

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, December 7: Old Fashioned Christmas, 11 am - 2 pm

We'll join the Downtown Kennewick Hometown Holiday celebration first, by being in the **parade at 10:30 am**, then by welcoming the community into our church to share our style of hometown hospitality from **11 am – 2 pm**. There will be something for everyone – strolling carolers, entertainment, goodies, and more, including a visit with Santa. We'll complete the afternoon by singing Christmas carols together.

Sunday, December 8: Holly Daze Encore, Between & After Worship Services

Is there anyone who doesn't love cookies? Of course not. That's why Holly Daze Encore will offer cookie platters, as well as wonderful Christmas crafts.

Sunday, December 8: Gingerbread House Building Night, 3-4 pm

Build Gingerbread houses! Bring candy treats to decorate your house and to share with others!
We will provide the foundation, siding, and adherent!!

Saturday, December 14: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Youth Chapel

Message by Chris Becker and Music by The Saturday Night Players

Sunday, December 15: Christmas Cantata, 10:30 am

It is a Celtic Christmas Celebration titled, "Have You Heard?" with familiar Christmas carols, as well as familiar Christmas texts set to beloved Irish and Welsh tunes. The Chancel Choir has been hard at work and is eager to share a beautiful morning of music in celebration of our Savior's birth! We hope to see you there! This would be a wonderful time to invite a friend. **Have YOU heard? Jesus is born!**

Tuesday, December 17: Cornerstone Christmas Extravaganza, 6 pm

We will have dinner, make crafts, send Christmas cards and go caroling. Please join the fun!!

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services

On Tuesday, December 24, there will be two worship services:

4 pm, Candlelight (more oriented towards families)

7 pm, Candlelight

Our handbell choir will perform at both services and the Chancel Choir will sing at the 4 pm service.

Communion will not be offered during the worship services; however, Pastor Mark will be available to offer the Eucharist after each service to anyone who would like to have communion.

Sunday, December 29: One Worship Service at 10 am

We will only have one Worship Service at 10 am and no Sunday School.

Hi Friends,

What a wonderful kick off to the Advent season we had last Sunday with the “Hanging of the Greens” service. Just a reminder that because we had that special kick off to Advent, we postponed our normal pattern of serving Communion on the first Sunday and moved it to this upcoming Sunday (Dec 8th). I hope you can join us in Worship.

On Saturday Dec 7th at 10 am, the Numerica Hometown Holiday Parade will be making its way through Downtown Kennewick. As it winds down, we will open our doors at 11 am to invite people to come to the “Old Fashioned Christmas”. Thank you to Sherry Arnold, who has been coordinating the event that invites people through our doors for a warm welcome, a chance to sing carols and experience the hospitality our church offers! Please come down and spend some time welcoming our community inside the doors of our church or just lend your voice to the Christmas Carol Sing-along!

I hope the season of Advent is turning into a wonderful time of reflection and expectation for you. I hope you are making plans to be with us at our special Advent events like the Cantata on Dec 15th, the special Tuesday Night Cornerstone event on the Dec 17th and the Christmas Eve services on Dec 24th!

Finally, I wanted to thank all of you who have contributed to the “Pastor’s Discretionary Fund” over the last few weeks. You all have replenished a wonderful tool at my disposal to help people who find themselves in a place of crisis, and extend a loving helping hand from our congregation! On a related note, one of the wonderful things about KFUMC is a willingness to be welcoming and inclusive in all the ministries and programs we present. One of the tangible ways that we live out that commitment is through the bus fleet our church owns. Because of the buses, people who have limited mobility can attend worship services or bible studies, church groups can travel to participate in meaningful events and transportation has become less of a burden and obstacle for people to participate in the ministries we feel called to be part of. The church has accounts set up to maintain those buses, but because we use them so often, and they are so important to the things we do, the fund that is used to purchase fuel for the buses has dipped “into the red” as the year comes to an end. If you would like to make a special gift to help keep those buses rolling, please feel free to contribute. Just mark your donation as “transportation fund”.

Have a wonderful week my Friends!

Pastor Mark