

Upcoming Events:

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

Sunday, April 26: Sr. UMY Auction

"A Night Under the Montana Sky"

Doors open at 2:45 pm; Silent auction from 3 to 4 pm

Live auction begins at 4 pm

You are invited to come and enjoy food while supporting the Sr. High youth and their upcoming mission trip in June to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana!

Hi friends,

I think all of us have had a heightened awareness of the threat that the Covid 19 virus raises for our communities in the last two weeks. As your Pastor, I want to do my best to make sure that we have the information we need to keep each other safe and not escalate any un-needed panic or fear. Having said that, I want you to know that I take this threat very seriously. As a community of faith, we are called to interact with people who are pushed to the margins of our

society, people who need comfort in times of chronic health issues and support those older members who may have been members of this community for decades. These groups are some of the most at risk people in our communities for complications from the Covid 19 virus. I want to make sure KFUMC is as safe as possible, especially for those at highest risk. For most of us, Covid 19 will make us sick and feel miserable, but will be just one of many illnesses that inconveniences us, but for those at risk, it can become life threatening quickly.

Our neighbors in Oregon and in Snohomish and King counties have put limits on large gatherings. Benton and Franklin counties **have not** issued similar requests, but we will be putting together a plan to allow us to worship together, and continue to do the work we are called to do as a church, if we need to be isolated for a while.

Finally, I want to address finances briefly. If you are feeling ill or are showing symptoms such as a fever, coughing and shortness of breath or if you've been in contact with someone who has been confirmed as ill with Covid 19, I'd ask you to stay at home. Some of us who have made commitments to support the work of KFUMC with our finances often fulfill that commitment by placing our contribution in the offering plate during worship on Sundays. Many of us have taken advantage of our banks electronic checking to send checks to designated recipients at regular intervals. Some of us take advantage of the electronic giving option KFUMC has with Push Pay services. You can access that option on the church's website (www.kennewickfirst.com) by clicking the "give" option at the top of the page. You can make a one-time contribution or set up continuing contributions through the safe and secure web server. Taking advantage of these options help us continue to be faithful to the commitments we have made around faith and giving even when we may be isolated for a while.

Thank you all for your continued desire to be a church that continues to proclaim that we are **ALL** beloved children of God, that we can all experience God's spirit. Jesus invites us to be part of a Spirit-filled community that uses our time, talents and treasure to work for a world that reflects the Reign, Justice and Grace of God!

Pastor Mark