

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Rock-a-thon 2025! January 18–19

Rock-a-thon calls have begun!

The Jr United Methodist Youth will be rocking the night away on January 18–19 to raise money to fund their activities for the coming year—with your help! The money is raised through the pledges of their church family, friends, teachers, and grandparents/aunts/uncles.

In case you miss the call or we miss you, we will have a table set up during coffee hour on January 12 where we will take your pledge. After rocking through the night on January 18, we will again have a table set up during coffee hour (January 19) where you can make your payment.

Please let Claressa Elvik know if you have any questions (509)582-2163.

Thank you for all the support you provide the youth throughout the year!

On the calendar . . .

- New Year's Day, *January 1*
- Epiphany, *January 6*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 12*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 20*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25*



The church office will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day and January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,
‘What are you doing for others?’”

—Martin Luther King Jr.

JANUARY

2025

God’s constant new work

From the beginning of time, God’s pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year’s season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God’s work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures (all NIV) and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

[God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair (*Ezra 9:3*)

If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (*Job 14:7*)

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (*Psalms 40:3*)

See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (*Isaiah 43:19*)

You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (*Isaiah 62:2*)

[God’s] compassions ... are new every morning. (*Lamentations 3:22-23*)

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (*Ezekiel 36:26*)

[Jesus] took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.” (*Luke 22:20*)

Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (*Romans 6:4*)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

“I am making all things new.”





Nativity Showcase was a Beautiful Event!

Thank you to everyone who brought a Nativity set to share with the church and community on December 22! Each set was beautiful and unique. We really appreciate those who made and brought cookies to share and Gladys Amegashie, who provided the coffee. Many of our ladies tended to the event and helped to pack up the sets at the end. A big shout out

to: Annie Baker, Cheri Baker, Connie Boice, Dorothy Block, Mary Gadeken, and Shirley Miller for your help and support. No event happens on its own. Dave, Cory, and Michelle Hare were helpful on Saturday morning setting up tables and helping with tablecloths, and Dave provided security on Sunday morning. Love when we share with each other what the Lord has blessed us with.



The Tail of the Talking Animals

By Cynthia Bement

On Christmas Eve at the beginning of the 3:00 p.m. service, 35 children and youth told the folk tale of the talking animals on Christmas Eve. As the story goes...Long ago, and even today in Europe, the story is told of how all the animals in the world, at the stroke of midnight of Christmas Eve, speak. With their newfound power of speech, the animals rejoice at the birth of Jesus, born humbly in a manger and surrounded by animals. The entire cast did a terrific job of saying their lines, singing songs, and playing their instruments.

Special thanks go to: Starlite Buchholz, Claessa Elvik, Josylyn & Jordyn Olson, Alex Amegashie Jr., Daisy Buchholz, Max Buchholz, Cameron Keaney, Emilia Ramirez, the Youth Praise team, and the many adults who helped to make this pageant come to life! Please know how much you are appreciated and loved! Thank you Church, for letting the children share their gift with you all on Christmas Eve.





Holly Daze Encore Thanks

Many thanks to the congregation for supporting the Holly Daze Encore on December 8. Several people donated baked goods, which we sold along with some of the gift items we had from the October bazaar. We are able to support many non-profits and local church activities with the money we raise through the bazaar.

Our first workshop of the year will be held **Saturday, January 4, at 9 a.m.** in the Susanna Wesley room at church. We'll gather to brainstorm ideas for the 2025 Holly Daze bazaar.

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



We will not be meeting during the months of January and February due to the cold and possible inclement weather.



LIFT Living In Faith Together

Each Wednesday evening from 6–7 p.m., women gather in the Youth Chapel to hear a devotion, read and study scripture, share faith stories, and pray together. Each week is led by either Peg Puryear, Renée Wilhelm, Michelle Hare, Cynthia Bement, Sheryl Dyer, or one of the women in attendance. We bring the devotional word in our own unique way, and the Spirit has been faithful, present, and at work in all of us gals in the circle! The group meets in the evening so that those who work can attend, so we respect the start and end time. Please join us any Wednesday at 6 p.m. ... remembering our 3 B's...Bible, Beverage, and Bifocals (if needed)!

