

Hi friends,

Just a few things to let you be aware of this week:

Many of you have been asking how you can help with the combined VBS/School backpack program we are doing in August. Starlite Buchholz sent me this note this week, letting everyone know how we can help.:

### **Back-to-School Supply Drop Off**

If you have purchased supplies for our VBS back-to-school backpacks our first drop off date is **Saturday, July 25th from 9:00-10:00 AM**. We will be under the covered drive-thru at the church, so just swing by and drop your items off with us. If you cannot make this date, we will have another drop off day on August 9th from 3:00-4:00 PM. Thank you!

I hope you can help us reach out to these kids that have had a challenging summer and also help supply a need for so many families.

Secondly, I promised to post the link to my Thursday devotions for those of you that want to see it but do not use the Facebook platform. So here it is:

<https://www.facebook.com/KennewickFirstUMC/videos/580736495953567>.

Also, just a quick update about some things we are updating while the church building is closed. When we finally get to phase 3 in Benton County, we will start to return to some limited gathering in the church building. Because every time we use the facility we need to wipe the surfaces down and clean the spaces we use more regularly, we need to be especially careful to make sure we now know who is in the building, and when people are using specific spaces. To that end we have made a new building user agreement that we are sending out to our outside groups that use our facilities like AA and Boy Scouts, so that they know exactly what we expect. We are also going to ask that groups within the church that hold classes, studies and activities also have a user agreement, so we are all aware of what we need to do to keep our facility clean and safe. So, if you are the leader of a group at church, keep an eye out for a letter explaining the new user agreements. I know it is a pain in the neck, but a little inconvenience is so much better than having to take a step backwards, close the building and become a hotspot for infection. Thank you so much for helping us work through this together.

Finally, just a reminder that at 10:30 AM on Sunday Morning you can join us in our virtual Worship Gathering over on our YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>.

On a related note, Chuck Smith who runs our sound system, had a great idea this week. As a way to work out the bugs on our live streaming abilities, he is going to be live streaming the Church bells ringing at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. You can tune in and hear

them or if you want to drive by at noon on those days and wave at the camera, we will do our best to make you YouTube famous!

Have a great week My friends, ... Now go wash your hands!

Pastor Mark