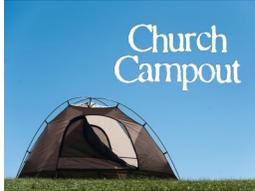


THE CLARION



All Church Camp Out

August 17-19
Hood Park



Plan to join the church family for a fun weekend of camping at beautiful Hood Park campground near Burbank. **Everyone is welcome at the fellowship and worship events, including those who don't plan to camp overnight.** Please contact Cynthia Bement at the church office to reserve your spot and for more information; **there are still two RV spots available, and there is also room for more tent campers.** The weekend will end on Sunday with outdoor worship at the Amphitheater in the park.

Campout Schedule of Events

- Friday afternoon after 2:00 – Campers may begin arriving and setting up
- Friday evening at 7:30 pm - Stories and s'mores with Cynthia and Deanna
- Saturday afternoon 1:00-4:00 pm - Water fun with kayaks, swimming, and boating
- Saturday evening 5:00 pm—BBQ in the covered picnic area - Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and lemonade provided...please bring a salad or dessert to share
- SNL at 6:00 pm under the covered picnic area - Marc Harden will bring the message, and Dave Hare and company will bring the worship music!
- Sunday morning at 9:45 am - Worship in the park Amphitheater
- Sunday by noon—must be checked out of campground



Our summer Vacation Bible School adventure, ***Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus***, is almost here! Join the fun each evening

beginning Monday, August 6, through Friday, August 10 from 5:30 pm – 8 pm.

Sign-up and other information is available in the church entry.

The SHAKE bins for the collection of your donated school supplies will be available at the church until August 9. The supplies will be delivered to schools starting August 20.



Your donations are greatly appreciated by school children and their parents. Many parents need a little help providing school supplies for their children; SHAKE steps into the gap to ensure that children will begin school ready to learn, equipped with needed school supplies.

Thank you for your donations!

Keep close to nature's heart ... break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.

—John Muir



Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God*

Mary Huyke

Seven Rivers District Superintendent

Early on the final morning of Annual Conference I joined a group of about 60 laypersons and clergy gathered in prayer outside the Federal Detention Center in Sea-Tac, WA. I prayed for the immigrant parents inside the prison who had been separated from their children. I prayed for the children, for their safety and for healing from this trauma. I prayed for those who work in the facility and those whose employment consists of carrying out our laws, whether they agree with them or not. And, I prayed for our government, that as a nation we would find a way to honor both security and compassion. A photo was taken of me praying that morning. It's appearance on social media led to comments and questions from both those who attend church and those who don't (some who never have). Comments from UMC clergy and lay people ranged from those who strongly supported my "speaking up and speaking out!" to those who believe "politics has no place in the church."

Many of those who don't attend church approached me differently. Rather than making statements, they asked questions that led to rich conversations. "What led me to do that?" "What's the intersection for me between personal faith and public life?" "What did I hope to achieve?"

When the alarm went off at 4am that morning, I didn't want to get up. It had been a late night at the end of a long week. No one would likely notice, or care, if I didn't go. And, I rationalized; with an extra 3 hours of sleep I'd be in better shape for what I had to do that day. Getting up and going was inconvenient. Which is, in the end, why I got up and went.

For me, the practice of Christianity (aka discipleship) is about intentionally growing in my capacity to be present with God, with who I can be and become, and with other persons and the created order. If Jesus came

so that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" John 10:10, then following the way of Jesus means serving that end.

I know what it means to me when I know that others are praying for me. In addition to whatever power of the Spirit is accessed, I feel seen and accompanied. It gives me strength and courage and a sense that I'm not alone. I've been at the receiving end of others "inconveniencing" themselves for me and know its power. As I lay there in bed remembering that, getting up no longer seemed like an inconvenience. I wanted the detainees and the guards alike to experience people seeing and caring enough to change the rhythm of their day on their behalf.

I don't know the right answer to our immigration policies. As a student of the scriptures, it's clear to me that we are to be with those in difficult circumstances and work towards healing and wholeness for all people in actions of both mercy (tending to the individual's immediate needs) and justice (changing the conditions that led to that happening). In the bible, "Justice" is mentioned twice as many times as "love" or "heaven," in 1,379 separate verses by one count. It's apparently a very big deal to God. Our inner life should be connected to our outer; our private life connected with our public actions.