Note: We will not be gathering for LIFT on January 1.

Our friends at Soul Soul who live on the street are coping with much colder and wetter weather. Thanks to Kadlec, we have a large supply of hospital blankets that we use in our bedrolls, but it is still a harsh existence. Thanks to Davey Hare, we have 100 gift bags that we are handing out that contain socks, gloves, a scarf, hat, and a reflective blanket to help with the cold.



Nine of our guests stayed for the Blue Christmas service on December 19. It was a wonderful service of remembrance and healing – one of our friends had lost his wife this past year and another is undergoing treatment for cancer. I think they were both moved by the service especially as they were surrounded by both old and new friends.

Let's keep all who serve and who are served in this ministry in our prayers. Blessings to you all in the New Year.

world relief® A thank you from World Relief

Dear Pastor Shirley,

We at World Relief wish to express our thankfulness for all the generous donations that your congregation at First UMC have provided for the many arriving refugees resettling into our Tri-Cities community. We only hope to be able to be of some benefit to you and to the spiritual growth and development of those you serve in the coming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Robb and the World Relief Staff





UWF To Enjoy Arlan's Travelog

It will be a time for adventure for all at the Wednesday, **January 22**, meeting of UWF members and friends. The great traveler, Arlan Gadeken, will bring stories about Japan to the 10 a.m. session in our Susanna Wesley Room.

Japanese Gardens, Castles, Pagodas and Shrines – the social and religious fabric of the country – will be explored by Arlan. What a treat!

Joy Fellowship will host, and the sharing gift for My Friend's Place will be Fruit Loops and Oreos. If you can, bring a bag or two.

Comng UWF activities will be announced by our reelected president, Kathy Wertman.

Other board members for 2025 are Phyllis Koschik, Secretary; Kathy Harris, Treasurer; Darryl Vaughn, Program Resources Chair; Holli Simmelink, Sunshine Chair; Bonnie Taylor, Correspondent; Su Mayfield and Jennifer Daven, Spiritual Growth; Cheri Baker, Membership; Micki Perry, Education; Lori Butler, Social Action; and Kathy Wertman and Phyllis Koschik, Historians.

In 2025, UWF will operate with a budget of \$17,645, with added items of Fair Trade Coffee, Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities, and Martha's Cupboard.

The tradition of UWF presenting families with a silver spoon for the birth of their babies will be continued with Cheri Baker's guidance. Little ones receiving a spoon in 2024 were Walker Teddy Bannworth, Ezra Drew Burtner, Alder Lane DeLarme, Cameron Jeff Ebberts, Violet Quinn Elledge, Elizabeth Rain Elvik, Madilyn Sue Haberling, Ava Marie Hooley, Clara Grace Poole, and Emma Sullivan.

UWF Yearbooks will be distributed in January with the theme, *The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.* Matthew 9:37-38.

Contact Mary Gadeken if you need a selection of new **cutlery**. She has been handling sales for UWF for years. In 2024, the profit was \$270.25. Mary welcomes your calls. She has catalogs available.

The **Book Club** embraces new members with good cheer. Contact Darryl Vaughn with suggestions for books to share. The readers usually meet after the regular UWF meetings.

Knitting Prayer Shawls for Others with Love



The prayer shawl ministry that our beloved Pat Walker led will continue under the terrific duo of Annie Baker and Janet Shelton, both excellent knitters. However, they need helpers! If you knit or crochet, or want to learn, Annie and Janet will welcome you to this wonderful mission. They have patterns and yarn.

They will meet with all interested in shawl-makers every first Saturday in the church reception area at **9 a.m.** That means they will meet this **Saturday, January 4.**

Why don't you come? You will be met by big smiles.



Joy Fellowship to Switch to Afternoon in January

UWF's Joy Fellowship will start off the new year with a happy gathering Thursday, **January 9**, at the home of Jane Foreman at **2 p.m.**

That's right. Joy will meet that afternoon, instead of in the evening. This will help all to attend when bad weather could be a factor.

There will be limited parking at Jane's, so Chair Debbie Britton asks those who can to car pool—and bring a friend.



