

# THE CLARION

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



February  
2024

*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



*On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm*

*branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

Please join us at our Kennewick First **Ash Wednesday Service** on **February 14** at **7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

A Lenten devotional booklet of 47 meditations written by members of our church, retired clergy, and our District Superintendent has been lovingly prepared for our Lenten season 2024. The theme is ... "And Jesus said, 'Upon this rock, I will build my church.' " *Matthew 16:18*



The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and concludes on Easter Sunday (March 31). The booklets will be available at our Sunday church service on February 11. There is no charge for them, and extra copies are available for friends and shut-ins.

A special thank you to ALL who wrote a devotion!

*Phyllis Koschik*

The Joyce Edwards and Family Music Fund was established in 2015 to offer one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who will attend a post-high school program or college. One scholarship is awarded each year.



*Scholarship Opportunity*

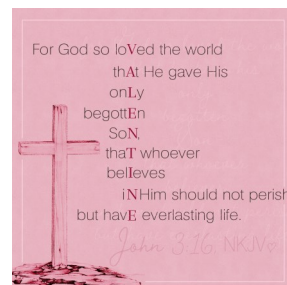
The 2024 Joyce Edwards Scholarship Application Form is available on the KFUMC website under Links & Forms, Youth Activities. Qualifications and requirements are included on the form, as well as directions for submission.

Applications are due May 31, 2024.



## All Hands on Deck

On Sunday, February 4, we will "un-decorate" the church following the 10:00 a.m. service. All who help to take down and put away will be treated to Hubby's pizza hosted by Pastor Mark.





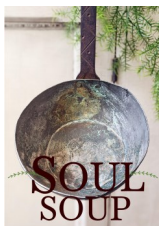
## TACKLE HUNGER

with the  
**SOUPERBOWL OF CARING**

On February 11, the youth invite you to help them **tackle**

**hunger** while they show you how much they appreciate you and all you do for them. Join us at 11:15 a.m. for a warm bowl of soup and time for fellowship. Collection pots will be on hand so that you can donate to either the Chiefs or the 49ers pot—we'll see how good KFUMC is at picking the 2024 Super Bowl champs by the amount of money in each pot!! All proceeds will be donated to the Tri-Cities Food Bank, so regardless of who wins the game, the hungry in our community will be the real winners.

It is hard to imagine living on the streets with freezing temperatures, snow, and ice. But many of our guests at Soul Soup do just that – it is their year-round existence. We serve 50 to 75 meals each Thursday, which includes take-outs. Some of our guests have family or friends who cannot come to the church to eat so they take food to them. The bedrolls we provide include a blanket made by our members on Sunday mornings and we also provide socks, gloves, and caps when available.



We just learned that one of our long-time guests, Linda, passed away. She and her adult son had been homeless for a few months and then got housing in a motel. They cared for one another and it is not likely her son will be able to live by himself. This has had an impact on all those who knew Linda, including our volunteers.

Please keep all our guests in your prayers!



In overlooked moments and routines, we have a rare opportunity to become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. But, how do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred?



Tish Harrison Warren's book "liturgy of the ordinary, sacred practices in everyday life" will be the focus of an adult class offered in the Susanna Wesley room on Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45, beginning on February 4 and ending on April 28. Each chapter in this book looks at something 'mundane' that the author does during the day – making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys. She focuses our lives as if viewed through the lens of liturgy – those small practices and habits that form us. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, wife, and mother, Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each one of these daily activities is related to a spiritual practice, as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Please consider joining us and discovering the holiness of your every day.

Jim Deatherage and Bob Kelly will co-lead this class. We look forward to seeing and worshipping with you. And, why not bring a friend?

Books are available on Amazon for \$11.99 right now. Bob is ordering a limited number – let him know if you want to reserve one. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Bob's email is: [rkellyzx@gmail.com](mailto:rkellyzx@gmail.com). Currently, we are unable to offer the class via Zoom.

We look forward to this time together as we explore how to draw closer to our Lord. If you have any questions, please talk with Bob or Jim . . . we are excited to walk toward Him through reading this book together.



## Love Does

*Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

By Cynthia Bement

1 John 3:18

The truth about love is that it is not just about the words we say but more about what we do. In the past several months, I have witnessed some of the most loving people on this earth care for family members who are transitioning from this life to the next. The Lord reminds us that love isn't just about saying, "I love you," or picking out the perfect Valentine's Day card with fancy words, it's also about serving those you love (even your neighbors and strangers) during the most challenging times.

My heart has been touched to be included with families during some emotional, intimate holy moments while they care lovingly for a parent, spouse, or grandparent in their final days or hours. Hard decisions in the name of love must be made, medications administered, caregivers orchestrated, cleansing procedures implemented, doctor appointments made and attended, nutrition and feedings monitored . . . all the while knowing that the doing will end, though the love never will.

