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Let's Go Camping!

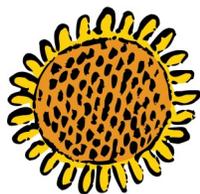
All Church Camp Out August 16-18 Hood Park



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. If you do plan to stay the night, please contact Cynthia Bement at the church office to reserve your spot and for more information; there are RV and tent spots available. 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
- Saturday afternoon 1:00-4:00 pm - Water fun with kayaks, swimming, and boating
- Saturday evening 6:00 pm—BBQ in the campground - lemonade provided . . . please bring a salad or dessert to share
- Sunday morning at 9:45 am - Worship in the park Amphitheater
- Sunday by noon—must be checked out of campground



“There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness.”

—Han Suyin



Homecoming Sunday

On September 8 at 9:00 am, Sunday school for all ages will start up again!

We will also have the opportunity to worship the Lord at either 9:00 or 10:30 am, with coffee and refreshments following both services! Look for more information soon about a community meal to celebrate the startup of fall programming!

Jr & Sr UMY Orientation for teens and their parents will be at 6 pm that evening in the Youth Chapel!

S. H. A. K. E.

Collection boxes for the annual SHAKE (Seniors Helping Kids' Education) school supply drive will be in the church entryway through August 7. You still have time to help meet the SHAKE goal “that children will begin school ready to learn equipped with needed school supplies.” Many in our community find it a challenge to pay for the supplies their children need to be successful in school; thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of many children and parents in our community with your donations. And thank you to M&Ms for once again spearheading the effort at Kennewick First!





As I sit down to write my first newsletter article for KFUMC (and yes, I still hear Kentucky Fried

United Methodist Church in my head when I write those letters), I am wondering what words of wisdom I can impart. I, like many pastors, keep a file of quotes to pull out every now and then and look well-read and intelligent when we toss one or two of those quotes out. This is such a time if ever there was one. . . . Eugene Peterson wrote in his book *A Long Obedience*, "Too often we think of religion as a far off, mysteriously run bureaucracy, to which we apply for assistance when we feel need. We go to the branch office and direct the clerk (sometimes called a pastor) to fill our order for God. Then we go home, and we wait for God to be delivered to us according to our specifications we have set down."

It is often said that a disciple is someone who has moved from being a recipient of the mission of the church to being part of the mission of the church. In a culture that is driven by a consumer mentality, being a disciple seems to require a change in our thinking, from being merely a consumer of the good things we receive from church . . . to being part of the of the mission to transform the world through God's love and grace. There is a wonderful story in Matthew 25 in which Jesus tells his disciples about the "son of Man" coming in glory and welcoming the "sheep" into the kingdom of God. Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." To those who might wonder when they had ever seen Jesus in such a state, Jesus responded with this startling and memorable explanation:

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

As a church, we gather together to worship and celebrate together. We grow spiritually together, and we even make meaningful friendships in this community of faith, but we can never ignore our need to give and serve in order to experience the fullness of the Kingdom of God and truly be a disciple of Jesus.

As we begin this journey together, my prayer is that we would celebrate and worship the God who loves us first and best, grow in our understanding of who God is and who we are, create friendships that enrich us, and find ways to be in service that transform our communities and the world.

Here's looking to the days ahead, my friends!

Pastor Mark



God still has plans for M&Ms! We have programs scheduled for September, October, November, February, and March, and we don't meet in December. We have a potential program for January, and that leaves only April to fill. Our calendar is almost complete, so I think we are meant to continue. Thanks everyone for the suggestions, they were very helpful. God bless.

AJ Foster

FIELDS of GRACE

Gleaning God's Harvest for the Mid-Columbia

Join the Glean Team

Reduce Food Waste, Feed the Hungry

It's estimated up to 40% of all food grown or produced for human consumption in America is never eaten. This is food that's safe, edible, and nutritious. That's right, a significant percentage of God's bounty is wasted. And yet, there are people in our community consuming less than 13% of their recommended daily fruit and vegetable intake according to the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

You can participate in reducing this waste while helping feed our neighbors in need. Join the Fields of Grace gleaning team. The mission of Fields of Grace is to identify and gather fresh, nutritious produce to help feed our community. The gleaned produce is distributed to those in need through local food banks.

Fields of Grace volunteers work in teams to collect fruits and vegetables from commercial orchards and farms, and from residential property. All ages and abilities are welcome. To learn more about gleaning opportunities and register as a volunteer, visit the website at www.fields-of-grace.com. Call (509) 492-2209 with your questions or to offer produce for gleaning.



Mary Shoop



Soul Soup Update

Soul Soup continues to serve dinners at KFUMC each Thursday evening between 5 and 6 pm. The first and fourth Thursday dinners are provided by KFUMC volunteers and the second and third are provided by teams from Bethel. After a sharp decline in guests during the harsh winter weather, our numbers are averaging 45-60 each night we serve. Our soup kitchen is fully approved by the Health Department, and it is inspected twice each year. Volunteers are always welcomed – call or email Bob Kelly for more information (528-9254 or rkellyzx@gmail.com).

Goodwill Trailer/Kiwanis/Amistad

The Goodwill Trailer collection week resulted in \$646 going to the Kennewick Kiwanis efforts at Amistad Elementary School. Kiwanis budgets about \$17,000 each year to support programs and projects at the school and expects costs to increase to about \$20,000 with the new school year. Amistad will increase student population from an average of 460 students to about 680. Half of the new school will be complete for this coming school year, and phase II will be finished in the following school year. Thanks to all who volunteered to staff the trailer and contributed items. We collected 4,460 pounds of donated goods!!

