

THE CLARION

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



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*



Barbecue to Honor Pastor Mark on May 19

Join our church family at a BBQ lunch to honor and say farewell to Pastor Mark. We'll be serving up hot dogs and burgers (at his request) in the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall immediately after service on the May 19. The hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, and a couple of salad choices (potato and macaroni) will be provided.

Help with desserts will be appreciated!

You may wish to bring a card expressing your appreciation for Pastor Mark's time serving our church. Join us in celebrating his contributions!

Pastor Mark's last day in the KFUMC pulpit will be May 26.

The last day of Sunday School for children and youth will be May 19! A big THANK YOU goes out to all the teachers who have supported our Sunday School programs this year. You are such a blessing to the families of our church! Have a blessed summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone, teachers and young people, back in September!



Youth Sunday School Teachers: Alex Amegashie, Jim Door, and Claressa Elvik; Cynthia Bement (substitute).

Children's Sunday School Teachers: Cheri Baker, Phyllis Merrill, Sandi Montague, Becky Phillips, Starlite Buchholz, Linda Hawley, Sierra Hogg, and Renee Glesener.

CELEBRATE OUR YOUTH

May 19



Youth Sunday will be celebrated on May 19, and during our 10 AM worship service that day, we will honor several high school seniors who have been active in the church for many years: Joe Buchholz, James Dreier, Dayna Enderlin, Kooper Glesener, and Wes Leathers. Please join us as we honor them and send them off to their next chapter.

A special offertory will be taken that day for camperships. The church will be offering camperships of \$300 each to youth and children with good attendance in the church, whether at the 10 AM service, 9 AM Sunday School, youth group, or a combination of the three. Please reach out to Claressa Elvik at the church office – 509-582-2163 – with any questions regarding camperships.



Play Ball!!

The annual UMY softball game is scheduled to be played after Pastor Mark's farewell BBQ on May 19.

Around 12:30 PM, the youth will head over to the softball fields behind the library on Dayton Street and will play until 2 PM. Come on out to cheer them on!



The Sr. High youth, their leaders, and I (Claressa) want to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended and donated to

the Sr. High Dessert Auction. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we raised just over \$23,000 . . . Thanks be to God!

Special thanks goes out to Jim and Merrienne Door for running the silent auction; Sharon Varzandeh for running the cash table, Jeff Wallis for being our amazing auctioneer, Cynthia Bement and Starlite Buchholz for imparting the wisdom of their auction experience; Brenda Gregory, Gracee Glesener, and Emily Collins for watching the younger ones during the auction; all the Youth Leaders; parents; everyone who donated a dessert;

and those who donated auction items. Also, a huge shout out goes to the youth who worked hard to collect auction items and serve the tables. Daisy Buchholz deserves a special shout out for creating our Mount Rushmore art piece and for being brave enough to auction it herself!

The money raised helps support KFUMC Senior High United Methodist Youth activities during the program year. It also allows these youth to participate in a summer mission trip activity, giving them a special opportunity to serve others, grow in their faith, and nurture their relationships with each other and their leaders. The time, money, and love we sow into these young people reaps benefits in their lives and ours for years to come. Thank you again and may God bless you!!



Volunteer Opportunities at Kennewick First



Our church volunteers are vital to sustaining a healthy ministry and fulfilling our mission of reaching those around us with the message of the Gospel. Their role is key to keeping our church running smoothly! With that in mind, please consider these three volunteer opportunities.



Join the lawn crew during this spring, summer, and early fall to take turns mowing the church lawn and helping with other yard work needs. The team will also be responsible for the parsonage yard work after Pastor Mark leaves. All those interested should call Darryl Lamberd at (509) 619-4305.

ladies who provide altar arrangements on a regular, rotating basis. If this is an area of interest to you, please call Phyllis Merrill at (509) 521-5755.

You have the opportunity to help enhance our worship experience on Sundays by providing altar decor. You may choose to honor a special occasion or person by donating a floral arrangement for the altar on a particular Sunday or you may join the group of



We are also looking for a volunteer to manage the church library. This person will catalog, organize, and file books, as well as maintain the files on who has checked out and returned books.

If you are interested in volunteering for this activity, please contact the church office at 509-582-2163.



