

# THE CLARION

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



Kennewick  
First United  
Methodist  
Church

*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



2024



Joseph Buchholz  
James Dreier  
Dayna Enderlin  
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## Congratulations!

*I pray that God would fill your heart with  
dreams*

*And that faith gives you the courage to dare  
to do great things.*

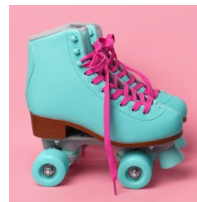
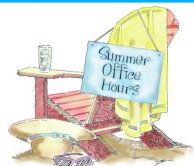
*Tony Wood  
Find Your Wings*

We thank our seniors and our other youth  
who did a fantastic job of leading worship  
on Youth Sunday!



Summer hours for the  
church office begin on  
Monday, June 3.

8 AM—Noon



## **REMINDER: 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

Cost: **FREE**

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.

## **BRIEF Lay Shepherd Meeting**



June 9 at 11 AM  
(following the 10 AM worship service)

Please grab a cup of coffee and head to the  
Susanna Wesley room.



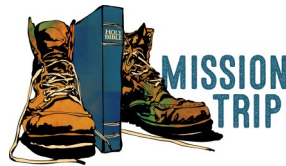
## Single Senior Support Group

Thursday, June 6  
10 AM

Rockabilly Roasting Company Coffee Shop  
101 W. Kennewick Avenue

*We will not be meeting in July or August*

The Senior Youth Mission Trip is just a few weeks away! We have a group of nine youth going: Tim Almarode, Daisy



Buchholz, Joe Buchholz, Max Buchholz, Ethan Collins, James Dreier, Alex McColley, Sam McColley, and Jackson Koval. Six leaders, Claressa Elvik, Cynthia Bement, Izaiah Canada, Jim Door, Dave Miller, and Jeff Varzandeh, will be leading the group. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare to have hearts and hands of service at Storm Mountain Center in South Dakota, June 15-23.



## Children's Sunday School Attendance

As Sunday School has come to an end for this program year, we are giving a special shout out to three pretty awesome young ladies. These three ladies have had stellar Sunday School attendance this year: Emilia Ramirez, Gigi Amegashie, and Molly Buchholz. Also, a huge thank you goes out to their families who made getting their children to Sunday School a top priority every Sunday.

## 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.

## 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.





By Cynthia Bement

## No such thing as retiring from Ministry

As Randy and I celebrate each birthday, we find ourselves appreciating mobility, small aches in the joints, and the ability to work! While retirement “from a day job” may be around the bend (or still several years out), we know that working for the Lord is a service we never retire from. Through the years, I have witnessed many of our retired folks working on the church building every day of the week but Sunday. I remember Bob Scott telling me not to let his wife know that he had just jumped off the retaining wall and hit the ground...he was ok, but at 80, he was sure to be reprimanded. The same would have been true for George Block, too, if Dorothy knew what he and Richard Ingersoll were doing!!

Our beautiful church building has been held together over the years through the hard work of our people, the work that most who attend on Sunday never see. The Lord knows who those people are, though, and we are grateful to them. The chair of the Facilities team is the person I see on the grounds almost daily...the sacrifice of the person who takes on that challenge is immense. This week, Chairperson Dave Miller has been at the church every day working in one of the rooms, and today Ron Shuck joined him. The work is time consuming, complicated, and messy, but necessary. Without complaining, Dave goes about the work that needs to be done, and in doing so saves us thousands of dollars. Last year, it was Bob Arnold. Though they have never told me this, I am pretty sure they operate on prayer, coffee, and Bengay®!

While the job of the Facilities team is to keep the building in good working order, ours is to fill it! As each of us is called to serve the Lord, the first order of our service is to worship. It seems simple, but showing up takes discipline, habit, and mobility. There are times when we are out of town, ill, or serving elsewhere, but if able, please come for the worship hour on Sunday and fill our beautiful building, the building that a team of people spent 40 hours working on during the week for us! I once read that a Christian never retires from Christ’s service, but only changes the address of his or her workplace. Our service is a life-long privilege and calling where we serve Him until He calls us home to glory. Please be praying about where you would like to serve and then let us know, but let’s begin with worship!

***However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race (ministry) and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:24***



## Fun Picnic Planned

Joy Fellowship will welcome summer with a potluck picnic Thursday, June 13, at 5:30 PM at the home of Dorothy and George Block.

Debie Britton, Joy chair, wants all members to know their husbands are invited, too!

If you are not yet signed up to attend, please call Barb Helton, who has suggestions for what dish to bring.

