

THE CLARION

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



Sunday school starts up again on Sunday, September 8 at 9 a.m. We can't wait to see you all again!

September
2024

*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

We have classes for children and youth 2 years old through grade 12. Meet us downstairs in Wesleyan Hall where we gather together before classes start.

The church will be having a **Community Carnival** at 11:30 a.m. that day following the worship service. We'll have bounce houses, hot dogs and chips, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, and yard games! This would be a 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.

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



*First Thursday of every month at 10 a.m.
Beginning **September 5**
Kennewick Flower Shop &
Tri City Coffee Company
604 W. Kennewick Ave, Kennewick WA*

Whether you are widowed, divorced, or have always been single, you're invited to get together with other Seniors from your church to share life's joys, concerns, and faith. The group will gather informally each month at the Kennewick Flower Shop...which houses the Tri City Coffee Company and where you can purchase a cup of coffee or the like. May this be a place where friends gather to lend encouragement, laugh, and share stories.

Pastor Shirley will join the group at 10 a.m. on September 5—come for a good visit!

This fall, the Adult Sunday School class will be diving into **The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers: Spiritual Insights From the World's Most Beloved Neighbor**. This book was written by Mr. Rogers' longtime friend, Amy Hollingsworth, who shares how this extraordinary man 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.

ADULT
Sunday School

This class begins on Sunday, September 15, promptly at 9 a.m. in the Susanna Wesley conference room. The book is available on Amazon for \$11 (a Kindle version is also available).

Join Jim Deatherage and Bob Kelly for some fun, fellowship, and serious study!

OFFICE HOURS Beginning Tuesday, September 3, the church office will be open Monday–Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Friday hours will be 8 a.m. to noon.

The office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.



You know the saying, “no news is good news”? Well, that is not always true.

Please forgive me for being the bearer of bad news: the KFUMC operating budget has been significantly underfunded for a few years. Not talking about it has not helped.

This shortage surprises me because I know the people here are loving and generous. In the few weeks I have been here I have seen your generosity at work supporting youth ministries, sending children to camp, feeding the hungry, welcoming me, and more! I have seen it! And don't forget the sewer project. Even before you know the full price tag, you are working to fund it, *and* the restoration of the building's exterior on Kennewick Ave. The good news is that we're likely to have the price estimates in the next 30–45 days. The bad news is that doesn't address the other problem—the operating budget (general fund).

The operating budget anticipates and is the cost center for expenses such as current utilities (electricity, phone, internet, etc.), payroll, ministries, insurance, etc.—essentially every cost we have to keep operating on a daily and weekly basis.

How are we addressing this? For the very short term we are:

- not immediately replacing the worship director. Volunteers, Worship Committee, and office staff are doing the work that was performed by Amberly. It has been a bit chaotic and stressful, and lots cheaper (saving roughly \$20K). This has also provided opportunities for others to share their talents. We are being creative.
- curtailing expenses wherever possible (always a good idea), but sometimes staff are not submitting receipts for reimbursement. That is generous of them, but not ethical of us to accept, especially as staff received only a 1% pay increase in 2024 due to budget constraints. You know how high inflation is for all of us.
- delaying the paying of bills that can wait—until we see what the next offering plate yields. It's like living paycheck-to-paycheck for the church.
- deferring routine maintenance on some things, which usually costs more eventually.
- talking to you.

The Leadership Committee is considering long term solutions such as developing a more effective budget process that anticipates increasing costs for day-to-day expenses, identifying ways to more efficiently manage resources, communicate regularly with the congregation regarding the financial health of the church, and the development of new and sustainable revenue sources. However, these actions will take time to develop.

If you are one of those people for whom regular financial giving is part of your relationship with God, *thank you*. Because of people like you, the church is still sharing the gospel and doing what it can to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our church and our community.

If you are not a regular giver, we need you. We cannot do this without you. We need your help. Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the solution to this issue by sharing either your time, treasure, or talents.

Everyone can help in the following ways.