By Cynthia Bement

Each Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 PM, about a dozen ladies gather in the Youth Chapel to hear a devotion, read and study scripture, share faith stories, and pray together. We began meeting last September and have met nearly every week during this program year. We have gone from recognizing one another at Sunday worship to becoming sisters in Christ! Between myself, Peg Puryear, and Reneé Wilhelm, we bring the devotional word, each in our own unique way, and the Spirit has been faithful, present, and at work in all of us gals in the circle! When the three of us, along with Kathy Wertman, began to design the study, there were a few things we knew we wanted to incorporate. We wanted the group to meet in the evening so that those who work outside the home could more easily attend. We wanted to respect the short evening of the woman who just got off work and would be getting up early the next morning to do it all over again, so the study would last one hour, respecting the end time. (Our start time is at 6 PM; however the doors are not locked until 6:10 PM, so the start time has a bit of grace built in!) We also felt that the study should be something that the ladies could drop in on without the fear of missing a week or not having homework done, which becomes more of a challenge for those who work or have children at home. Mostly we just wanted to gather a group of women who could come to where they would hear the word of God and get to wrestle with it. Our discussions are heartfelt and passionate as we share with each other how the scripture has played or plays out in our lives and how the Lord is at work in each one of us. We laugh a lot and cry a little as we open up to each other about our lives.

My favorite night of the week is Wednesday! I look forward to seeing my friends and growing together in Christ with them. And if we are lucky (or good!), Gladys bakes us treats! At the end when we stand together in a circle, hands joined, each saying a name out loud in prayer, and reciting the Lord's Prayer in unison to close, it feels perfect ... it feels like love, and that is why I look forward to attending LIFT each Wednesday night at 6 PM with my 3 B's... Bible, Beverage, and Bifocals!

Our last LIFT of the program year will be May 29 ... feel free to join us any Wednesday between now and then!



Activity at Soul Soup has continued with high numbers attending dinner each Thursday. We are consistently serving 75 or 80 meals a week, including those that are taken out to shut-ins and others who cannot attend.

We are seeing some new faces each week – there seems to be no end to those who are homeless. Our youngest attendee is under a year old and comes with his Mom and Dad. This is a long story that has had a very beneficial turnaround. God seems to be at work even when we think He might not be

in the neighborhood!

It is an absolute blessing to have a facility like KFUMC in which to prepare and serve a meal to our guests and to have a group of volunteers from our church who extend Christ's love to them each week.

Keep us all in your prayers!

When God said, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8, ESV). Lord, help me be just as eager to take part in your work. Amen.



All-Church Rollerskating June 2

5:30—7:30 PM

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.

Location: Rollarena Skating Center
849 Stevens Drive in Richland

Date: June 2, 2024

Time: 5:30-7:30 PM

Call the church office at (509) 582-2163
with any questions.

*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.



Camp Out with your KFUMC Family August 16—18

There are just a few camp sites still open
for the All-Church Campout at the
Boardman Park Marina, Friday—Sunday,
August 16-18.

To grab a site, contact the church. Cost is
\$125 for the weekend.

Cynthia can answer any questions you may
have.



Fall Pumpkins

Are you able to plant
some pumpkins this
spring for the children
and youth of our church?

We will be needing pumpkins for our
Family Fall Festival in October, and we are
hoping you can grow them for us! Big
pumpkins, white pumpkins, ornamental
pumpkins, even ones with warts—we love
them all! Our goal is to have enough
pumpkins for our children and youth
families to decorate this fall, and any help
towards this goal would be greatly
appreciated.

Do you have a young person,
1st grade through those just
graduated from high school,
who wants to go to camp this
year? Does that young person
attend KFUMC activities available to their
age group regularly? If so, they are eligible
for a \$300 campership to one of the four
PNW UMC camps in our conference.



Let us know when you register your student
to Twinlow, Lazy F, Indianola, or Ocean
Park, and we will send the campership to
the camp. Please contact Claressa with any
questions about eligibility.

We had great camp attendance last year,
and would love to see even more youth
enjoy the camp experience this year!



UWF's Invitational Luncheon To Spread

Joy Saturday, May 18

May 18 will be a beautiful day of tribute, of friendship, and a day to encourage caring.

