

# THE CLARION

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



*If the only prayer you said in your  
entire life was 'thank you,' that would  
suffice.*

—Meister Eckhardt



*A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community*



## Leadership Council Meeting

### November 23 All-Church Conference

There will not be a separate Leadership Council meeting in November due to our Charge Conference on Sunday, November 23, 2025, after worship service.

Please plan to attend so that you can vote on important agenda items from the District Superintendent.

There will also be a potluck after church but before the conference, so bring your appetites too! Food assignments will be sent out soon.

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2025
- Daylight saving time ends, November 2, 2025
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2025
- Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025
- Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025
- First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025



## world relief® *November Thankful Offering*

Last year, we were able to help out World Relief by donating items that were needed for refugee resettlement in the Tri-Cities. This year there are no refugees coming to this area, but we can help support the food needs of the refugees already in our community through grocery store gift cards (for food only) to stores like WinCo, Walmart, and Grocery Outlet. We will collect these cards on **November 9** in the Welcome Area. Look for a table with signage and pumpkin containers to drop your gift certificate. Let's be grateful for what we have and share those blessings with our refugee neighbors.



## *Help Your Neighbors Campaign*

Thank you for your support of our local food bank as many of our neighbors are hungry and finding grocery prices high. For the month of November, the emphasis will be holiday foods, such as boxed potatoes and stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, and green beans.



## UWF To Give Thank Offering November 19

UWF members and friends will come together a week before Thanksgiving, on Wednesday, November 19, to share in a special giving program.

They will meet at 10 a.m. in the Susanna Wesley Room to hear Jonda Franklin's program on Martha's Cupboard. This ministry, based at Central Church in Richland, provides basic household goods and personal and baby care items to poverty-level families, individuals, and the unhoused through partnerships with Tri-Cities area social agencies and school districts.

Also, UWF members will bring in their World Thank Offering Boxes and other contributions to share in the giving. This allows members of United Women in Faith to show gratitude for God's blessings and find creative ways to raise funds to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Some women drop a coin in a little box each day to give thanks for their daily blessings, while others add coins and dollars on special occasions in their lives.

Through our World Thank Offerings, Kennewick First women support the many missions carried on at home and around the world.

President Kathy Wertman will lead a review of our local projects and encourage members this month to prepare more crafts and baked goods for the Holly Daze Encore, planned for December 7. Items should be brought to church on Saturday, December 6. Contact chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn with any questions.

For more than 150 years Methodist women have worked to expand its ministries, to act boldly for justice, and to support women, children, and youth by addressing issues such as social and economic inequality, and climate change.

Nationally, UWF today laments the deployment of the National Guard to 19 states and the District of Columbia. It also takes issue with efforts to forcibly remove encampments for the unhoused.

Emily Jones, UWF executive, said,

"As women of faith, we spend our time thinking about how to put God's faith, hope, and love in action. Our legacy reflects sober-minded, practical, and dependable leadership. We have a responsibility to raise our voices when we believe the rights of innocent people are being trampled.

We have grave concerns about the proliferation of a police state as evidenced by the deployment of the National Guard to American cities during times of peace. The National Guard should not be weaponized against its own people. With increased law enforcement presence, we may see more racial profiling, more arrests, and more complaints of police use of excessive force. People of color, persons who are unhoused, immigrants, and persons with mental health conditions are uniquely vulnerable. At a time of overall angst over the direction of the country, the administration should work to create calm, not pandemonium."

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*Joy!*

**Joy Fellowship** will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 13, in the home of Mary Gadeken. Please note the afternoon time, which starts the

*Joy* winter schedule.

Members will review the success of Holly Daze. Interested in joining? You are welcome. Call chair Debbie Britton with questions.

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## Pave the Way

The deadline to order the first installment of Pavers will be Sunday, December 14, 2025. Installation of the pavers will likely take place in the Spring of 2026.

Orders may continue beyond December; however, orders not received by the 2025 deadline will be installed at a later date.

Thank you for your support of this project.

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## *Living In Faith Together*

### **Wednesday's at 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)!*

***Note: LIFT will not meet on Wednesday,  
November 26.***

### ***New Church Website on the Way***



In September, our Leadership Council approved the creation of a new and improved website through MyChurchWebsite.com. This company is dedicated to building warm, inviting websites specifically for churches. Their experience and availability will make it easy to manage through the church office and more importantly, comfortable for visitors and our church family to navigate. There will be many new features keeping us informed of church activities, communications, and past sermons as well as direct streaming of our Sunday worship service. We expect to have the new site launched by the first of the year, possibly sooner.