- Pray for this situation: our fiscal stewardship, our ministry choices, our personal levels of participation; pray in thanksgiving for the volunteers and staff we have, the ministries God has asked of us, the resources each of us have that might be shared.
- Check your records and see what your level of giving has been, and if it is where you want it to be. Giving statements went out in July. If you have questions, call Sharon in the church office.
- Consider increasing your giving for the balance of 2024; if you can, just do it—no forms to complete, no announcements to make. Just do it.
- Do you have a nest egg, large or small, waiting for a good cause? Would the church in its current situation be the cause that touches your heart?
- Talk with your church friends about how each of you can be part of the solution.
- Ask questions of our church leadership.
- Pray more and pray often.

Thank you for being part of this congregation and part of what God is doing in Kennewick and the life of our church. It is my privilege to get to know you, and I look forward to our time together.

Grace and Peace to you,

Pastor Shirley

UWF Excited To Discuss



Activities With Pastor

It will be a wonderful September morning when UWF members welcome our new pastor to their fall meeting to share in their commitment to caring for others by following the way of Jesus. The Rev. Shirley DeLarme will be with the women of the church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, in the Susanna Wesley Room. Together, women of the church will explore ways to support missions and each other.

Our President, Kathy Wertman, will lead a short business meeting, and the terrific Joy Fellowship will provide refreshments. The sharing gifts, which members bring, will be for Soul Soup, which serves the community on Thursday nights. Supplies needed include bottled water, zip bags, pop tarts, and fruit juice boxes.

The UWF board will meet earlier in the month, on the morning of September 3, to discuss upcoming activities, including Holly Daze, our fall bazaar.

Saturday workshops for the October bazaar will continue, beginning September 7. Holly Daze co-chair Darryl Vaughn said the productive sessions will mostly likely be held every Saturday until the big, fun event. There are many projects to complete and all are welcome to come and enjoy in the friendship.

Also, Joy Fellowship will meet at the home of Cheri Baker on Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m. Chair Debie Britton welcomes your questions.

One last note. Never forget that UWF and its supporters work all year to put on a great October bazaar. Expect new crafts this year, along with a variety of favorites, garden products, baked goods, ceramics, and holiday decorations, such as succulent pumpkins and Christmas wreaths.

With proceeds from Holly Daze, our 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, along with Atlantic Street Center and the Tacoma Community House.



Living In Faith Together
September 11, 6—7:00 p.m.

Each Wednesday evening from 6—7 pm, ladies will have the opportunity to gather in the Youth Chapel to hear a devotion, read and study scripture, share faith stories, and pray together. We began meeting in September 2023, took the summer off, and are ready to start up again on September 11!

Each week is led by either Peg Puryear, Reneé Wilhelm, Michelle Hare, or Cynthia Bement. We bring the devotional word, in our own unique way, and the Spirit has been faithful, present, and at work in all of us gals in the circle! Our prayer is that this group will be a place where women can hear the word of God and wrestle with it. At the end of the evening, we stand together in a circle and join hands, each of us lifts a name out loud in prayer, and we recite the Lord's Prayer in unison to close.

The group meets in the evening so that those who work can attend—we respect the start and end time. The study is something that one can drop in on without the fear of missing a week or not having homework done. Our discussions have been heartfelt and passionate as we share with each other how scripture has played or plays out in our lives, and how the Lord is at work in each one of us. Mark your calendar and get ready for Wednesday to become your favorite night of the week! We look forward to experiencing Sisters in Christ growing together...and if we are lucky, Gladys might bake us treats! We are excited to welcome you to LIFT ...remembering our 3 B's...Bible, Beverage, and Bifocals (if needed)!



Did you remember to put a huge



on your calendar for the quilt show on September 21? On that day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., many splen-

diferous quilts will be displayed in our church! Come and see the colors! the patterns! the workmanship! They will truly take your breath away!

We are sharing the talents of quilters from the 1800s through today. Our Benton County museum is loaning these treasures from local families for your enjoyment. We've also gathered other quilts from friends and families for you to admire.

We would love to share memories with you from our past and present and, perhaps, inspire the future.

Hoping to see you September 21!

Shirley Miller

Looking for Pumpkins



Did you have room this summer to plant some extra pumpkins for the children and youth to decorate this October? Their Fall Festival will be October 13, and they need pumpkins! If you grew some for them, there will be a place in the entry way towards the end of September to put your donation. If you can't get them to church yourself, please contact the church office at (509) 582-2163—we'll come pick them up!

