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

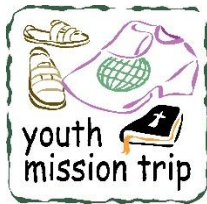


"June whispers promises of endless sunshine and lazy afternoons, inviting us to embrace relaxation and tranquility." – Luanne Rice



2025

*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



The 2025 Sr High Mission Trip is just a few weeks away — they'll be leaving June 14! The group of eight youth includes Angelica Amegashie,

Daisy Buchholz, Max Buchholz, Ethan Collins, Gavin Gunnels, Alex McColley, Sam McColley, and Paige Phillips. Four leaders will accompany them: Claressa Elvik, Nita Kamphuis, Jim Collins, and Jeff Varzandeh.

Please keep this group in your prayers as they prepare to have hearts of service in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Don't forget to let us know if you (or your child) are signed up for camp at one of our UMC Pacific Northwest Conference camps! We will be sending campership money to the camps very soon.



Please call Claressa at the church office (509-582-2163) with any questions.



Summer office hours will begin on June 2:
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday – Thursday
Closed on Fridays

All-Church Roller Skating



Rollarena Skating Center
849 Stevens Drive in Richland
Sunday, June 1, 2025
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Hosted by the UMY and Sunday School
Department*

Come and enjoy a Christian music skating night. The entry fee and regular roller skate rentals are on us!* This is an all-church family and friend event.

**If you want to upgrade to roller blades/speed skates, the cost to you will be \$2. The skate trainer for the little ones is \$3.*



KFUMC Single Senior Support Group

Thursday, June 5 at 10 a.m.
Kennewick Flower Shop &
Tri City Coffee Company
604 W. Kennewick Ave, Kennewick

Join your single, Senior friends for one last coffee klatsch before we take a break until Fall! Of course, you don't have to have coffee — the Tri City Coffee Company has a variety of other delicious beverages for you to enjoy while you catch up with friends.

STAFF Staff Changes Are Coming CHANGES

We have an excellent staff at KFUMC! Talented, hardworking, and likeable people help us accomplish great ministries. Alas, good things sometimes come to their ends. Although we are saddened by their departures, let us pour out blessings and good wishes on these faithful and Godly servants.

Starlite Buchholz is stepping down after 11 years as a Sunday school teacher, 6 years as our Sunday School superintendent. As Superintendent she coordinated children's worship and classes, family events, Vacation Bible School, and updating the look and feel of the downstairs ministry spaces. Starlite helped this church raise a generation of children, helping them get a great start as students of the faith, helping them worship and learn. She made it possible for volunteers to use their God-given gifts to teach faith to our precious children.

Starlite will continue as a youth leader, adding to the 7 years she has already given. Her last day as paid staff will be June 14.

Claressa Elvik has been leading our youth ministry for 2 years. As youth pastor, Sunday School teacher, events coordinator, meal provider, travel agent, mission leader, and more, Claressa has guided youth as they grew in faith, developed leadership skills, and prepared to venture out as adults, ready to live their faith. She made space for volunteers to live their faith in partnership with the youth, expanding the reach of youth ministries in our church, our neighborhood, and all the places youth traveled for learning, growing, and serving.

Claressa feels called to be a stay-at-home mother for Anakin and Elizabeth, and to

expand the in-home care she provides her beloved grandmother. Claressa's last day will be July 22.

Cynthia Bement has been on staff at KFUMC since 1992, and she worked in the Babyfold before that! Cynthia served as Youth and Education Director for 22 years, trained Youth Directors at our church and others, and these last years, she has served as Congregation Care and Outreach Minister. Her caring heart and dedication have enabled her to visit and pray with people in their homes and hospital rooms, campgrounds and mission sites, church basements and ski slopes. She has celebrated births and deaths, baptisms and confirmations, graduations, and many other milestones with so many. She trained shepherds to care for others, musicians to lead worship, and many to serve God in myriad ways.

Cynthia looks forward to joining the many wonderful, retired volunteers already serving at KFUMC. Cynthia's last day as paid staff will be June 26.

