

# THE CLARION

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



## NEW MEMBER CLASS



The next KFUMC new member class will be held Thursday, November 1. If you plan to attend, please let Cheryl know so that we can provide sufficient materials (582-2163).

Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church, but is a good opportunity for anyone wishing to learn more about the faith, being a Christian, and the United Methodist Church.

*Live from Kennewick First, it's . . .*

**Saturday  
Night Life!** **SNL**

**Youth Chapel, 6 pm  
With music by Clear Waters**

**November 3  
Message by Chris Becker**

**November 18  
Message by Cynthia Bement**

The Kennewick First all-church conference (aka annual charge conference) is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 14**, in the Youth Chapel. We'll review the current year and look ahead to new opportunities for growth in 2019. Mary Huycke, our district superintendent, will be there - will you?



Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Day), 11:30 am – 1 pm in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for this meal! If you would like to volunteer to help set up and/or serve the meal, please contact Marc Harden at 509-987-2687. If you are planning on attending the dinner only, please notify Cheryl in the office at 582-2163.

Advent/Christmas decorations will go up on **Sunday, November 25**, right after 2nd service. Come for the fun and enjoyment of transforming our church for the holidays. Many hands make light work!



**United Methodist  
Student Day**  
November 25

Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help deserving United Methodist students continue their education and their faith journey as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do.



IN HIS GRIP

Dear Friends,

As we begin this important November, I find myself thinking about the prophet Elijah. You can read about him in 1 Kings chapter 17. Elijah has his ups and downs - success in asking God to defeat the prophets of Baal, but defeat in seeing his faith turn to fear when Queen Jezebel threatened to have him killed in retribution for ordering the deaths of those prophets. He escapes to the safety of a broom tree in the wilderness of Beer-sheba, ready to die.

We, too, experience our successes and failures, though few of ours compare with the extremes of Elijah's. He announces that his life is over. He is ready to die. But God has the last word about life and death, not Elijah. God's angel awakens him to eat a meal, then releases him to sleep, then awakens him again to eat another meal. That feast sustains Elijah for forty days and nights as he travels to Horeb, the mount of God. In a dialog with God he says, "I alone am left and they (the Israelites) are seeking my life to take it away."

Again, God has the last word: God instructs Elijah to go and stand on the mountain before the Lord, who is about to pass by. This reminds me of the story in Exodus 33 where God tells Moses to hide in the cleft of the rock while His glory passes by. Elijah goes and waits, expecting to see the Lord pass by in the wind, then in an earthquake, and then in fire. But the Lord does not pass. Finally, Elijah hears the sound of sheer silence. Then he goes out to stand at the entrance of the cave. God speaks to Elijah again, and Elijah responds with those same words.

This is the point: beyond listening to Elijah's words, God has work for him to do, work which he will accomplish. God says go! Elijah goes, knowing God will go with him. God instructs Elijah to anoint two future kings plus the one who will succeed him as God's prophet. Elijah completes his assignments. The final irony is that Elijah doesn't then die. He is carried from earth - in the midst of chariots and horses of fire and then in a whirlwind into heaven. (2 Kings 1:11)

The lesson?

People may choose to turn away from God, but God does not turn away from His followers - even



when circumstances look as if God has done just that. God picks up the frustrated Elijah, meets his needs, gives him the thrill of earthquake, wind, fire and silence, and then gives him an assignment, work at which he will succeed. Does your circumstance suggest to you that God has stepped away? Or that God has stepped away from our church? No way! Come join us in worship, study, and service this month as we hear stories of faith and gratitude. November, and every other month, is a month of gratitude.

In His grip,

*Jerry*





## UMW to Meet Early in November

Because of Thanksgiving, UMW will meet a week early on Wednesday, November 14, but at our usual time and place, 10 am in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Janet Shelton will present the program on World Thank Offering. UMW supporters who have the little "Thanks" coin boxes should bring them to be collected.

All women of the church and their neighbors are invited to attend and join in this time of shared friendship. Joy Circle will provide treats.

UMW will make plans for taking part in Old-Fashioned Christmas on December 1 and discuss ways to support missionaries, here and across the world.



Mature Methodists met in October with Dr. Cory Manley as our speaker. It was a great presentation, well received by all, and we had the largest crowd we have had in a long while. We pray that trend continues.

We'll get together again on November 19 at noon. Please come, bring a dish to share, and enjoy fun and fellowship. Pat Walker will share some stories about the missionary work she and Clem did. Set up will begin about 10:30, help would be appreciated.

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD! ... Come into his presence with singing!"  
(Psalm 100:1-2, ESV)

## Christmas is Coming - Old Fashioned Style -



and we want you to be a part of it! This year we'll invite the community to step back in time with us as we celebrate Christmas and our heritage in downtown Kennewick.

