

Hi friends,

Not much new to let you know about this week. We are still waiting on criteria to be met from the State Health Board and the PNW Annual Conference to get the go ahead to move in to phase 2 of our re-opening plans.

I know that so many of us are missing the regular patterns of life that we are all used to. I mentioned last week that the month of June holds so many milestones and memories for many of us. I want to remind all of us that Kennewick First UMC is more than just a building, or more than just a Sunday worship service. We are a community of people. People who worship and celebrate together. People who grow in our faith together. People who serve others. People who create and share in lasting friendships. Even though we can't meet in person the way we usually do, those things don't change. I had a wonderful chat today on the phone with one of our 94-year-old members, and she mentioned that the "phone works both ways" and that she was intentionally calling people to just chat. Many of us have had important anniversaries while having to be separated. George and Connie Boice will be celebrating 60 years together next week. Tim and Kim Anderson had an anniversary on June 16th. My wife Jennifer and I celebrated 29 years together last week (I think Jennifer would even say there were 10-15 good years in there Just kidding... Love you honey!). And 25 years ago, this week, I was ordained as a United Methodist Pastor. I know many others of us have celebrated special days and had to do so in different ways this year. On Monday afternoon I'll be posting a thread on the Church's Facebook page where you can add a picture if you like, or a comment about an anniversary you are celebrating, so we can join you in that celebration. We will post a link to that thread in next week's Friday update so that those of you who may not use the Facebook platform can still see it.

If you would like the July/August 2020 Upper Room mailed to you, please call Cheryl in the church office at 582-2163 or contact Cynthia at Cynthia@kennewickfirst.com. Please specify if you want the large or small print.

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.

Have a great week my friends! And... (say it with me...) Go Wash Your Hands!

Pastor Mark