Staff Parish Ministry Team and **Leadership Council** are already at work assessing and aligning KFUMC's ministry goals with the staff we want and need to help us continue great ministries for all ages in our congregation and community in the years to come. As we search for the right people to minister with us, we need your supporting prayers and volunteer help. Stay alert for opportunities.

"May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world."

St. Teresa of Avila



God Still Speaks – the Minor Prophets

The last 12 books of the Hebrew Bible, a.k.a. the “Old Testament”, are the writings of the so-called minor prophets. They are called “minor” because their works are much shorter than the works of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, or Daniel. They are not, however, less important. Many other prophets, like Elijah and Elisha, Miriam, and Deborah, did not write their own works, but let their stories be told by others.

While I am not a Biblical historian, during this sermon series I will diligently review the Biblical history of these 12 minor prophets. Understanding their context is critical to understanding their message. And, while they spoke to specific communities at specific times, the messages God asks them to deliver are timeless—and certainly apply to us today.

So! Dust off your Bible and read along! Some of the minor prophets are very short, with six of the twelve minor prophets containing just 1-3 chapters each. Hosea and Zechariah are the longest, with 14 chapters. In total there are 67 chapters of minor prophets, packed with emotion, drama, art, and divine messages!

We will read them in the order they appear in the Bible, beginning with Hosea. In worship we will read them using *The Message*, a biblical paraphrase by Eugene Peterson. For good study purposes, try reading them in CEB (newest scholarship and most readable), NRSVUE (excellent scholarship, feels like King James but easier). While the NIV is an excellent translation and the most popular one in the USA, it is not the most authentic translation of the Hebrew Bible Jesus would have read. For a real challenge you can read the King James Version. Reading the Tanakh, the Jewish Bible might be interesting.

June 15	Hosea; The World’s Greatest Love Story
June 22	Joel; A Wake-Up Call
June 29	Amos; How God Sees Us Today
July 6	Obadiah; How God Deals with Pride
July 13	Jonah; One Man’s Struggle with God
July 20	Micah; What Does God Expect of Us
July 27	Nahum; What Hurts the Heart of God
Aug. 3	Habakkuk; Dear God, I Have a Question
Aug. 10	Zephania; How God Works in Our Lives
Aug. 17	Haggai; How to Finish the Job When Enthusiasm Fades
Aug. 24	Zechariah; Being God’s People in Today’s World
Aug. 31	Malachi; Giving God Nothing Less than Our Best

Note: Eugene Peterson uses the expression God of angel armies in his translation. Many of us are more familiar with the phrase God of heavenly hosts. How does Peterson’s phrase alter your reading?

See you in church. *Pastor Shirley*



UWF May Luncheon Gains Raves for Marvelous Program, Salads

It is impossible to say which was more stunning—the array of delicious salads or the lovely smiles of friendship at UWF's May luncheon.

Fifty guests enjoyed being together and hearing the great program by Connor Sullivan on orcharding. There was much to learn, including the challenges growers face to put cherries, peaches, apples, and hazelnuts on our tables.

Not only is climate change causing problems, so is a tight profit-loss margin, stress, hiring up to 150 seasonal pickers, and dealing with bureaucratic uncertainties.

There were a lot of questions from the rapt attendees and an increased appreciation for orchardists' work. Connor, the owner of Ridgeland Farms in Pasco, was introduced by Lori Butler.

UWF president Kathy Werman served as mistress of ceremony, Phyllis Koschik and Nita Kamphuis coordinated the event and Deb Reeve gave the touching devotions.

The unique fruit centerpieces and favors were created by Joy Fellowship, whose members also helped with the set up. Jennifer Daven took care of the tablecloths and Nita provided the delicious cupcakes.

All were welcomed by Julie Large and her crew. Darryl Vaughn provided the door prize, which was a lovely basket of fruit. Its winner was Stephanie Steadman of St. James Chrisitan Methodist Church in Pasco.

There will be no UWF meetings over the summer. In September Julie Hooley will give the program on Alzheimer's Disease.

Holly Daze Workshop Coming June 7, Other UWF Projects To Continue, Too

Holly Daze crafters will continue creating over the summer, beginning with a workshop Saturday, June 7, in the Susanna Wesley Room from 9 a.m. to noon.