One of the most moving situations I encountered was getting to know a granddaughter of one of our parishioners; she quit her job to stay home and care for her grandmother. Even though she had no idea how to go about being a care provider, after much research and practice, she was one of the best that I have been around! Her grandmother lived a beautiful life until her final day and was able to stay in her home, mainly because of the loving choices the granddaughter made. In another case, I know a son who flies into town about every three weeks to spend a couple of weeks with his lovely mother, making sure she is doing well, before flying back home again.

Love can sound like hymns being sung around the bed as a mother passes onto life eternal. Love is a great-grandfather holding the hand of his 4-month-old great-grandson singing songs and playing, knowing his final days are coming. Love can look like a tired spouse doing everything possible to make her Valentine comfortable and peaceful as the end of their 54-year journey together draws to a close. Love is two sons reverently planning a memorial service to honor their mother. Love is visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, sitting with the dying, caring for children . . . love is moving toward those in need of care and providing that care.

*Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.*

Mother Theresa



Have you ever neared the completion of a jigsaw puzzle, only to discover that a piece or two is missing? That's an apt visual for what it's like to live without God. Blaise Pascal, a 17th-century philosopher,

observed: "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

Centuries earlier, St. Augustine proclaimed "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." And in the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes expounded on the meaninglessness of earthly striving and material pursuits. Only God's Spirit can fill our emptiness and satisfy our eternal longings.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full," says Jesus in John 10:10 (NIV). He alone provides the solution for emptiness. What comfort to be filled with — and to find our fulfillment in — our Savior!



## KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

Thursday, February 1, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kennewick Flower Shop  
604 W Kennewick Avenue

## Rock-a-Thon Wrap

Last month, the Jr. UMY rocked out during the annual Rock-a-Thon fundraiser, January 13-14! The youth rocked for about 14 hours, enjoying fellowship and worship, and having fun with their friends and leaders!



Thank you for your pledges, donations, and continued support of these energetic young people and the 2024 youth program! The 10 participating teens raised just under \$6000.00! Thank you so very much!

Pledges/donations can be made by dropping off or mailing a check to the church office or paying online through push pay by February 15.

Top Rockers are:

- 1st - Alex Amegashie \$836.18
- 2nd - Kaylee Klages \$755.00
- 3rd - Conner Westvik \$675.00
- Honorable Mention for "most calls and great effort" – Sawyer Glessener.



## Easter Flowers



Each year at Easter, we offer members of our congregation the opportunity to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one or to honor someone still living. The flowers beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning, enhancing our celebration of the risen Christ. Following the service, you are welcome to take any flowers you have purchased to enjoy at home, continuing to honor your loved one. Flowers not taken home will be delivered to shut-ins, who will also enjoy their beauty!

We will be ordering chrysanthemums this year, and the cost for each plant is \$12. Order forms will be available in the church bulletins beginning March 3. The form will include space so that you can provide the name(s) of those you wish to honor, and these names will be included in the Easter morning bulletin. Order forms must be submitted to the church office no later than Palm Sunday, March 24.

If you wish to honor a loved one, but the cost of the plants would pose a hardship, please call the church office before March 26 for more information.

## ATTENTION!

Mary Gadeken needs to place a special order of Rada cutlery for one of our members. However, Rada charges \$19.50 for shipping, regardless of the size of the order. Obviously, it's not cost effective to order a single item. Therefore, I would like to know if anyone else might be interested in placing a Rada order: a favorite knife, a gift set, or other utensils, either for yourself or as a gift. If so, please call Mary at (509) 735-6822, as soon as possible, as Mary would rather not delay the order any longer than necessary. Thank you!

*Note: Rada is made in the USA, is reasonably priced, and lasts forever. Women in Faith (formerly UMW) have been selling Rada for about 40 years, raising funds for our mission work.*



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

I recently finished reading Max Lucado's book "It's Not About Me." As I have aged and learned some life lessons, this book really struck a chord with me and brought back memories from my childhood up-bringing.

Max reminds us that it's not about us, it's all about God, and through this belief we can truly live an unburdened, happy life. We thought self-celebration would make us happy, but, instead, it has created financial difficulties, stressful careers, and strained relationships.

As a youth, I wanted everything my friends had . . . nice car, nice clothes, etc. You get the picture. But my family was not wealthy. My father was a blue-collar worker, sometimes working 7 days a week to make sure we had enough to pay the bills. He always told me, though, that he would make sure I always had what I needed, not always what I wanted. Although I understood what he was telling me, I didn't like it at that time. His motto was "if you can't afford to pay cash for something, then you really don't need it." My dad is now 87 and has never had a credit card.