Joy Fellowship will not meet in July and August.

Many thanks to Bob Arnold, Darryl Lamberd, Darryl Vaughn, Ron Shuck, and Dave Miller for attending our

Parsonage Planning / Work Party Saturday, April 27. Much progress was made to the outside yard and landscape. We still have a list of items to take care of before our new pastor arrives so keep watching for future opportunities to share your time and talent. If you would like to help, please contact any of these folks or the rest of our Facilities Team.



# SAVE THE DATE

**WELCOME CELEBRATION  
FOR PASTOR SHIRLEY**

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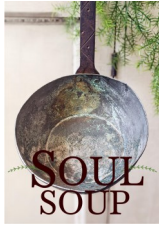
**SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024**

Immediately after worship service  
Ida Payne Hall

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Details to come!





**SOUL SOUP UPDATE**—We continue to serve 65 to 80 meals each week. There are at least one or two new guests each week, and there are a couple of families with children who are coming regularly. The families are no surprise as food costs continue to remain high, and some forms of support for the poor are being pulled back. Some of our guests have attended Sunday service the past few weeks, and follow up conversations with them suggest that they felt welcomed (and were surprised by that) and enjoyed the worship experience. It is a blessing that we have a congregation willing to accept God's children as they come.

Carol Allenbaugh continues to serve a Sunday meal and we help by doing the food prep the 3rd Sunday of each month. She serves about 120 meals often at multiple locations. In addition, she coordinates a shower trailer at least one Saturday a month.

It is rumored, but not yet confirmed, that one of our guests, Conrad, had a heart attack and died. No one has seen him in weeks but homelessness creates a real sense of anonymity that makes confirmation of these types of rumors difficult.

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.



## 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.



## *A Happy May Day Never To Forget*

Love for God and for our neighbors was shining bright Saturday, May 18, at UWF's special luncheon at Kennewick First.

Women from ten area churches attended the joyous event, titled "Let Your Light Shine," and they enjoyed the array of more than 30 marvelous salads created by our church members.

There were many smiles and moments of laughter, and also tears of remembrance, caring, and gratitude.

"He Is My Light," a beautiful song written by Sherry Arnold when she was a young teen, touched all. It was the first time Shery performed it, and all felt honored that she shared it.

Together, the women sang with Sherry "This Little Light Of Mine," and recited the UWF pledge to serve.

By video, Susanna Wesley shared in the activities. Well, almost. She was portrayed by the talented Jacque Sonderman. Jacque was a long-time member of Kennewick First and generously shared her many talents, including taking on the role of Susanna Wesley, the mother of Methodism as well as 19 children.

Deb Reeve shared an inspiring devotion and prayer. The program, which was planned by Phyllis Koschik, was led by our UWF president. Kathy Wertman.

As she has baked for other special UWF luncheons in past years, Gracee Glesener made the cakes that were delicious and quickly consumed.

Pat Walker graciously welcomed everyone on behalf of our UWF.

It's also true that there would have been no luncheon without Joy Fellowship, led by Debie Britton. The members set up the lovely tables and provided door prizes and book marks. Their gifts that brought many comments were small clear light bulbs filled with dedicate yellow flowers, which many eagerly took home when the special day was over.

Finally, the three gentlemen who helped in the kitchen and with the video must not be forgotten. Many thanks to Jerry Keel, Vic Reeve, and Chuck Smith for helping UWF.

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## **Holly Daze Crafters Plan To Meet During Summer**

Holly Daze workshops will continue all summer from 9 AM to noon on the first Saturday of each month. A few extra sessions may also be arranged.

"We have many projects to finish before the October bazaar, such as our succulent pumpkins and food products," Susan Sandmeier said, encouraging newcomers to give the workshops a try.

"Come enjoy the camaraderie as we work together for UWF's big annual fundraiser," she added.

UWF supports dozens of worthy missions and church projects, including Fields of Grace, Grace Kitchen, Mirror Ministries, My Friend's Place, missionaries, two orphans in Africa, youth camperships, and the Union Gospel Mission.



