

THE CLARION

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

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love
is of God and everyone that loveth
is born of God and knoweth God" (1 John 4:7)*

OCTOBER 2025



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community*

*Kennewick First United Methodist youth
invite you to*



Sunday, October 26
4:30–6 p.m.

- Candy donations are needed.
- Decorated trunks are welcome!
- Sign up in advance. Youth will be hosting an information booth and signup table in the Welcome Area Sunday mornings.
- No scary themes, no face masks.
- Parking and trunk setup are at 3:30 p.m.

Invite your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to bring their children to join us for our annual Trunk or Treat!

Holly Daze Pie Baking

The great bakers of the church will get together Friday, October 3, at 9 a.m. in the church kitchen to create apple pies for Holly Daze sales.

Won't you come help? Contact Debbie Logan for details.



Safe Sanctuaries, Safe Church



*Empowered by our policies and
practices to make everyone safer.*

Training Session and Information Sharing
Tuesday, October 21, 10–12 noon *or* 6–8 p.m.

Invited & Expected:

- Youth Leaders
- Class Teachers
- Lay Shepherds
- Parents & Teens
- Other interested people.

What does *Safe Sanctuaries* mean?
What does the KFUMC policy say?
How does this affect me?
How do I navigate this?



You're Invited!

Sunday, October 5
1–5 p.m.
1602 S. Sharron St.,
Kennewick, WA 99337

Come see the improvements that have been made to the parsonage! The parsonage is part of the salary package for the pastor.



Holly Daze To Open Season Of Holiday Cheer!

It's countdown time for UWF's wonderful autumn celebration -- **Holly Daze**. The bazaar, featuring homemade crafts, baked goods, and garden produce, will be held **Saturday, October 18**. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the church will be filled with booths and excited community shoppers who look forward every fall to the offering of holiday decorations, gifts, and treats.

Until then, many church members are needed to help with preparation. First of all, workshops will be held every Saturday morning (9 a.m. to noon) until the bazaar. Items to be priced can be brought then or taken to the church office during weekdays.

Produce and baked goods are needed for the bazaar. Please bring in your baked goods on Friday, October 17. Cakes, pies, cookies, candy, and other treats are all very popular with Holly Daze attendees.

Produce can be contributed anytime during set-up week. For questions on what to bring, contact Susan Sandmeier or Darryl Vaughn.

Volunteers will be needed for set-up, which begins Tuesday, October 14, and will also be needed to help at Holly Daze and afterwards on both Saturday and Sunday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the next few days.

The traditional apple pies, which always sell out, will be prepared at church Friday, October 3, 9 a.m. Contact Debbie Logan for details. The apples are being donated by Ridgeline Orchards, represented by Conner Sullivan.

A big thank you to all who are working to make the bazaar a success. Consider it a mission of caring because all funds raised go to support international, national, and local missions.

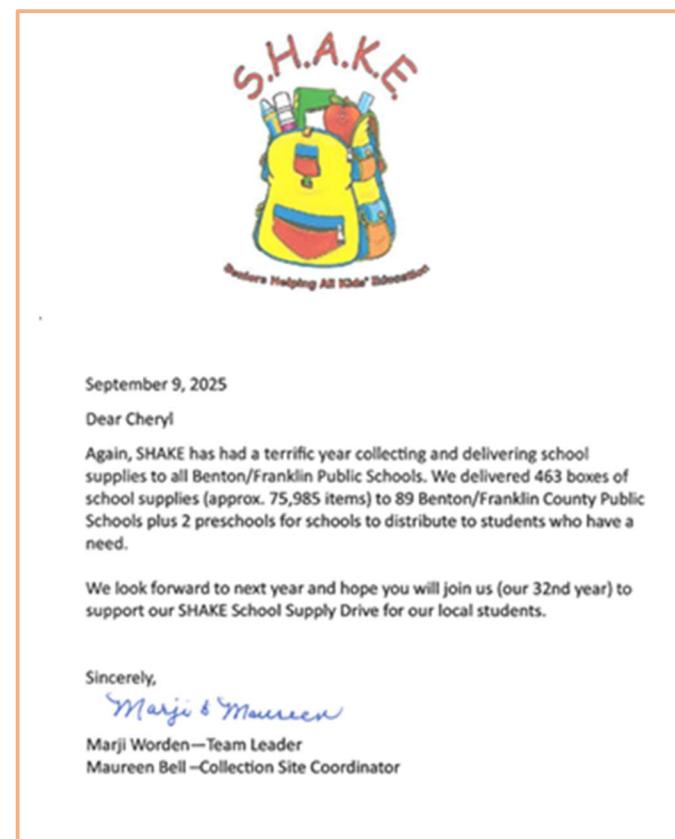
UWF will review the success of Holly Daze when members meet Wednesday, October 22, at 10 a.m. in the Susanna Wesley Room. There will also be a

program on World Relief presented by Robb Rennix, and Joy Fellowship will provide treats. The sharing gifts will be toiletries for the Tri-Cities Gospel Mission and stuffed animals for Piecemakers. President Kathy invites all church women and their friends to take part in the October meeting.

