

# THE CLARION

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



Kennewick  
First United  
Methodist  
Church



2024

*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



## Jr. High Rock-a- Thon

The 2024 Jr. High  
Rock-a-Thon is  
coming up the  
weekend of

January 13. The Jr. High began making  
their Rock-a-Thon calls at the end of  
December and will continue through  
mid-January asking for donations for  
the Jr. High youth program.

They will rock from 7 p.m. on Saturday  
night, January 13, until 10:10 a.m. on  
Sunday morning, January 14.

If you were not contacted by a young  
person but want to contribute to the  
program, you can make a donation  
through push pay or mail a check to the  
church office and in the memo section  
put "Jr UMY." Let's help support this  
energetic faith-filled group of young  
people!



Children and  
Youth Sunday  
School is back  
**January 7.** We  
look forward to  
seeing you then!



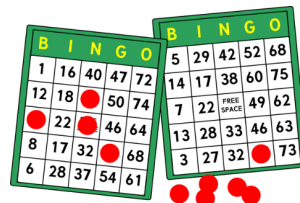
**All Church Event!**  
**January 21**  
**4—6:00 p.m.**

**Come play BINGO with  
us!**

**We will provide Bingo  
cards, but you can bring  
your dauber!**

**Questions?**  
**Call the church office at**  
**509-582-2163.**

**Come play for  
valuable merchandise  
and prizes!**





Many of the guests who are welcomed at the Soul Soup meal we offer each Thursday night in our fellowship hall are homeless and lack some basic necessities. One thing many need is **warm dry socks!** During the month of January, we are asking for donations of NEW, HEAVY men's and women's socks, particularly men's socks. They will be distributed to our Soul Soup guests as needed.

Thank you for your generosity!

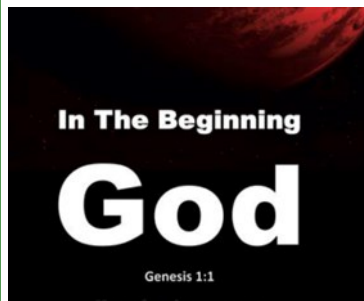
## KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



No Single Senior Coffee in January as we continue to be cautious about slick roads and sidewalks.



**LIFT** will take flight again on Wednesday, January 3. All ladies are invited to attend this weekly scripture study from 6-7:00 p.m. Please bring your beverage, Bible, and bifocals (if needed!).



## God Created

*By Cynthia Bement*

In the beginning God created...these are the first five words in the Bible found in Genesis 1:1. God is always active and moving, most especially through us! If there is breath in our lungs, the Holy Spirit is at work. Think back on your life so far, what are some things you created? Have you ever created something that was your masterpiece? Your best work? Have you acknowledged that you may have had help with your masterpiece? I am constantly in awe of what the Lord can do through people, although I shouldn't be surprised knowing that we are God's masterpiece, and He likes to give us the ability and tools to do good works on His behalf for others.

January is the beginning of another year, with new hopes, dreams, plans, and opportunities to create. When God creates, it's not always big, but it is always with intention and purpose. As you look ahead to 2024, be open to the Holy Spirit moving in new ways. Whatever you plan, may you be open to God making it better, even if it doesn't seem to be going your way. I have learned, often the hard way, that plans are great, but that when God moves, I had better get out of God's way as His creations and plans are always better. So may you make room, be open, and leave space for the Lord to create more masterpieces through you! After all, God is the original artist, and His signature is already on each one of us!

*Happy*  
**ANNIVERSARY**

## Congratulations to Joline and Don Board!

Join Joline and Don Board in a celebration of their **60th** wedding anniversary at an open house on February 3 from 1—3 p.m. at the Meadow Springs Country Club. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [donjboard@aol.com](mailto:donjboard@aol.com) or 509-586-7157 by January 20. Thank you, no gifts.

## JANUARY Birthdays

Pete Baumann	4-Jan
Karen Alley	5-Jan
Deana Harden	5-Jan
Marilyn Hockaday	6-Jan
Dick Nelson	6-Jan
Rick Glazier	9-Jan
Melissa Nickolaus	11-Jan
Roberta Barcot	15-Jan
Olivia Holloway	17-Jan
James Choate	20-Jan
Cindy Leathers	20-Jan
Emma Glazier	21-Jan
Dennis Simmelink	23-Jan
Ellie Nelson	24-Jan
Annalise Becker	24-Jan
Gus Kittson	28-Jan
Peggy Puryear	28-Jan
Phyllis Koschik	30-Jan

## Early FEBRUARY Birthdays

Rick Nelson	1-Feb
Victoria Keel	1-Feb
Lili Westvik	1-Feb
Chuck Smith	2-Feb
James Canada	3-Feb
Gladys Amegashie	3-Feb
Matthew Kaiser	3-Feb
Steve Tucker	4-Feb
Kathleen Ritter	4-Feb



## 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, Dorothy Lyle, Larry and Karen Barcot, Eddie Kenoyer, Tim Anderson, Jaime Hildman, Ron Baker, Rita McElroy, Joan Osborne, Jennifer Bateman, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Miranda.



