

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, October 12th**  
**Holly Daze Workshop,**  
**Susanna Wesley Room, 9 am**  
**(see details below)**

**Sunday, October 13th**  
**Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>**  
**(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent**  
**worship services, as well)**

**Sunday, October 13th**  
**UMY Family Fall Festival, 4-6 pm**

**Saturday, October 19th**  
**Holly Daze Bazaar, 9 am – 3 pm**

**Sunday, October 27th**  
**Tailgate Trunk or Treat, 4:30 – 6 pm, Parking Lot**

**Sunday, November 24th**  
**All-Church Potluck, 11 am, Ida Payne**

**Sunday, November 24th**  
**All-Church Conference, 12:30 pm, Youth Chapel**

### **Friday News 10/11**

It was early July 1995. The kids were at their grandparent's house. My husband Lane and I were cleaning out the rental house we were leaving. I was in the garage sweeping when a car stopped in front of the house. Frank and Mary, members of my Disciple Bible Study group, got out and

met me in the garage. They handed me a check for \$1000, a huge number for us, and wished us well when we reached Ohio and the seminary I was going to attend. In three minutes, they departed after also giving us hugs.

I put the check in my purse right next to the McDonald's gift card someone from WEBS, the Wednesday Evening Bible Study group had given me so my kids could have ice cream every day as we drove the 2800 miles to our new home.

The day after we moved into our townhouse in Ohio, the neighbor came bringing cookies, something she would do every month for the year we lived in that home.

Those acts of generosity were not the first, nor the last, I have enjoyed. But they are symptomatic of the kind of people I have been blessed to know throughout my life. They were people who found joy in making joy and possibility for others. They were the people who brought crates of oranges for me when I was in marching band, and who paid my way to attend retreats and conferences as a teen. They were the people who said yes when I invited them to serve, even when they had not done that kind of thing before. They were the people who wrote my name on their prayer list, who called me when my husband died suddenly, and who remember my grandchildren's names.

They were not all members of a church, but they were all generous, and they showered me and mine with generosity. The generosity of each one has shaped me and blessed me.

The Collins American dictionary tells us that to be generous is to do or give more than is usual or expected.

The Artificial Intelligence engine behind my Google search tells me the Bible defines generosity as a simple act of giving good things to others freely and abundantly. It is a lifestyle that involves sharing what we have, are, or will become.

Indeed, our scriptures tell us God is generous and so we can be:

“17 Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. 18 He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.”  
(James 1:17-18 CEB)

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.  
Hebrews 13:16.”

Each time I am blessed by the generosity of another, I know God is near. I can feel that holiness. And over time I learned I also could be generous in many ways. What joy! For me! And God.

Is it a contradiction to be generous to others so I can feel joy?

Pastor Shirley

**10/13**  
**Extravagant Generosity**  
**"EKG: Ministry Flows from the Heart"**

**Scripture:**  
**1 Timothy 6:17-19**

**LOST**

The 2-step stool has disappeared from the church kitchen.  
Please return it if found!

**Butter Braids**

The youth are now selling Butter Braids until Monday, October 21st. They are all \$17.00 each, whether you order them manually or online.

Please help the youth with this annual fundraiser! Extra forms are also available in the church office.

**Candy Wheelbarrow**

There is a wheelbarrow in the entryway for candy donations for Trunk or Treat. The Children and Youth Ministries appreciate your support as we support our families and the community.

**Holly Daze Workshop**

The bazaar will take place this Saturday, October 19th and set up will occur all next week. Please sign up at the welcome area to help during the week of set-up and during the bazaar itself. We will need people to cashier, to bag items, to greet, to sell raffle tickets, and to be a floater where needed. Produce (pumpkins, potatoes, winter squash, remaining summer produce) and items from home

(sewn items, hand-crafted items) to be priced should be brought to Ida Payne (downstairs fellowship hall) during the week or the office can always accept items.

Baked goods should be delivered on Friday, October 18th. No products that need refrigeration please. Items can be packaged, or we can package them for you. If you need to make other arrangements, please call Susan Sandmeier, 509-586-6241.

Thanks to everyone for the support of this fund-raising effort for United Women in Faith (formerly UMW).

### **Burro Naming Contest in October**

Please name the library's mascot! The winner will win either a coffee or bakery gift certificate from historic downtown Kennewick's Rise and Shine Bake Shop. The contest will be through October 20th and the winner will be notified by October 27th. The gift certificate will be waiting for the winner on the foyer. Here is the link to enter the contest:

Library Mascot Naming Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJy1fXTPvEa-vkFCaxoGqkNEMV6rz7nwNoI58a4KxJkqYonA/vi~~ew~~form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJy1fXTPvEa-vkFCaxoGqkNEMV6rz7nwNoI58a4KxJkqYonA/vi<del>ew</del>form)

### **Church Office Staff Meetings**

The Church Office meets for a Staff Meeting the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10 am - Noon. The office is closed

10 am - 1:00 pm on those days.