

Hi friends,

Here is the weekly email, to keep you up on things that are happening around KFUMC:

First, good news, our re-opening plan has been approved by the Bishop's office. What this means is that as certain criteria for moving to the next stages of re-opening are met in both the state Government and the Bishop's office, our plan for moving through those stages has been ok'd by the Bishop's office. So, in the future when we get the green light to move into Phase 2, 3 and 4, we have a plan in place to help us navigate those transitions safely. Thank you to our Emergency Planning Team and our staff for helping put together such a thorough plan!

Secondly, on a much happier note, I want to celebrate an event I was a part of that has wonderful connections to KFUMC. The PNW Annual Conference did something historic. We had a clergy session and did the business of the Annual Conference virtually by way of a video conference. Believe it or not, it worked! After a slow start getting the technology to jive with the actions and motions, we were working on, we were able to get our work done! Geoff Helton, a product of this church community, serves as the Chair of the Full Board of Ordained Ministry, he had the unenviable task of running the meeting. During the meeting, I as the Chair of the Full Membership Committee, was able to recommend Alexa Eisenbarth for "continuance towards her status as an Ordained Elder" in our conference. That means she has at least one more year to go to meet all the requirements for ordination. She is serving Orting United Methodist Church in Orting, WA, if you would like to send her a note of encouragement. Geoff is serving Audubon Park United Methodist in Spokane.

On that happy note, I hope it is a great week my friends. Don't forget that at 10:30 am on Sunday you can tune into our YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>) and worship with us right from your living room kitchen table or on your back porch in the sun with a cup of coffee like I do.

P.S. - The KFUMC staff is throwing Amberley a baby shower! Because of Covid-19, it will be a drive-by at the back door of the church. The date is **Tuesday, June 23rd from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.** Just drive through the circle, stop and drop your gift off, wave to Amberley, and see her baby bump!! Amberley is registered at Target. Pampers diapers and wipes are always appreciated, as well as gift cards from Target or Walmart.

Now... Go wash your hands!

Pastor Mark