

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

Friday, March 29

Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

Easter Egg Hunt, 9 a.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31

**"This is the day of the Lord's
Victory; let us be happy, let us
celebrate!" (Psalm 118:24)**

**Sunrise Service
Columbia Park Gazebo,
6:30 a.m.**

**Sanctuary Worship Service,
10 a.m.**



2024

Easter Egg Hunt

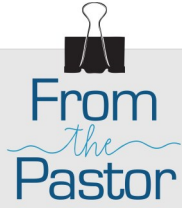
Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is taking shape, so mark your calendars for March 30, at 9 a.m. We will have activities in addition to the hunt and plenty of eggs to find, including a Golden Egg for each age group. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us for the fun!



Hallelujah! Palm Sunday Parade

All are welcome to join us for our Palm Sunday Parade, March 24. We will gather downstairs in Wesleyan Hall at 9:45 a.m. to hand out palms and start our parade around downtown Kennewick. We end on the bell tower steps at 10:00 a.m., entering the sanctuary and joining the service during *Time with Young Disciples*. Families are encouraged to join in, but if you choose not to accompany your children, you may pick them up after *Time with Young Disciples*. We hope to see you all there!





Dear friends,

As I hope you have heard by now, I will be going on “Transitional Leave” this summer, which means that Kennewick First will be receiving a new appointment from the bishop to serve as pastor of this church we love. Since November when I began considering taking a leave and discussing it with our District Superintendent, our Bishop and his cabinet have been working on the process of prayerfully discerning who best to appoint as pastor at Kennewick First. Our Staff Parish Ministry Team and Leadership Council have worked with Bishop Bridgeforth and his cabinet throughout the process, and on February 25, we received news regarding the appointment of our next pastor.

I hope you will join me in praying for Rev Shirley DeLarme as she prepares to join us in July to serve Kennewick First as pastor. Here is the letter our District Superintendent Daniel Miranda sent making the announcement:

Dear members and friends of Kennewick First UMC:

I am writing to share with you that

Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth intends to appoint Rev. Shirley DeLarme as pastor of Kennewick First United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2024.

Pastor Shirley has served in the Pacific Northwest for over 20 years in the Crest to Coast and Puget Sound Districts. Some of you may be familiar with her as she is the Pacific Northwest Conference Secretary. She has a deep appreciation for people and has high administrative giftedness. Shirley is resourceful and outward-looking in her love of the local church.

I pray for God’s blessing on this congregation and Rev. Shirley DeLarme during this time of transition. May the Holy Spirit’s guidance be evident as you serve one another and engage in mission with the people of your community.

*Your sibling in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Miranda
Seven Rivers District Superintendent and
Missional Strategist*

Over the next few months we will be working hard to make the transition as smooth as possible and to plan events to welcome Rev DeLarme to our church and to the Tri-cities!



KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

Thursday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m.
Kennewick Flower Shop
604 W Kennewick Avenue



Amberley Almarode has been leading us in praising the Lord through song for many years, but now she’s moving.

Her last Sunday with us will be April 7. On that day, we will celebrate Amberley during worship and a special time afterward. Look for more details in the April Clarion!



Youth Group News

Senior High Snow Go



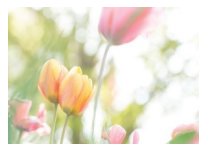
Eight high schoolers along with four leaders recently enjoyed a ski weekend in Coeur d'Alene. It was a beautiful, sunny Saturday on Silver Mountain, and all of the youth either skied or snowboarded. We are happy to report that everyone had a good time and there were no injuries!

Junior High Ski Day

The Junior High UMYers traveled to White Pass this year for their annual ski day. We had six youth and six leaders, with Rachel Loomis and Rick Kerkow joining us as special guest leaders to help the youth learn how to ski and snowboard. Everyone enjoyed their time on the mountain, even with the wind!



Mark your calendars for **April 14**, when the Senior High will host our annual dessert auction to raise money for the summer Mission Trip. This year, we will be heading to the Storm Mountain Center, a UMC wilderness retreat and summer camp located in South Dakota, to help with general upkeep and maintenance. If you have any questions or have a dessert or other auction item to donate, please reach out to Claressa at the church office.