Meanwhile, if you have ideas, or input for the new website, please contact Deb Reeve at 509-531-8631. We welcome your suggestions and comments!

## **Holly Daze Thank-you**



The co-chairs of the Holly Daze Bazaar thank all those who were integral to making this a successful fund-raiser. The bazaar is United Women of Faith's only fundraiser and supports local, national, and international causes. There would be no success without those who moved furniture, boxes, and heavy items pre-bazaar and then returned them to their rightful home post-bazaar. Bakers (member-donated walnuts) filled the Bake Shoppe (Susanna Wesley) with treats, in addition to wonderful frozen apple pies (member-donated fruit) made earlier by a volunteer group of women. Volunteers were part of the bakery set-up, cashiering, and overseeing.

The Fellowship Hall was filled with member's hand-crafted items, donated plants, produce, and workshop-created cookie mixes, spices, and produce. More volunteers were on hand to be the cashiers, the greeters, the raffle ticket managers, coffee makers, and security. The yearly raffle consisted of items donated by two master wood crafters, a hand-crafted quilt, a gift basket, and doll house/greenhouse. Another member donated proceeds from her ceramics and diamond-dot pictures (the Toddler Room).

The baked potato lunch (member-donated potatoes) is staffed by UWF's Joy Fellowship who always manage a delicious luncheon.

The bazaar also consisted of 10 vendors, many whom return as they enjoy the venue and bring a variety of crafts and items for sale, adding to the community involvement in the event.

There are so many behind-the-scenes members and non-members who contribute to this bazaar's success. A total profit is not available at this writing but appears to be close to the \$8000 we cleared last year at this time. An enormous thank you to all from Darryl and Susan!





## Help Us “Hang the Greens” for Christmas! 🎄

The Advent season is almost here—and with it comes one of our favorite traditions: Hanging the Greens!

Join us after the service on Sunday, November 30, as we transform our church into a festive and beautiful space for Christmas worship. We’ll be decorating the sanctuary with greenery, wreaths, candles, and the poinsettia tree as we prepare our hearts and our church home to celebrate the birth of Christ.

All hands are welcome—bring your family and friends! No decorating experience needed; just come ready to share in fellowship, laughter, and the joy of preparing God’s house for the season of hope and light.

After we finish decorating, we’ll enjoy a pizza and salad lunch and some fellowship with each other.

Let’s work together to make our church shine with the beauty and meaning of Christmas.

We can’t wait to see you there! Please contact Michelle Hare if you have any questions (509)531-6810.

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## Save the Date: Advent Workshop

**December 7, 4–6 p.m.**



Our church will host a multi-generational event of crafting, fellowship, and refreshments on December 7 from 4–6 p.m. Plan to bring grandchildren and siblings, and friends of any age for this fun Advent activity!

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"Thou hast given so much to me. Give me one thing more — a grateful heart."

—George Herbert



The quilts you see hanging in the Fellowship Hall have been made by the **Piecemakers**. They will be on display for you to see from November 6 through November 23. Please try to stop by and look at them.

Piecemakers meet the second Wednesday of each month upstairs next to the sewing center from 10 a.m. to noon. We share lots of fun stories and laughter while tying our quilts. No experience is necessary and we encourage you to join us. All are welcome.

Our quilts are donated to the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery, Salvation Army, Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, Marine Corps Toys for Tots, and Linus. We also send a dozen quilts to Annual Conference each year.

If you know of a child in need of a warm, snuggly blanket, please contact Phyllis Merrill at (509)521-5755.

“Happiness is a Warm Blanket”

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## A Day to Honor Our Veterans



On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country’s service and to offer Americans the opportunity “to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation.”

Wanting to recognize more specifically America’s veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when “they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).



