

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, March 7: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Youth Chapel
Join us in the Youth Chapel as Chris Becker is the speaker and the Saturday Night Players will play music. PLEASE JOIN US!!

Saturday, March 21: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Youth Chapel
Join us in the Youth Chapel as Kookie Graham is the speaker and the Saturday Night Players will play music.

Sunday, March 22: All-Church Bingo, 4-5:30 pm, Ida Payne
All Church Event in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall. Popcorn, punch and prizes.

Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday, Worship Services at 9 & 10:30 am
We will have palm fronds at both worship services and a Palm Sunday parade (parade participants will meet in Wesleyan Hall at 10 am)

Thursday, April 9: Maundy Thursday, 5 pm
There will be a potluck in Ida Payne with the main dishes provided. Please bring a salad or dessert.

Friday, April 10: Good Friday Service, 7 pm
There will be a Good Friday worship service in the sanctuary at 7 pm.

Saturday, April 11: Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 am
There will be an Easter egg hunt on the church lawn for children age 2 thru 4th grade at 9:30 am.

Sunday, April 12: Easter
6:30 am Sunrise Communion Service at Lions Gazebo in Columbia Park
9 am worship service in the sanctuary
10:30 am Choir Cantata in the sanctuary

A WORD FROM PASTOR MARK...

Hi Friends,

I'd appreciate your prayers, as I am in Seattle for the week interviewing candidates for Ministry on behalf of our Conference's Board of Ordained Ministry.

As you are all aware the circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) are evolving daily around the globe. On February 28, 2020, the Governor of the

State of Washington declared a State of Emergency and directed state agencies to use “all resources necessary” to prepare for and respond to COVID-19. *According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low and the CDC is recommending the standard preventative precautions for flu season to effectively manage the risk.*

If you would like to stay informed the CDC webpage, located at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. Is the best resource. To stay updated on local information the Benton Franklin Health Department can be found at <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov> (type COVID 19) in the search bar.

As far as our local congregation goes, we will be using best practices to help keep each other safe. Although we are a friendly congregation, I’m going to ask that we refrain from hugs, hand shaking and hand holding during our worship services in the upcoming weeks. Smiles, waves and a hearty “Good morning” will serve as our greeting for the time being.

In general washing hands regularly, cover any coughs, and sneezes. The use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if you have it, is good practice to incorporate in your daily routines. AND, as is always the case, should you become ill with flu-like symptoms, please stay home to help speed your own recovery and to protect your friends and neighbors from illness.

Please be mindful of these measures to help slow the spread of COVID 19 and help to keep your friends and neighbors safe! If you are worried about missing out on the sermon or other parts of the worship service, remember that our worship services are posted online, usually by Monday morning at <https://kennewickfirst.com/sermons-2/>.

Thank you for your help and willingness to keep each other safe.

Pastor Mark