

THE CLARION



Salad Supper May 22 To Be Joyous

UMW is offering a wonderful time of friendship and inspiration at its annual Salad Supper at 6 pm Tuesday, May 22, in Ida Payne Hall. All women of our church and their friends are invited. Also attending will be women from other local churches, including many UMW supporters.

Members of our youth groups and their mothers may also want to attend and hear the exciting news about Girls on the Run, a program which teaches girls about self-respect and healthy living. Christy Howard, a member of our church, is active with this program.

Phyllis Koschik, who is chairing the event, is working to make it one of the most special ever.

Kathy Wertman, UMW president, asks Kennewick First members to RSVP to her by May 15 at redmond44@aol.com, or if you don't have email, call 308-2904. A good count will make it easier to be prepared with favors, decorations, salads, and dessert. Our UMW members always offer up a terrific array of vegetable, fruit, and special salads. Don't miss it!

Youth Sunday May 20

Senior high youth will lead at the 9 am service and Junior high will be leading our 10:30 service on this day.



May 11-12
8:30 am to
3 pm



There is still time to take part in the annual **Rummage Sale!** All the proceeds of this very important event go to our church and its upkeep. *You* are the most important part of this event.

We still need sorters, sellers, cashiers, and lifters, as well as a tester for small appliances. Sign-up sheets are in the church entry.

- Tables are secured
- Truck has been reserved
- Set up day is Sunday, May 6
- Sorting will take place Monday through Thursday, May 7—10
- Sale will be Friday and Saturday
- St. Vincent will bring its truck and we will fill it at the end on Saturday
- Advertising for the week will include the Herald, the Red Lion reader board on Columbia Center Blvd., Craigslist, and more.

You can reach Karen at (509) 627-9295 or kbarcot@me.com. or call Roberta at (509) 521-6791 for more information.



Newness is springing to life all around us! Thank you, God, that your divine resurrection is revealed here on earth.

SNL

Saturday Night Life

Youth Chapel, 6 pm

May 5

Message by Sandy Perkins

May 19

Message by Bob and Ann Kelly

Hats on for Faithful Ladies



Daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother or
grandmother,
no matter what hat we are wearing,
Being righteous is something we should
strive for.

So on Mother's Day we honor
faithful ladies who
Have nurtured, sacrificed for, taught,
and loved us
By worshiping the Lord while crowning our
head with a hat.

Cynthia Bement

Please join me, along with Clair and Paige
Phillips, the little girls who helped to in-
spire and dream up this event, by wearing a
hat to church on Mother's Day, May 13, to
honor all faithful ladies, past and present,
who have inspired us and our faith!

*God has cast our confessed sins into the
depths of the sea, and he's even put a "No
Fishing" sign over the spot.*

—D.L. Moody



M&Ms met for potluck and program in
April with 21 people enjoying good food
and Mary Gadeken's slides of the Familia
Sagrada Cathedral in Barcelona. Beautiful
and very interesting, thank you, Mary!

Our last meeting for the season will be on
May 21. We will enjoy welcoming Hannah
Mowry, Miss Tri-Cities, as our special
guest. Please come, bring a friend, and a
dish as we enjoy fellowship. We will begin
set up at 10:30; if you can come early, we
will appreciate the help.

Calling All 3rd through 5th Graders!



Come for fun on **May 6 & 20!**

**For both May events – a Medical Release
form must be filled out and turned in no
later than the day of the event.** Contact
Pastor Harriet for a form or stop by the
church office.

May 6 - Please be at the church at noon and
bring a sack lunch! After lunch, Rachel &
Sydney will walk with the kids to Spare
Lanes for fun at the arcade there. They will
return to the church by 1:30 pm.

May 20— right after the 10:30 worship ser-
vice, Funday kids and their families are
invited to join the UM youth and their fami-
lies for a BBQ; after the BBQ, the group
will head to the play fields for games!

A main dish will be provided for the BBQ.
Families whose last name begins with A—
M, please bring a salad or side dish. Those
whose last name starts with N - Z, please
provide a dessert.

The Walk with Christ is not a race or fitness activity! It is an awesome three-day retreat that will renew or deepen your relationship with Christ. The objective of this ministry is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work, and communities.