## ***Advent-Christmas Worship Series***

### ***What Child Is This: Beyond the Lullaby***



- November 30    Advent 1: “King of Kings” (Hope) Lamentations 3:46-57 and Luke 2:1-5
- December 7     Advent 2: “The Silent Word” (Peace) Luke 1:5-25; 57-80
- December 14    Advent 3: “Son of Mary” (Joy) Luke 1:26-56
- December 21    Advent 4: “Enthroned by Love” (Love) Matthew 1:18-25
- December 24    Christmas Eve: “The Babe” Luke 2:1-19
- December 28    Sunday After Christmas: “This, This...” Matthew 2:1-12

This Advent-Christmas Season, we will look “Beyond the Lullaby” into the difficulty of the socio-political-economic context that shaped the identity and story of the birth and life of Jesus. One of the most beloved carols we know, “What Child Is This?”, came into focus as a way to do what the carol does—ask and answer the question of Jesus’ identity. It is set to a tune that offers the minor key of pathos, and so we will lean into it as we deal with the difficulties of the story’s context. The Good News is that God chose to enter our trauma-filled world in order to know us, tend to us, teach us how to be in these times.

Pastor Shirley will be reading “The First Advent in Palestine,” by Kelley Nikondeha, as she prepares her sermons. The book is available on Amazon and by special order at your favorite bookstore if you want to read along.

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### ***Blue Christmas Worship Service***

As the Christmas season draws near, many of us look forward to the joy, music, and celebration that comes with it. Yet, for others, this time of year can be difficult—a season marked more by grief, loss, or loneliness than by joy and festivity. In the midst of the twinkling lights and merry songs, those who are struggling may feel out of step with the world around them.

To acknowledge these feelings and offer a place of comfort and hope, we will host a Blue Christmas service on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. This quiet, contemplative evening worship is open to all who are experiencing loss, hardship, or simply need a moment of peace during a busy season.

The Blue Christmas service—sometimes called “The Longest Night”—is designed to be a space of reflection and gentle encouragement. With scripture, prayer, and soft music, we gather to honor the sadness that can accompany the season, while also leaning into the promise of God’s presence with us—Emmanuel—even in the darkest nights.

This is not a service of answers, but one of companionship and hope. Whether you’re grieving the loss of a loved one, facing health challenges, navigating strained relationships, or feeling overwhelmed by the demands of life, you are not alone. Come as you are. Bring your burdens. Receive peace.

We invite you to join us and extend this invitation to friends and neighbors who might be walking through a difficult season. Sometimes, the simple act of gathering together in the quiet can remind us that light still shines—even in the blue.

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## UNDERSTANDING OUR CHURCH'S OPERATING FINANCIAL PICTURE:

### A CALL TO ACTION, PART 1

The purpose of this article is to provide a high-level overview of our church's recent financial operating results and outline the budget challenges we currently face. Over the past few years, our operating income has not kept pace with expenses, resulting in ongoing deficits.

As reported below, our financial records show a cumulative deficit of approximately **\$225,000** over the past two fiscal years (2023–2024). Additionally, the current year-to-date budget for 2025 (as of July) reflects a projected shortfall of **\$46,000**.

This financial trajectory is not sustainable. In response, your church leadership is implementing a **unified budget strategy** to streamline operations and improve financial stewardship. We are also inviting your **prayerful and generous support** as we work together to restore financial health and ensure the continued vitality of our ministry.

Before we get into the numbers of our budget and financial accounts, let's review some relevant information about giving and U.S. trends. After attending a few recent webinars on giving and stewardship practices, your church leaders want to share some statistics.

In 2009, 41% of UMC members attended church on an average Sunday. This number sank to 26% in 2022. Online worshipping has grown over the past few years, while stewardship giving and tithing has decreased. Research tells us 22% of church members don't contribute at all, while online worshipers tend not to give either. Our experience at KFUMC is consistent with these percentages.

While KFUMC church membership rolls report we have 360 members, we have a weekly average attendance of 120 in person, with another 20-30 joining us online. Last Fall, approximately 95 members completed estimate of giving cards for 2025. In 2024, 157 identified households gave money to our general fund, building, Soul Soup, Rock-a-Thon, Dessert Auction, and many other designated funds. There were 126 identified households that gave solely to the General Fund.

During the pandemic, giving dropped drastically. Also, we lost several members due to passing away or having to move to find work. However, most expenses continued at the church. As a result, we started 2022 with a significant deficit. Although we have made up for some of it, it has not been enough.

The Finance Ministry Team is moving us to a unified budget to help us manage the current situation and set us up for long-term financial wellness. To be successful, our whole church system must embrace these changes. With diligence, we hope to stabilize our financial path toward the future within 2 – 3 years.

For now, your church leaders are strongly encouraging members to give to the General Operating Fund and strongly discourage designated giving. Currently, there are adequate designated funds to cover those designated ministries. Additional needs for designated monies can be addressed as needed. For now, our focus is needed on the daily operating expenses, such as utilities, insurance, apportionments, and staffing.

