

Hi friends,

Well, November is upon us and it seems like weather has begun to match the season. I want to give a big "Thank You" to the people who helped distribute the items purchased at this year's Holly Daze sale, AND thank them for the hard work they did in organizing the sale online and making it as trouble free as possible. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK! I also want to thank all of you who made this year's Trunk or Treat such a huge success! I personally gave out over 400 pieces of candy to nearly 200 kids who came through our parking lot with parents, grandparents, and friends. Thanks for all of the hard work that Rachel Loomis and her team did to make this event a success and create an event that followed protocols to keep us all safe, and still let the community know that we care about them, and want the neighborhood to be a great place! In all the challenges 2020 has brought, I am so thankful to be serving a church that worships God, Serves those in need, Grows in our spiritual lives and Creates friendships!!

There are a few things you should be aware of this week:

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!** Don't forget, if you are a registered voter, that your ballot needs to be postmarked by November 3rd (This Tuesday), to be counted in this year's election. If you live in Benton County, here is a link from the County Auditor's office on where and how you can turn in your ballots: <https://bentonauditor.com/Vote-by-Mail> . If you live in Franklin County, here is the link to get information on your ballots: <https://www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor/elections/currentelection.php>.

**JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR ONLINE WORSHIP:** I got a wonderful note this week from someone who lives on the other side of our state but participates by watching our Weekly Worship Services that are posted on our YouTube channel. I know that many others from outside our community and region are joining us in a virtual way to participate in worship as well. Every Sunday at 10:30 am, our Worship Service is posted on the internet for you to participate in. This week is the first Sunday of the month, so we will be sharing the elements of Communion together. Have bread and juice available if you would like to participate. Here is the link to our YouTube channel where you can watch this Sunday's Service or, take a look at a Service from the last 6 months (Our version of re-runs ☺): <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** I am continuing to lead a Bible Study each Wednesday at 11 am on the book of Acts. (Although some of you may have heard that a suicidal squirrel knocked out the transformer behind my house 10 minutes before I was supposed to log in and start the study last Wednesday, so we had to postpone until this week). This next week we will study Acts, Chapter 4 together. Join us on Zoom at this link, if you would like to participate: (<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043> Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043).

Thanks, my friends! Now... go wash your hands!  
Pastor Mark