Dig out your pioneer clothes and help us transport our visitors to the early days of our congregation. We'll have an entry in the Downtown Parade that morning, then host music, games, crafts, and more with fun for the entire family. We'll end our celebration by singing Christmas carols together in the sanctuary. Watch for more information on how you can help to host this community event. **December 1, 2-6 pm** will be here soon. Contact Sherry Arnold with questions or if you'd like to volunteer . . . before being asked!



Make plans to attend a **Children's Christmas pageant informational meeting** on November 4 at 10 am in the Youth Chapel - right after Sunday School. Director Diane Bruce will cover the

practice schedule, costumes, parts, and set design. If you are a parent of a youth or child, please make every effort to attend this important meeting. The pageant is scheduled for December 9. Questions? Call Diane at 509-528-2384.





Fall Cornerstone is nearly at an end, but you are always welcome to come on down for dinner. Pastor Jerry's Inductive Bible Study is a great group to join at any time, as are Children and Youth Cornerstone. Dinner is served at 6 pm; classes begin at 6:30.

### Inductive Bible Study

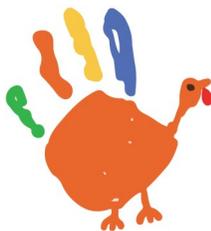
Pastor Jerry facilitates this weekly Bible study, and all are welcome to attend. Inductive Bible study is a valuable tool for understanding and applying the principles of God's Word and focuses on three basic steps: observation (what does it say?), interpretation (what does it mean?), and application (what does it mean for my life?).

### Children and Youth

Renee and Joe Glesener lead the children's program, and the youth program (grades 6-12) is offered as well.



3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to join Rachel for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, games, crafts, and of course, fun! We will meet in the 4th and 5th grade room from noon to 1:30 pm on Sunday, November 4. Bring a sack lunch and your friends! Can't wait to see you there. The second Funday in November will be on the 11th.



**The Jr. and Sr. High Youth are working on two projects to raise money to fund their projects.**

## Butter Braids are Back!

The youth in Jr. and Sr. High are selling Butter Braids again this year! These delicious pastries come in an assortment of flavors, including cinnamon, cherry, apple, cream cheese, raspberry, and more! They can be purchased until November 11 and will be available for pick-up on December 5. Please contact Rachel at (509)582-2163 if you are interested!



## Chocolate Advent Calendars

At the Holly Daze Bazaar, the youth were on hand to sell chocolate Advent calendars. They sold out but have more coming! If you are interested in purchasing one or more of the chocolate Advent calendars that are on the way, please contact Rachel at (509)582-2163. Otherwise, the youth will be selling the remainder of the Advent calendars at coffee hour until the Advent season begins!

**Thank you for your love and support of the youth program!**



First Praise First Praise meets every Tuesday evening from 5:30-6:00 pm, just before Cornerstone. The choir is open to any youth 5 and older, so if you have a young voice wishing to sing, please plan to reserve this time for choir practice. For answers to questions – contact Sherry Arnold at 542-0226.



As the Christmas season approaches, you may be wondering how you can be a spark of hope to the less fortunate and distressed in our community. Your Missions Committee has been wondering the same thing for some time and has settled on a couple of options which you may care to join.

First, in lieu of our usual “white gifts” Sunday, we have contacted the Union Gospel Mission’s Women’s and Children’s Shelter and will be supporting them in November. But, they have made a special request of us this year – they need help providing for middle school aged children and we have responded YES! Here is what Yvonne of the Shelter had to say: “The children that are the hardest for us to find gifts for are both boys and girls 12 years and up. Last year we received some donations of fast food/ coffee shop gift cards (DQ, McDonalds, Dutch Bros, Roasters) and movie theater gift cards. Those were perfect for that age group. Other suggestions would include ear buds, gift cards for Claire’s or passes for bowling. Most of the cards we received were for \$5 - \$10 and they seemed to go over really well. Nail polish and small purses seemed to be appreciated too.”

Our plan is to collect gifts in November and then distribute to UGM as Christmas approaches in December.

Second, in December, we plan to “adopt a family” for Christmas. The family will be one with children attending Amistad Elementary School, and we will be working with the school counselor and coordinator of Communities in Schools to select a family and determine what best to provide. We will operate this project on the gift tree principle – family member names, ages, and a gift idea will be placed on a tree for adoption. Wrapped gifts will be returned to the church and delivered to the family just before Christmas.

Watch your bulletins for more information in the weeks ahead. As we are all blessed daily and are the recipients of God’s grace, we have an opportunity to partner with God and offer grace to neighbors in need.