Location: KFUMC, no cost to attend
Dates: **Men's Walk is August 2-5**
Bracken Deatherage, Director
Jim Deatherage, Vice Director
Women's Walk is August 16-19

You must be registered in advance through a person who has been on a Walk. Many people in our church have been on a Walk with Christ (Walk to Emmaus) and will be happy to answer any of your questions.



Host a Foreign Exchange Student

Once in the U.S., PAX EXCHANGE students offer unique perspectives in the classroom and at the dinner table, revel in uniquely American school spirit, volunteer in the community, improve their English every day, star in school plays, marvel at the sheer number of cereal options at the supermarket, rethink much of what they thought they knew, provide learning opportunities for the entire community, and make memories to last lifetimes (theirs and yours).

Bring an adventure to your home by hosting an exchange student. Please contact Marcella Hansen at 509-528-5550 or marcellahansen@msn.com for more information.

Holly Daze Crafters Looking Forward To Rummage Sale



Church members who make crafts for Holly Daze are excited about the upcoming Rummage Sale. Some of your donations could help in their work for the autumn UMW fundraiser, which benefits missions at the church, locally and across the world.

So when you are sorting through your household goods for items for the May sale, please know that wide-mouthed quart jars, medium to large picture frames, tea cups with saucers, and vintage upholstery fabric for pillows are needed for Holly Daze workshops.

The Rummage Sale chair, Karen Barcot, and her wonderful helpers will gladly set these items aside for the crafting group.

Also, looking ahead, church gardeners are asked to remember when planting this spring that Holly Daze will need fall produce for the farm store, always a popular spot at the bazaar.

Holly Daze co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn are hoping for pumpkins of all sizes, winter squash, gourds, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, apples, grapes, melons, and a few surprises, too.

PHD May 18 & 19, the PHD group will be working on the parsonage roof, their mission project for this spring. More information will be posted on the PHD Facebook page. For those who are not on Facebook, please contact Jeff Varzandeh (509-845-0999) for more information.





IN HIS GRIP

Friends,

If these reflections had a title, it would include words like surprise, misunderstanding, correcting my assumptions. At our clergy/laity retreat last month at Lazy F Camp, we heard

from the Rev. Lyda Pierce about how people migrate. She initiated her topic by asking all of us who had come to participate to share a brief summary of our own migrations. That could include our family origins and the migrations of our own lifetimes. Some were predictable, even routine, much like my own (50% from Britain and 50% from Germany). Others, even some who looked like me, shared different stories. Some shared stories that could not be more different from mine. Stories from Central America, stories of risk and challenge. One highlight was to hear from the Rev. Joel Rodriguez and his wife, Aurora, who have family roots in the Portland area as well as in Central America. They told us about their migrations which included joy and surprise, risk and fear. By the time our weekend concluded, I realized I had been living with some mistaken assumptions about people, economies, government, and even the church. Not surprisingly, my own family's migration story looked easy in comparison with some of those I heard that weekend. No doubt it was not. Most all migration stories contain pain and trouble of various kinds, and hopefully a measure of God's grace.

As we begin our journey through May, we will be finishing a series of messages on Christian compassion. What does compassion mean to Jesus? How did He live into compassion in His encounters with the people whose stories we read on the pages of the gospels? I could give us story after story after story. Are we compassionate people? If we are, it's because we invite the Holy Spirit to be at work in and through us. We are not up to the challenge through our

own powers. Yet don't we yearn for people to respond compassionately to us and our stories? Our Bishop, Elaine Stanovsky, is inviting and challenging us to participate in "Table Talks" in May and beyond. That is, getting close enough to have conversations with people with whom we may not agree regarding questions about human sexuality and the church.

Reminds me of the recent history of the Presbyterians. During the last thirty years that denomination held conversations about those same topics. People generally (from my perspective) came to the conversations with their minds made up, and talked AT each other from meeting to meeting. Then a substantial percentage of the congregations split from the parent church, which happened to take the more liberal progressive position. Now the parent denomination is a mere shadow of its former size and influence. And congregations on both sides are wondering if they made the better choice. I don't recall being able to listen well to the stories and conversations in those years. We were all very polarized, not even knowing how to talk effectively with one another. I think Bishop Elaine is hoping that United Methodists, whether we agree with one another or not, can sit down and listen to one another, to consider the stories of each, and decide whether we can disagree and still remain in one body. I believe, finally, that we can and we should. That represents a change for me from where I stood fifteen years ago. Let's come to Central Church on May 12 (maybe take a quick break from the rummage sale to do this!) and do some intensive listening. Bishop Elaine has offered to hold Table Talks at our church if we are not able to attend Central Church that day. Did Jesus say navigating our way in His church would be easy? How easy was it for Him?