But, what is justice in this or any other given situation? Without knowledge, we can't know. There are many voices with many opinions. So, I'm listening to a broad spectrum of them, those I more naturally agree with and those I don't. I'm putting myself in places where I can listen to and have conversations with those personally involved - new immigrants, military, fruit ranchers, politicians, human service agencies, etc. I'm pushing myself to inconvenience myself a little more often, pushing the boundaries of my comfort...and continuing to pray for us all.

May our love of God lead us to deeper and life-giving connection with our neighbor and may our life-giving connections with our neighbors lead us closer to God.

**Lifestreams Newsletter
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Holly Daze Summer Fun Heats Up

Crafters will have double the fun in August at two Saturday workshops for UMW's Holly Daze. Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn will lead the sessions from 9 am to noon in the Susanna Wesley Room on August 11 and 25.

Everyone is welcome to help create raggy wreaths, picture frames, cards, and maybe a surprise craft.

With the autumn bazaar less than three months away, it's time for many of us to spend some sunny afternoons at home, too, on art projects, gardening, knitting, crafts, quilting, woodworking, and holiday decorations for the mission fundraiser.

Your participation will be a wonderful way to honor Eileen Alley, who led a crafting group for Holly Daze for decades. Let's encourage each other the way she did, with friendship and laughter.

Audit of 2017 Financial Transactions

Each year the Finance and Stewardship team performs an audit of financial transactions of the prior year. This summer the team will be looking at the records for 2017. The audit is requested by the Pacific Northwest Conference but also provides an opportunity to review the controls and procedures that are in place here locally at KFUMC. Receipts, payroll, and disbursements are sampled to assure documentation is in place and transactions are accurately classified. Our staff does a good job but it is helpful to confirm this with an annual independent audit.



Attention Knitters



After 10 years and 1,000 shawls, we knit on and on!

We are looking for more knitters to be with us on this needed project. We meet once a month to keep in contact and are willing and eager to share patterns and yarn for the shawls. Don't knit but want learn? We are willing to give lessons and accompany you as you learn. Questions?? Call Pat Walker at 585-5170 or Annie Baker at 547-5706.

MOVIN' ON UP

August 23 is UMY Move Up Day!

During 3:33 on this day, all youth who will be Freshmen this fall are welcome to join their new Sr. UMY friends. All graduated Seniors are welcome until this day. Friends are welcome!

Also on August 23, all youth who will be 6th graders in the fall are welcome to join their new Jr. UMY friends! From 6-7:30 pm, we will have ice cream and play games. Friends are welcome!

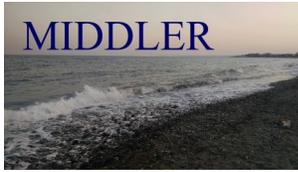
**Starting
Again**



September 9 is Homecoming Sunday!

Don't forget that Sunday School starts up again on September 9 at 9 am for all ages!

Jr. and Sr. UMYers, along with their parents, are invited to the UMY Orientation in the sanctuary at 6 pm on September 9 with an ice cream social to follow. Come and meet the leaders and understand what the youth program is all about! If you have friends who would like to join, please extend an invitation to their families as well!



Middler Trip Wrap-up!

The Jr. UMYers and their leaders are back from the Middler trip! From July 18 - 22, sixteen youth and eight leaders traveled to the Seattle-Tacoma area for the annual Middler trip. The Middler trip is designed as a Mission trip training for the youth, and includes team building activities and being in fellowship with one another. The week was enhanced and influenced by the theme HOPE and included several moments of worship, devotion, Bible study, and small group time. The youth and leaders also participated in several fun activities with one another. By the time our Jr. UMY group returned home safely, we had grown closer to one another and to the Lord!

Sr. High Mission Trip Moments



During the week June 24 – 30, six Sr. UMY youth and four adult leaders spent time in service projects in the Portland-Vancouver area. Projects we worked on included serving a breakfast to the homeless population at Blanchet House, working with children through the Methodist reading organization Project Transformation, serving the homeless population through the organization Nightstrike under the Burnside Bridge, organizing food for Second Harvest and the Portland Food Bank, sorting clothing for local schools, serving at Friends of the Carpenter, and working in two community gardens. I was so pleased and proud of our young people in each situation.

While a big part of the trip is serving, we

recognize where our strength and inspiration comes from, so our daily Bible study, small group, worship, and devotion time was of utmost importance. We also know how to play and after serving each day, did that by taking hikes, going to the Pittock Mansion, eating pizza, and going to the Wunderland Arcade and Fun Center. We finished off the week with a special dinner cruise on the *Portland Spirit*. We shared many laughs while we grew closer as a youth group family. On the night that the youth shared about how their hearts were touched, a few tears were shed as they remembered how the Lord was with them as they served.

