

# THE CLARION

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



WELCOME  
PASTOR  
SHIRLEY



July

2024

*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Shirley DeLarme to Kennewick First on July 1! Her first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 7, and the following Sunday, July 14, we'll celebrate her arrival with - you guessed it—food! (We *are* Methodists, after all!) We'll gather together following the Sunday worship service for a potluck lunch.

The Leadership Council will provide deli fried chicken, tableware, coffee, tea, water, and lemonade. Please help us round out the meal by bringing the following according to the first letter of your last name:

- A—F Side dish
- G—M Salad
- N—Z Dessert

We hope everyone who is able will be on hand to welcome Pastor Shirley.

If you have any questions, please call the church office.



**No Senior Coffee in  
July and August! We'll  
get together again in  
September.**

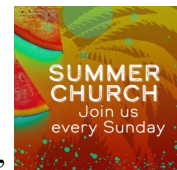


**If It's July, It  
Must Be  
Middler!**

Middler Trip is upon us! Our middle school youth will be on their summer trip in the Seattle area, July 17—21. This annual trek helps to prepare our middle schoolers for future Senior High mission trips. We'll focus on Bible study, fellowship, and fun! Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as we venture out together.

## Worship in wonder

Worship is a faith-building, faith-sustaining act. It's also a form of service to God. Remember to worship regularly during the summer, even when you're out of town.



“Worship is like corrective lenses for our souls, bringing God clearer into view. That's important for all of us, especially when life goes off the rails.”

—Louie Giglio

“Worship is transcendent wonder. Wonder for which there is now no limit or measure.”

—Thomas Carlyle



## ***Reverend Shirley DeLarme***

**Pastor**

New to Kennewick First UMC, Pastor Shirley is ready to delight in and discover the new things and ways God has for her in the Tri-Cities area. She aims to live into who God has created her to be in Christ while in a new time and place. Certain that Kennewick has much to offer, Pastor Shirley is ready to explore places, events, and relationships with the wonderful people she knows God has placed here for both sacred communion and service.

With a heart for God and for people young and not-so-young, we can expect Pastor Shirley to urge us to live our faith in the quiet moments, the big celebrations, the familiar spaces, and public places. She will encourage us to invite someone to church, to speak our faith as we go to work or do our errands, and to be always looking for the next thing we could be doing to be more like Jesus today than we were yesterday.

Whatever we do, Pastor Shirley will be clear that standing still or doing what we have always done may not be the best course for our church, or our faithfulness to God's calling on our lives. While resting in the peace and comfort of our Savior is terrific and a significant blessing, so is following God's lead in making all things new. Together we will ask questions of ourselves and our ministries, see what old ways need to be celebrated and intensified, what new ways are needed, and then follow Jesus into the future.

Shirley was born and raised in Western New York State, graduated from Syracuse University, and later graduated from Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She specialized in Youth Ministry for 17 years and has always promoted Christian education and spiritual formation for all ages. While learning and growing in the faith often uses books and scriptures, Pastor Shirley encourages storytelling, playing, crafting, cooking, fellowshiping, going places, and more to facilitate personal growth while experiencing the joy of God's magnificent world.

Shirley and late husband Lane were married 34 years. Lane was a significant partner in her ministry. Their grandchildren (3 and counting!) often provide illustrations for sermons, as does the story of their youngest son, Ethan, who lives eternally in God's heaven. Their older sons Brant and Asher, and their respective wives Kayla and Ashley, actively witness to their faith and values in the choices they make and the way they live their lives. The family is ready for the adventure of crossing the mountains to visit Oma and explore new territory and support their Mom / Oma with much love. We can expect to see them in church from time to time.

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you  
and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness  
you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1



By Cynthia Bement

## Sacred Playgrounds

Summer is a wonderful time to pack up and explore. Whether you head to the lake, the mountains, the ocean, or to camp, God's beauty is everywhere! When I was a child, my family gravitated back to Lake Wenatchee each summer, and although it was the same setting, the experience was always different. After tent camping one weekend at O'Sullivan Dam in the desert, with hundreds of sneaky, slithery snakes, I learned that I never wanted to duplicate that experience again, so it was back to the mountains for us (and yes, I know snakes live there, too).

One of my favorite parts of summer is camp! Bob Kelly and I will make our way to Twinlow Camp again this year with 5 excited primary campers. Even though I have been to camp over 35 times, all as an adult, I still look forward to God expressing creation to me in each new face, experience, and conversation. Like life, camp and vacations are not perfect, but it is in sifting through each experience that we define our faith. Bob and I will help children put on and take off their life jackets hundreds of times over a few days...so they can experience the lake. We will sit for hours in the craft cabin helping children tie knots in their beaded friendship bracelets. We will make the fire and sing with children around the campfire...and possibly help sticky fingers when it is S'more night! We will hike the morning watch trail with children whose lungs do not scream for oxygen like ours do, and watch them quiet themselves to inhale God's word. We will sit in a loud dining room filled with nearly 100 campers eating kid-friendly food on plastic plates, and watch picky eaters devour food because they have worked up an appetite! We will sit on the deck overlooking the lake, drinking a cup of coffee and reading scripture. We will spend quiet moments encouraging the tired staff. We will witness God's joy as children play games, make friends, and try new activities. In all my years of camp, each one has been my favorite for a different reason.