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Think of our church as a human body. The main torso needs to be fed and watered to survive. The hands and feet do the work. If the church body is not healthy, the hands and feet (congregation) cannot carry out the ministries of the church. KFUMC has a nearly 125-year-long successful history of generous giving towards designated ministries and building capital improvements. Now we need some basic nourishment to the financial well-being of the church body so that we can continue our legacy for generations to come.

Your Finance Ministry Team has asked our Stewardship Committee to implement a year-round stewardship journey to help us all grow in our faith and answer our Christian desires to give back to God. Stay tuned for future seminars about financial literacy, budgeting, personal financial management, credit management and debt freedom, legacy giving, estate planning, spirituality and spending, the Bible and money, budgets as moral documents, and more.

The chart below is a snapshot summary of our financial results for 2023, 2024, and year-to-date 2025 through July. This is a lot of information to absorb. Please read and digest this information and pray about how you can be part of our unified efforts toward a financially healthy future for our church.

If any of you have questions, please reach out to your Leadership Council or Finance Ministry Team.

KFUMC											
Operating Financial Results for 2023 to 2025 YTD											58%
	2023	2024	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	25-May	25-Jun	25-Jul	25-YTD	YTD Budget
Income											
General Fund	\$ 391,259	\$ 453,732	\$ 37,488	\$ 8,364	\$ 42,216	\$ 46,152	\$ 78,492	\$ 33,619	\$ 32,714	\$ 299,045	\$ 274,167
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 40,762	\$ 38,228	\$ 2,478	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,715	\$ 3,044	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,530	\$ 1,742	\$ 16,199	\$ 26,250
Total	\$ 432,021	\$ 491,960	\$ 39,966	\$ 30,794	\$ 43,931	\$ 49,196	\$ 80,752	\$ 36,149	\$ 34,456	\$ 315,244	\$ 300,417
Expenses											
General Fund	\$ 474,622	\$ 414,549	\$ 26,449	\$ 40,273	\$ 34,947	\$ 37,515	\$ 33,263	\$ 36,699	\$ 31,015	\$ 240,161	\$ 273,574
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 129,637	\$ 129,928	\$ 4,854	\$ 5,527	\$ 13,659	\$ 14,732	\$ 6,475	\$ 16,314	\$ 8,961	\$ 70,522	\$ 73,302
Total	\$ 604,259	\$ 544,477	\$ 31,303	\$ 45,800	\$ 48,606	\$ 52,247	\$ 39,738	\$ 53,013	\$ 39,976	\$ 310,683	\$ 346,876
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (172,238)	\$ (52,517)	\$ 8,663	\$ (15,006)	\$ (4,675)	\$ (3,051)	\$ 41,014	\$ (16,864)	\$ (5,520)	\$ 4,561	\$ (46,459)



# UNDERSTANDING OUR CHURCH'S OPERATING FINANCIAL PICTURE:

## A CALL TO ACTION, PART 2

The second part of our budget and financial management is our investment funds. We use multiple vehicles to invest and save our money in. We have checking and savings accounts with Community 1st Bank, which has recently been purchased and changed to HAPO Community Credit Union. We have money invested with HFG Trust and the PNW Conference Faith Foundation.

Following are definitions of the different types of endowed funds:

**True Endowment** – this fund is often created by a financial donation/gift to an organization with the intention of it being used in perpetuity as an investment fund, with only the interest earnings to fund expenses. These types of funds can be designated or not.

**Term Endowment** – this fund, also often created by a donation/gift, is invested for a specified period of time, with only the interest income available to fund expenses. At the end of the specified period, the invested principal is disbursed to the organization to be used at their discretion. These types of funds can be designated or not.

**Quasi-Endowment** – this is a fund set aside by the organization's board for medium to long-term investment, intended to function like a permanent endowment but allowing for the principal to be spent as needed at the leadership council's discretion. These are usually unrestricted/undesignated funds.

**Our current investment portfolio consists of term endowments and quasi-endowments.**

One fund consists of a \$100,000.00 gift given in the past from a church member to be designated for youth programs. No age specification was given, so this fund can be used for children of all ages in our church. Church leaders, at the time, voted on and approved to invest the principal amount of \$100,000.00 in a fund that would generate at least \$5,000.00 of interest income annually to be used for needed youth expenses. This is the short-term goal. For the long-term goal, the principal can be used if the need occurs. The current balance of this fund is \$119,015.95.