In His grip,

2nd Annual Women's Retreat

Seaside Escape!

May 18, 5:30 pm — May 19, noon



What? Kennewick First United Methodist Church 2nd Annual Women's Retreat

Where? Right here at Kennewick First.

When? Friday, May 18, 5:30 pm through Saturday, May 19, at noon (and NO, you do not have to spend the night if you don't wish to).

Who? Friends you know and love as well as new friends!

Is there food? Yes! Dinner catered by our own Back Alley BBQ master, Kevin Alley.

Theme? *Seaside Escape* - you're going to feel like you are on a tropical beach!

Why? Time away, time with God, and time with friends. No lectures, guest speakers, boring classes, or large groups. Just laughter, friends, God, a mission project (easy), quiet time, conversation, and food.

If this hasn't answered all your questions, please call the church office or Merrienne Door at 509-551-9612. Space is limited and registration closes on Wednesday, May 16. You can register Sundays at church or come in to the church office. The cost is \$40 and includes meals and all supplies, activities, etc.

So throw your schedule away, hand the children to your spouse or other responsible adult, turn off your cell phones, throw on your favorite vacation outfit, grab a snack to share if you like, and join us for some fabulous weekend fun!

“The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on.”

—Julia Alvarez



All Church Camp Out

August 17-19
Hood Park

Join us for a fun weekend of camping at beautiful Hood Park Campground near Burbank. Fellowship and worship events are planned for everyone, including those who don't plan to camp overnight. Please contact Cynthia Bement at the church office (509-551-4388 ext 112) to reserve your spot (the church has already booked sites together), and get information about the overnight camping fees and guidelines. The weekend will end on Sunday with outdoor worship at the Amphitheater in the park.



Thirty people rolled on down to the church on April 15 for a great night of BUNCO!





Jr & Sr High UMY May Schedule

Sunday, May 6

Senior High youth - set-up for the Rummage Sale after the 10:30 am worship service.

Jr & Sr UMY – Knockerball (3-6 pm). Food is being provided. Please meet at the church by 3 pm. We will go together to the TRAC in Pasco.

Saturday, May 12

Jr youth: Rummage sale clean-up. Please be at the church by 1:30 pm to help with take down. Food will be provided.

Sunday, May 13

No UMY—it's Mother's Day—spend time with Mom!

Sunday, May 20, Youth Sunday

The Sr High will be leading and participating the 9 am worship service and the Jr High will lead and participate at the 10:30 am service.

After the 10:30 worship service, UM youth and their families will join the Funday kids and their families for a BBQ and then go over to the play-fields for Field Day and other games!

For the BBQ, a main dish will be provided. Families whose last name starts with A-M, bring a salad or side dish. Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with N-Z.

Sunday, May 27

Mini Golf @ Golf Universe
Meet at Golf Universe at 2 pm, 6311 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick.
Parents should plan to pick up their youth at 3:30 pm at this location.
Please bring \$6.00 in exact change to the event.

Sunday School

During the month of May we will be finishing the *“Underground Reality Vietnam: How to Live a Faith Worth Dying For.”* We will look at what it means to live out your faith with restrictions. What does it mean to you personally to be a Christian? What does it mean to you to be able to walk the journey with Christ freely? Is there a cost to being a follower of God that you don't know about that others deal with on a daily basis? These are just some of the questions we will be looking at in the coming weeks. Each week we will watch a video and learn from people in Vietnam what it means to be a Christian.

Cornerstone

May 1 - Dinner is served at 6 pm and small group time is from 6:30—8 pm.

Jr High Cornerstone meets in the 4th & 5th grade Sunday school classroom. Kristi Thien and Brittany Becker lead the group.

Sr High meets in the Youth Chapel with Pastor Harriet; we will be reading and discussing the Old Testament prophets.

