

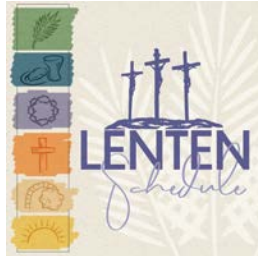
THE CLARION

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*



*Join us as we
journey through
the season of Lent,
seeking to grow in
faith, hope, and
love.*



2025

Ash Wednesday Worship — Sanctuary
Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

Palm Parade — gather in Wesleyan Hall
Sunday, April 13, 9:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday Service — Sanctuary
Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m.

Good Friday Service — Sanctuary
Friday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt — outside
Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service — Columbia Park
Sunday, April 20, 6:30 a.m.

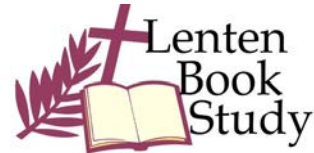
Easter Live Service, Sanctuary,
Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.



This class is reading and discussing a book of meditations by Henri Nouwen, a Belgian priest and gifted spiritual writer. "Here and Now – Living in the Spirit" includes a guide for reflection so this is a great read on your own. It could be a great Lenten read – try it, you might like it!



Class starts March 2, 9 a.m. in Susanna Wesley.



Entering the Passion of Jesus: a Beginners Guide to Holy Week, by Amy-Jill Levine, Abingdon Press © 2018

Copies of the book can be purchased for about \$10 from Amazon, both Kindle and paperback, or from a vendor of your choice.

This Wednesday morning class, led by Rick and Mikki McKinnon, will begin on March 12 at 10 a.m. in the library.

The author of the book is also the presenter in the study video. She delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. She sets the narrative in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters. She shows how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

Levine is Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace and previously professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science.



Daylight saving time
begins, March 9

Spring Forward

First day of spring is March 20 — unless you're on Mary Lynn's meteorological calendar, then it's March 1!



Entering the Passion of Jesus: Our Worship Series for Lent

Come, Enter the Story

This Lent we are invited to enter the Passion of Jesus, to picture ourselves in the story — as if we were there when it happened!

What is the Passion of Jesus? It is the story of the last week of his life, of his suffering, arrest, trial, and execution. Jesus will take many risks that week, and there will be consequences.

What about us? Are we willing to put ourselves in the story? Are we willing to see, hear, and feel what Jesus may be experiencing? Are we willing to take those risks with him? Or are we content to be merely distant observers?

The Parade: Risking Reputation
The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger
The Teaching: Risking Challenge
The First Dinner: Risking Rejection
The Last Supper: Risking Loss of Friends
The Garden: Risking Temptation

Each Sunday during Lent we will look closely at one of the events of Jesus' last week, a week we call Holy Week. We will participate in a parade that is both celebration and political statement. We will witness Jesus turn the tables and call out the greedy and unscrupulous. We will overhear him teaching. We will question his frugality. We will be shocked by his servant-like actions. And we will fail him. Each Sunday we will freeze-frame a moment so we can look closely at what is happening, at the risks Jesus is taking. And we will wonder—are we considering our own role in this ongoing story.

Enter
Enter the passion
Enter the place we belong
Not just looking on
For this is *our* passion

Each Sunday, we will enjoy a fine art painting, resourced through the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, that will allow us to visualize a scene from Jesus' story. Each Sunday, we will hear from one of the characters in the painting as they react to what is happening with Jesus. And each Sunday, we will see frames for art that invite us to step into the story.

Try not to be confused. On March 9, the first Sunday of Lent, we will talk about Palm Sunday, because that is the first day of Holy Week, but we will not celebrate Palm Sunday until our calendars say it is Palm Sunday on April 13. Similarly, we will talk about the Last Supper on April 6, and we will talk about the Garden of Gethsemane on April 13, even though both those events do not happen on our calendar until April 17 when we will celebrate Maundy Thursday. These are powerful stories that will bless our understandings as we allow ourselves to spend time with them, and in them.

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Enter the passion
Enter the story...
Enter the passion...
Enter *his* passion.

I look forward to worshipping with you.

Pastor Shirley

Lent means what?