UWF's nominating committee is seeking names of members who would be interested in serving on the board. Please contact one of the committee members: Su Mayfield, Renee Wilhelm, or Kathy Wertman.

Joy!

Joy Fellowship members will gather at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 9, at Print Plus on Kennewick Avenue, Barb Helton's place of business. They will be working on centerpieces for the Holly Daze luncheon and wrapping up the bean soup and cornbread combos.



"... It is in our life and conduct that we must show our devotion to Christ."

—Woodrow Wilson



Leadership Council Meeting

**Sunday,
October 12**

11:30 a.m., 90-minute session

Church Leadership Council meetings are open to ALL. Members of the church have a voice when acknowledged by the chair; only elected members of the Council have a vote.

Items for discussion must be on the agenda before the meeting begins; last-minute items are welcome only if time allows.

Contact co-Chairs Cory Manley or Bob Kelly to get your topic added to the agenda. One-week notice is required to add to the agenda.

Cory's email: camanley@live.com

Bob's email: rkellyzx@gmail.com



Begins Wednesday, October 1
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)!

Farewell Cathy Rhorig, Happy Retirement



Organist / Accompanist Cathy Rhorig is looking forward to full retirement and travel. Her last Sunday with us will be October 26. We will celebrate her with cake and flowers. You are welcome to bring cards and good wishes to thank her for her years with us.



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Our Stewardship Journey

Our next Worship Series begins October 12

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2:3 & Micah 4:2b

A Letter of Invitation and Itinerary

October 12 Packing a Bible

October 19 A Scenic Overlook

October 26 Using Switchbacks to Climb

November 2 Stopping at Historic Markers

All Saints Sunday—remembering deceased loved ones with bells and candles

November 9 Souvenirs to Keep

Celebration Brunch immediately following worship





All-Church Charge Conference

Save the date: November 23. Pastor Hubert Rigor will preside. Immediately following worship we will have a potluck lunch to give Pastor Rigor time to finish at the West Highlands church and join us.

Agenda:

- Set Pastor Shirley's 2025 salary
- Elect officers for 2025
- Lay Servant/Lay Speaker confirmation

Anyone is welcome to sit in and listen at any Church Council, Finance, or Facilities Team meeting at church. Please understand the group that is meeting has an agenda to cover.

Please bring your questions and save them for the end of the meeting, or after adjournment, to allow the business of the meeting to be accomplished well and efficiently. If you want to place an item on the agenda, contact the chair before the day of the meeting.



Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped up to accomplish the work of ministering to our children and youth.

Thank you to all the volunteers for helping us keep the church office functioning in a friendly way.

Thank you to Kennewick West Highlands UMC for sending your office person Cindy Wade as a temporary staff person to help us keep up with the more involved office work.

Thank you to Bookkeeper / Treasurer Sharon Varzendeh for answering so many questions during this time of transition,

Thank you to former staff members Starlite, Cynthia, and Claressa for helping us with the details only you know!

Message from your Lay Leader

Looking back over these past three years, I cannot believe how much I have learned about church governance as your Lay Leader. Although at times it has been overwhelming, I have valued all that I have learned. I know I will continue to learn much more over the coming years. Serving as your Lay Leader has also helped me with my faith journey and to grow in Christ. I have become more confident in serving as Worship Host and Liturgist. Most importantly, it has allowed me to get to know many of you better.

The time has come, though, for me to step down as your Lay Leader. I will do so effective December 31, 2025. I want to now devote my time and talents to just a few ministry teams and committees that I am passionate about. If any of you feel called to serve our church as Lay Leader, please contact me or Pastor Shirley. We would be happy to share more information about this vital role in church service.

I am excited about some of the changes you will begin seeing in our church. Besides the more efficient and streamlined budget processes, the new Ministry and Volunteer Coordinator and the new Administrative Assistant position should be filled by the time of the October Clarion printing. Job descriptions and responsibilities have been updated to reflect the changes needed for our church to adapt and succeed in today's economic, social, and cultural norms. Also, our new Welcoming Committee and Education Committee are up and running with plans and new ideas to make our church more vibrant for current and future church members. More educational seminars, such as the one just completed on Sunday, September 28, are in the works, too. Our website will be updated to be more modern and user friendly, and our new YouTube channel has just been launched to enhance our online presence for our worshipers from home and abroad.

Thank you, all of you who have encouraged and supported me during my time as Lay Leader. I have greatly appreciated your advice and feedback.

In Christ's love,
Audrey Manley, Lay Leader
almanley1@gmail.com



SOUL SOUP

The one constant at Soul Soup is that nothing is constant. We continue to see new faces and families — the influx is not as great as earlier this summer. Still serving 75–90 meals a night.

