

# THE CLARION

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



## All-Church Camp Out August 16—18

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

Contact the church office to grab a site today! Cost is \$125 for the weekend.

Cynthia can answer any questions you may have.

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## Sunday School – coming in September!!

The 2024-2025 Sunday school year will begin on Sunday, September 8, at 9:00 a.m.



We have classes for children/youth 2 years old through 12th grade. Meet us downstairs in Wesleyan Hall where we gather before classes start. We can't wait to see you all again!

The church will be having a community carnival that day at 11:30 a.m. following the worship service—this will be the *perfect* day to invite a friend to join you!

If you have questions, please contact the church office or email Starlite Buchholz at [Starlite@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:Starlite@kennewickfirst.com).



2024

*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*

## Come, Have Fun With UWF Crafters



Summer crafting fun will continue Saturday, August 3, at a Holly Daze workshop in the Susanna Wesley Room at church.

All—women and men—are invited to the 9 a.m. to noon session, including those who think they have no craft skills!

The UWF workshop is also a time of friendship and exchanging creative ideas. Count on it! As usual, there will be coffee and treats.

Holly Daze co-chairs Darryl Vaughn and Susan Sandmeier encourage you to come and learn about the wonderful missions the funds raised at the October bazaar will support. The annual event will offer a variety of home crafts, garden products, baked goods, ceramics, and holiday decorations, such as succulent pumpkins.

Mark your calendars! The next UWF board meeting is scheduled for September 3, and the fall unit meeting will be September 25.

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*Harvests are beginning to ripen, and gardens are producing richly. God of growth, may the seeds you plant in me through worship bear abundant fruit.*



One of the great things about visiting a new place is the great array of new things to discover. Moving is even better, because some of the best discoveries take time to notice and appreciate. I enjoy discovering this part of Washington.

I love the winds in Kennewick; my cats are not as impressed. I've always enjoyed the wind. In Western New York State, south of Niagara Falls and Buffalo, the autumn winds were perfect for Halloween as they blew swirling clouds of dried leaves in the air and sent them scuttling like squirrels down the sidewalks. Ocean beach winds so consistently blow inland that one wonders how the waves can ever pull back! Here, in the Tri-Cities, the winds are gusty, whipping tree branches, rolling tumbleweed, and stirring up dust devils.

There are scientific explanations for how winds are formed, what influences their speed and direction, etc. The more scientists study the winds, the more accurate their weather forecasts are. Still, we are often surprised by the winds, and we alternate between welcoming the refreshing breezes and fearing the damages of stronger gales.

Do you remember the night Nicodemus snuck out to talk with Jesus and they talked about being born again? Nicodemus thought he had questions before this conversation! Now he's as confused as ever. How can one be born again? If it is so desirable, so essential, how can we make it happen?

Jesus says we can't make it happen. The one who makes new birth happen is God's Spirit. Jesus compared God's Holy Spirit with the wind when he said: "the wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8). In other words, no human can control or manipulate the Holy Spirit.

We might not be able to direct God's Spirit, but we can put ourselves in the Spirit's path and see what happens, go where it wants to send us, hear what it wants to say to us, and attend to how it touches us.

So, next time you see tree branches whipping in the wind, or feel a breeze, let it remind you that God's Spirit is also out and about in the world, ready to shape, guide, or fill you with divine life. Lean into it, trusting God is in it with you.

*Pastor Shirley*

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## ADULT Coming in *Sunday School* September!

The (t)rusty duo of JimBob will be tackling a new book this fall, The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers: Spiritual Insights From the World's Most Beloved Neighbor. It was written by Amy Hollingsworth, a longtime friend who reveals how this extraordinary man (a Presbyterian minister by the way) touched her and her family through years of correspondence and visits. Discover what made this man so special and how elements of his spirituality might influence yours.

The start date is Sunday, September 15, and the class will begin sharply at 9 a.m. in the Susanna Wesley conference room. The book is available on Amazon for \$11.49 if you'd like to get a head start.

Join us for fun, fellowship, and serious study!

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*Everyone longs to be loved. And the greatest thing that we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving.*

—Fred Rogers



## 2024 PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Written by [Patrick Scriven](#) on June 20, 2024

The 151st session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference was held in a hybrid format on June 13-16, 2024, at Central Church in Richland, Washington, with its Clergy Session (May 29) and legislative Focus Sessions (June 7,8) preceding online. Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area presided.

[Click here to watch/download videos](#) from #PNWAC24 | [Click here for photos](#)

During the [opening worship](#), Bishop Bridgeforth read an apology to the victims of sexual misconduct in the church, recently approved at General Conference, which included a promise from the Church to educate leaders, provide healing resources, and develop a trauma-informed response. A lovely service of music, liturgy, and Holy Communion encapsulated this apology and the bishop's sermon that followed.

The bishop also delivered [an enlivening sermon](#) introducing the conference theme, "Being Well," based on John 4:4-17, to members. In his message, Bridgeforth spoke pastorally, "Beloveds, our theme is 'Being Well;' it is about us taking a pause, looking for those spaces and places where we can care for ourselves and those around us ... We want to check in on ourselves, and each other. We've been through a hard time."

Encouraging members to continue [their work on the M.I.L.E.](#), Bridgeforth humorously contrasted 'good' and 'bad' Methodists, noting that 'bad' Methodists were taking risks and not waiting for permission. He encouraged 'good' Methodists to look outside the window, look for a need, and then "open the door and step outside."