The Fall Festival is a family-friendly event and will be hosted once again by the Buchholz family. More details to come!

Claressa and Starlite

In connection with The Arc of Tri Cities and Special Olympics Washington

Bread Tab Drive



Start collecting any/all bread bag tabs, NOW!!

The Columbia Basin Region is teaming up with other Special Olympic WA areas to collect 250,000 bread bag tags. Once collected, "Danielle Cares For Chairs" will sponsor a new wheelchair to give to an athlete. Please bring your bread bag tabs and put them in the container in the entry-way...our Sunday School department will have containers in their area, too! We have until April 2025 to fill the jar!



Trunk Or Treat

It is that time of year again...Candy Season! The youth are asking for candy donations for their annual Trunk or Treat outreach. We get 200+ kids from the church and neighborhood every year. A collection wheelbarrow will be in the entry way starting September 15—please place candy donations there.

We are also extending an invitation to anyone who would like to join us on October 27 in decorating a trunk and handing out candy—all while wearing a non-scary costume! We do ask you provide the candy for your trunk (Suggested: at least 200 pieces).

So, this year there are three ways you can join the youth in this outreach. You may donate and leave candy in the wheelbarrow, decorate your trunk and hand out candy while in costume, or both!

Please contact Claressa at the church office, (509) 582-2163, with questions, or if you would like to host a trunk.

From your Lay Leader..



Our September 15 worship service was so uplifting! I really appreciated the special African music performed by our friends from the Sudan. What a joyful noise! Having responses in our liturgy reading and singing the Benediction were also very meaningful. I really felt the Holy Spirit moving in me. When I returned home after church, I felt so energized and happy, as if I were floating.

This made me realize that I have not just been attending worship service these past weeks—I have been *experiencing* worship. What a wonderful feeling it is to be included in and participating in the worship service! We are using all our senses to fully worship God—even our sense of smell, as with the scented oil that Pastor Shirley sent around the sanctuary for each of us to personally experience.

I also recently realized that we have many, many musically talented people in our congregation. It has been a true blessing to hear from all our different praise bands and singers and listen to different types of music and songs.

I look forward to reading the many “heart” cards that were filled out and hung in our narthex. What another wonderful way to praise God and spread God’s love!

Many blessings to you all.

Audrey Manley, Lay Leader
almanley1@gmail.com



“The fullness of joy is to behold God in all.”
—Julian of Norwich

Another Fun, Eventful All-Church Camp Out



The Boardman Park Marina was the setting for the All-Church Camp Out August 16—18. Families, couples, and singles enjoyed time individually and with the group. There was time for visiting, swimming, playing games, and doing crafts. On Saturday evening, we shared a meal together. Dave Hare, along with Bob Kelly and Cory Hare, smoked some great tri-tip and fish! The rest of us brought amazing side dishes to share, and Cynthia brought homemade ice cream for dessert! Those of us with grandchildren will be forever grateful to Emily Collins, who was an amazing mentor and wrangler to the little girls in her presence.

Saturday evening, we were attacked by giant gusts of wind and dust—just as the Buchholz family was enjoying a family game at their picnic table! The interruption sent us scurrying about to “batten down the hatches”...or at least take awnings down, chase and put away folding chairs and tables, scramble to secure tents, and stow any loose items inside vehicles. While we were hurrying to get the job done, we were also giggling together, neighbor helping neighbor...truly family! Starlite could only heave herself on top of her sister’s tent to hold it in place until help came to secure it. The wind was so aggressive that it uprooted a large tree in the park, thankfully missing the RV that was next to it.

While the night air was filled with dirt and smoke, the next morning was beautiful, calm, and sunny. We worshiped together at 9 a.m. The music was led by Dave, Daisy, and Emily, scriptures and prayers were recited by different folks, and Cynthia shared a story.

If you missed this eventful weekend, please plan to join us next year!



