

Hello friends,

Here are some important things happening at the Church!

2021 SHAKE DRIVE

Our church will once again be participating in the SHAKE DRIVE. This drive is to collect school supplies for our local elementary schools. The bin will be delivered Monday, July 12th and picked up Thursday, August 12th and will be located in the lobby. Please fill the bin and help our local students!!

KFUMC Habitat Build - July 31st

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 any questions, please contact Jill Berg at 509-491-0116.

Vacation Bible School Planned

This Summer on August 3-4 from 5:30-8pm, Kennewick First will be putting on an outdoor Vacation Bible School. If you know a kid that would like to participate you can get registration materials in the Narthex at Church on Sunday. 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> .

Upper Room Devotionals for July-August

The July/August Upper Rooms have arrived! You can either pick one up at the back of the Sanctuary or if you would like one mailed or delivered to you, please call the church office at 509-582-2163.

Protocol updates

Just a reminder that we are open for worship each Sunday at 10:30 am! Our re-opening plan has been modified to incorporate the State recommendations and CDC advise. So as of June 30th, we have updated our mask and spacing protocols to match the state's, "Washington Ready" proclamation. That means that the face covering at worship for those of us who have been fully vaccinated is no longer a requirement and that social distancing is no longer in place. We will also be updating our occupancy limits from 50% to 100%... until we bump into the 10,000 in attendance qualifier ☺. Although we are making these updates, we are well aware that the threat of Covid-19 and its variants are a huge concern for the health of many of us, and we want to do our best to make sure we do not contribute to any new outbreaks.

We will continue to have sanitizing stations available, encourage people to receive vaccinations, we will ask you to continue to sign in as you enter worship in case, we need to get in touch with you with news about exposure or health concerns, and we will be holding off on receiving communion until the 1st Sunday of August when we can implement some safe practices in that ritual. At this point, the CDC notes that singing together in indoor spaces is still among the activities with the highest likelihood of spreading the virus, so we will continue to hum along with our worship team for the time being.

Thanks for helping us continue to move forward towards being fully open!

See you in church my friends!

Pastor Mark