A second fund, a term endowment, was set up by one of our past members, Mrs. Hodgson. She invested a set principal amount for a time period of 30 years, starting in 2014. The interest earned from this original principal amount is to be shared between ten different charitable organizations, paying out dividends, of which we receive approximately \$15,000.00 annually. In 2044, the principal will be distributed to each of the ten charitable organizations. This annual dividend can be spent on general expenses and is not designated. The current value of this year's dividend is \$15,573.50.

Another fund, The Owens Trust, was originally a \$1,000,000.00 gift from one of our former members. At the time the church received this gift, the church Trustees and finance team used a portion to pay off all the church mortgages. It was also decided to give 10% to local charities. The remaining funds were invested as a quasi-endowment, with the short-term goal of re-investing the income earned or using it to pay expenses. The long-term goal was to use the funds as needed (undesignated funds) for expenses approved by the board. The current value of this fund is \$630,717.39.

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Finally, we have funds invested through the UMC Faith Foundation Northwest. These funds are a collection of designated monies given or raised for certain purposes, such as scholarships, bibles, website developments, youth, and many more. We have 33 such accounts, which we call Transitory Accounts. They currently total \$469,639.11, of which \$218,515.09 is invested with the Faith Foundation. The short-term goal of this investment fund is to use interest earnings to cover current designated ministry expenses.

Currently, we have a savings account balance of \$159,929.82 that consists of designated funds to cover the current and ongoing front plaza beautification project.

Our regular checking account, used to pay regular operating expenses has run at an average monthly deficit of \$6,600.00 for January through July 2025. It was similar for 2024, and even worse for 2023. Monies had to be withdrawn from the Owens Trust principal and earnings for both 2023 and 2024 to cover expenses. It looks like it will be the same for 2025.

The way we have been managing our money and funding our ministries is not working anymore. If our church continues in this manner, we could be facing closure at worst, cancelling many ministries at best. Something must change.

We need more money available for operating expenses and less money set aside in designated funds which we cannot access for operating expenses. If we can't pay our normal operating expenses, it won't matter how much money we have locked up in our 33 transitory accounts.

Your Finance Ministry Team is moving us to a unified budget to help us manage our current financial situation and set us up for a long and healthy existence. To be successful, our whole church membership must embrace these needed changes. With diligence, it may require 2 – 3 years to stabilize our financial path toward the future. Thank you for your continued generous support of Kennewick 1st United Methodist Church.

If any of you have questions, please reach out to your Leadership Council or Finance Ministry Team.

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## ***Remembering The Saints***



When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter “To all God’s beloved ... who are called to be saints” (Romans 1:7, NRSV). Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God.

The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God’s beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses.

All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are “called to be saints.”

About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints’ Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.

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## **NOVEMBER** *Birthdays*

Dallon Hare	2-Nov
Paige Phillips	2-Nov
Aurora Hooley	3-Nov
Cynthia Glazier	5-Nov
Lloyd Leathers	5-Nov
Christian Tenney	5-Nov
Ruth Anderson	6-Nov
Michael Zabel	7-Nov
Misty Milton	8-Nov
Joline Board	10-Nov
Jaime Hildman	10-Nov
Connie Boice	11-Nov
Gene Wertman	12-Nov
Patricia Cochran	13-Nov
Cameron Ebberts	13-Nov
Erin Hightower	13-Nov
Emilia Ramirez	13-Nov
Alva Avalos	15-Nov
Ann Sehmel	16-Nov
Elizabeth Elvik	17-Nov
Polly Poole	18-Nov
Nicole Loomis	19-Nov
Ryan Coffman	20-Nov
Tanner Butler	21-Nov
Craig Mayfield	21-Nov
Randy Bement	24-Nov
Kayla Ebberts	24-Nov
Jane Hunt	24-Nov
Mary Lynn Arter	28-Nov
Mona Miller	28-Nov
Trevor Troxel	28-Nov

### EARLY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Angelica Amegashie	1-Dec
John Harden	1-Dec
Wyatt York	1-Dec
Margaret Beesley	2-Dec



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

There are many in our congregation, community, nation, and world in need of prayer—those who are ill or suffering from injury; those who are experiencing food insecurity; those impacted by the government shutdown; those who are houseless; those in war zones; those who endure natural disasters; those who suffer injustice; and those who struggle with addiction. Lord, we lift them to you.