The bishop also challenged members to create spaces and opportunities for people to exhale, let go, name their needs, repent, and bring about repair. Considering the historic progress of the recently concluded General Conference, he said we must continue to work to change hearts and minds as "all we did was just change the words on a page... It's important. But that's not the work; that just opens the opportunity for the work to get done."

[Continue reading on the #PNWAC24 website.](#)





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
Sydney Howard	5-Aug
Jennifer Daven	6-Aug
Amanda Nelson	6-Aug
Kris Hand	9-Aug
Susan Mayfield	10-Aug
Michelle Collins	13-Aug
Ethan Nelson	14-Aug
Kevin Alley	16-Aug
Harley Smith	17-Aug
Julie Hooley	17-Aug
Jim Door	18-Aug
Debbie Raymond	18-Aug
Erna Sproul	21-Aug
Pat Walker	22-Aug
Jeffrey Flink	25-Aug
Tyler Boice	27-Aug
Evan Arnold	28-Aug
Stephen Bannworth	31-Aug



Rick Kerkow	2-Sep
Lindsay Varzandeh	3-Sep
Rebecca Hildman	4-Sep
Sherry Arnold	4-Sep
Geneva Nevius	5-Sep
Julie Large	5-Sep



*Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement and for those who are grieving the passing of loved ones . . .*

Mary Shoop, 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 Rev. Daniel Miranda, our District Superintendent.



**Jennifer Bateman** entered life eternal on July 11. Please lift those she leaves behind in prayer— her daughter Mikayla, granddaughter Delilah, her mother and stepfather Patsy and John Haeg, and brother Jared. Jennifer is also survived by the love of her life, Troy Pattee, and we lift him in prayer as well. A service was held on July 20 at Hillcrest.



A service to celebrate the life of Tim Anderson, who passed on June 23, is planned for August 23 at

1:00 pm at the church. Let's continue to pray for his mother Ruth, wife Kim, and children Erin and Erik and their spouses and for Tim's grandchildren, too.

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*Matthew 5:4: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*





## Homecoming Community Carnival

A Community Carnival will be hosted by the Children and Youth Departments on Homecoming Sunday, September 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We are providing a bounce house, water slide, yard games, and carnival food (hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy).

Mark the date, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome! This is a great way to invite people to join you for Sunday School and worship as well.

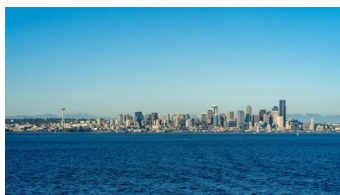
The designated handicapped parking spots will be blocked off, and temporary ones set up for the day in order to set up tables and the event. We will have some youth available to direct traffic and assist as needed.

## MIDDLER

Middler Trip was a time of fellowship and community building for our middle school students. They learned how to adapt and communicate. They had insightful answers to our Bible study.



We had a great time exploring different parts of the Seattle area, and learning there is more to Seattle than the city center. We also discovered that sunset is the perfect time to be at the top of the space needle, seeing all of God's glory. We were also hosted by Brandon Elvik's aunt and uncle and enjoyed some delicious BBQ and lots of exploring.



You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

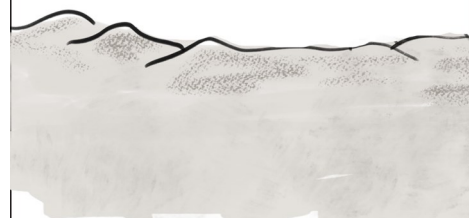
### What you need:

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



### What you do:

1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.



## ***SAVE the DATE***

On September 21, our sanctuary will be overflowing with beautiful quilts. There will be unique designs and marvelous colors to catch your eye. The workmanship will take your breath away! Some of our quilts date from the 1800s, while some are much newer.



Our local museum is sharing its collection with us as part of the Downtown Creative Art Festival.

If you love to sew (or even if you don't!), you will be amazed at what beautiful quilts flow from the hearts and hands of many.

We're looking forward to seeing you on September 21!

*Shirley Miller*



## **Primary Camp Revisited**

*By Cynthia Bement*

Bob Kelly and I made our annual trek to Twinlow Camp to serve Primary/Elementary Campers from July 7—10. I serve as spiritual leader and Bob is the camp Grandpa...one of us has a few more responsibilities than the other, but we both enjoy and live out our camp calling well. Each day starts with coffee (made by Bob) and our own individual devotional time before we greet the campers at breakfast. We eat all three meals with the campers in the dining hall...this year the chicken fettuccine was the standout meal! We hike up to morning watch after breakfast, spend the day in and out of the lake helping with sunscreen, water breaks, water fights, playing on the toys, buckling life jackets, visiting with children, unbuckling life jackets, reapplying sunscreen, and rebuckling life jackets. I lead the staff devotion after dinner, and Bob helps with the camp game...and then I lead the campfire with a Bible story/life application talk. Campfire is filled with silly and meaningful songs, scripture, and is very interactive. Typically, the day goes very well until after campfire...after campfire means bedtime, and bedtime is when we begin to miss our family. I spent many hours after campfire talking and praying

with children who were homesick this year...and it became an epidemic. Bob never admitted it, but I sensed that he may have been a bit homesick, too! The good news, is that only one child went home, and the others ended up having a fantastic time at camp!

Camp continues to be a place where faith is experienced in God's beautiful creation and where we can also learn about relationships and life issues. I give thanks to God for places like Twinlow camp, the staff, and for a sweet guy like Bob who is a wise, Godly Grandpa to everyone at camp, including his three great-granddaughters and my grandchildren who were campers, too!

Let us continue to pray for our children and teens who attend camp this year and for our four PNW camps.

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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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