

# THE CLARION

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

*Light of the world, shine in our hearts today.  
As the Magi once followed your star, lead us  
closer to you and guide our steps in the year  
ahead.*

**JANUARY**  
2026



*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



## **Help Your Neighbors Campaign**

The Help Our Neighbors campaign (Kennewick Food Bank) emphasis for January will be the seven most requested items: peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, tomato sauce, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal. All contributions are appreciated!

## **Living In Faith Together**



### **Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Prayer Chapel**

Each Wednesday evening from 6–7 p.m., women gather in the Prayer Chapel for fellowship, scripture, devotion, prayer, and to share faith stories. 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 for this mid-week pick-me-up with your church “lady” friends!

*Please remember your 3B's: Bible,  
Beverage, and Bifocals (if needed)!*

As the year 2025 has come to an end, it is important to pause and say “thank you” to all of you who comprise KFUMC for your support of the Soul Soup ministry, which is in its 13th year. As a supporter of our church, you have ensured this ministry has the physical spaces necessary to prepare and serve meals. You have supported our guests and volunteers with your prayers and for many of you, with your service. Many have donated to the financial support of this important work. On average, it takes about \$200 a week to purchase food and other supplies so we can prepare and serve anywhere from 80 to 120 meals. This past year we have served nearly 3200 meals!



Feeding the hungry is something we at KFUMC have been called to do through Soul Soup and our support of the Food Bank and, more recently, hungry kids at school. Keep up the good work!!



Our Christmas Eve offering blessed both the Tri-Cities Food Bank and the ministries of KFUMC — each received \$1690.50.

Thank you to all who participated in this gift of love and generosity.

## Upcoming Sermon Series

### GLORY REVEALED

January 4	Epiphany of the Lord: Seeing the Light Epiphany is the revelation of divine love who came to dwell among us.	Eph 1:3-14, John 1:10-18
January 11	Baptism of the Lord: Power of Presence Jesus shows us the way to community, righteousness, and God's justice.	Isa 42:1-9, Mt 3:13-17
January 18	Human Relations Day: Give You as a Light God reveals glory through us who are tasked to carry light into the world.	Isa 49:1-7, John 1:29-42
January 25	Carrying the Light With God as our light and salvation, there is no fear.	Ps 27:1, 4-9, Mt 5:13-20
February 1	What is Good God has told us what is good. We are called to be that.	Mic 6:1-8, Mt 5:1-12
February 8	Call to Action Called to act with true worship, humility, and light.	Isa 58:1-12, Mt 5:13-16
February 15	Transfiguration of the Lord: Glory Revealed The Transfiguration is a foretaste and a revelation of God's glory.	Mt 17: 1-9, 2 Pet 1:16-21



### God's constant new work

From the beginning of time, God's pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the

New Year's season is especially

fitting to pause and recognize God's work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures (all NIV) and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

[God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair .... (Ezra 9:9)

If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)

See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)

You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Isaiah 62:2)

[God's] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)

[Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)

Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)



Our thanks go out to our many volunteers!

**Church Yard Leaf Raking:** Ron Shuck; Dave & Mona Miller; Darryl Lamberd; Harold Baker; Davey & Michelle Hare; Deanna & James Dreier; Lauren Kelly; George Block; Rick Kerkow; Debby & Jeff Christopherson.

**Volunteer Music Accompanists:** Max Buchholz and Brooke Kaiser.

**Hanging the Greens:** James & Deanna Dreier; Lauren Kelly; Gladys, Alex Sr, & Alex Jr Amegashie; Kelly McCloud; Phyllis Merrill; Ron Shuck; Brittany, Halley, Eleena, & Annalise Becker; Lynnaie & Bob Kelly; Mona & Dave Miller; Reneé Wilhelm; Fern & Darryl Lamberd; Harold & Cheri Baker; Davey & Michelle Hare; Ryan Angelo; Darryl Vaughn; Cynthia Bement; Heather Ramirez; Max & Joe Buchholz; Chuck Smith.

**Advent Workshop:** Starlite Buchholz; Kristi Thien; Kevin & Kara Alley; Debie Britton; Barb Helton; Diane Bruce; Jordyn & Josylyn Olson; Nita Kamphuis; Renee & Sawyer Glesener; Phyllis Merrill; Ethan & Emily Collins; Michelle Hare; Lynnaie Kelly.

