABLETS — The tablets of stone symbolize God’s giving of the Law to Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai (Horeb). They’re often shown with Roman numerals I through III on the left tablet and IV through X on the right. This represents the Ten Commandments — with the first three focusing on God and the final seven focusing on other people. The image of the stone tablets also may represent the entire Old Testament.



It has been a hard summer for those of our Soul Soup guests who are on the street. And now the heat is being compounded by intermittent smoke from wildfires near and far. We continue to consistently see 40 to 50 guests each week, and there are always new faces. We continue to support them with good food, prayers (we are giving out prayer cards each week and they are being used!), bed rolls, and some limited canned goods we receive from Grace Clinic.

We have a new team from Bethel that will start the first Thursday in September and serve the 1st Thursday of each month. Marcia and Rich Kimura lead the group and it great to have them return.

Please continue to keep our guests and all the volunteers in your prayers.

Pursuing peace

The 2021 book Love, Loss and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety explores the dangers of extremism, both religious and political. Author Bill Tammus, whose nephew died on 9/11, suggests three ways to be peacemakers. First, we can become more religiously literate, because “our human tendency is to fear what we don’t know or understand.” Second, we can deepen our knowledge of history, because “shock waves” from past events often spark modern-day unrest.

Finally, we can spend time with people who are facing profound grief. “This is the emotional equivalent of walking a mile in someone else’s shoes,” Tammus writes. “It can open our eyes to the countless ways that death — particularly unexpected, violent death — can affect almost every aspect of the lives of survivors. ... At the very least, go to funerals of people whose families you know, even of people who died of old age or of some illness late in life. Be present. Hear their stories.”

—adapted from The Wired Word



Dean Mitchell	1-Sep
Rick Kerkow	2-Sep
Lindsay Varzandeh	3-Sep
Rebecca Hildman	4-Sep
Sherry Arnold	4-Sep
Geneva Nevius	5-Sep
Alice Bennett	6-Sep
Deanna Dreier	7-Sep
Barry Merrill	10-Sep
Halley Becker	10-Sep
Lynn Bateman	15-Sep
Annie Baker	16-Sep
Dave Miller	16-Sep
Cheryl Nixon	16-Sep
Daisy Buchholz	16-Sep
Tim Anderson	18-Sep
Karen Pfeiffer	19-Sep
Matthew Denise	21-Sep
Garrett Simmelink	23-Sep
Jim Koschik	24-Sep
Wesley Leathers	25-Sep
Steven Meline	30-Sep



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



PRAYER list

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

are 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, 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.



David Brown, husband of Doris, passed on July 30. He was an active, faithful member of KFUMC for many years. No services are planned.

Joyce Scott, another of our longtime, devoted members, passed from this life on August 5. Joyce was preceded in death by her loving husband, Bob. An October memorial service is being planned.



We thank God for the witness of the lives of these saints, rejoicing that they are now with Jesus, their Savior!

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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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September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Homecoming Sunday Sunday School Starts Today @9am! Please bring your bible. Ice Cream Social and Orientation 4-6pm Help us welcome our new UMY members with ice cream and discussion of the new year.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> Education Sunday 10am Service Mission Trip Recap and the Sunday School and UMY Leader Dedication Community Carnival 4-6pm (Volunteers 3-7pm) Invite friends and family to be a part of the fun! UMY Volunteers needed to help serve the community and have fun! Wear Swim clothes, you will have time to play on the slides!	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> Ice Blocking 4-6pm Bring a towel and a friend (with their permission slip). If you live in or near Richland, you can be dropped off at Carmichael MS at 4:30, and picked up at 5:40pm.	25 	26	27	28	 <p>"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." Mark 5:19</p>	