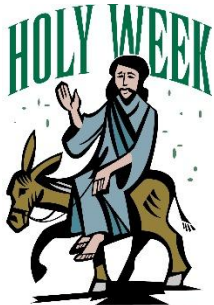


# THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



**Palm Parade** — gather in  
Wesleyan Hall  
Sunday, April 13, 9:45 a.m.

**Palm Sunday Service** —  
Sanctuary  
Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m.

**Good Friday Service** —  
Sanctuary  
Friday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt** — Church grounds  
Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.

**Easter Sunrise Service** — Columbia Park  
Sunday, April 20, 6:30 a.m.

**Easter Live Service** — Sanctuary,  
Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.

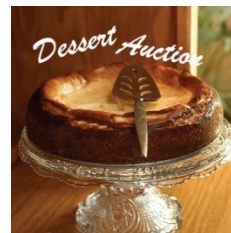


All are welcome to join us  
for our Palm Sunday  
Parade, April 13. We will  
gather downstairs in  
Wesleyan Hall at 9:45 a.m. to hand out  
palms and start our parade around  
downtown Kennewick. We end on the bell  
tower steps at 10 a.m., when we will enter  
and join the service during Time with Young  
Disciples. Families are encouraged to join  
the parade; if not, you can pick-up your  
child after Time with Young Disciples. We  
hope to see you all there!



April

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## Dessert Auction

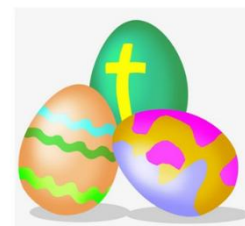
The Sr High Dessert  
Auction will be on  
Saturday, April 12,  
beginning at 3 p.m. with  
the Silent Auction. The Live Auction will  
begin around 4 p.m. Our theme this year is  
**True North**, as the Sr High youth are  
raising funds for a Mission Trip to . . .  
Fairbanks, Alaska!

If you have donations, haven't received an  
invitation, or want to bake a dessert, please  
contact Claressa Elvik at the church office.

Thank you for your continued support of our  
youth!

Kennewick First United Methodist

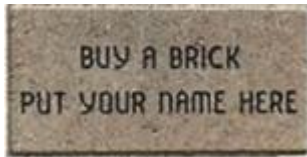
## Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Open to Toddlers—5th Grade

Activities Inside before the Egg Hunt



The Buy-a-Brick Fundraising Campaign is officially underway! This campaign will

help offset the cost of the church beautification project.

On Sunday, March 30, the campaign's committee members were in the overflow room after church — many people stopped to pick up order forms to begin the process of purchasing an engraved paver (brick) to be permanently installed in the Kennewick First UMC courtyard. **The committee will be on hand again after church on April 6 and 27 to continue to offer a buying opportunity.**

You are invited to purchase a paver to commemorate someone — a living or deceased family member or friend, or even yourself! The bricks are all one size with the same font (lettering). There are assorted icons that can be added to mark an event such as baptism, wedding, or membership date, etc., for an extra fee. The cost of each 6 by 12-inch paver is \$200; an icon is an additional \$25. The pavers will be laid in 2026, but the campaign is beginning now to help raise the funds needed to start the front courtyard project.

In addition to the after-worship opportunities to purchase a brick, the order forms are available in the church office, on the church website, and at the information desk in the church entry. You may pay with cash or check, through Pushpay, or by credit card.

Funds raised will be used for both the church beautification project and future facilities projects. This project will add to the beauty of our neighborhood and will help those who see and enter our building feel the holy presence of God.

Questions? Call Cynthia at 509-582-2163 or Reneé at 509-308-2627.

## KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



**April 3 at 10 a.m.**

Kennewick Flower Shop &  
Tri City Coffee Company  
604 W. Kennewick Ave, Kennewick

Whether you are widowed, divorced, or have always been single, we would like to invite you to gather with other Seniors from your church to share life's joys, concerns, and faith. The group meets monthly and informally at the Kennewick Flower Shop — which houses the Tri City Coffee Company, where you can purchase a cup of coffee or the like and chat with friends. May this be a place where friends gather to lend encouragement, laugh, and to share stories with each other.

**The group meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.**



## All-Church Camp Out

The church has reserved camp sites at the Boardman Park Marina for the All-Church Camp Out August 15 – 17. Please mark your calendar and reserve your site by calling the church office and mailing a check for \$125 for an RV site or \$45 for a tent site. The RV sites offer water, electricity, and sewer, and the grassy tent sites have water and a picnic table. Cynthia will confirm your reservation and mail you information regarding your site number and park specifics. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with your family surrounded by your church community in a beautiful casual setting. Registration forms are also available on the [church website](#).