Projects include a couple of painting projects, working on hand embroidery for pillows and wall hangings, stuffing pillows after handwork is complete, and cutting out fabric for placement in pictures.

Come enjoy the camaraderie while creating for the Holly Daze bazaar. Co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaugh welcome both ideas and new participants to this friendly group that makes items to sell for the bazaar in October.

A second important UWF activity is making prayer shawls. Annie Baker and Janet Shelton encourage their knitters and crocheters to bring their finished shawls over the summer to the church office, where yarn is also available. There was a dedication of the shawls at the church service on Mother's Day Sunday. If you want a shawl for your family or a friend, you also are welcome to pick out one at the church office.

The current UWF Book Club selection is *A Right Worthy Woman* by Ruth P. Watson. For details on summer meetings contact the club's founder, Darryl Vaughn.



I want to thank all of you who took part in the Salad Luncheon on May 17, 2025: the creative decorating team, those who did all the setup, all of you who brought those delicious salads, and all who attended and enjoyed those salads. Our program was current with the times, and Conner Sullivan was a very knowledgeable speaker. The cleanup crew was so amazingly fast and thorough! Thank you ALL for your part in another successful Salad Luncheon.

Kathy Wertman, President UWF



Financial Update

Greetings, church family. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a brief update on the church's financials. We ended the first quarter of the year with an operating budget deficit of only \$11K vs. \$20K. Thanks to your financial support, this is an improvement over what was originally budgeted. The finance and stewardship committee continues to find ways to balance the budget to achieve financial sustainability growth for our church without sacrificing programs. Below is the operating summary as of March 31, 2025.

KFUMC 2025 YTD Operational Financial Summary

	Actuals	Budget
Revenue	\$114,692	\$128,750
Expenses	125,710	148,661
Deficit	(11,018)	(19,911)

Alex Amegashie
Finance & Stewardship, Chair

Cereal Sunday Ends



It was a good idea: Feed people while inviting them to Sunday School and worship. Unfortunately, we did not have many takers for breakfast so early on Sunday morning. We enjoyed visiting with the few people who came, including some of our youth who ate after an overnight at the church. We enjoyed the excitement of the stack of boxes of cereal you provided – THANK YOU! — and the milk, too! Unopened boxes of cereal have been given to the food bank and other agencies that feed the hungry in our community. Your gift kept on giving until it nourished someone. THANK YOU again.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

11:30 a.m., 90-minute session

Church Leadership Council meetings are open to all. Members of the church have a voice when acknowledged by the chair; only elected members of the Council have a vote.

Items for discussion must be on the agenda before the meeting begins; last minute items are welcome only if time allows, at which time 5 minutes would be allowed for discussion.

Contact co-Chairs Cory Manley or Bob Kelly to get your topic added to the agenda. One week notice is required to add to the agenda. Be ready to state the response desired from the Council and the estimated time needed to present.

Cory's email: camanley@live.com

Bob's email: rkellyzx@gmail.com



Thank you to the youth for a fantastic job leading worship on Youth Sunday, and a shout out to all of you for your continued support of our youth program. Our youth work hard every year to pull together this service. Our seniors, Max Buchholz and Josylyn Olson, will be missed in Youth Group next year, but will both be attending WSU Tri-Cities, and you will see them in church on Sundays. Congratulations Class of 2025!

Living In Faith Together



The LIFT Bible Study is on summer break till Fall — ladies, make plans to join us then!



We are seeing increasing numbers of new people at Soul Soup. We had record numbers of meals served the first and second Thursdays of May. One explanation for this comes from Carol Allenbaugh who does the Sunday food distribution: more poor people

are losing their housing due to cost and now are forced onto the streets. There has been a slight increase in families with children in attendance – not sure if there is any correlation here. Our numbers of meals served last month increased over the previous few months after having been steady for a period of time. We seem to be distributing more lunches from the office, too.

We had submitted a grant request to Wildhorse Foundation to assist with food purchases, but the grant was not funded as we submitted it through the Kennewick Kiwanis Foundation. Wildhorse does not approve pass-through grants which we did not know at the time of submission. That grant would have funded food purchases for a year.