Take time to "examen"

I'm grateful to live in an area with distinct seasons. Each time of year has unique characteristics that give way to the next. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven," says Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV).

Each change of season also lends itself to examen, a spiritual practice that involves reflection. Typically done daily, examen invites people to recall past events (highlights, struggles, even mundane activities) and consider when they especially sensed God's presence or when he seemed distant.

Try a deeper examen four times a year as the seasons change. As a starting point, use your answers to these questions:

Looking back at the past season, when did I see God at work? What was life-giving to me?

In what areas did I need God to work? What was life-draining?

As I enter this next season, how is God inviting me to engage more with his presence?

—Janna Firestone



Bible Quiz

The "Christ hymn" in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?



- A. knee; tongue
- B. hands; feet
- C. arms; lips
- D. heart; mouth

Answer: See Philippians 2:10-11.



Mirror's Loving Projects To Be Explored By UWF

The caring, healing work of Mirror Ministries will be reviewed by its director at UWF's 10 a.m. meeting on March 27 in the Susanna Wesley Room. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how the love of Jesus is shown to victims of domestic sex trafficking.

The mission director, Tricia MacFarland, will explain how Mirror's goal is that survivors will one day be able to look in a mirror and see themselves reflected back as God sees them, as a person of dignity and worth.

This is accomplished daily by providing for basic needs, health care, counseling, safe homes, and other services, which are offered with the help of volunteers and donors.

MacFarland will also talk about the new Esther's Home, a restorative haven for women. The home is named after the biblical Esther, who found freedom and brought it to her people.

President Kathy Wertman will welcome members and friends to the inspiring program and thank all for bringing sharing gifts for Mirror Ministries. Suggested items are women's toiletries, hand lotion, and socks.

An array of UWF activities open to church members and friends will also be considered.

The admired quilters, Piecemakers, will meet at 10 a.m. on March 13 in the room across from the Conference Room. Phyllis Merrill encourages new quilters to come. There are always tying and hand-sewing projects to work on. The Piecemakers meet

monthly on the second Wednesday. Want to try quilting? You definitely will love this friendly group.

UWF is blessed that Susan Sandmeyer and Darryl Vaughn are directing our 2024 Holly Daze. Current projects include painting wooden items and hand sewing felt garlands. Please come and your bring your craft-loving friends to the next bazaar work day on April 6.

Joy Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, at the home of Deb Reeve. Questions about Joy Fellowship should be directed to Debie Britton.

United Women in Faith is a Christian global ministry (87 countries) that stages non-denominational events to help women and children. Its members work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems, from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues, and more.

Be the donkey



Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.

"When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" she replied. "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor."

Jesus told his followers they'd need to carry (or "take up") their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?



Becky Phillips	3-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Arlan Gadeken	6-Mar
Opal Smith	8-Mar
Starlite Buchholz	9-Mar
James Foster	14-Mar
Lillian Anderson	19-Mar
Dorothy Lyle	22-Mar
Judy Milton	24-Mar
Sally Herker	27-Mar
Linda Hawley	27-Mar
Bob Arnold	27-Mar
Don Hand	27-Mar



Molly Kittson	3-Apr
Jeffrey Varzandeh	4-Apr
Christiaan Barcot	4-Apr
Dee Ann Yount	5-Apr
Bethany Ahrend	5-Apr
Sherry Elvik	6-Apr
Terry Milton	6-Apr
Debra Reeve	6-Apr

Your life is a gift from the Creator. Your gift back to the Creator is what you do with your life.

Billy Mills



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.



The Boice and Bement families are very appreciative of the prayers, calls, cards, and gifts following the loss of husband and father, George Boice.

George was welcomed into heaven on Saturday, February 3, and a beautiful memorial service with reception was held on Saturday, March 2. It was full of the music George loved, and we were treated to many "George" stories. The families are gratified that so many of you were able to honor George with your loving presence.

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, and food we have received since our

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exciting time in January. Our Life Flight was smooth and quiet, unlike our arrival at the Harborview Emergency Department. That was quite an experience, never mind the urgency of our trip. The antibiotics are (hopefully) doing their job and all this infection will soon be gone.