## The Connectional Church and Special Offerings

When John Wesley launched the Methodist revival movement around 1728, he wanted there to be a great “connexion,” a network that would enable Methodists to spread scriptural holiness through study, accountability, worship, and service. Nearly 300 years later we are still making connections to better love and serve God and God's people.

Of course, money is needed to make all this happen. The United Methodist Church funds the connectional ministries in a couple of important ways: **apportionments** and **special offerings**.

The “**apportionment**” is the portion of each local church’s budget that is “meant to be shared” outside the local context. A formula based on our annual church budget determines the amount we pay. The sum is not minor, and the work accomplished is substantial. This responsibility is funded by our operating budget. A list of church boards and agencies that work for us is included in this article.

Special offerings are for more dedicated giving. There are six church-wide offerings in which every congregation is expected to participate, and a variety of others are recommended. Also, special offerings are suggested by our Annual Conference. A list of these is also included in this article. Then, finally, there is a significant list of the special local ministries that are near and dear to our hearts (not listed).

When it comes to ministry, your church can help your generosity do what you want it to do! Therefore, give when you are moved to do so, in the amounts that fit your circumstances, and do so with all the cheerfulness and love you have for your God who loves you infinitely.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

KFUMC Apportionments of \$79,346 support:

- General Boards of Discipleship (Christian education), Global Ministries (missionaries & UMCOR), Higher Education and Ministry (colleges and seminaries), Church and Society (social justice), Wespeth (Pension & Health Benefits).
- General Commissions on Archives and History, Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Religion and Race, Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Men. Note: United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) handle their own funding.
- General Council on Finance and Administration (including security, insurance, and legal resources)
- UM Publishing House (Cokesbury), UM Communications (advertising and promotional resources)
- Episcopacy (bishops)

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The expected six Church-wide special Sundays for dedicated offerings:

- Human Relations Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of January: supports community developers, United Methodist voluntary service, and youth offender rehabilitation programs. These programs strive to strengthen United Methodist outreach in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice.
- Native American Ministries Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter season: recognizes and supports Native Americans and their contribution to society and The UMC, and provides scholarships for Native American pastors, leadership development, and other vital ministries.
- United Methodist Student Day, moved to the month of May just this year: provides scholarships for undergraduate and graduate programs in higher education.
- Peace with Justice Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: supports programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize networks to engage in social advocacy and action. 50% of the money raised stays in our Conference; KFUMC could apply.
- World Communion Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October: Donations support racial and ethnic students with scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development.
- UMCOR Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: covers the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) operational costs so that 100% of donations received in response to emergency appeals go directly to communities in need.

The dedicated special offerings recommended by the denomination:

- Scouting Sunday
- Heritage Sunday
- Laity Sunday
- Organ and tissue donor
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Christian Education
- Disability Awareness
- Golden Cross (health & wellness)
- Rural Life
- United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Dedicated offerings recommended by our Pacific Northwest Conference:

- Atlantic Street Center
- Tacoma Community House
- Alaska Conference Support
- Central Washington Justice for our Neighbors
- PNW Conference Camping & Retreat Ministries (generally), and each camp specifically: Camp Indianola, Twinlow Camp, Lazy F Camp, Ocean Park
- PNW Disaster Relief/Early Response (the trailers sitting in our parking lot).

*Pastor Shirley*







## Let's Send Kids to Camp!!!

Camp Registration for PNW camps is open NOW. The church is offering Camperships of up to \$350 for children and youth associated with the church.

Cynthia Bement will be the Twinlow Camp Spiritual Director June 29 – July 3; during that week, there will be a Primary camp, an Elementary camp, and a Jr High Watersports camp. Please call Claressa Elvik at the church office (509-582-2163) with any questions.

## Youth Rally

For the first time in over 10 years, KFUMC will be hosting a Youth Rally for the churches in the Seven Rivers and Inland Districts! I am very excited to be working on this in conjunction with other youth groups and youth directors in our district.

The rally is scheduled for May 9, 6 p.m. through May 10 at 2 p.m. Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to attend. Praise be to God that we can bring our youth together in worship and fellowship!



## Youth Spring Retreat

Our church Youth joined in fellowship at Twinlow Camp March 14 – 16. During the weekend, the Sr High Group skied and snowboarded at Silver Mountain, and the Jr High Group enjoyed sledding on fresh snow at the camp!

We are thankful to have been able to take this time away to enjoy God's world and our friends — and that we all returned safely!





