

Hello Friends,

We are closing in on the end of the summer and most of our special events are coming to an end, as we get ready for the fall program season. Tuesday and Wednesday we had a great time with the kids at Vacation Bible School. Last Sunday we were able to receive communion for the first time in person in almost 2 years, and in a couple of weeks we will be having our all-church camp out at Hood Park. I Hope you have had a chance to connect and participate in some of the wonderful things that have happened at Kennewick First this Summer.

Here are a few things coming up you will want to know about.

2021 SHAKE DRIVE

The School Year will be here before we know it and that means the annual SHAKE school supply drive is in full swing! There is a bin in the entry of the church to collect all your generous school supply donations. It will remain in place until August 12, so there is still time to participate in this vital project. A great number of families in our area find it a challenge to send their children to school with the supplies they need to fully participate in their educational experience. We can help! Please consider donating supplies to this great project that is such a help to so many elementary school kids and their families

Youth Group Parent and Student Orientation Meeting

The Jr. and Sr. UMY Orientation for teens and their parents will be held on **Sunday, September 12, from 6-8 PM.** We will begin by meeting in the sanctuary to go over information about youth group, Sunday School, Cornerstone Bible study, trips, and fundraisers, and teens and parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Following the information portion of the orientation, we will have an ice cream social!

Kennewick First UMC offers opportunities for 6th to 12th graders to learn and practice Christian principles and participate in fun activities. It is our goal to provide a safe and structured environment where the youth feel welcomed and loved by the Lord and their teachers and leaders. If you have any questions, please give our Director of Youth Ministries, Rachel Loomis a call at the church.

Sunday Worship

If you plan on joining us in person, we ask that you sign in when entering for worship, so that we have a way to contact you in case there is information that we need to give you regarding health issues. We are asking that all who are in attendance, regardless of your vaccination status, please wear a mask while indoors, and that all of us make use of the sanitizing stations as you enter the sanctuary.

See you in church my friends!

Pastor Mark