## More than skin deep

Gratitude, said Martin Luther, is “the basic Christian attitude.” Yet gratitude is much more than a state of mind. Often it’s a decision, and it becomes an act of humility when we recognize our depravity — and our need for a Savior.

The 10 disgraced lepers who beg Jesus for mercy (see Luke 17:11-19) are described as *allogenes*, Greek for “outcast.” (All humans, sick with sin, fit that description!) The leper who returned to give thanks received more than just physical healing, according to Scripture. When Jesus says, “Your faith has made you well,” he uses the Greek that means “Your faith has saved you.” The grateful leper, recognizing his depravity, humbly decides to return and give thanks, knowing — through faith — that his skin and his soul have been healed.





Kennewick First Methodist has a Building Maintenance and Repair (BM&R) Fund, separate from the General Fund. Monies

from the fund are used by the Facilities Ministries team to maintain and repair the church facilities, doing whatever is needed to keep them in good condition. This could be putting a new roof on the Sanctuary, painting Sunday school classrooms, routinely mowing the lawn and maintaining the landscaping, replacing light bulbs, etc.

The team has created a long-range planning document to help predict when painting, roofing, HVAC, and other items might need repair or replacement to assist in planning and budgeting so that our church facility does not fall into disrepair. Contributions to the BMR fund enable the team to complete the important work of replacing equipment, performing repairs, and doing preventive maintenance. Much of the labor is done by volunteers, so the funds are used for materials and expertise that the volunteers do not have.

You, as congregation members, are invited to keep these important activities in mind as you make your routine donations to the church by designating a portion of your contribution to the BM&R Fund.



*The sun is often used as a symbol for Christ, especially during church-year seasons that use prophetic imagery and focus on Jesus' second coming. Malachi 4:2 — "But*

*for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (ESV) — is echoed in the Christmas hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing":*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.

Dear Friends of Scouting:

Some of you know our church has sponsored Scout Troop 179 for decades and some of our congregants have assisted the success of this troop over the years. Now the landscape has changed. After Jan Olson worked for three years starting a new Cub pack in our facility, we have found that the boys have transferred to other troops as they have grown. We no longer have Cub Scout-aged young people ready to sign up.



Concurrently, the Blue Mountain Council of BSA has discovered an interest among elementary students at Amistad, located nearby, to have a new Cub pack meeting after school in their facility. The school administration is supportive. They are asking that we sponsor a new Cub pack meeting there. Some teachers are also ready to assist.

What is needed?

1. Our sanction of the group
2. They invite any interested parents and or adults to assist either regularly or occasionally. The pack will likely meet on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 5 pm. BSA staff will be present for the startup, and at least three more adults are needed monthly or more often to assist. They can be English-speaking. The Scouts are ages 6-9 or grade 1-3. Training is available.

Interested? Please contact Aga Tashea, district executive of Blue Mountain Council of BSA, 509-735-7306.

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*Spirit of abundance, help us live in gratitude each day, for you shower us with blessings and give us everything we need.*

# Holly Daze



Thanks to an incredible outpouring of support from the congregation, *Holly Daze* was a tremendous success in many ways.

UMW raised nearly \$11,000 for missions here and abroad, many new people visited our church, we all became closer to one another in friendship, and everyone bought treasures they wanted, from apple pies to holiday decorations.

Hundreds of appealing bakery items sold out, as did the popular lunchtime potatoes and chili. Co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn express heart-felt gratitude to the many volunteers who helped in a myriad of ways: crafting, baking, pricing, cashiering, putting up signs, cleaning up, and on and on.

Energetic Boy Scouts were there to help set up, and the Pepiot family offered up their famous bean soup mix.

The competition for the fantastic raffle items was fierce. Winners were these:

- ◇ Quilt, Matt Taylor
- ◇ Bean Soup Basket, Sue Ann Marple
- ◇ Coffee Basket, Jo Haberstock
- ◇ Growth Chart, Vicki Melling
- ◇ Wine Rack, Michelle Long
- ◇ Intarsia Wreath, Peggy Huff Zahn
- ◇ Message Board, Kristie Taggares

Soup sales were strong, but UMW ordered extra. So if you need more for yourself or holiday gifts, stop by the church office.

And, just to repeat, UMW, Holly Daze leaders Susan and Darryl, and all the many non-profits and God's children who will benefit from your many acts of generosity thank you and bless you all.



Thanks  
for Your  
Help!

We have much cause for thankfulness—our Facilities Ministries/ Trustees have been hard at work for all of us!

**Darryl Lamberd, Bob Arnold, Shorty Wert-**

**man, and several others** have faithfully been keeping the church and office lawns mowed all summer long. Thank you ALL!