That Saturday at 11:30 AM, our UWF will hold a ceremonial salad luncheon for sister UWF units in Seven Rivers District and for our friends at First Presbyterian Church.

Of course, ALL Kennewick First women are invited. We also encourage them to bring a salad to share for this special occasion in Ida Payne Hall. The theme is easy to remember: Let Your Light Shine.

Please let our president Kathy Wertman know if you can come to this joyous event. She also suggests that those bringing salads come a few minutes early for the set up. The array of dishes is always a tantalizing joy.

This traditional UWF annual May event was canceled during Covid. That makes this year's luncheon extra special, as friendships will be renewed and new ones formed. Deb Reeve will offer the devotional, door prizes will be presented, and dessert will be fantastic cakes by Gracee Glesener.

Much anticipated is a video presentation of our beloved Jacque Sonderman portraying Susanna Wesley. And there will be a surprise or two. *Hint:* Sherry Arnold will be bringing her sweet smile and guitar.

Our UWF literature guide, Pat Walker, will greet guests, give out name tags, and offer a prayer of thanks.

Lovely tables will be set up by Joy Fellowship at 1 PM on Friday to prepare for the event. Other UWF members are encouraged to help if they can.

Joy members will be making table favors for the salad luncheon when they meet on Thursday, May 9, at 7 PM at Print Plus,

Barb Helton's business on Kennewick Avenue.

UWF members will also hold Holly Daze workshops in May. These creative, friendly sessions will continue throughout the summer. Enthusiastic crafters meet the first Saturday of each month and may plan a second monthly workshop in the future.

Susan Sandmeier reports, "We are continuing to paint turkey feathers and heads for pumpkin turkeys, to sand and varnish wooden nativity scenes, and hand sew felt garlands. New ideas are welcome any time."

Founded in 1869, United Women in Faith is the only official organization for Methodist women. Nearly half a million members foster spiritual growth, develop leaders, advocate for justice, and raise \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children, and youth in this country and around the world. The sisters in service believe that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Single Senior Support Group



Thursday, May 2, at 10 AM
Roxy Theatre
at Rockabilly Roasting
(outside, weather permitting)
101 W. Kennewick Avenue



Happy Mothers Day May 12



Anakin Elvik	1-May
Linda Tucker	2-May
Lynnaie Wright	2-May
Debra Williamson	2-May
Brandon Elvik	5-May
Patrick Bannworth	5-May
Mikayla Mason	5-May
Joshua Troxel	5-May
Joan Osborne	7-May
Darlene Nelson	7-May
Shelby Faught	7-May
Rylee Mason	9-May
Larry Berg	11-May
Austin Basche	14-May
Holly Bergum	15-May
Cory Hare	17-May
Kathy Meline	19-May
Molly Buchholz	23-May
John Hunt	29-May
Heather Ramirez	29-May



Eddie Kenoyer	1-Jun
Alex Amegashie	2-Jun
Rachel Loomis	2-Jun
Elliott Kaiser	3-Jun
Eleena Becker	5-Jun



I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous! Of this I have no doubt.
Psalm 139:14

PRAYER list

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

are grieving the passing of loved ones . . .

Aggie Mowry, Lloyd Leathers, Dorothy Lyle, Larry and Karen Barcot, Eddie Kenoyer, Tim Anderson, Jaime Hildman, Ron Baker, Rita McElroy, Joan Osborne, Jennifer Bateman, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Miranda.

Reverend Ruth Dasinger Mathis passed into life eternal on April 22. Ruth was a teacher at Westgate elementary school and the Sunday school superintendent at our church when she received the call on her heart to go into ministry. Our church helped her go to Seminary and upon her ordination, she served many churches in the PNW conference, also serving as a District Superintendent. Ruth is survived by her three daughters, Linda, Grace, and Amy. Cards may be sent to: Amy Dasinger Heath, 4802 NE Leverich CT, Vancouver, Washington 98663.



Walker Teddy Bannworth

was born April 12 at 3:30 PM to Patrick and Katie Bannworth. At birth, Walker was 21.5 inches long and weighed 9 pounds. He joins sister Charlotte. Steve and Stephanie Bannworth are proud grandparents!



Emilia Ann Verala also made her debut on April 12! She arrived at 4:18 PM. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. Emilia joins parents Brooke (Wilhelm) and Danny and her big sister, Ivy. Her proud grandparents are Renee and Jerry Wilhelm, and proud great-grandma is Shirley Miller.