People can get caught up with being the best, having the best, keeping up with the Joneses, showing off their possessions, one-upping their best friend or sibling, and the list goes on and on. Now, if you have the resources to buy lots of things that you want, that is okay and not a sin. It's how you use those possessions that can get you into trouble. You should use your resources and possessions to the glory of God, not to glorify yourself to others with how much you have. Money does not buy happiness, and the grass is not always greener on the other side.

Sheryl Crow's song "Soak Up the Sun" contains the lyrics ***"It's not having what you want, it's wanting what you've got."***

These are good words to live by. If we are always trying to get what we can't attain or afford, we will never be happy and satisfied.



As your Lay Leader this past year, I want to thank you all for your comments and feedback. I have learned so much and look forward to serving you again this year and growing more in my faith. I also want to express my thanks to Pastor Mark for allowing me to fill this position. Although I will miss Pastor Mark when he leaves, I look forward to the learning opportunity our new pastor will bring.

*Submitted by Audrey Manley  
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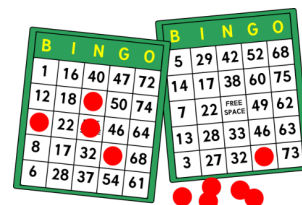


**All Church Bingo has been rescheduled for**

**Sunday, February 4  
4-6:00 p.m.**

Please come down and enjoy your church family while playing BINGO! Here is your opportunity have some fun and win valuable merchandise and prizes!

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





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
Jason Elvik	5-Feb
Judy (Kookie) Graham	6-Feb
Amy Basche	6-Feb
Ryan Bannworth	7-Feb
Earl Pfeiffer	8-Feb
Cheri Baker	8-Feb
Eric Berg	8-Feb
Debie Britton	13-Feb
Izaiah Canada	14-Feb
Donna Parkes	17-Feb
Donald Board	18-Feb
Micki Perry	24-Feb
A.J. Foster	25-Feb
Jackson Koval	25-Feb
Emery Tenney	25-Feb
Cory Manley	26-Feb
Peggy Snyder	28-Feb
Doris Brown	29-Feb



Becky Phillips	3-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Arlan Gadeken	6-Mar



**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, 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.

**Correction:** *In the January edition of the Clarion, I identified Marian Sundvik's daughter as Diana Sundvik, rather than Diana Brown, her married name. Please accept my apologies.*

*Please continue to pray for comfort and peace for her husband, Mark, her mother, Marian, and the rest of Diana's family.*

*Peggy Puryear*



### The realm of the impossible

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

—Corrie ten Boom



## UWF To Hear Talk On Gospel Mission

This is a good time to learn about a local venture that serves the homeless and the challenged who need to get in out of the cold.

Aaron Burtner, a director for the Union Gospel Mission Men's Unit, will speak on local relief Wednesday, February 28, before our UWF members and friends. The 10 a.m. meeting will be in the Susanna Wesley Room.

President Kathy Wertman will welcome all. Joy Fellowship will be hostess. The sharing gifts will be toiletries for men.

Our 2024 UWF yearbook, assembled by secretary Phyllis Koschik, will be available. It includes a membership list, monthly programs, special dates to remember, the budget, and words of inspiration.

Also, expect updates on the Book Club, the May Invitation Luncheon, silver spoons for newborns, and various missions UWF supports.

Holly Daze workshops will be held on the first Saturday of both February and March, according to chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn. Participants will continue organizing storage areas and discussing projects for the 2024 bazaar in October.

There are plans to make pine cone gnomes and use donated felt to make garlands. All are welcome to come to the workshops to enjoy friendships while brainstorming ideas and then working to make the ideas a reality.

Joy Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 8, at the home of Kathy Harris. Questions? Contact leader Debbie Britton.

The vision of United Women in Faith is to turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and families around the world.



What did one sheep say to the other?  
*I love ewe!*

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?  
*They are very scent-imental creatures.*

What question did the penguin ask on February 14?  
*Waddle I do without you?*

What do you call two birds in love?  
*Tweethearts!*

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

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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

[www.kennewickfirst.com](http://www.kennewickfirst.com)  
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# February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>  <b>All Church Bingo</b> <b>4-6pm</b> <b>Bring your Friends and Family!</b>    <u>Mission Trip Parent Meeting 6-6:30pm</u> Praise Band 3-4pm	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>  <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> <b>10am—12:30pm</b>    Praise Band 12:30-1:30	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm  	15	16 <b>Senior High Snow Go!</b> Arrive at the church by <b>4:30pm</b> <i>Remember to eat dinner            ahead of time.</i>	17
18 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>  <b>Leaders Choice—Jr High</b> <b>4-6pm</b>  Senior High arrive back at the church between 3-3:30pm	19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Jr High Ski Day</b> Arrive at the church by 5:30am with any gear labeled.  Arrive back 8-8:30, after dinner in Yakima
25 <i>Sunday School 9am</i>  <b>Leaders Choice—Sr High</b> <b>4-6pm</b>	26	27	28	