Rick Kerkow	2-Sep
Lindsay Varzandeh	3-Sep
Rebecca Hildman	4-Sep
Sherry Arnold	4-Sep
Geneva Nevius	5-Sep
Julie Large	5-Sep
Alice Bennett	6-Sep
Deanna Dreier	7-Sep
Brenda Shine	9-Sep
Barry Merrill	10-Sep
Halley Becker	10-Sep
Nicholas Haberling	11-Sep
Robert Basche	14-Sep
Lynn Bateman	15-Sep
Annie Baker	16-Sep
David Miller	16-Sep
Cheryl Nixon	16-Sep
Daisy Buchholz	16-Sep
Bethany Dauncey	18-Sep
Karen Pfeiffer	19-Sep
Matthew Denise	21-Sep
Garrett Simmelink	23-Sep
Michael Dean	24-Sep
Jim Koschik	24-Sep
Ayra'Zonna Kennedy	25-Sep
Wesley Leathers	25-Sep
Steven Meline	30-Sep

"We turn not older with years, but newer every day."

—Emily Dickinson



A HUGE thank you to Murray and Brad Kuhns for the donation of an Air Hockey table to the Children and Youth Departments. Your gift will bless our kids for many years to come! Thank you and God Bless!

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.



Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, offerings to my sweet tooth, flowers, and offers of help. God is faithful, and so is my church family! You've been there for me in the past, and I feel your support now. I am blessed and I love you all.

Gratefully, Peggy Puryear

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot considered work a gift and a blessing. Ponder the following quotes of hers as you celebrate Labor Day. How do they mesh with your own views of work?



"This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness."

"Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and he gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures."



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

Your Facilities and Leadership Council Ministry Teams want to give you another update on where we are in the process of the sewer repair and rerouting project.

Much has still been going on behind the scenes. Dave Miller and your Facilities Ministry Team have been meeting regularly with the architect. We finally got final clearance to move forward without having to do further clean-up of hazardous materials. The downstairs bathroom (under the East entrance stairs) has been decommissioned. Final plans have been completed and submitted to the City of Kennewick to obtain permits. The city is working with us on trying to expedite these permits, and we have just received one of the two we need. The other permit should be ready within a couple of weeks. Melissa McCoy, our architect, has submitted requests for bids from three contractors with the type of experience needed for this project. We hope to receive the bids soon after we receive the second needed permit. Until we get these bids back, no construction cost numbers are available.

Funds raised so far for this project are as follows: approximately \$205,000 in pledges and donations to date; related expenses paid to date are approximately \$37,000.

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

I also want to thank the Finance and Facilities Ministry Teams for completing the church personal property inventory.

We are excited to also be starting a "Cereal Sunday" program this Fall to feed those in need and hopefully also attract new children to our Sunday School services. Please pray for the success of this new mission.

Blessings,

Cory Manley
Leadership Council Ministry Team Chair

Dave Miller
Facilities Ministry Team Chair

Join Us for Cereal Sunday and Activities

Second Sunday of each month beginning October 13, 2024, at 8 a.m.



All are welcome!



Why was the arithmetic book so sad?
It had too many problems.

What school supply is in charge of the classroom?
The ruler

What does the English teacher make for breakfast?
Synonym rolls

Why doesn't the school library have a clock?
It tocks too much.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School at 9 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship at 10 a.m.
Nursery Provided

Church Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

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UMY September Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25			
29	30					


Sunday School 9am
Homecoming Sunday
Community Carnival
 Volunteers: 10am-2pm
 Event: 11:30am-1:30pm

Don't Forget your Red Shirt!
 If you don't have one, we will get you one!




Invite friends, family, neighbors!

Sunday School 9am
Parent & Youth Orientation
Ice Cream Social
4-6pm
 Help us welcome old & new friends!



Sunday School 9am
Ice Blocking
4-6pm
Bring a Towel & a Friend
 Richland Families can drop off at Carmichael Hill 15mins late & Pick up 15 Mins early



Sunday School 9am
Every Day is a Great Day to invite a friend...this one too!
Scavenger Hunt
4-6pm
 Wear Tennis Shoes
Praise Band 3:30-4pm



25 See you at the Pole (SYATP)!
 A Student led national morning of prayer at school flag poles.
 Happens more at High Schools... if you see classmates gather 30 mins before I encourage you to join in.