The word Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencen*, which means “spring.” The root words mean “long days,” and this combination probably refers to the increasing daylight at this time of year.

Lent lasts for a long time: 40 days. In scriptural references 40 means a long time, whether counted in days on the ark with Noah, years in the wilderness as slaves freed from Egypt, or the days of temptation Jesus faced in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry.

Christians use the 40 days of Lent for reflection and preparation. We reflect on our own lives and on Jesus' life; we prepare for Jesus' passion during Holy Week and his resurrection on Easter.

Anyone with a calendar will tell you there are more than 40 days from the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday to the end of Lent on Holy Saturday. Those extra 6 days are Sundays, which means they are considered little Easters in church tradition. They do not count as part of Lent.



Many thanks to all who participated in the sock collection for Soul Soup guests. We have more requests for socks than any other clothing article. Clean socks and warm feet are critical in cold weather.

We continue to serve 80 to 90 meals each week, including take outs. Some of our guests are taking out a meal for someone they care for — a family member or friend who cannot come to the dinner. Some take an extra meal for themselves. The funds to purchase the food that is served are gifts from those who choose to support this ministry. Generous donations help to keep this ministry going. If you feel the call to help support this ministry, please do. A donation to KFUMC with a notation for Soul Soup is appreciated and put to good use.

Please continue to keep this ministry, its guests, and volunteers in your prayers.

All are welcome to join us for our Palm Sunday Parade, April 13. We will gather downstairs in Wesleyan Hall at 9:45 a.m. to hand out palms and start our parade around downtown Kennewick. We end on the bell tower steps at 10 a.m., when we will enter and join the service during Time with Young Disciples. Families are encouraged to join the parade; if not, you can pick-up your child after Time with Young Disciples. We hope to see you all there!



ANKH, OR ANSATE CROSS — Originating in Egyptian hieroglyphics, this symbol represented life and regeneration. The shape and meaning made perfect sense to ancient Christians, who appropriated it as a sign of eternal life.

KFUMC Single Senior Support Group



March 6 at 10 a.m.

Kennewick Flower Shop &
Tri City Coffee Company
604 W. Kennewick Ave, Kennewick

Whether you are widowed, divorced, or have always been single, we would like to invite you to gather with other Seniors from your church to share life's joys, concerns, and faith. The group meets monthly (**first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.**) and informally at the Kennewick Flower Shop — which houses the Tri City Coffee Company, where you can purchase a cup of coffee or the like and chat with friends.

May this be a place where friends gather to lend encouragement, laugh, and to share stories with each other.



Fasting and feasting

During Lent, consider this practical — and biblical — advice from Arthur Lichtenberger, a former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church:

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
- Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

“Of one thing I am perfectly sure: God’s story never ends with ashes.”—Elisabeth Elliot



Tending The Environment Begins At Home With Us

Caring about the environment makes sense. That's why UWF asked Vic Reeve to bring ideas to their next meeting about what we can do to protect the world.

Women of the church and their friends are invited to hear him at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Vic, a local dry wheat farmer and member of Kennewick First Methodist, also serves on the Franklin County and Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board, the Washington State Association of Wheat Growers, and the Franklin County Conservation District.

In 2024, he received the Stewardship Award from the Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Our UWF President, Kathy Wertman, will lead members through a short review of upcoming missions and events. Her board will bring treats for all, and sharing gifts members bring will be for the Legacy Fund.

New UWF Yearbooks, which outline 2025 activities and members, will be available. The first page explains that this women's mission group had changed names 25 times since it was first organized more than 150 years ago, but the mission is the same: inspiring women to impact their community and world with God's love and compassion.

Phyllis Koschik, UWF secretary, is greatly appreciated for producing the essential guide for this year.

At our church, exemplifying God's love begins with Holly Daze, the annual October bazaar that both raises funds for many missions and demonstrates UWF's strong sisterhood.

Activities to support Holly Daze go on all year. The first Saturday morning of each month a craft workshop takes place in the Susanna Wesley Room. At the March 1 session,

work will continue on modge-podge gift tags and ornaments, and maybe some painting of "turkey" feathers.