**Joyce Norman**, our much-loved church member, died on December 26. Her contribution to this newsletter, a faithful and cheerful "folder" for many years, was very much appreciated! Her family showed their love and

respect for her in their caring-giving in the last several years and will miss her greatly as we all will. Please pray for their comfort.

**Diana Sundvik**, beloved daughter of Marian Sundvik and the late Don Sundvik, also died on December 26. Please pray for Diana's husband, Mark, for Marian, and the rest of the family.

WE MOURN WITH YOU



Murray and Brad Kuhns thank everyone who attended and were part of Jolene Kuhns' memorial service. They are also appreciative for all the kind cards and phone calls.

On December 6, Miss Ava Marie Hooley was born to Julie and John Hooley. She joins big sister Aurora and was greeted with excitement by grandparents John and Debbie Logan! Congratulations!





## As always, UWF Resolves To Serve

### With Joy, Love

United Women of Faith will start the new year off with an inspiring talk by Micki Perry on missions.

All church women and their friends are invited to the 10 a.m. meeting Wednesday, January 24, in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Joy Fellowship will be hostess, and the sharing gifts will be for My Friend's Place. Suggested are Fruit Loops and Oreos.

It was reported by Holly Daze chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier that the December encore was a wonderful success. Altogether the annual bazaar sales are topping \$11,000, which will go for missions. Also, all bags of Pepiot's Bean Soup have been sold!

Pot holders from Holly Daze will be donated to the church kitchen, and UWF will buy new towels for special church events.

UWF will continue to offer the great Rada Cutlery, as our unit is the only supplier in the Tri-Cities.

Kathy Wertman, re-elected president for 2024, thanked Sherry Arnold and her friend, Donna Smith, for a gleeful Christmas program. Extra chairs were set up for the wonderful turn-out! All shared in the singing and laughter.

Lori Butler, our UWF social coordinator, read a passage from the Book of Resolutions of the Methodist Church on a pathway for peace in Palestine and Israel. She encouraged all to pray for that peace.

There was also a discussion on how to help others locally, in addition to providing funding, by using our skills, time, and caring. Secretary Phyllis Koschik read thank you notes for our gifting from Grace

Kitchen, The Chaplaincy, and SARC.

The UWF book club, organized by Darryl Vaughn, will continue to meet this year. The last book shared was Braiding Sweetgrass, which all praised.



Sometimes we forget to say those two words—thank you—to those who make our lives or jobs easier. They often do so quietly and without

any fanfare.

If you need a little help identifying any of these “Fairie Helpers,” check the bulletin board in the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall.

During this last year, we have lost many loved ones. Each time, a team of ladies appears at the memorial service trying to lessen the hurt.

Please take a moment to say those two small words to any/all of those who bless us with their love and care—THANK YOU.

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#### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

Nursery Provided

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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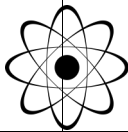
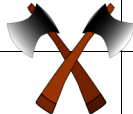



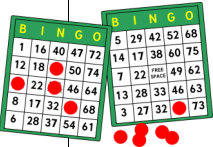

***Articles for the February 2024 Clarion will be due January 20. Thank you for your timely submissions!***





# January 2024

BINGO				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>December 31st</b> <b>UMY Bonus...Movie!</b> 1-4:00 pm Sound of Music		2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Sunday School 9 am Retro</i> <b>Praise Band 3:00 pm</b> <b>Glow Night Featuring...</b> <b>Nuclear Ball— 4-6 pm</b> 	8	9	10	11	12 	13 <b>Sr UMY Axe Throwing</b> Meet at church 4-6 pm \$10 first UMY'er...\$5 each add'l. sibling UMY'er
14 <i>Sunday School 9 am Retro</i> <b>Rock-a-thon is over at 10:10 am</b> <i>No UMY today...it was yesterday!</i> 	15				19	<b>Jr UMY Rock-a-Thon</b>  Come to the church at 7:00 PM  Bring Rocking Chair Completed Packet Wear relaxing clothes Bring a blanket, pillow and snack to share  Teens are welcome to bring non electronic games to play, but please leave phones at home...let me know if you need to reserve one of the few church rockers. 
21 <i>Sunday School 9 am Retro</i> <b>Praise Band 3:00 pm</b> <b>All Church BINGO</b> 4-6:00 PM Bring Your Family! 	22				26	
28 <i>Sunday School 9 am Retro</i> <b>Praise Band 3:00 pm</b> <b>Escape Night</b> 4-6:00 pm 	29	30	31			