Thanks again to all of you for your care and concern. We have definitely felt your prayers and so appreciate all your care and concern during this scary time.

Shorty and Kathy Wertman



All Church Clean Up March 23 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Find those garden gloves or rubber gloves, *your choice*, and dig out your ‘grubbies’ for the **All Church Clean Up Saturday, March 23!** We will need many hands to beautify our historic church building, inside and out. To begin, we will meet at the church at **8:30 a.m.** for coffee, pastries, and prayer in Susanna Wesley. Actual work will start at **9:00 a.m. and go until Noon.** The Facilities Team will be on hand to share their expertise as well as other saints who have faithfully repeated the same cleaning traditions for years, so even if you are a ‘newbie,’ please come and join this purposeful work. *Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board by the Welcome Desk in our south entry.* All cleaning supplies will be provided, but if you have a favorite tool you like to use, please bring it . . . and remember to take it home!

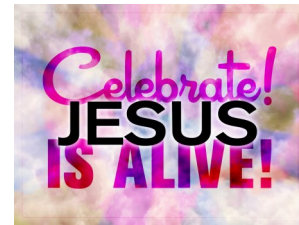
Tasks will include:

- **Sanctuary** - (5-7 volunteers needed). ‘Lemon oil’ all the wainscoting and posts; vacuum pews cushions; use Pledge on pews and the altar; sweep under pews; vacuum carpets; dust; organize pew card holders; and more.
- **Chapel** - (3 volunteers). Dust; organize; vacuum; Pledge woodwork; clean doors and windowsills.
- **Library** - (4 volunteers). Dust shelves, books, and piano; get rid of trash and clutter; clean doors and windows; vacuum.
- **Sunday School Classrooms** - (4 or more volunteers). General cleaning; vacuuming; windows; doors; dusting; purging; etc.
- **Kitchen** - Under the United Women in

Faith’s direction, clean refrigerators and stoves; sort and organize; and do general cleaning.

- **Outdoors/Landscaping** - (At least 6 volunteers). Darryl Lamberd will oversee this area where we’ll clean trash out of flower beds; rake leaves; pull weeds; trim any branches necessary; check sprinklers; clean exterior church windows and doors; sweep; etc.
- **Garage** - (2-4 volunteers). Check inside of garage for disposable junk; organize; and sweep.

There is a job for everyone, every age, and skill level, so don’t be afraid to come. The more people we have, the quicker it will go so we can all get home to those other weekend chores and events. We have a lot to do, but working together, we shall be victorious!



Articles for the April 2024 Clarion will be due March 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




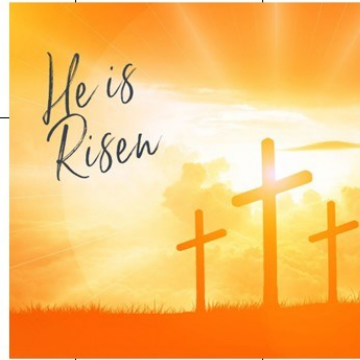


Monday—Thursday
8 AM to Noon and 1 to 4 PM
Friday—8 AM to Noon

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March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> Bunco! 4-6pm <i>Praise Band 3-4pm</i>	4 	5	6	7	1 8	2 9
10 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins—Set your clocks ahead 1 hour</i> Nerf Night (Invite your Friends!) 4-6pm <i>Bring Nerf toys if you have them, we will have our collection out as well. We will provide the bullets (please don't bring your own.)</i> <i>Praise Band 3-4pm</i>	11 	12	13	14	15 Spring Retreat Meet at Church at 5:30pm Eat dinner first. Registration due 3/3 Bring an orange and a green shirt to wear!	16 
17 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> Home from Retreat 3:00ish	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday Parade after 9am Sunday School</i> Field Trip Wear tennis shoes. 4-6pm	25	26 	27	28	29 Good Friday Service 7pm 	30 Easter Egg Hunt @ 9am Arrive at 8:30 to hide 
31 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> Happy Easter! Sunrise Service—6:30am in Columbia Park Easter Sunday Service—10am in the Sanctuary <i>No Youth Group</i> <i>Spend time w/ your Families.</i>						