Holly Daze Co-Chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn always appreciate ideas for new crafts and projects. They also point out that no one needs to be "crafty" to attend, just have a desire to help with a smile.

Also bringing smiles will be the birthday celebration for Micki Perry. All are invited to help her mark 80 years of life, many of those spent here. The party will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at church.

Joy Fellowship will meet at Kathy Harris' on March 13 at 2 p.m. They were unable to meet in February, but hope that many will be able to come this month.



Joy Fellowship's name stands for J-Jesus First, O-Others Second, Y-Yourself Last. Its officers are Debie Britton, chairperson; Barb Helton, vice-chair; Kathy Ritter, secretary; Kathy Harris, sunshine; Ruth Anderson and Dorothy Block, telephone ministry. Contact any of them for more info.

Living In Faith Together



Each Wednesday evening from 6 – 7 p.m., women gather in the Youth Chapel for fellowship, scripture, devotion, prayer, and to share faith stories. We're doing life together, having a great time sharing laughter and yes, some tears. If you haven't yet joined us, we'd love to have you! The group meets in the evening so that those who work can attend, and we respect the start and end time so that everyone gets home at a reasonable time.

Please join us any Wednesday at 6 p.m. — remember your 3 B's...Bible, Beverage, and Bifocals (if needed)!

We will not gather for LIFT on March 5, but instead encourage you to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 that evening.



Below is a quick financial summary update of the church's operational activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. Thanks to your financial generosity, we ended the year with a smaller deficit than originally thought. Our

2024 deficit was \$52K instead of \$104K, a 50% savings.

KFUMC		
2024 Operational Financial Summary		
	Actuals	Budget
Revenue	\$ 491,960	\$ 461,000
Expenses	\$ 544,532	\$ 565,742
Deficit	\$ (52,572)	\$ (104,742)

The current operational need for the church finances in 2025 shows a budget deficit of \$80K. I am asking you to pray with me that our church's operational budget shortfall will be addressed.

Once again, thank you for your prayers and continuous financial support towards KFUMC.

*Alex Amegashie
Finance & Stewardship, Chair*

“Pave the Way”



Beginning on Sunday, March 30, you will be able to purchase an engraved paver (brick) to be permanently installed in the courtyard of the Kennewick First United Methodist Church. This “buy a brick” campaign will help offset the cost of the church beautification project.

This fundraising campaign allows people to purchase a paver to commemorate someone. The buyer can choose to honor themselves, a living family member or friend, or someone who has passed. Each brick will be the same size with the same font (lettering). There will, however, be a few assorted icons that can be added to mark an event such as baptism, membership date, or wedding, etc., for an extra fee. The cost of each 6 by 12 inch paver will be \$200 with an additional fee of \$25 for an icon.

The order forms will be available for the first time at church on March 30 following worship (in the narthex). Beginning the next day, on March 31, forms will be available in the church

office, OR on the church website (print them off), OR at the information desk where they can be picked up on Sunday. Completed forms can be dropped off at the church office or mailed in. You may pay by cash, check, credit card, or through Pushpay. This campaign is beginning now to help raise the funds needed to start the front courtyard project. The pavers will be laid in 2026. Please help us get the word out so we can pave the way!

Funds raised will be used for both the church beautification project and future facilities projects. This project will add to the beauty of our neighborhood and will help those who see our building feel the holy presence of God.

Questions? Call Cynthia at 509-582-2163 or Renee at 509-308-2627.



Intercessory Prayer

Have you ever prayed for someone else or asked others to pray for you? That's intercessory prayer, and it's a cornerstone of the Christian faith. An intercessor is someone who prays on behalf of others, often petitioning for their needs and concerns. This prayer practice is ancient, with examples found in the Old Testament, and the book of Psalms is filled with verses about prayer and intercession. Jesus prayed for others, and the Apostle Paul urged believers to pray for each other, too. Intercessory prayer has the power to change lives and build faith. When we pray for others, we are in connection with God on a deeper level, seeking God's guidance and wisdom.

Our church has a list of prayers that are typically emailed weekly to those who wish to lift others in prayer. I am inviting those who would like to serve the Lord in this way to let me know, so that you, too, can join others in lifting up the needs of others, helping to bear their burdens and offer support in times of need.