## All-Church Cleanup April 26

Due to several scheduling conflicts, we will have our annual Spring All-Church Cleanup Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Coffee, hot cocoa, muffins, breakfast breads, and prayer will start our day and sustain us through the morning. As always, there will be a job for every age, skill level, and ability.

We will meet and greet each other in Susanna Wesley to organize our work groups. The Facilities Team, as well as other faithful saints who have repeated the same cleaning traditions for years, will be on hand to share their expertise. Even if you have 'never done this before,' please come and join this purposeful work.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the entry prior to Holy Week. All cleaning supplies will be provided, but if you have a favorite tool you like to use, please bring it, as well as gloves for inside or outside chores!

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; repair garage panels.

Thank you all in advance for your participation and hard work; together, we will make our church home bright!



The sanctuary is getting low on the hearing augmentation devices that help those with hearing challenges to better hear the service. If you happen to have one of the assisted listening devices or know where some have been left around the church, please return them to the hutch at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you! 😊

We are looking for sound technician volunteers to help run the PowerPoint slide show and help with the livestream camera. If you are interested, please call the church office or talk with Chuck Smith.





## **UWF Supports Many by Riding with TROT**

It's spring and time to ride once more with TROT, Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities.

That's why Cynthia MacFarlan will talk to our UWF at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, about new programs in the popular local horse "sharing" program.

The meeting in the Susanna Wesley Room will be led by President Kathy Wertman, and the sharing gifts, which members bring, will be for Doctors Without Borders.

Expect also to share in the excitement about the UWF Salad Luncheon, to be held Saturday, May 17, at church. Lori Butler has arranged for the speaker, Conner Sullivan. The theme for the special event is PLENTIFUL HARVEST – Farm to Table Process.

As in past years, it is an invitational to all units in our Seven Rivers District.

Saturday, April 5, all are invited to the monthly Holly Daze workshop. This one will feature lots of painting crafts, sand art, and ornament and gift tag crafting. Ideas and new participants are always welcome. Join co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn for coffee, crafting, and camaraderie.

Joy Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 10, at the home of Cherie Baker. For answers to questions about this dynamic group, please speak to Debie Britton.

Our UWF board is grateful every day to the many volunteers who support its activities and missions. That includes kitchen coordinators — Dorothy Block, Connie Boice and Linda Deatherage — and the pie-making leaders — Brooke Kaiser, Debbie Logan, and Linda Deatherage.

Among the missions that UWF supports are Grace Kitchen, Second Harvest, Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, Chaplaincy Health Car, Cork's Place, TROT, and Martha's Cupboard. Never forgotten, too, is support for KFUMC activities, such as camperships, Piecemakers, and the Pastor's Emergency Fund.



## **A New Service Opportunity**

Are you looking for a way to serve the church, but on your own schedule? Then this may be for you! We are looking for persons who could adopt an area or a room in the church. These volunteers would make sure their designated space is neat and tidy. Chores would include dusting, maybe sweeping, picking up trash, whatever you feel would improve the appearance of the area. You set your own schedule, hours, and do as much as you are able. We do not expect you to be here every week, just when you can and as needed.

Though the church employs a janitorial service, our contract only covers minimal care such as mopping and vacuuming certain areas and dumping trash. Your gift of time and energy would make a huge difference in keeping our church home neat and welcoming. If you are interested in this mission, or would like more details, please contact Debra Reeve at 509-531-8631.





Samantha Koschik	1-Apr
Molly Kittson	3-Apr
Christiaan Barcot	4-Apr
Jeffrey Varzandeh	4-Apr
Bethany Ahrend	5-Apr
Sherry Elvik	6-Apr
Travis Koschik	6-Apr
Trevor Koschik	6-Apr
Terry Milton	6-Apr
Debra Reeve	6-Apr
Merrianne Door	9-Apr
Kaylee Klages	11-Apr
Walker Bannworth	12-Apr
Emilia Varela	12-Apr
Dakota Welch	12-Apr
Kathryn Thien	13-Apr
Mercedes Haberling	14-Apr
Kathryn Harris	14-Apr
Paige Kaiser	14-Apr
Cody Simmelink	14-Apr
Victor Reeve	16-Apr
Danae Williams	16-Apr
Brooke Canada	18-Apr
Brady Hagen	19-Apr
William Mandell	20-Apr
Victoria Kippes	22-Apr
George Block	24-Apr
Nancy Russell	25-Apr
Camryn O'Donnell	26-Apr
Robert Kelly	27-Apr
Levi Kuwa	29-Apr
Isabelle Howard	30-Apr
Eva Walker	30-Apr
Kathleen Wertman	30-Apr



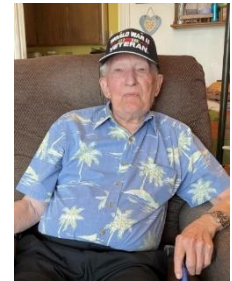
Anakin Elvik	1-May
Eric Baumann	2-May
Madeline Keaney	2-May
Lynnaie Kelly	2-May
Linda Tucker	2-May
Debra Williamson	2-May



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

Jim Choate, Karen Irwin, Marion Sundvik, 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.