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*June 16, 2024*

<b>KFUMC Financial Status</b>			
	April Year to date	April YTD** Budget	2024 Adj Budget*
General Fund Income	\$ 138,390	\$ 158,040	\$ 400,000
Building Maintenance Income	\$ 15,304	\$ 16,199	\$ 41,000
Investment/Misc Income	\$ 4,274	\$ 7,902	\$ 20,000
<b>Total Giving Income</b>	<b>\$ 157,968</b>	<b>\$ 182,141</b>	<b>\$ 461,000</b>
General Fund Program Expenses	\$ 142,522	\$ 179,001	\$ 453,052
Building Maintenance Expenses	\$ 47,219	\$ 44,623	\$ 112,940
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 189,741</b>	<b>\$ 223,624</b>	<b>\$ 565,992</b>
<b>Net Income/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (31,773)</b>	<b>\$ (41,483)</b>	<b>\$ (104,992)</b>

\* Budget Adjustments recommended by Budget Subcommittee

\*\* Based on 2019-2023 Averages YTD

**Observations:**

Congregation giving is generally running under expectations.  
 Staff and Leaders are trying to cut back on budgeted expenses.  
 The coming summer months are historically unfavorable financially.  
 We appreciate KFUMC members continuing financial support during the summer.



**Don't be root-bound**

As a new gardener, Jan Rigggenbach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.

“If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots,” Rigggenbach wrote in her gardening column. “If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don’t worry if I break some of the roots. That’s better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden.”

In the same way, it’s easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can’t reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!

# Summer camp

Summer camp is coming up quickly! Schedules for Twinlow, Ocean Park, and Lazy F are included here. Cynthia will be at Twinlow the week of July 7, and if your camper would benefit from seeing a familiar face, you may want to consider a session scheduled during that week. Please let us know if you sign up for camp so we can pay camperships for those who qualify. Camperships are \$300 this year.



**Summer Camps**

Primary Camps: Campers entering First—Third Grade

June 30 <sup>th</sup> —July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	July 7 <sup>th</sup> —July 10 <sup>th</sup>
August 11 <sup>th</sup> —August 14 <sup>th</sup>	August 25 <sup>th</sup> —August 28 <sup>th</sup>

Elementary Camps: Campers entering Third—Sixth Grade

June 30 <sup>th</sup> —July 4 <sup>th</sup> (Adventures)	July 7 <sup>th</sup> —July 11 <sup>th</sup> (Lake Camp)
August 4 <sup>th</sup> —August 8 <sup>th</sup> (Arts & Science)	
August 11 <sup>th</sup> —August 15 <sup>th</sup> (Lake Camp)	August 25 <sup>th</sup> —August 29 <sup>th</sup>

Middle School Camps: Campers entering Seventh—Ninth Grade

June 30 <sup>th</sup> —July 4 <sup>th</sup> (Jr High: Eighth—Tenth Water Sports)	
July 28 <sup>th</sup> —August 1 <sup>st</sup> (Water Sports)	August 4 <sup>th</sup> —August 8 <sup>th</sup> (Fine Arts)
August 11 <sup>th</sup> —August 15 <sup>th</sup> (Water Sports)	

High School Camps: Campers entering Ninth—Thirteenth Grade

July 7 <sup>th</sup> —July 11 <sup>th</sup>	
July 14 <sup>th</sup> —July 18 <sup>th</sup> (Quest Camp)	
August 4 <sup>th</sup> —August 8 <sup>th</sup> (Water Sports)	





**LAZY F**  
CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

### Summer Camps

**June 30<sup>th</sup>—July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Discover: Campers entering First—Third Grade

**July 7<sup>th</sup>—July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Explore: Campers entering Third—Fifth Grade

Challenge: Campers entering Sixth—Ninth Grade

**July 21<sup>st</sup>—July 26<sup>th</sup>**

Summer String Academy (This is a secular camp)

**July 28<sup>th</sup>—August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Challenge: Campers entering Sixth—Ninth Grade

Navigate: Campers entering Ninth—Eleventh Grade

Lead: Campers Entering Eleventh—Thirteenth Grade

**August 4<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup>**

Explore Wranglers: Campers entering Fourth—Seventh Grade

**August 11<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>**

Explore: Campers entering Third—Fifth Grade

Challenge: Campers entering Sixth—Ninth Grade



**OCEAN PARK**  
CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

### Summer Camps

**July 14<sup>th</sup>—July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Navigators: Campers entering Seventh—Ninth Grade