<>< Cynthia
509-582-2163
cynthia@kennewickfirst.com

2 Corinthians 1:11

As you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.



Aiden Mason	2-Mar
Becky Phillips	3-Mar
Brooke Kaiser	4-Mar
Dennis Arter	6-Mar
Arlan Gadeken	6-Mar
Forest Dexter	8-Mar
Starlite Buchholz	9-Mar
Amy Sweetwood	13-Mar
Erik Anderson	14-Mar
James Foster	14-Mar
Joseph Ahrend	15-Mar
Clara Cox	15-Mar
Walter Johansing	17-Mar
Lillian Anderson	19-Mar
Andrew Nickolaus	19-Mar
Dorothy Lyle	22-Mar
Fern Smith	22-Mar
Judy Milton	24-Mar
Jessica Urban	25-Mar
Bob Arnold	27-Mar
Don Hand	27-Mar
Linda Hawley	27-Mar
Sally Herker	27-Mar



Molly Kittson	3-Apr
Jeffrey Varzandeh	4-Apr
Christiaan Barcot	4-Apr
Dee Ann Yount	5-Apr
Bethany Ahrend	5-Apr



***Micki Perry turned 80 on February 24!
Join her to celebrate at a party to be held
at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 2, at the church.
The gift of your presence will give her joy!***

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



Jim Choate, Karen Irwin, Lloyd Leathers, Dorothy Lyle, Jaime Hildman, Rita McElroy, Joan Osborne, Buddy Fish, Peggy Snyder, Etta Ballard, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, and our District Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Miranda.

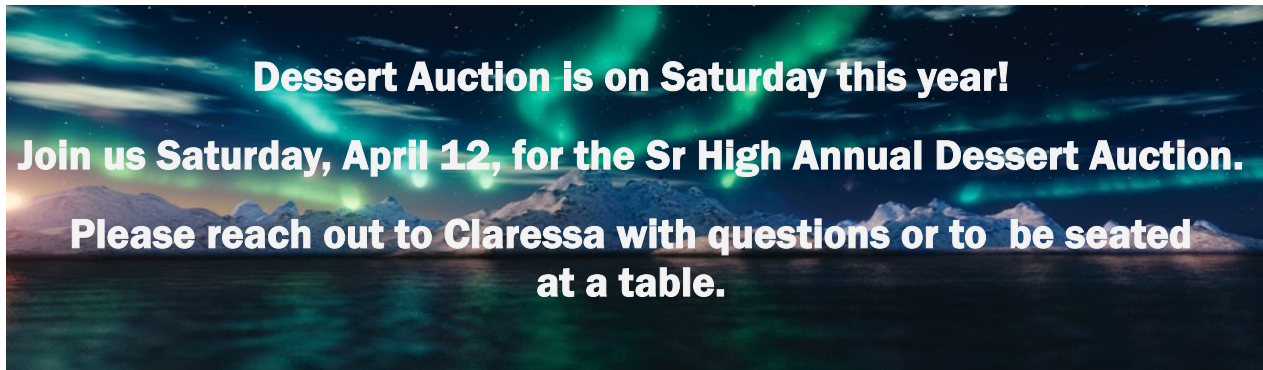


Craig Brazell, who turned 60 years old in December, passed suddenly on Saturday, February 1, of a stroke. Craig was a vibrant Christian with a contagious smile and laugh. He was active as an usher and UMY leader for nearly a decade. He is survived by his mother Darlene, brother Dave, his children Cassandra and Lucas, and a young grandson.

Bruce Britton, husband of Debie, passed on to life eternal on February 6 after having been under the care of hospice for a short time. Please continue to keep Debie and family in prayer and surround them with love.

Aggie Mowry, wife of Pastor Doug, entered eternal life on February 26. Aggie was an outgoing, energetic, Christ-filled wife, mother, and grandmother, who also contributed to our community as a nurse, 4-H rabbit leader, and more. While she was diagnosed with MSA several years ago, Aggie continued to live as fully as she was able within the boundaries of that diagnosis. Her service will be on April 12 at 1 p.m. at the Richland Church of the Nazarene.