Uncertain what it might be like as the weather cools off. One of our regular guests, Wesley, has been diagnosed with a recurrence of bone cancer. His health care professionals are still working on the extent of the recurrence and what the treatment plan will be. Please keep him and all our guests in your prayers.

The Adult Sunday School class is off and running as of September 14 with 16 participants so far. The book we are studying is “The Case for Grace” by Lee Strobel. It involves stories about how lives were changed by grace received. It is a good read so if you are not in class and looking for a good book, check it out.



Why Do We Take Worship Attendance?

Because...

- It's wonderful on Monday mornings to see the list of those who joined us Sunday.
- It helps us notice when you are missing for more than a week or two, so we can check in to see you are alright.
- If we must evacuate the building for fire or some other emergency, we want to know how many people to locate. Sign in before worship, and if an emergency happens, meet us on the church lawn between the parking lot and the garage.



Certified Lay Servant Ministries



Perhaps you have felt God calling you to become more involved in your local church and community. Or perhaps you have discerned the need to develop your leadership skills. If so, Lay Servant Ministries courses can help you.

Lay Servant Ministries courses / Learning & Leading courses will prepare you for a multitude of missions and ministries, or improve your teaching and leadership skills, guide you in improving your devotional time, help you become an accountable disciple, or help you develop confidence in leading prayer.

Laity who are interested in formalized training and certification for their ministry roles may consider certification through Lay Servant Ministries. There are four different certifications available:

- Certified Lay Servant
- Certified Lay Speaker
- Certified Lay Minister
- Hispanic Lay Missioner.

Completing online classes, receiving the recommendation of your pastor, and being approved by Church Council or Charge Conference are some of the required steps.

If you want to know more, enter <https://www.pnwumc.org/ministries/lsm/> in your web browser.



Pastor Shirley will be away

September 29-October 1

Gathering of the Orders

She will meet with other clergy from the Conference, including the Order of Elders. Other orders include Deacons and Licensed Local Pastors.

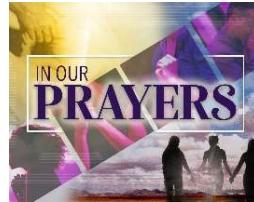
November 9, afternoon, through November 17

Vacation

Guest Preacher: Daryl Witherspoon, Lay Speaker



Ethan Collins	1-Oct
Hannah Mowry	1-Oct
Adam Berg	3-Oct
Ema Bruce	4-Oct
Deana Ahrend	5-Oct
Bradley Kuhns	5-Oct
Eve Kuwa	5-Oct
Brooke Varela	5-Oct
Kelsey York	5-Oct
Hannah Allen	6-Oct
Jill Berg	6-Oct
Brynnlee Marquardt	6-Oct
Shirley Miller	6-Oct
Etta Ballard	8-Oct
Stephanie Bannworth	9-Oct
Janet Shelton	10-Oct
Dave Hare	11-Oct
Kristy Dauncey	13-Oct
Amelia Kittson	13-Oct
Aidan Canada	14-Oct
Barbara Patterson-Skeen	15-Oct
Julia Carrasco	17-Oct
Jane Foreman	17-Oct
Bracken Deatherage	19-Oct
TJ Milton	19-Oct
Josylyn Olson	20-Oct
Dana Bryson	21-Oct
Albersh Kuwa	21-Oct
Buzzy Alley	22-Oct
May Darrow	22-Oct
Sierra Hogg	24-Oct
Ken Williamson	24-Oct
Gracee Glesener	26-Oct
Janet Klingler	26-Oct
Raymond Porter	27-Oct
Sharon Varzandeh	28-Oct
Darryl Lamberd	30-Oct
Jason Door	31-Oct
Donna Kittson	31-Oct



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

Etta Ballard, Wilma, Lloyd Leathers, Rita McElroy, Peggy Snyder, Gloria Bouchey



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

Patti Bateman and her family are grieving the loss of her husband, Lynn, who entered eternal life on September 13. His memorial service was held on September 27 in our church.

From Knowing to Becoming

Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

—Ned Erickson

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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
Beginning October 6

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UMY OCTOBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM YOUTH GROUP 2:00-6:00 CORN MAZE PLEASE BRING \$5	6 PLEASE RSVP FOR THE CORN MAZE TO STARLITE AT 509-396-4957 SO WE CAN PLAN TRANSPORTATION	7	8	9	10	11
12 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM PRAISE BAND 3:00 YOUTH GROUP 4 TO 6 VOLLEYBALL GUEST DEVOTION	13	14 HOLLY DAZE SET-UP HELP NEEDED TIME TBD	15	16	17	18 HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR
19 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM PRAISE BAND 3:00 YOUTH GROUP 4 TO 6 HALLOWEEN NAILED IT!	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM TRUNK-OR-TREAT SET-UP 3:30 EVENT: 4:30-6:00 PIZZA & DEVOTION FOR YOUTH AT 6:00	27	28	29	30	31	