**Jeff Varzandeh** painted the sign in front of the church office. Thank you Jeff!

**Darryl Lamberd** painted the church office stairs and will also paint the back steps and porch of the church office. Thank you Darryl!

**George Block** oversaw the installation of the new fence at the parsonage. He patched several nail holes in the overflow room along with replacing lights when needed; he also fixed the door closer at the new entrance. Thank you George!

**Jim Foster** is working with the city on repairing the brick wall where the roses are. Thank you Jim!

**Dave Hare** and **Bob Arnold** are chairing a committee to work on a plan for campus security. Thank you Dave and Bob!

**George Block** has secured bids to replace loose shingles on the north side of the chapel. Thanks George!

**Rachel Loomis** oversaw the **young adults** when they removed all the shingles from the parsonage roof! Thank you Rachel and young adults!

**Bob Arnold** oversaw the crew who installed new shingles on the parsonage roof. He and **Bob Kelly** replaced several lights in the chancel. Thank you to the Bobs!

**Steve Tucker** oversaw the installation of a new grease trap in Ida Payne kitchen and obtained bids to remove a large tree at the parsonage. Thank you Steve!

Many thanks to the stewards of our church building, office, and parsonage! You are appreciated!

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement . . .**

*Carol Hardacre, Deana Ahrend, Shelby Faught, Anita Knight, Ann Kelly, Terry Simmelink, Peggy Snyder, Julie Logan Hooley, Punkie Eddy, Norma Williams, Nathan and Jamie Preston, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Don Shirey, and Ron Shuck*

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.

Juli Reinholz, our former district superintendent and current pastor at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Walla Walla, is undergoing treatment for stage four cancer. Please remember Juli and her family in prayer.

*“A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most complete prayer.”*

—*Gotthold Lessing*

“My sincere thanks to my church family for

the prayers and cards during my recent back surgery. I’m happy to report that the surgery was successful and I am recovering nicely. I will be totally back to normal by the first of November.” ---Jane Foreman



Eugene Peterson, Presbyterian clergyman, biblical scholar, husband to Jan, and father of three, died on Monday, October 22, in Lakeside, Montana. Perhaps best known for *The Message*, his paraphrase of the Bible, he was the author of more than 30 books, including the bestselling *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, in which he explored discipleship and perseverance in the Christian life.

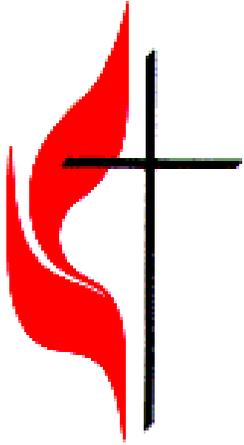
His funeral, which will be live-streamed, will be Saturday, November 3, at 1 PM (MDT) at First Presbyterian Church, Kalispell, MT.

“Among his final words were, ‘Let’s go.’ And his joy: my, oh my; the man remained joyful right up to his blessed end, smiling frequently.”

*Quote from the family statement upon Eugene Peterson’s death.*

					
Nathan Preston	1-Nov	Joline Board	10-Nov	Terry Mitchell	23-Nov
Dallon Hare	2-Nov	Gene Wertman	12-Nov	Megan Austin	23-Nov
Danielle Rhodes	3-Nov	Patricia Cochran	13-Nov	Jane Hunt	24-Nov
Carson Foltz	3-Nov	Nelson Newhouse	13-Nov	Randy Bement	24-Nov
Parker Lamberd	4-Nov	Ann Sehmel	16-Nov	Kayla Ebberts	24-Nov
Cynthia Glazier	5-Nov	Matthew Elvik	17-Nov	Jared Hanson	25-Nov
Christian Tenney	5-Nov	Cierra Faught	17-Nov	Jolene Kuhns	28-Nov
Ruth Anderson	6-Nov	Polly Poole	18-Nov	Mary Lynn Arter	28-Nov
Michael Zabel	7-Nov	Agnes Mowry	18-Nov	Mona Miller	28-Nov
Misty Milton	8-Nov	Brooke Flodin	18-Nov	Trevor Troxel	28-Nov
Melia Biglin	8-Nov	Nicole Loomis	19-Nov	Janice McIntyre	29-Nov
		Carol Kerkow	19-Nov		
		Sierra Shiplet	20-Nov		
		Jean Faught	21-Nov		
		Craig Mayfield	21-Nov		
		Tanner Butler	21-Nov		





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**Worship Schedule**

Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9 a.m.  
Nursery provided  
Handicapped Accessible

**Church Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday  
8 a.m. - noon on Fridays

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