I pray that each of you experiences God this summer, whether on vacation, at camp, camping, at a park, or outside on your deck or patio. May the Lord bless you at whatever sacred playground you visit...near or far, past or present, or even for just a moment as a memory.

*By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So, nobody has a good excuse for not knowing God. Romans 1:20*





## UWF Plans Special Project July 9 For New Pastor

UWF hopes to welcome the Rev. Shirley DeLarme to Kennewick First with a full kitchen pantry.

All church members are invited to take part in filling the shelves at the parsonage with food packages. Bring your selections to the Susanna Wesley Room between 10 and noon on Tuesday, July 9.

UWF members will collect and deliver the items to the parsonage. President Kathy Wertman and Treasurer Kathy Harris will gladly answer any questions you have.

This will also be a time to catch up with summer activities of UWF friends!

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## Holly Daze Crafters Change Meeting Date



The next workshop for Holly Daze will be moved to the second Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at church. Co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier invite all to come help with craft projects or to bring their own. You will also be offered ideas for projects to be completed at home.

In August the workshop will be back on the regular monthly schedule of the first Saturday.

The October bazaar will offer a variety of home crafts, garden products, baked goods,

ceramics and holiday decorations, such as succulent pumpkins.

With proceeds from Holly Daze, 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 Union Gospel Mission.

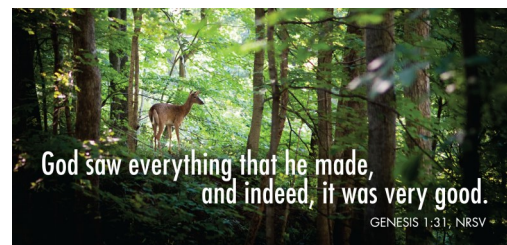
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## *Praise for God's Handiwork*

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of  
your hands!  
The heavens declare your glory,  
the arch of sky displays your handiwork.  
In your love you have given us the power  
to behold the beauty of your world  
robed in all its splendor.  
The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills,  
the rivers and lakes all disclose your  
presence.

The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your  
awesome might;  
the beasts of the field and the birds of the  
air bespeak your wondrous will.  
In your goodness you have made us able to  
hear the music of the world. The voices  
of loved ones reveal to us that you are in  
our midst.  
A divine voice sings through all creation.

—*from Earth Prayers*





Do you have an Air Hockey table lying around, just taking up space? Would you like it to find new life again and bring fun and excitement to the children and youth of our church? The Sunday School Department

is looking for a working, medium-size table to add to one of its rooms. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Starlite or Claessa through the church office at 509-582-2163. You can also email [starlite@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:starlite@kennewickfirst.com).

Thank you for your consideration!

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## *Rushin' to the Lord Wrap*



Our Senior High group of nine youth, along with six leaders, had a fulfilling mission trip to South Dakota where we served at Storm Mountain Center, a UMC camp. We tore down wood slat walls in one of the older buildings and repurposed the boards into bridge boards to widen the existing bridges in the camp. We also redid one of the storage buildings, refinished two small pieces of furniture, and finished a landscaping project around the hot tub. Everyone worked hard, and we were blessed with an amazing camp chef who fed us well. We played hard after work and on Friday. The travel days were long, but uneventful. We praise God for the lessons learned on the trip!

A special thank you goes out to the leaders: Claessa Elvik, Dave Miller, Jeff Varzandeh, Izaiah Canada, Jim Door, and Cynthia Bement...and the teens Daisy, Alexandra, Samantha, James, Joe, Max, Jackson, Ethan and Tim!



Why do stars appear to twinkle? Try this experiment to find out!

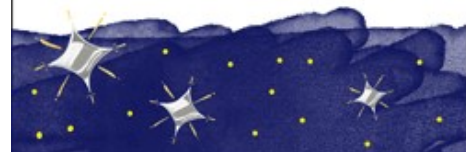
### **What you need:**

- Aluminum foil
- Large glass bowl
- Water
- Flashlight



### **What you do:**

1. Crumple the foil into a ball. Carefully unfold it and lay it flat on the ground.
2. Fill the bowl with water and place it on the foil.
3. Turn off the lights and make the room as dark as possible. Shine the flashlight about 1 foot from the water's undisturbed surface. Light will reflect onto the foil.
4. Then tap your finger on the water's surface. As the water moves, what happens to the light on the foil?
5. This flickering simulates scintillation, which happens when starlight enters Earth's atmosphere. As light passes through layers of gas and water, it refracts and appears to twinkle.