*. . . and for those grieving the loss of a loved one.*

Etta Lucile Ballard, 94, entered her eternal home on October 11, and is resting in the arms of Jesus. While we will miss her and grieve her passing, we celebrate the life God gave her. We are so blessed to have known her! Please keep her loving family and friends in prayer.

## A Thanksgiving Prayer



Gracious God,  
 thank you for every good gift—  
 for the food before us,  
 the people around us,  
 and the love that surrounds us.  
 Help us to pause, reflect, and rejoice  
 in Your constant goodness and grace.  
 May our hearts overflow with gratitude,  
 not just today, but every day.

Amen.

## ***Congratulations, Darryl Witherspoon, Certified Lay Servant***



At the October meeting of Leadership Council, Darryl Witherspoon accomplished the next step in achieving his heart-felt desire to become a Certified Lay Servant. He told the Council about his call to such service, his desire to serve God in this way, and the classes he has accomplished to date. The Council joyfully approved Darryl as a Certified Lay Servant.

Laity have long been a part of ministry in Methodism. Lay preachers, exhorters, and class leaders have served the church since its earliest days. The certified lay minister is “called and equipped to conduct public worship, care for the congregation, assist in program leadership, develop new and existing faith communities, preach the word, lead small groups, or establish community outreach ministries as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergyperson.” (2016 BOD ¶268.1)

Ask Darryl or Pastor Shirley if you want to know more.

## **PASTOR'S SCHEDULE Pastor Shirley will be away**

November 2, afternoon, through November 8  
Continuing Education in St. Louis

4Every Generation: Creating a Culture of  
Intergenerational Faith

November 9, afternoon, through November 17  
Vacation

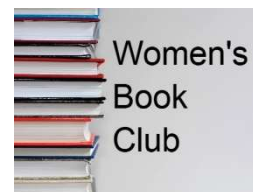
Guest Preacher on November 16: Darryl  
Witherspoon, Lay Speaker



## **Apportionments: “A portion meant for others”**

This is the budgetary expense that comes from being part of a denomination. By other names, every denomination has one. Because we are part of a denomination, we get group rates on insurance, background checks, and music licenses. We get legal support, help removing and receiving pastors, leadership training, and scholarships. And we fund significant and meaningful ministries that no congregation could manage on its own. From Conference Financial leadership comes this message: *Thank you to you and your local church. By paying your apportionments, you make ministry happen, not only in this area, but throughout our region [and around the world]. And without your generosity, that doesn't happen. So, a big thank you to each of you.*

“Trash: A Poor White Journey,” by Cedar Monroe, is on the table for our next gathering, 1 p.m. November 18. We meet at the Columbia Center Boulevard Barnes & Noble, the 3rd Tuesday every month. Generally, we are reading books from the United Women in Faith reading list, but not always. Join us!



**Kennewick 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church  
2 South Dayton**

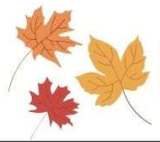
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**Sunday Morning Schedule  
Sunday School for all ages 9 a.m.  
Sanctuary Worship at 10 a.m.  
Nursery provided**

**Church Office Hours  
9 a.m. – noon and 1 – 3 p.m.  
Monday – Friday**

[www.KennewickFirst.com](http://www.KennewickFirst.com)

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# UMY NOVEMBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM PRAISE BAND 3:00 YOUTH GROUP 4-6 CAPTURE THE FLAG WEAR DARK CLOTHING CLOCKS FALL BACK 1 HR. TODAY	3 	4	5	6	<div>GIVE THANKS</div> <div><i>in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you</i></div> <div>1 Thessalonians 5:18</div> 	
9 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM PRAISE BAND 3:00 YOUTH GROUP 4-6 COME IN YOUR BEST BEACH ATTIRE FOR A BEACH THEMED AFTERNOON	10 	11 Veterans ★ DAY ★	12	13		
16 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM PRAISE BAND 3:00 YOUTH GROUP 4-6 FRIENDS-GIVING DRESS FANCY!	17 	18	19	20		
23 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM YOUTH GROUP 2-4 RAKE AND RUN BRING A RAKE AND GLOVES	24 	25	26	27 	28	29
30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM NO UMY ADVENT DECORATING AFTER CHURCH PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED						

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