Many Hands, Many Thanks!

An impressive group of volunteers led the charge against dirt, grease, grime, trash, and leaves at our

Annual All Church Cleanup March 23. Just in time for Holy Week, the crew polished the wainscoting, pews, doors, chapel, and entryway furniture. They vacuumed the pew cushions, carpets, and other neglected areas. Windows were washed, appliances shined up, and refrigerators cleaned out. Cupboards and cabinets were purged of old goods as were Sunday School rooms and the library. Darryl Lamberd reported at least eight participants worked on the exterior and landscaping, hauling away 10-12 carts of leaves and debris. It was a very successful day and the church looked lovely for Easter Service.

We gratefully acknowledge our 2024 “Clean Team”: Donna and Gus Kittson, Jim and Merrienne Door, Gene and Kathy Wertman, Jim and Linda Deatherage, Barb Helton, George Block, Audrey Manley, Mona and Dave Miller, Deanna Dreier, Bonnie Randall, Harold and Cheri Baker, Phyllis Merrill, Sawyer Glesener, Erin Hightower, Shirley Miller, Michelle and Davey Hare, Nita Kamphuis, Bob Arnold, Darryl Lamberd, Darryl Vaughn, Claressa Elvik, Matt Kaiser, Alex and Gladys Amegashie, Cynthia Bement, Starlite Bucholz, Sierra Hogg, and Renee Glesener. A special thanks to Marlene and the Jelsing family for taking care of the pianos and organ back in February. We also thank the Facilities Team for orchestrating the event and being on hand to help direct the cleanup. They are: Chair Dave Miller, Harold Baker, Darrell Lamberd, Gene Wertman, Ron Shuck, Deb Reeve, with Bob Arnold providing the cleaning supplies and Darryl Vaughn preparing the refreshments and donuts. Great job team!



Mother — and more

Though I’ve primarily known God as Father — along with metaphors such as rock, eagle, shepherd, potter — I also learned of Scripture passages portraying God as mother. For example (all NIV):

“For a long time I have kept silent. . . . But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant” (Isaiah 42:14).

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13).

“Like a bear robbed of her cubs, I will attack them” (Hosea 13:8).

In others, God is pictured doing traditional “women’s work”: making clothes (Genesis 3:21), sweeping (Isaiah 14:23), preparing and hosting a meal (Proverbs 9:1-6), baking bread (Luke 13:21).

One of my favorite images of God is tucked in Hosea. While many modern dads nurture their toddlers this way, the tender words surely call to mind a mama’s care: “It was I who taught [Israel] to walk. . . . To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them” (Hosea 11:3-4). Most importantly, God — however known — is loving and good.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Nursery Provided
Children and Youth Sunday School at 9 AM
Chapel Worship at 9 AM
Sanctuary Worship at 10 AM

Church Office Hours


Monday—Thursday
8 AM to Noon and 1 to 4 PM
Friday—8 AM to Noon

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May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p style="text-align: center;">Things to Look Ahead to in June & July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2nd: All Church Rollerskating—End of the year event for the whole family! 5:30-7:30 • June 9th: Mission Trip Training • June 15th-23rd: Mission Trip • July 17th-21st: Middler Trip 		1	2	3	4
<p>5 <i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p>9 Square in the Air Dress for the Weather Wear Tennis Shoes <i>Praise Band 3-4pm</i></p>			8	9	10	11
<p>12 <i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p>Mother's Day Celebrate your Mother—Bring her to church for a carnation No Youth Group</p> 	13	14	15	16	17	18 Youth Sunday Rehearsal 4-5:30pm
<p>19 <i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p>Youth Sunday—Sunday School at 9am, 9:45am arrival in Sanctuary for service Service at 10am BBQ Farewell for Pastor Mark following 10am Service Softball Game 12:30pm-2pm (After BBQ)</p> <p>Praise Band Arrive at 9am for Practice</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>26 <i>No Sunday School until September</i></p> <p>Mini Golf—Bring a water bottle! Drop off at the old Golf Universe Course off of Clearwater—\$5 per youth Please note it will be from 2-4pm</p>	27	28	29	30	31	