May 8 - Jr and Sr youth will meet at Dairy Queen on Hwy 395 at 6 pm for dinner; bring money to purchase your meal. Dessert provided. After dinner, we'll roll into a lesson.

May 15—This is the last Cornerstone for this year.

Jr High – please arrive at the church by 6 pm to catch the church bus to the Thien's house; **the bus will leave promptly at 6:10 pm.** If you arrive after 6:10, you will need to find your own transportation to the Thien's home. Kristi will be providing more information in the coming weeks.

Sr High – Meet at the church at 6 pm. More information to come.

Call or Text

Call or and text Pastor Harriet at 909-575-8308.

From Pastor Harriet
Hello Everyone,

In May, it will be a year since the KFUMC congregation learned that I would be appointed to Kennewick First as the associate pastor, and Jim and I were looking forward to being in ministry in the Tri-City area. Now, a year later, we are preparing to say our good-byes to you. We've enjoyed getting to know each of you. We are grateful for all the conversations and being in ministry at Kennewick First and the Tri-City community.

My final Sunday in worship will be May 27.. I will be taking May 28– June 19 off, then attending Annual Conference in Puyallup from June 20/21 – 24. Following that, I will be off from June 25–June 30. During this time, Jim and I will be taking some vacation time and will be in transition as we move to the next appointment.

I look forward to many things in my remaining time at Kennewick First: being in worship with you; joining in various youth events; being at Cornerstone; meeting with the Caregiver Support Group; discussions and conversations before and after worship and meetings; and seeing your smiles.

Many blessings to you all,
Pastor Harriet

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Dear Friends,

I've had the privilege of working with Harriet these past ten months. As she announces her plans in the article you read above, I encourage you to take full advantage of our opportunity to connect with her this month and to say a fitting farewell before she heads into transition. I will see her again at Conference events in the new church year which begins July 1, but most of you will not. Along with you, I promise to keep her in my prayers and now offer my appreciation for her faithful leadership and servanthood among us during this past year.

In Him, Jerry

The Caring Congregation



So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

“The Caring Congregation...How to become one and why it matters,” is a set of books and training manuals written by Rev. Karen Lampe, who is the executive pastor of congregational care at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. I was privileged to attend Rev. Karen's last training conference, held April 19-21, in Kansas, as she is retiring in July. I am always grateful for opportunities for new learning and experiences in the Lord.

There were approximately 200 people who participated, were anointed, and sent to serve during the very faith-filled informational seminar on providing soulful care for members of a congregation, sometimes accompanied by the pastor, but often providing trained and loving care on a one-to-one basis. Please join our KFUMC pastors, Naomi McDermott, and me as we begin to discern and implement our care traditions, what is already in place, along with carrying out some new ideas as a team.

Cynthia Bement



Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, May 3, at 10 am
Church Library

Caregivers need care, too! The Caregiver Support Group helps to fill this need. Come for a devotion and time of sharing, knowing that what is said in the group is held in confidence.

If you know of someone who is a caregiver, but cannot attend at the day and time listed, please call Harriet (909-575-8308) to make other arrangements.

Register Now for Camp!



We would like as many children, youth, and families to go to camp as possible!! Whether it's a week or a weekend, it is typically packed full of fun, challenges, friendships, adventure, learning new skills, and discovering faith while experiencing God in a whole new way! The theme this year is: **This changes EVERYTHING...** Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved and through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*

How to Register for Camp

1. Pick up a PNW camp brochure at the church office or at the church information desk and choose the camp you want to attend. Please remember that you are responsible for your own transportation.
2. On your computer go to pnwcamps.org and along the heading find registration...and then register! If you desire a paper registration form, please contact the camp of your choice and they will send one to you, or help you to register over the phone.
3. If you are an active participant of Kennewick First UMC then you are eligible for a \$150 campership, so please note that on your registration form.
4. Find a friend to go with you...this is optional, but it's twice as nice to share the experience with a friend, and the church will give your friend a \$50 campership.
5. **Call the Church...Must do this!** The church is responsible for paying the campership and needs to know who is going and when, so that the fee is paid on time.
6. The camp and conference will be in contact with you regarding a "what to bring" list.



Meet friends from around the PNW. Let your heart, soul, and mind be open and free to the surroundings at morning watch, afternoons on the lake, evenings during all camp games, and nights worshipping together underneath the stars at campfire!!

