

Hi friends,

We have a few things I want you to be aware of coming up soon at Kennewick First:

1) Hopefully, you have received word through these emails and our Facebook posts, that we have been given permission to have a “Drive-in Church” Service this Sunday (September 27th) at 10:30 am in the parking lot of the church. Our worship team will be leading us in worship and if you are in your car you can tune your radio to an AM radio station and listen via our AM transmitter. As of this morning, we still have space for you to park and participate in your car, and a few spots for your household to bring blankets and chairs to sit in the grass, if you like. We have very strict guidelines regarding how many we can put in our parking spots, and in the grass with social distancing, so when the spots are full, we can’t let anymore in, and you will have to park on the street or somewhere off property. If you are showing symptoms of illness or getting out in public puts you at specific risks, please use your best judgment when deciding whether to sign up or not. If you haven’t signed up for a spot yet and would like to, here is the link: <https://reopen.church/r/yYVuCLI4> and sign up for either a spot to participate in your car or a spot on the grass with your own seats. We are counting households, not individuals for our requirements, so when you sign up and it asks, “how many will be attending?” just put 1 so we get an accurate count. The parking lot will open at 10 am and we are asking that you enter from the Everett Street side (West end) and exit out the Dayton Street side (East end) when we are done. If you are not participating in person remember, we are still going to live stream the worship service on our YouTube channel at 10:30 am. (Here is the link for that livestream if you need it: <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia> ).

2) For those of you who tried to log into the zoom Bible Study on Wednesday at 11 am and couldn’t get in, there was a technical glitch that I wish I could blame on someone else, but it was my fault! As my Dad used to say when I would tell him something was wrong with the car ... “I think it’s the loose nut behind the steering wheel!” Anyway, the settings have been corrected and the link to the meeting should work just fine this Wednesday. (You know I jinxed it by putting it in print right!?) Here is the link for the Study on the Book of Acts. We will dive into Acts, Chapter 1 at 11 am, Wednesday. <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043>  
Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043.

3) On October 25th, the youth group has invited us to participate in one of their annual events: Trunk-or-Treat! As you may know, the youth group does a wonderful carnival and candy give away each year for kids in the church and surrounding community. Because of obvious limitations the carnival portion of the event will not happen this year, but the Trunk-or-Treat will. We have 35 spots available for people to decorate their car for Halloween, wear a not-too-scary costume and pass out candy to kids as they go by in an organized and socially distant process. The youth will be using 20 of those spots and they have graciously offered 15 of them to anyone in the church who would like to come in costume, decorate their car and hand out candy. **Thank you, Youth Group, for inviting us all to come and participate and make this a whole church event!!** If you’d like one of those spots go to: <https://reopen.church/r/yYVuCLI4> .

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There are lots of things happening at KFUMC. I am so proud of this congregation for your willingness to Love God and Love our neighbors in creative ways during this historic chapter in our life together. I brag on this congregation every chance I get! THANK YOU!

I hope you can find a way to participate, whether it's in a virtual way online, or in person at a Drive-In service or in a Zoom Bible study or the other ways we are connecting with each other and our community.

See ya' Sunday. Now ... go wash your hands!

Pastor Mark