Many of the Kiwanis programs are aimed at immediate benefit to students. But one program involves a long-term commitment to children who attend Amistad and then move on to post-secondary education. The club has established a scholarship for anyone who has attended Amistad and desires to pursue a career that involves community college and/or a four-year degree program. Breaking the cycle of poverty for many of the current students of Amistad (92% at or below poverty levels) will be through education. If you would like to help support this scholarship fund financially, Bob Kelly can provide details.



David Thien	1-Aug
Jacob Hanson	1-Aug
Daniel Thien	2-Aug
Rachel Cochran	3-Aug
Eula Hagen	4-Aug
Dorothy Block	4-Aug
Helen Mitchell	4-Aug
Sydney Howard	5-Aug
David Brown	5-Aug
Amanda Nelson	6-Aug
Seth Mitchell	8-Aug
Zoe Rhodes	9-Aug
Kris Hand	9-Aug
Susan Mayfield	10-Aug
Caleb Wertman	11-Aug
Kerry Ann Collins	13-Aug
Ethan Nelson	14-Aug
Kevin Alley	16-Aug
Julie Hooley	17-Aug
Harley Smith	17-Aug
James Door	18-Aug
Erna Sproul	21-Aug
Pat Walker	22-Aug
Lisa Williams	24-Aug
Cami Hanson	26-Aug
Floyd Gustafson	26-Aug
Tyler Boice	27-Aug
Evan Arnold	28-Aug
Sue Kennelly	28-Aug
Sarah Longan	30-Aug
Stephen Bannworth	31-Aug

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Ron Baker, Jennifer Bateman, Fern Whitescarver, Shelby Faught, Carol Hardacre, Kirk Higginson, Julie Logan Hooley, Anita Knight, Joan Osborne, Pat Phillips, Juli Reinholz, Terry Simmelink, Donna Troxel, Juli Troxel, Norma Williams, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, and DS Joanne Coleman-Campbell.

We lift in prayer those who have recently lost loved ones . . .

Please keep **Ann Kelly**'s family, Bob, Michelle, and Deanna, and the rest of the family and Ann's friends in prayer. Ann passed in June..

Carol Bronson also died recently; please pray for her family and friends as well.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7



“The purposes of God may sometimes seem delayed, but they are never abandoned.”

—H.C. Mears

Thank you!

We appreciate **Gloria Harden** and **Susan Sandmeier**, who provided homemade goodies for the visiting Marimba Band in July! Thank you both very much for helping to make them welcome!

Middler Trip Wrap-up!



The Jr. UMYers and their leaders are back from the annual Middler trip!

From July 17 to 21, ten youth and three leaders traveled to the Spokane and Wenatchee areas for this annual summer adventure. 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 "Jesus is my Jam" and included several moments of worship, devotion, Bible study, and small group time, all focusing on the trip theme of worship. The youth and leaders also participated in several fun activities with one another in the Spokane and Wenatchee areas. By the time our Jr. UMY group returned home safely, we grew closer to one another and to the Lord!



Sr. High Mission Trip Moment

On June 30 in worship, a few of the youth who were on the Mission Trip shared about their experiences, and there was a slideshow that presented some of the great times we had. Thank you to all who were able to be there on Mission Trip Sunday!

For those of you who were unable to be there, from June 15 to 23, 14 Sr. UMY youth and 7 adult leaders went to Buckhorn UMC Camp in Colorado to serve in many ways! 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. The theme for the week was "Rooted," and we discussed how being rooted in Christ helps us to "grow" the 9 Fruits of the Spirit. We grew closer to the Lord and to one another throughout the week, we worked hard, and we played hard. It was a wonderful week that was filled with the Lord's blessings!



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 of the leaders who accompanied the youth. Middler trip leaders included Sean Holloway and Dick Nelson. Mission trip leaders included Forest Dexter, Jim Door, Sierra Hogg, Sean Holloway, Danielle Rhodes, and Jeff Varzandeh, and thank you to Randy Bement and Jerry Wilhelm, who helped to drive us to and from Colorado! Thank you all for giving your time to be on the trips! You were very helpful and were a blessing to me and to all of the youth. God bless you!

*In Christ,
Rachel Loomis*

Troop 179 Honor Board



Jan Olsen, who has been a Troop 179 committee member, has gifted and honored the troop with several handcrafted items: a beautiful wooden bridge for the Cub Scouts to bridge over to Boy Scouts, a Pathway to Eagle for the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony, and most recently a beautiful handcrafted board engraved with all of the names of the young men who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout and the Scout Masters who have led Troop 179. The old wooden original fleur-de-lis that held the names of the Eagle Scouts, but was too small to hold all of the names, was incorporated into the new board.

Boy Scouts have played an active role in the life of the church for many decades, giving in amazing ways. We appreciate all of the ways the Scouts serve and are grateful for all of the leaders who have guided them throughout the years.



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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Service at 9:45 a.m.
Nursery provided
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Summer Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - noon
Monday through Friday

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facebook.com/KennewickFirstUMC

**Craft
Work
Day**

The next Saturday morning workshop for Holly Daze will be August 10, 9 a.m. Wear your painting "smocks" and be in the holiday spirit to decorate pine cones and blocks and whatever other clever items Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn bring. Also, if you have spare china cups for succulent planting, please bring those.

**Upcoming
DEADLINE**

September 2019
Clarion articles will be
due on August 20.