

Hi friends,

We have a few Advent events to remind you about at Kennewick First in the weeks ahead!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE DRIVE IN

We apologize! We posted the wrong times for the Christmas Eve Drive-In Service. The correct times are 5 pm & 7 pm on Christmas Eve. We will be having a special time of worship. Because we are unable to meet inside our Sanctuary for a “Normal” Candlelight Service we will be presenting a Drive-In church service that includes video projection, spoken word, music and candlelight to celebrate this most holy night! Come and participate in the comfort of your warm car at this creative and meaningful Christmas Eve event. Go to <https://reopen.church/r/yYVuCLI4> to register your parking spot for one of the services. We are limited to 45 parking spaces so when you register, record how many cars you will have, ***NOT*** how many people are in the car.

HOLLY DAZE PICK UP

December 5th, 11am – Noon

For those of you who didn't address your craving for bean soup (or other items from the December Holly Daze sale) there is still hope! Round two of the Holly Daze event is underway. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/mlarterwa>.

Take a look at the items and make a purchase to help raise funds to support the wonderful things The United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church are doing! The pick-up time for those items you have purchased will be **Saturday, December 5th from 11 am-12 pm** as a drive up / pick up at the church. Take a look at the page and see if there is anything you'd like to purchase for the holidays! Thanks for your help in our attempt to raise money for missions in this alternative manner.

ALL-CHURCH GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING EVENT

Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 PM on Zoom

You are invited to the all-church gingerbread house making event on Zoom on Sunday, December 13th at 5 PM! For this event, you will need to pick up the items that are on the Gingerbread House Supply List below.

If you need help purchasing gingerbread house making supplies, we are happy to help! Please do not hesitate to sign up for receiving supplies on the Reopen church website by the end of Sunday, December 6th. Then you will pick up the gingerbread house making supplies on Thursday, December 10th from 5-7 PM, during the Butter Braid pick-up night.

*****To sign-up for receiving supplies for gingerbread house making, visit this website and sign up by the end of Sunday, December 6th:**

<https://reopen.church/r/yYVuCLI4>

Gingerbread House Supply List

- At least 5 rectangle graham crackers
- Royal icing...homemade or store bought (Best frosting to help “glue” the house together)
- 4 cups (480g) confectioners’ sugar, sifted
- 3 Tablespoons **meringue powder** or (3 ounces pasteurized egg whites and no water)
- ¼ tsp. **Cream of Tarter**

If using meringue powder...9–10 tablespoons room temperature water

- Can of white frosting...tastes better and works well for decorating and adhering the candies to the base
- Cardboard base covered in aluminum foil, or a sturdy paper plate

Serrated knife

- Disposable piping bag or a baggie (scissors to cut end)
- Download, print, and assemble a small milk carton out of construction paper and cover with foil or wax paper (dimensions 2.5 width on all sides) or purchase a dairy product in a carton with the correct dimensions, rinse out and use!
- **Candy**...gum drops, Red hots, mini candy canes, ribbon candy, cinnamon bears, M&M’s, Skittles, sprinkles, peppermints in green and red and Sixlets. Get creative!

Then follow the link to join the Zoom

Meeting <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/98645413505> Meeting ID: 986 4541 3505, log in on the 13th at 5pm and join the fun!

LIVE STREAM VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ALONG

December 16th, 6:15 pm

One of the highlights of the Advent and Christmas Seasons are singing Christmas hymns and carols. It seems that we never have enough opportunity to sing everyone’s favorites, so we are having a Sing-along, Wednesday December 16th at 6:15 pm via our YouTube Channel. Join Amberley Almarode and Margo Cox for a fun time of singing Christmas Carols and Hymns from the comfort of your own home. Follow this link to tune in on the 16th :

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We will be having our Sunday Worship service virtually at <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>. We continue the Season of Advent with Pastor Mark’s Sermon Series on Mary. What better figure in scripture to lead us into a season of expectation for a Savior to be born!

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have been working so hard behind the scenes to make these events happen!

VIRTUAL ½ HOUR COFFEE HOUR

Each Sunday at 11:30 am

Join us at 11:30 am after our Sunday Worship Service for an open Zoom format to connect and share a cup of coffee with one another. After our Sunday Worship Service, we will have an open Zoom conference for people to stop in to see each other face to face and just reconnect with one another. Feel free to stop in for a few minutes, or for the whole half hour and see who needs a haircut and say hello to friends. Follow this Zoom link at 11:30 am Sunday Morning to log in. <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/92776382874> - Meeting ID: 927 7638 2874.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 20th, 10:30 am

Normally this year our Sunday School and Children's Ministries would have organized and presented a Christmas Program. Because we are required to continue with Virtual Worship services, Chuck Smith has created a recording and filming studio in the church so that our kids can come in individually and film their lines and scenes for a full production video of our kids Christmas program. (Thank you, Chuck, for your hard work in putting this together!) Tune in to our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia> Sunday December 20th at 10:30 am for this very special program!!

Even during the restrictions in place on public gatherings, there is so much happening at KFUMC! I hope that you can tune in and participate in any and all the Advent events happening this month!

Now... God wash your hands!

Pastor Mark

P.S.: Monday, November 30th marked Altha Perry's 74th year of attendance at KFUMC. She is so happy to be a member of this church congregation and is thankful to all the other members!! Congratulations Altha!!!