Mariners: Campers Entering Tenth—Thirteenth Grade

**July 21<sup>st</sup>—July 26<sup>th</sup>**

Skippers: Campers entering First & Second Grade

Explorers: Campers entering Third & Fourth Grade

Voyagers: Campers Entering Fifth & Sixth Grade

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>—25<sup>th</sup>**

Kite Family Camp: Family Units

**Various Dates Available**

Family Camp



Eddie Kenoyer	1-Jun
Alex Amegashie	2-Jun
Rachel Loomis	2-Jun
Elliott Kaiser	3-Jun
Eleena Becker	5-Jun
Walker Taggares	6-Jun
Kevin Howard	7-Jun
William Osborn	7-Jun
James Dreier	8-Jun
Elias Haberling	10-Jun
Hailey Dreier	11-Jun
Bonnie Taylor	12-Jun
Marc Harden	12-Jun
Gloria Harden	13-Jun
Brittany Becker	13-Jun
Lexi Leathers	13-Jun
Marlee Middleton	16-Jun
Joe Sproul	16-Jun
Jocelyn O'Donnell	16-Jun
Hailey Sullivan	16-Jun
Alex Jr Amegashie	19-Jun
Jill Door	20-Jun
Vickie Bergum	22-Jun
Larry Schmel	23-Jun
Don Hildman	24-Jun
Ron Shuck	24-Jun
Becky West	25-Jun
Brenda Gregory	26-Jun
Thomas Cox	26-Jun
Gloria Weible	27-Jun
Jim Deatherage	28-Jun
Cadence (Emily) Koval	29-Jun



Max Buchholz	2-Jul
Mary Gaden	4-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul
Nancy Osborn	5-Jul

# 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.



Mikayla and Nick Haberling welcomed baby **Madilyn Lou** on May 9 - Noelia and Ty Haberling are proud grandparents!

Thank you to all who made the UWF Salad Luncheon so special! It was wonderful to see old friends and to greet new ones. We enjoyed so many *goood* salads, and Gracee's cakes were beautiful and delicious. We appreciate the hard work of so many - those who made table favors and salads, as well as our technician and dishwashers. It was a great afternoon!



*Kathy Wertman  
President, UWF*



*When I don't know how to pray or what to pray for, Holy Spirit, help me in my weakness; intercede with your deep, wordless sighs (see Romans 8:26).*



*Greetings to all our  
brothers and sisters in  
Christ at KFUMC,*

Your Facilities and  
Leadership Council

Ministry Teams want to give you an update on where we are in the process of the sewer repair and rerouting project.

While it appears that nothing is happening, a lot has been going on behind the scenes. Dave Miller and your Facilities Ministry Team have been meeting regularly with the architect. There have been multiple changes to the original plans, as variations in our aging building have surfaced. We have had hazardous materials testing done for asbestos and lead paint, and those resulting concerns are being addressed. The downstairs bathroom will probably be decommissioned next week for further testing. All this testing is required by the city before any permits can be issued. We have split the project into three phases to lighten the financial burden at each phase. Phase I will be repairing and rerouting the damaged sewer line, which includes closing off the downstairs women's bathroom under the former front entrance; Phase II will most likely be the Plaza beautification; and Phase III would then be installing new bathrooms and showers in the downstairs Classroom 3.

Revised drawings and plans should be done and submitted to the city within a couple of weeks, and hopefully they will be approved quickly so that we can get permits issued. Once permits are in hand, we can submit to contractors for bids. It may be a while before we see any actual construction being done, but we are definitely moving forward.

We will update you all periodically as we make our way through the various stages of this project. Thank you all for your support, patience, and prayers.

*Blessings,*

*Cory Manley, Leadership Council Ministry  
Team Chair*

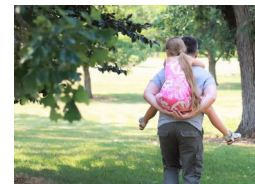
*Dave Miller, Facilities Ministry Team  
Chair*

## ***Need fast relief? Slow down!***

Actor Lily Tomlin reportedly said, “For fast-acting relief, try slowing down.” Summer doesn’t seem to be the “slow season” it once was — if indeed it ever truly was. But perhaps we can use it as incentive to take some “downtime” around the plethora of activities, travel and always-busy work schedules. Pause and accept Jesus’ invitation: “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (Mark 6:31, NIV).

It may be a refreshing spot at a lake, a hike in the woods, an early-morning fishing trip. Maybe, around your work schedule, you can reserve time for a few days of church camp, a picnic at the city park, a nap on a blanket in the backyard sun. Help the kids in your life discover what it’s like to not be on the go and to take a screen-time sabbath — even to experience boredom and see what creativity blossoms. Do art projects together, ride bikes, paint with water or chalk on the sidewalk, pick berries, bake cookies, solve puzzles, sing songs!

Try slowing down, as Lily Tomlin — and even Jesus — advised. In summer, and any time, it’s good for the soul!



### **Kennewick 1st United Methodist Church**

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#### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

Nursery Provided  
Sanctuary Worship at 10 AM

#### **Church Office Hours—Summer**

Monday—Friday  
8 AM to Noon

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