If you have any questions about camp or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact either Pastor Harriet or Cynthia by calling 582-2163. The folks at Lazy F, Twinlow, Ocean Park, or Indianola will be filled with joy to meet and spend time with you!

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Carol Hardacre, Deana Ahrend, Todd Milton, Shelby Faught, Anita Knight, Don Hildman, Jacque Sonderman, Altha Perry, Patty Winston, Ann Kelly, Terry Simmelink, Jim Fisher, Mary Shoop, Punkie Eddy, Norma Williams, Steve Baker, Judy Milton, Joan Osborne, Roberta Swanson.

The Annual Senior High UMY Auction has come and gone. It was another successful year! Thank you to all who donated their time to help with setup:

Danielle Rhodes, Dick Nelson, Sherry Elvik, Rachel Loomis, Mike & Kristi Thien, Jill Berg, Jeff Varzandeh, Jim & Merriane Door, and Lindsay Koval. There were many others who helped in creating the decorations, including some Junior High youth and younger hands. We appreciate their help on Friday and Sunday.

We also grateful to everyone who helped out during the auction itself: Lindsay Koval, Sherry Elvik, Diane Bruce, Mike Thien, Brittany Becker, Sharon Varzandeh, Trent Westfall, Mike Boice, and Jim & Merriane Door.

Thanks to Kevin Alley and his family, Cindi, Emma, and Hannah Glazier, and many other friends for helping out in the kitchen and providing the excellent Portland, Oregon, inspired food for the auction.

We were blessed to once again welcome Jeff Wallace, our auctioneer, and his family, Jamie and Lily, and thank them for coming and overseeing the auction. Jeff added humor to the event and made it a fun time.

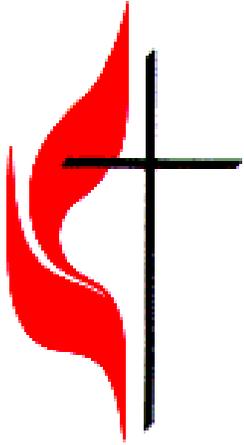
Thanks to all who purchased auction items and/or donated money to the Senior High UMY mission trip, retreats, and youth group activities. The total amount raised was \$10,177.43!

Thank you again for all who were a part of the auction in one way or another and for your continued support of the youth ministry at Kennewick First UMC. Blessings to you all.



Linda Tucker	2-May
Debra Williamson	2-May
Eric Baumann	2-May
Jamie Preston	2-May
Brandon Elvik	5-May
Patrick Bannworth	5-May
Carly Hagen	5-May
Mikayla Mason	5-May
Joshua Troxel	5-May
Don Meyers	6-May
Sarah Butler	6-May
Rosalie Gene McCalmant	6-May
Joan Osborne	7-May
Darlene Nelson	7-May
Shelby Faught	7-May
Nate Door	7-May
Nickolas Wilhelm	7-May
Kiauna Canada	9-May
Rylee Mason	9-May
Larry Berg	11-May
Ryan Young	13-May
Kathleen Crowner	14-May
Gunnar Glazier	14-May
Megan Yount	14-May
Austin Basche	14-May
Shadae Ingram	14-May
Noah Baker	14-May
Holly (Door) Bergum	15-May
Thomas McDermott	17-May
Shane Shiplet	17-May
Cory Hare	17-May
Ryan Shiplet	18-May
Verdine Davis	19-May
Katherine Meline	19-May
Michael Bauer	19-May
Warner Bauer	19-May
Norma Williams	23-May
Austin Door	23-May
Molly Buchholz	23-May
Jeanette Hummel	25-May
Jillian Shipman	28-May
John Hunt	29-May
Russ Bechtol	29-May
Heather Shoop	29-May
Timothy Meilink	31-May





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Church Office Hours
8:30 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm
Monday through Thursday
8 am - noon on Fridays
(509) 582-2163

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Fleur-de-lis



Because the fleur-de-lis resembles a lily — a symbol of purity — it is sometimes used to represent the Virgin Mary. Due to its three-petal form, the fleur-de-lis also symbolizes the Holy Trinity.

Articles for the June 2018
Clarion will be due on
May 20.