A Huge Thank You!

Thank you for the continued prayers, support, and love throughout the year! Middler and Mission trips would not be possible without a congregation as supportive and loving as Kennewick First.



The trips would also not have been possible without the love and support from all of the leaders who attended these trips under my leadership as the new Youth Director. Middler trip leaders included Cynthia Bement, Sierra Hogg, Sean Holloway, Dick Nelson, Danielle Rhodes, Kristine Taggares, and Mike Thien. Mission Trip leaders included Cynthia Bement, Jim Door, and Jeff Varzandeh. Thank you for giving up your time to be on the trips! You were all very helpful and were a blessing to me and to all of the youth. God Bless all of you!

In Christ,
Rachel Loomis

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for those in need of healing and comfort . . .

Carol Hardacre, Deana Ahrend, Shelby Faught, Anita Knight, Jacque Sonderman, Ann Kelly, Terry Simmelink, Punkie Eddy, Norma Williams, Nathan and Jamie Preston, Joan Osborn, Phil Lamont, Don Shirey, Barry Merrill, and Pat Phillips

Please continue to cover our church leaders in prayer, including Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, DS Mary Huycke, Pastor Jerry, and the rest of our church staff. Remember also to pray for our seminarian, Alexa Eisenbarth.

Let us remember to be praying for our Sunday School Superintendent, Merriane Door, as she prepares for the upcoming Christian Education program year. Our Sunday School superintendent does much behind the scenes to help ensure a smooth running and positive Sunday School program. Thank you, Merriane, for all you do!



A Morning Prayer

At the start of a day, who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my conscience, or any known sin unrepented of, but that I may be found in Christ, who is my only Savior and Redeemer.

—Thomas à Kempis



On Tuesday, August 7, at 7:30 pm in the Columbia Point Marina Park in Richland, a free event sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will be offered!

Jeremy Camp, a Christian singer, songwriter, and storyteller with six Grammy nominations, will lead the worship music. Jeremy's music has been inspiring hearts, churches, and praise bands for approximately 15 years, sharing a message of hope through song. The speaker, Franklin Graham, oldest son of Billy Graham, will hold this one-day evangelistic prayer event to proclaim the Gospel and pray for our nation, our communities, and the lost.

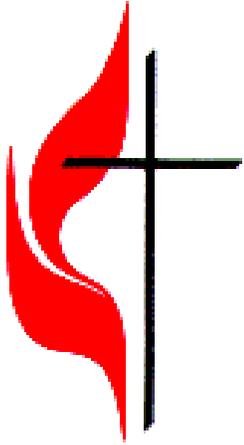


August

BIRTHDAYS

Karen Green	1-Aug	David Brown	5-Aug	Jim Door	18-Aug
HaileyBoice	1-Aug	Marlene Wood	5-Aug	Cheyenne Westfall	20-Aug
David Thien	1-Aug	Sydney Howard	5-Aug	Erna Sproul	21-Aug
Daniel Thien	2-Aug	Amanda Nelson	6-Aug	Pat Walker	22-Aug
Rachel Cochran	3-Aug	Lee Scott	7-Aug	Lisa Williams	24-Aug
Helen Mitchell	4-Aug	Seth Mitchell	8-Aug	Floyd Gustafson	26-Aug
Dorothy Block	4-Aug	Kris Hand	9-Aug	Cami Hanson	26-Aug
Eula Hagen	4-Aug	Zoe Rhodes	9-Aug	Tyler Boice	27-Aug
		Susan Mayfield	10-Aug	Sue Kennelly	28-Aug
		Caleb Wertman	11-Aug	Evan Arnold	28-Aug
		Ethan Nelson	14-Aug	Sarah Longan	30-Aug
		Kevin Alley	16-Aug	Stephen Bannworth	31-Aug
		Robert Newhouse	16-Aug		
		Harley Smith	17-Aug		
		Julie Hooley	17-Aug		





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**Seven-Branched
Candlestick**

The seven-branched candlestick represents the Holy Spirit and its seven gifts in the listing from Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and delight in the Lord. (By contrast, the Hanukkah menorah is a nine-branched candelabrum lit during the eight-day Jewish holiday.)

Articles for the September
2018 Clarion will be due
on August 17.