**Christmas Goody Bags to Homebound:** Cindy Glazier; Deanna Dreier; Karen Alley; Cynthia Bement; Dalene Zabel; Lynnaie & Bob Kelly.

**Children & Youth Ministries Storage Organizing:** Michelle Hare; Roberta Barcot; Deb Reeve.

**Youth Leaders:** Starlite Buchholz; Michelle & Jim Collins; Jeff Phillips; Jeff Varzandeh; Sierra Hogg; Mariah Greenaway; Kristi Thien.

**Fall Teachers:** Sierra Hogg; Renee Glesener; Cheri Baker; Phyllis Merrill; Becky Phillips; Gracee Glesener; Alex Amagashie Sr; Jim Deatherage; Bob Kelly.



## 2026 Administrative Ministries



At our All Church-Charge Conference in November, we elected ministry leaders for 2026. The report of elections is on the next page. The numbers in parentheses indicate the year the person will conclude service (end of December that year). The names in bold have been duly elected; the names not in bold will be voted on at the next Leadership Team meeting. In prayer, ask God if you are the right person to fill one of the many blanks, or some of the many ministry roles available.

Pastor Shirley welcomes conversation about your gifts for service and availability of time.

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## **2026 Administrative Ministries**

### **Leadership Team** (members of Charge Conf.)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the odd numbered months

Chair: **Daryl Witherspoon**

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Member to AC: **Amy White (26)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lay Member to AC **2026 only: Jerry White (26)**

Lay Mbr to AC alternate: \_\_\_\_\_ (26)

Finance chair: **Alex Amegashie Sr (26)**

Staff Parish MT: \_\_\_\_\_

Trustees rep: **Ron Shuck (26)**

Education Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Mission/Justice: \_\_\_\_\_

UMYouth: \_\_\_\_\_

UMMen: \_\_\_\_\_

UWFaith: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Committee: (26) Michelle Hare

Youth Leaders: Michelle Collins

Young Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Safety & Security: Davey Hare

### **Board of Trustees (Facilities)**

Meets 1st Thu Sept.–June, 5:30pm

**(26) Dave Miller (chair)**

**(26) Darryl Vaughn (vice)**

**(26) Ron Shuck**

**(26) Harold Baker**

**(27) Greg Buchholz**

**(27) Gus Kittson**

**(27) Darryl Lamberd**

**(28) Sharon Varzandeh (treasurer)**

**(28) Nancy Osborn**

Shorty Wertman, consultant

### **Nominations/Leadership Development**

Meets Sept.–Oct. as needed

Chairperson: **Pastor Shirley**

(26) Vice-Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Finance Comm. & Stewardship**

Meets 3rd Sunday of the even numbered months

Chairperson: **Alex Amegashie Sr (26)**

Treasurer: **Sharon Varzandeh, staff**

Financial Secretary: **Roberta Barcot (27)**

Counter: **Roberta Barcot (27)**

**Nita Kamphius (26)**

Gifts Acknowledgement: **Kathy Harris**

Leadership Team: **Daryl Witherspoon**

Lay Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Mbr to AC: Amy White (24–28)

SPMT: \_\_\_\_\_

Trustees: **Dave Miller (26)**

@Large: (26) **Scott Woodside**

**(27) Vic Reeve (Stewardship)**

**(27) Nita Kamphuis**

**(28) Bob Kelly**

**(28) Audrey Manly (Stewardship)**

**(28) Cory Manley (Stewardship)**

### **Staff Parish Ministry Team (SPMT)**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 5:30 pm

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Mbr to AC: **Amy White**

Lay Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mary Lynn Arter (26) (Margo)**

**Roberta Barcot (26) (Sharon)**

**Linda Deatherage (26) (Kathryn)**

**Julie Large (26) (Anyla)**

**Susan Sandmeier (26) (Alma)**

**Bracken Deatherage (26) (Chuck)**

(27) \_\_\_\_\_ (young adult/youth)

(27) \_\_\_\_\_

(28) \_\_\_\_\_

(28) \_\_\_\_\_

(28) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Worship Committee**

**Michelle Hare, Chair**

### **Community Missions/Social Justice**

**Susan Sandmeier, convenor**

### **Education Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair (Anyla McDonald, lead)

### **Welcome Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair (Anyla McDonald, lead)



## **UWF Greets 2026 with Great Giving, Service**

The new year is certainly getting a happy start for our United Women in Faith. A dedicated group of members has stepped forward to be officers for 2026 and strengthen our missions of love.