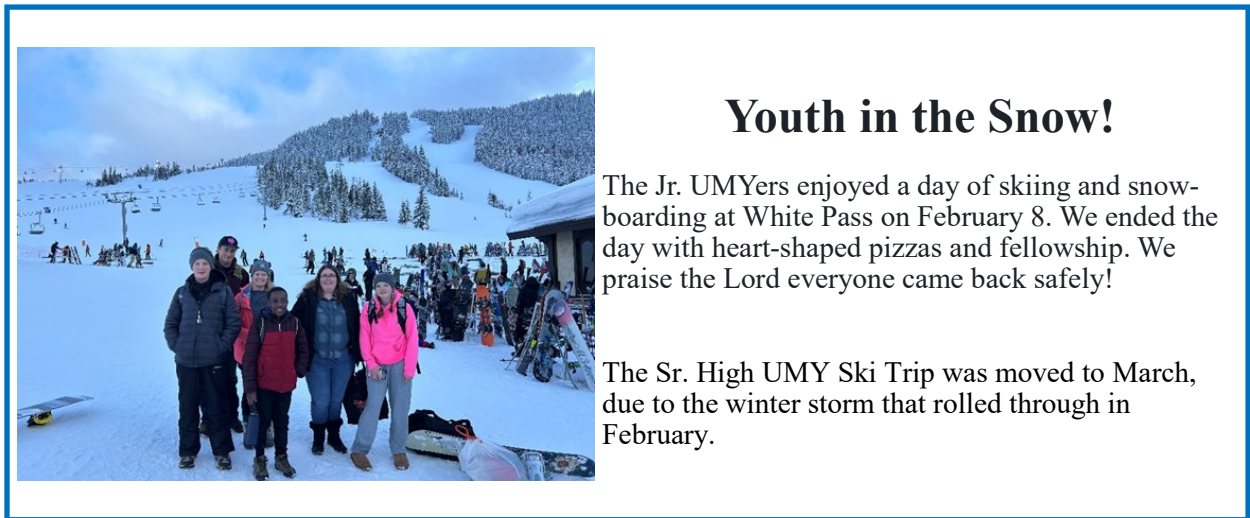
Eddie Kenoyer, who passed in December, will be celebrated by her family and friends at a memorial service on March 8 at 11 a.m. at the church.



Dessert Auction is on Saturday this year!

Join us Saturday, April 12, for the Sr High Annual Dessert Auction.

Please reach out to Claressa with questions or to be seated at a table.

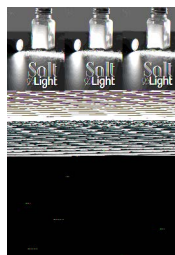


Youth in the Snow!

The Jr. UMYers enjoyed a day of skiing and snowboarding at White Pass on February 8. We ended the day with heart-shaped pizzas and fellowship. We praise the Lord everyone came back safely!

The Sr. High UMY Ski Trip was moved to March, due to the winter storm that rolled through in February.

Jesus, the model of salt and light



In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, “You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world.” Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means.

“The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person,” writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*. “He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets.”

O God, you are my God; I seek you. ... Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:1, 3, NRSV)

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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 March Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Spring Retreat Registration Due!</i> Sr High Service Project Jr High Laser Tag (Youth Choice) 4-6pm <i>Praise Band 3-4pm</i>	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm 	6 7		8
9 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> Minute to Win It 4-6pm <i>Praise Band 3-4pm</i>	10	11	12	13	14 Registration due 3/2 Spring Retreat Arrive at the Church by 5pm Please eat before arriving	15 Senior High Skiing/Snowboarding @ Silver Mountain (If you weren't registered for Snow Go, I will be reaching out)
16 Spring Retreat <i>Home between 3 and 3:30pm</i>	17	18 Praise Band Sanctuary Rehearsal 6-7pm	19	20	21	22
23 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> Clue 4-6pm Leaders will be the characters Dress in Costume if you want! Team Night 4-6pm <i>Praise Band 3-4pm</i>	24 30 Sunday School 9am 	25	26	27	28	