

June 28, 2009



The Insert

We have come to glorify God and to be guided in the direction our lives need to take. We rejoice in your presence and welcome you sincerely.

Please join us for coffee following the service – we'd like to get acquainted! If you are a newcomer, please stop at the Welcome Desk in the newer entryway. If you have questions regarding any of our programs or ministries, please call the church office at 582-2163.

Today

Vacation Bible School sign-ups

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow at 8:30 am and will continue to meet through the week at that time! Register your children today at either coffee hour in the new entry. Our program this year is *Crocodile Dock* - they won't want to miss it!

Summer Youth Activities

Jr. and Sr. UM Youth and college age young adults are invited to our summer UMY activities, the first of which is tonight from 6 - 8 pm, here at the church. Jeff Varzandeh will be hosting and has a fun evening of fellowship planned for you!

Upcoming summer activities are also planned for July 12 and 26. Mark your calendars!

Coming Events

Grease!

Mark your calendar on July 23rd for our Senior's trip to Walla Walla to see **Grease** at the outdoor theater. Tickets & bus transportation are \$13 per person. Your reservation will be confirmed when I receive your money. (Make your check out to Kennewick First UMC, but mail it to Glenda by July 17th. I will deposit the checks when we are sure we have a full bus.) We will meet at the Church at 6 pm on July 23. Eat before you come or pack a lunch to eat on the bus . . . please remember, bottled water only to drink! The first 45 people who sign up will have a great trip to Walla Walla. All adults are welcome to go with us so Seniors be first to get your money to me! Call Glenda Clemons, 783-2685 if you have questions.

Please note

Pastor Doug's 15th Anniversary

We'll celebrate Pastor Doug's 15th year at Kennewick 1st next Sunday! Let's show our love and appreciation by showering him with cards on that day. Look for collection baskets in the entryways.

A New Kind of Mission Trip

There is a new opportunity in the UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) relationship with Guatemala. In March, at a consultation on UMVIM and UMCOR in Latin America, there was a conversation about working with villages in the Guatemalan Highlands in a new way. A plan evolved to organize mission trips to Guatemala to develop local Disaster Preparedness Plans. The local people will be trained to implement their own plans. Needed are team members with medical backgrounds (doctors, nurses, EMT's and people trained in other related fields) who tend to think outside the box, to help with this work. We also need 'lay' people who may not have these credentials but have a passion for this work. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Deb Conklin, LibertyParkUMC@yahoo.com, Spokane, 509.525.5588. Deb has made numerous mission trips to Guatemala and is an experienced team leader.

Food Drive

Positive Life Radio is pleased to bring back Christmas in July! This is the 11th annual community food drive that will be held on July 30 from noon - 6 pm. Bring your non-perishable food or personal care items to

church during July; we'll get them to the drop off location on the 30th. All donations will be distributed by Second Harvest.

FINANCIAL STRUGGLES

Our Church, like many individuals, is experiencing financial struggles in these tough times, despite the joy and success of the Miracle Sunday/transportation efforts. It often seems to be easier to raise funds for special projects than for the general ongoing operating budget.

Our General Fund is a month behind in our support for the Pacific Northwest Conference and our mission outreach with other churches. (All other bills are paid.) Church officials would prefer that these be paid before going into the summer period, which is traditionally tight. Of further concern is that we currently project we'll not have enough income to pay all the anticipated bills for this year.

To make our mortgage payment on the new addition in May, we had to borrow from mortgage payment reserves. To help with this situation, designate contributions for "debt service" or "kids first."

We hope that anyone who is behind on their pledges can get them caught up. And we hope that those who are able can contribute a little bit more. If you can help in only one area, the General Fund is the most crucial.

Finance Committee