Our Board members are President, Kathy Wertman; Co-Vice Presidents, Patti Bateman and Beckie Hildman; Secretary, Nita Kamphuis; and Treasurer, Kathy Harris.

The following will also be serving: Program Resources, Darryl Vaughn; Sunshine, Holli Simmelink; Spiritual Growth, Jennifer Daven; Membership / Nurture / Outreach, Annie Baker; and Education / Social Action, Julie Large.

The officers were installed at the December meeting.

Also at our December meeting, Lori Butler reported on the book *Lifting Up Hope, Living Out Justice* by Alice Jean Knotts at our December meeting. Lori explained that this is a history of how Methodist Women were shaped.

At our first unit meeting of 2026, which will be held on Wednesday, January 21, at 10 a.m., the speaker will be Lance Hansen, new Superintendent of the Kennewick School District. There are two replacement levies on the February 10 ballot: the Educational Programs & Operations Levy and the Safety, Security & Information Technology Levy. Together, they fund student support, safety, and opportunity, along with new safety upgrades and updated classroom devices.

UWF's 2026 Yearbook will be distributed at the January unit meeting. Phyllis Koschik

announced that the theme chosen is TOGETHER WE CAN. One hundred copies will be available.

All women of the church, their friends, and neighbors are encouraged to attend. Joy Fellowship will bring treats, and the sharing gift will be toiletries for the women's unit at the Union Gospel Mission.

Our UWF unit is sending \$500 to the UMCOR Emergency Fund to support missions in the Washington flood areas.

NOTE: Workshops for the 2026 Holly Daze Bazaar will resume in February after taking hiatus during the month of January.

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**Joy Fellowship** will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 8, in the home of Jane Forman.

*Joy!!*

You are encouraged to carpool where possible as parking will be tight!

Please join us—you will be most welcome. Call chair Debie Britton with questions.



## **UWF Reading Program Book Club**

The United Women in Faith Reading Program Book Club will meet on January 20 at 1 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble Café. The current reading selection is *Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference, and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered indigenous Women and Girls* by Jessica McDiarmid.

Join us for the conversation.





# JANUARY Birthdays

Daoud Kuwa	1/01
Laus Anglou	1/01
Brian Millar	1/01
Gigi Amegashie	1/02
Pete Baumann	1/04
Deana Harden	1/05
Karen Alley	1/05
Marilyn Hockaday	1/06
Rick Glazier	1/09
Jack St. John	1/12
Brian Bergum	1/14
Roberta Barcot	1/15
Bev Swanby	1/15
Kristine Taggares	1/16
Olivia Holloway	1/17
Christopher Becker	1/17
Cindy Leathers	1/20
Emma Glazier	1/21
Dennis Simmelink	1/23
Doug Mowry	1/23
Cathy Rohrig	1/24
Annalise Becker	1/24
Ruby St. John	1/27
Daniel Nickolaus	1/28
Peggy Puryear	1/28
Gus Kittson	1/28
Phyllis Koschik	1/30
Rick Door	1/31

## EARLY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Victoria Keel	2/01
Rich Nelson	2/01
Lily Westvik	2/01
Chuck Smith Jr.	2/02
Trent Westfall	2/02
James Canada	2/03
Lily Parkes	2/03
Shawn Middleton	2/03
Matthew Kaiser	2/03



*Please pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and encouragement . . .*

Vic and Deb Reeve, Bev Kippes, Ashley DeLarme



*thank you*

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your patience, kindness, and the way you've welcomed me so genuinely. From the very beginning, you've made me feel seen, supported, and truly at home.

I'm grateful for every smile, every encouraging word, and every gesture that reminded me I'm part of something bigger than myself. Your warmth has meant more to me than I can express.

Thank you for opening your hearts and your community to me. I'm blessed to be here.

With gratitude, *Alma*

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Monday – Friday

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# UMY JANUARY 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM  <b>YOUTH GROUP 4 TO 6 BOWLING</b>	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM <b>YOUTH GROUP 4 TO 6 WII - GAME NIGHT</b>  <b>PRAISE BAND 3:00</b> 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM <b>YOUTH GROUP 4 TO 6 UNBIRTHDAY PARTY!</b> (DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED) <b>PRAISE BAND 3:00</b> 	19 MLK JR. DAY	20	21	22	23	24
25 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM <b>YOUTH GROUP 4 TO 6 Ultimate Bowl</b>  <b>PRAISE BAND 3:00</b> 	26	27	28	29		