Our much-loved friend, **Wes Door**, 99, entered eternal life on March 24. Wes was a member of KFUMC for an astonishing 94 years! He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty; four children and their spouses, Bob (Kris), Jim (Merrianne), Debbie (Ken), and Rick (Jill); and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



A service date has not yet been set.



A Celebration of Life service for **Aggie Mowry**, who died on February 26, will be held Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m. at the Richland Church of the Nazarene.

The life of **Craig Brazell**, who passed suddenly on February 1, will be celebrated at a memorial service at 11 a.m. on April 26 at West Highlands United Methodist Church.



# Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4
2. Birds lay these in a nest 5 6 7 8
3. A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13
4. These bloom in spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
5. A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
6. Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

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2 20 12 25 4 32 11 4 6 24 16 30 29  
F 2 23 10 18 26 2 4 32 29 16 22 1  
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2 4 32 29 16 31 1 G 16 32"

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_!

Answers: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud; Jesus said "... I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17, NIV) Jesus has risen!



"Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing."

—Frederick Buechner

## Creation care

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scouts, asked troop members to "leave this world a little better than you found it." For Christians, that aim is rooted in Scripture.

Using a Bible-like parable, biology professor Michael Duncan writes: "Imagine you owned a property and rented it out to tenants for a period of time. Upon move-in, the tenants found the place clean and in perfect working order. As the owner of the property, it is your desire to see that the tenants regard the condition of the property and live in such a way that does not destroy the house. This is the mindset that we should adopt as tenants living on the earth."

Almost five centuries ago, John Calvin encouraged creation care too. "The earth was given to man, with this condition, that he should occupy himself in its cultivation," he wrote. "Let him who possesses a field, so partake of its yearly fruits, that he may not suffer the ground to be injured by his negligence, but let him endeavor to hand it down to posterity as he received it, or even better cultivated. Moreover, that this economy, and this diligence, with respect to those good things which God has given us to enjoy, may flourish among us; let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses."

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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



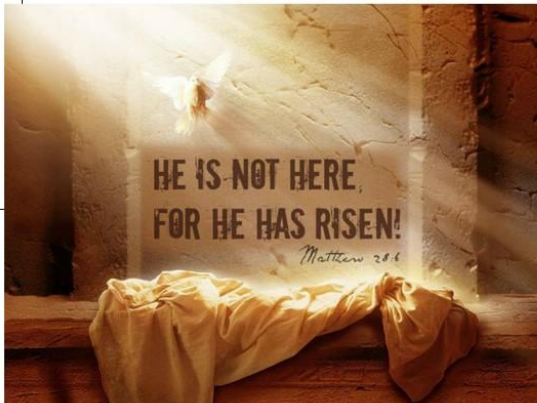

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# UMY April Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Praise Band Workshop—2-4pm	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9am  Dessert Auction Workshop 2-4pm <b>9 Square in the Air</b> 4-6pm  <i>Praise Band 3-4pm</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12 <b>Dessert Auction</b> <b>3-5pm</b> Sr High Arrive at 11am Praise Band Warm up—2pm Parents please arrive by 1:30pm Jr High will enjoy a movie downstairs in the Youth Chapel—3-5pm
13 Palm Sunday Parade after 9am Sunday School  <b>No Youth Group, Dessert Auction and Middle School Activity Yesterday</b>	14 	15	16	17	18 <b>Good Friday Service</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	19 <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>9am</b> Arrive at 8:30am to hide the eggs 
20 Sunday School 9am  <b>Happy Easter!</b> Sunrise Service—6:30am in the Park Easter Sunday Service—10am  <b>No Youth Group, Enjoy Family Time.</b>	21	22  Praise Band Rehearsal 6-7pm Sanctuary	23	24	25	26 
27 Sunday School 9am  <b>Kickball</b> 4-6pm <i>Praise Band 3-4pm</i> 	28	29	30			