Gigi Amegashie	2-Jan
Dorsey Baumann	4-Jan
Karen Alley	5-Jan
Deana Harden	5-Jan
Marilyn Hockaday	6-Jan
Dick Nelson	6-Jan
Richard Glazier	9-Jan
Jonah Shiplet	9-Jan
Melissa Nickolaus	11-Jan
Jack St. John	12-Jan
Brian Bergum	14-Jan
Roberta Barcot	15-Jan
Beverly Swanby	15-Jan
Kristine Taggares	16-Jan
Christopher Becker	17-Jan
Olivia Holloway	17-Jan
James Choate	20-Jan
Cindy Leathers	20-Jan
Emma Glazier	21-Jan
Doug Mowry	23-Jan
Dennis Simmelink	23-Jan
Annalise Becker	24-Jan
Ellie Nelson	24-Jan
Cathy Rohrig	24-Jan
Ruby St. John	27-Jan
Gus Kittson	28-Jan
Daniel Nickolaus	28-Jan
Peggy Puryear	28-Jan
Phyllis Koschik	30-Jan
Rick Door	31-Jan



Victoria Keel	1-Feb
Richard Nelson	1-Feb
Lily Westvik	1-Feb
Chuck Smith	2-Feb
Gladys Amegashie	3-Feb
James Canada	3-Feb
Matthew Kaiser	3-Feb
Shawn Middleton	3-Feb
Lily Parkes	3-Feb

Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement and for those who are grieving the passing of loved ones . . .



Aggie Mowry, Karen Irwin, Lloyd Leathers, Dorothy Lyle, Jaime Hildman, Rita McElroy, Joan Osborne, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Miranda.



Edwina “Eddie” Kenoyer, beloved church member, peacefully crossed over into eternal life on December 17.

Eddie served in United Women of Faith, on many committees, and regularly attended worship. We will miss her, but will see her again! Her daughter and family plan to celebrate her life with friends and community in the spring. Please keep Eddie’s family in prayer.

A memorial service for **Patsy Hull**, who passed on November 27, will be held on January 3, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Kennewick First Presbyterian Church, 2001 W. Kennewick Avenue. Patsy attended Kennewick First UMC for many years, and was much loved by our congregation.



Baby girl Juno Ramona DeLarme arrived Friday, December 27, at 1:11 a.m., 20 inches, 7 lb, 13oz. Mother and baby doing well. Sisters Amelie and Leda delighted.

Congratulations all around—and welcome to the world, little one!





Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

Bible Quiz

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?



- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days

Answer: C (See Luke 2:46.)



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Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School at 9 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship at 10 a.m.
Nursery Provided

Church Office Hours



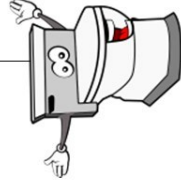
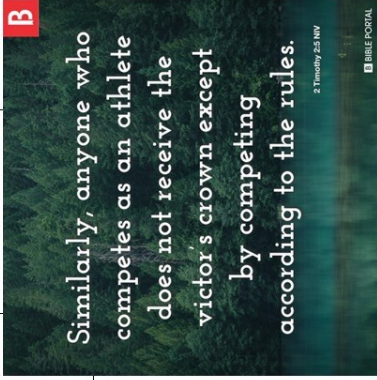
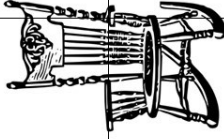
Monday–Thursday
8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

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Happy
New Year!

UMY January Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 9am Retro Game Night 4-6pm Praise Band 3-4pm	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Sunday School 9am Retro Nailed it 4-6pm Praise Band 3-4pm	13 	14	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9am Rock-a-Thon is over at 10:10am <u>Ski Forms Due!!!</u> No UMY—it was the night before	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 9am Super Toilet Bowl 4-6pm Wear Tennis Shoes Praise Band 3-4pm	27 	28				
						
						<div> <p>Sr UMY: Teen's Choice Wear clothes you can stain 3:45-6pm —Bring \$10 Mission Trip Announced</p> <p>Jr UMY—Rock-A-Thon Arrive at 7pm with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your completed packet • Rocking Chair • Wearing Comfy Clothes • Blanket • Pillow • Snack to Share <p>Optional: Non electronic games and activities. Leave cell phones and other electronics at home please!</p> </div>