Max Buchholz	2-Jul
Mary Gaden	4-Jul
Phyllis Merrill	4-Jul
Nancy Osborn	5-Jul
Kelly Dean	8-Jul
Lori Butler	9-Jul
Harold Baker	10-Jul
Tim Mowry	12-Jul
Alexa Eisenbarth	13-Jul
Othnelia Amegashie	14-Jul
Lily Bruce	14-Jul
Kaylon Marquardt	16-Jul
Jim Foster	18-Jul
Cynthia Bement	20-Jul
Karen Barcot	21-Jul
Jeanette Mitchell	22-Jul
Mary LaMont	25-Jul
Dianne Marquardt	28-Jul
Jeff Jansen	28-Jul
Steve Kennelly	29-Jul
Jerry Poole	29-Jul
Sanders (Sandy) Perkins	30-Jul
Margo Cox	31-Jul



Karen Green	1-Aug
Hailey Vander Malle	1-Aug
David Thien	1-Aug
Daniel Thien	2-Aug
Mark McMurray	3-Aug
Dorothy Block	4-Aug
Maggie Dean	4-Aug



*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, Jaime Hildman, Rita McElroy, Joan Osborne, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, and our District Superintendent, and Rev. Daniel Miranda.



On May 23, **Loretta Curley** passed away. She faithfully participated in our worship services, and her presence will be missed. She leaves behind her loving husband, Larry Kuch, for whom we offer prayers of comfort.

**Ron Baker** entered life eternal on May 31, with Annie, his dear wife of 55 years, by his side. Please be in prayer for Annie and for the rest of the family. A memorial service is planned for Friday, July 19, at 1 p.m. at Kennewick First.

**Tim Anderson** passed away on unexpectedly on June 23, gone to be with his Lord. Kim, his wife, was by his side. He will be sorely missed by this church that he loved. We offer prayers for Kim, for the children, Erin and Erik and their spouses and children, for Tim's mother, Ruth, and his sisters, Karlyn and Bev and their families.

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*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

*Psalm 73:26*

<b>KFUMC Budget Status</b>				
			<b>Adjusted</b>	<b>Adjusted**</b>
		<b>May YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD*</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Income:</b>				<b>2024</b>
	General Fund	\$ 159,515	\$ 157,240	\$ 400,000
	Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 18,183	\$ 16,117	\$ 41,000
	Investment Gain/Loss	\$ 20,382	\$ 8,493	\$ 20,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 198,080</b>	<b>\$ 181,850</b>	<b>\$ 461,000</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
	General Fund	\$ 174,537	\$ 178,095	\$ 453,052
	Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 55,638	\$ 44,397	\$ 112,940
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 230,175</b>	<b>\$ 222,491</b>	<b>\$ 565,992</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>\$ (32,095)</b>	<b>\$ (40,642)</b>	<b>\$ (104,992)</b>
General Fund: Staff Salaries, Conference Apportionments, Program Expenses, Missions				
Building Maintenance Fund: Building Repairs, Utilities, Security, Sewer Project, etc.				
* Based on prior years monthly percentages.				
**Recommended by Budget Subcommittee				

The above schedule demonstrates that KFUMC is in a deficit situation regarding the full-year budget and Year-to-Date Income/Expenses. The adjusted budget shows a deficit that would have to be financed out of reserves, and hopefully that will not be necessary. Staff and Team Leaders have been requested to keep expenditures to a minimum during this time. However, we are hoping that members will recognize the need to continue our programs and help avoid a deficit. Normally the summer months show lower incomes because many members are on vacation. Please remember that the church continues to have expenses and provides programs through the summer.



**LAWN CREW NEEDED** Join the lawn crew during this summer and early fall to take turns mowing the church lawn and helping with other yard work needs. The team is also responsible for the parsonage yard. All those interested should call Darryl Lamberd at (509) 619-4305.

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 Sunday or you may join the group of 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.

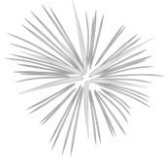


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**Sunday Morning Schedule**  
 Nursery Provided  
 Sanctuary Worship at 10 AM

**Church Office Hours—Summer**  
 Monday—Friday  
 8 AM to Noon

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# July UMY Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <b>Pastor Shirley's First Sunday— 10am Service</b>	8	9	10 <b>Water Games &amp; Ice Cream Come prepared to get wet, &amp; bring a towel. w/ Retro TV Devotional 6-8pm</b>	11	12	13
14 <b>Pastor Shirley's Welcome Celebration Potluck—11am Come meet our new pastor!</b>	15	16	17 <b>Middler Trip— Arrive to Church— 5pm Depart—5:30pm</b>	18 <b>Middler Trip</b>		
21 <b>Middler Trip Returns— Between 3:30pm &amp; 4pm  Praise Band: 3:30-5pm</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>Praise Band Leads—9am Warm-Up 10am Worship Mission Trip Wrap up  Pool Party following worship until 2pm.</b>	29 <b>Wear Modest Swimwear Bring a Cover up &amp; Towel Bring a snack to share with friends</b>			26 <b>EVERY GOOD — AND — PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE JAMES 1:17</b>		