Feel free to visit SS any Thursday so see the food prep and service in action. And if you are feeling the call to assist with SS, please come and join us.

Church Campout at Boardman Marina Park

Friday Afternoon, August 15 – Sunday, August 17,
at Noon



The church has reserved camp sites at the Boardman Marina Park. Please check 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.

Go to the church website, print the Campout form, and mail it with the check or register by calling the office.

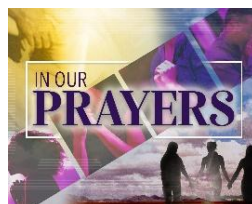
- Mail \$125 check to Kennewick 1st UMC, 421 W. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick WA 99336.
- Write "Campout" in the memo of your check, or you may send it electronically through "PushPay" and make a notation "Campout."
- Tent sites are allowed (2) tents; RVs that add a tent to their site are charged an extra \$10 fee.
- Pets are allowed on a leash.

Please reserve your spot now!! Questions? Call Cynthia at the church office 509-582-2163.

When on vacation, be with us in spirit. The rest of the summer, be with us in person.



Beverly Kippes	1-Jun
Kevin Loomis	1-Jun
Alex Amegashie	2-Jun
Rachel Loomis	2-Jun
Corey Osborn	2-Jun
Elliott Kaiser	3-Jun
Steve Vaughn	3-Jun
Amber Arnold	4-Jun
Brian Bement	4-Jun
Eleena Becker	5-Jun
Walker Taggares	6-Jun
Tyler George	7-Jun
Kevin Howard	7-Jun
James Dreier	8-Jun
Elias Haberling	10-Jun
Tazmin Milton	10-Jun
Jessica Perry	10-Jun
Hailey Dreier	11-Jun
Cameron Keaney	11-Jun
Marcus Harden	12-Jun
Bonnie Taylor	12-Jun
Marley Alley	13-Jun
Brittany Becker	13-Jun
Gloria Harden	13-Jun
Lexi Leathers	13-Jun
Brandon Mayfield	15-Jun
Trinity Power	15-Jun
Camden Simmelink	15-Jun
Marlee Middleton	16-Jun
Jocelyn O'Donnell	16-Jun
Joe Sproul	16-Jun
Hailey Sullivan	16-Jun
Caleb Baker	17-Jun
Alex Amegashie Jr	19-Jun
Jill Door	20-Jun
Vickie Bergum	22-Jun
Larry Sehmel	23-Jun
Don Hildman	24-Jun
Ron Shuck	24-Jun
Becky West	25-Jun
Thomas Cox	26-Jun
Brend Gregory	26-Jun
Nix Dyer	27-Jun
Gloria Weible	27-Jun
James Deatherage	28-Jun
Conner Simmelink	28-Jun
Cadence (Emily) Koval	29-Jun



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, Rita McElroy, Joan Osborne, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Miranda.



The Family of
George & Dorothy Block
Invite you to celebrate
their 70 years of marriage
June 21, 2025
from 1 – 4 p.m.
at their home
4907 W. 24th Place
Kennewick, WA

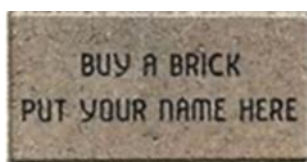
No gifts please
Your friendship is their
greatest gift.



Maxwell Buchholz	2-Jul
Ivy Varela	2-Jul
Mary Gadeken	4-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul
Nancy Osborn	5-Jul

"I choose love ... No occasion justifies hatred;
no injustice warrants bitterness."

—Max Lucado



The Buy-a-Brick Fundraising Campaign continues! Although the next in-person campaign event will

not be held before September, you may still order a brick through the office during office hours, and forms are available in the entryway and on the website. You may pay with cash or check, through PushPay, or by credit card. Bricks will be laid in the courtyard area.

You may 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 underway now to help raise the funds needed to start the front courtyard project.

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 Renee at 509-308-2627.

