

Hello friends,

Last night we had our bi-monthly programming meeting for the first time in over a year and a-half IN-PERSON! It was wonderful to sit around tables and talk about the programs and event groups in the church, planning to help create a church that answers the call to love God and love our neighbor. We talked about the youth group's plans for the upcoming month, including a night at a Dust Devil's Baseball game, and we heard about the plans in place for a Holly-daze sale and fair in October. We discussed a Habitat for Humanity build that we will be helping with in a couple of weeks. Our Vacation Bible School will happen in a few weeks on August 2nd and 3rd. I was full of pride (maybe the wrong word... more like thankfulness), as we heard how groups in the community that had stopped gathering during the pandemic and were unable to volunteer to help serve at our Soul Soup meals, yet... volunteers from our congregation have stepped up to make sure that every Thursday this important service has continued to run without missing a beat and provide meals to those who most need them! What a great testimony to the commitment of our congregation to make a difference in our community! We finished our time working on the logistics and plans for our Sunday worship schedule beginning in September to include an education hour!

It was wonderful to hear, how as a congregation in the midst of such hardships, we are finding creative ways to Celebrate and Worship together, Serve people in need, Grow spiritually and make Friendships!

Below you will find a list of things coming up in the next few weeks and how you can be part of the wonderful things that are happening at Kennewick First United Methodist Church!

KFUMC Habitat Build - July 31st

There is still time to sign up and be part of this wonderful opportunity to work on a Habitat for Humanity Build happening in Kennewick. All of our work crew begins at 8:00 am and ends at 2:30 pm. Habitat will provide your group with a Crew Leader who is experienced, both with construction tasks and working with volunteers. Our volunteer groups accomplish everything from framing to sheetrock to installing underground sprinklers under the watchful eye of the Crew Leader. We provide all the materials, tools, and safety equipment necessary for the task. We will complete interior work when the weather is too cold to work outside.

Volunteers are required to complete an application for Habitat for Humanity. Details regarding the application and details for the day will be emailed once you have signed up on <https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4> . If you have any questions, please contact Jill Berg at 509-491-0116.

Vacation Bible School Planned

This Summer on August 3rd-4th from 5:30 pm - 8pm, Kennewick First will be putting on an outdoor Vacation Bible School. If you know a child that would like to participate, you can get registration materials in the Narthex at Church on Sunday or give the church office a call at (509) 582-2163. If you would like to volunteer to help on those two evenings, you can sign up to volunteer by clicking this link and signing up:

<https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4> . We are also in need of 3 (or more) Shade canopies to use on the 3rd and 4th. If you have one (or more) that we can borrow during the event, please give the church office a call and let us know! Also, if you would be willing to help cook a simple dinner for the participants at VBS we would appreciate the added help!

Youth Night at the Tri-cities Dust Devils Game

On the evening of Tuesday, July 20th at 7 pm, the youth group will be going to the Dust Devils Baseball game against the Spokane Indians at Pasco's Gesa Stadium. There are spots still available if you would like to attend the game with our youth. If you would like to attend the game with us sign up at <https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4> and reserve your spot!

See you in church my friends!

Pastor Mark