

Hi friends,

I hope you are staying cool in these hot August days. I am so happy to let you all know that our Music Director, Amberley Almarode delivered her brand-new son Peter Jonathan Almarode yesterday August 6th. Peter arrived in the world tipping the scales at 6 lbs. 9 oz and is doing great along with Amberley and the whole family. CONGRATULATIONS AMBERLEY!

Here are a few things coming up as we are making our way towards the end of summer:

As I hope you have heard, we will be doing a combination of handing out backpacks with school supplies to kids in our neighborhood and giving them supplies to participate in a Vacation Bible School in the backpack. I received word from Starlite Buchholz, that donations for the school supplies we are including in our VBS/Back to School backpacks are going great. THANK YOU!!! Specifically, we still need single subject wide ruled spiral notebooks, crayons/markers and pencil sharpeners for the backpacks. If you would like to donate those items feel free to drop them off at our next school supplies drop of at the church on Sunday, August 9th from 3-4 pm. We will be handing out the backpacks on August 19th.

Our youth will also be having a VBS based on a series of videos Rachel Loomis will be posting on the Kennewick First UMC Youth YouTube channel. The videos focus on Paul's analogy of the "Armor of God" in Galatians Chapter 6. The videos will be posted each day from August 23rd through August 28th.

Finally, just a reminder of two things you can check out on our Kennewick First UMC YouTube channel. First, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we are live streaming the noon-time chimes from our bell tower. Feel free to tune in at noon if you are missing those historic bells of the church ringing throughout downtown. Secondly, this week's worship service will be posted over on our YouTube channel at 10:30 am this Sunday Morning. We will continue talking about Jacob's story, specifically Jacob's name change from Jacob to Israel. (Here is a link - <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>)

I hope it's a great week my friends.

Go wash your hands! 😊

Pastor Mark