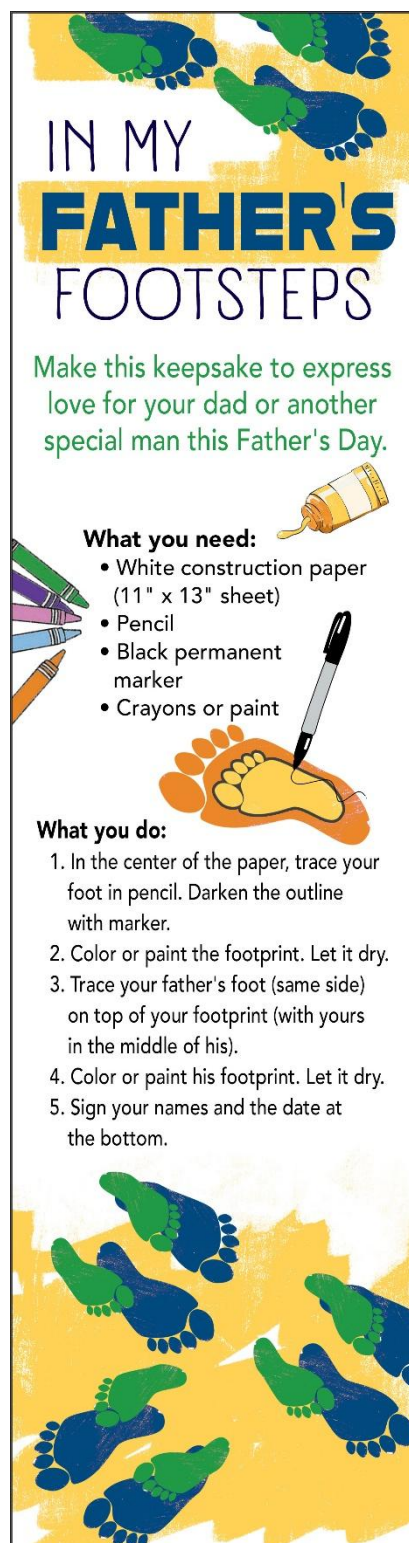
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Sunday Morning Schedule
Sanctuary Worship at 10 a.m.
Nursery provided

Summer Office Hours
8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday – Thursday
Closed on Fridays

www.KennewickFirst.com

Facebook.com/KennewickFirstUMC



Happy Father's Day!
June 15, 2025



UMY June Calendar



Sun

Mon


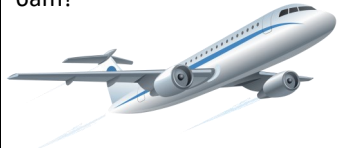
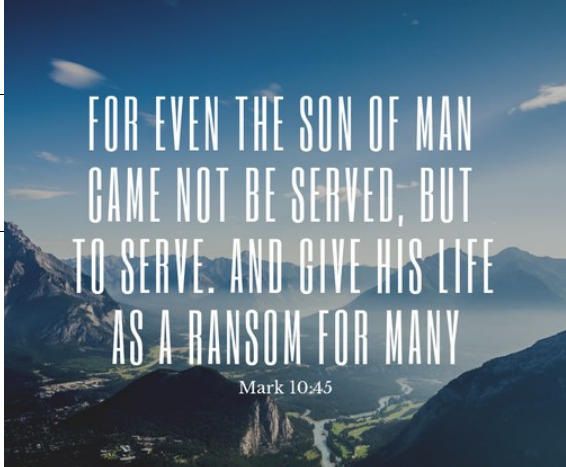
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Sat

<p>1</p> <p><i>Praise Band 4-5pm</i></p> <p>All Church Roller Skating!</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm</p> <p>Tie on your skates, bring a friend & join us!</p> <p>Inline skates \$2; Skate Trainer \$3</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Praise Band leading Worship: 10am</p> <p>Mission Trip Training: 3:30-6pm</p> <p>Dinner Provided</p> <p><u>Bring form of ID you will use for the trip.</u></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Mission Trip Begins!</p> <p>Arrive at the Pasco Airport by 6am!</p> 
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mission Team Arrives back at the church around 9pm.</p>
<p>Pray for our Sr High Mission Team</p>						
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	 <p>FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE. AND GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY</p> <p>Mark 10:45</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>					