

Hi friends,

Fall is here! We are starting to feel those chilly mornings, there was literally “frost on the pumpkin” on the three pumpkins we have growing in the backyard this week! As Autumn sets in, that means that we are rolling ahead at Kennewick First with the ministries, events and programs that help us worship and celebrate together, serve others, grow in our faith, and create lasting friendships. I hope you can participate in events coming up this week here at the church!

Pastor Mark

### **Etta Ballard’s 90th Birthday Celebration**

Etta’s family will be hosting a birthday celebration for our dear friend Sunday, October 10th at 6 pm at the Eastern Benton County Historical Museum – 225 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick, WA (Etta’s picture is on the wall there with Kennewick High School graduating seniors, see if you can spot her!) The family asks that in lieu of gifts or cards, a \$5 donation be made to the museum in her honor. Come share in some cupcakes, cookies and coffee and wish Etta a happy birthday!

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study restarting**

On Wednesday, October 13th at 11 am we will be gathering virtually via the Zoom platform to continue our study of the book of Acts. Many of us who participate in the Bible study are not able to gather in person as of yet, so we will begin using the same virtual platform we used in the Spring. For those of you that participated the link will be the same, but here is the link if you didn’t have it saved or would like to join us.

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043>.

### **Adult “Classes” Available on Sunday Mornings**

While our kids are meeting in their Sunday School Programs there are two adult education offerings at 9 am on Sunday mornings. There is an adult book study lead by Jim Deatherage and Bob Kelly, that meets in the Suzanna Wesley Room, AND in the fellowship hall there are supplies and instructions to make simple, no sew... tie blankets. Please feel free to come at 9 am this Sunday and participate in the book study, or sit and share a conversation and make friends as we make tie blankets to hand out as the cold weather begins to set in.

## **Ridin' with The Rev' This Sunday**

The good riding days are numbered but this Sunday looks to be around 60 degrees and a low chance of rain so we will be meeting at the church parking lot at 3 pm for a scoot East towards Touche' (mostly just because I like to say I rode my motorcycle to Touche'... I know I'm a 10- year -old at heart!) If you ride a motorcycle of any kind, feel free to join us for a short ride (a little over an hour). It's a great chance to ride with friends new and old!

## **HOLLY DAZE 2021**

We are pivoting to another on-line sale in light of the low vaccination rate in our area and the high number of cases and people hospitalized. The Health Department is recommending large events be cancelled so we are being extra cautious for those in our community. We will post photos of all items we have on our Facebook page which is open to the public. Folks can place orders on Facebook. The actual Holly Daze event sales will **end on Saturday, October 16th** (the previously planned in-person event) Check out the Holly Daze Facebook page and see the items for sale!

<https://www.facebook.com/mlarterwa> .

Thanks for the help everyone is able to give to make this Holly Daze as successful as possible.

## **Could you donate fleece for our Sunday morning blanket project?**

On Sunday mornings, while our kids are in their Sunday School programs, there is an opportunity for adults to gather together and make some simple "Tie Blankets" from fleece material. At this time of year many fabric stores are putting fleece material on sale. Would you be willing to purchase and donate a yard or two of fleece to help us make these blankets to donate to individuals and organizations as the weather begins to cool down? If you would like to donate pieces of fleece you can either drop it by the church office or bring it with you on Sunday mornings when you come to Worship.

## **Thank You to those who have signed up to be “Worship Host?”**

THANK YOU! To all of you who have signed up to be “Worship Hosts” on Sunday Mornings. We can always use folks who are willing to help out with this very important job as substitutes and fill-ins. If you would like to be on that "Substitute list" give us a call at the church office and we can add you. And know that participating in one of the Adult Sunday Education classes won't interfere with serving as a “Worship Host”

## **Fall Worship Schedule is Underway**

Just a reminder that we have begun our Fall schedule on Sunday Mornings. That means that we have Sunday School classes for kids and youth, as well as adult classes available to participate in at 9 am. Then we will gather in the Sanctuary at 10 am for a time of celebration and worship!

We hope to see you in worship on Sunday at 10 am.

## **TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

We will be having our annual Trunk-or-Treat sponsored by our UMY on Sunday, October 31st from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Keep watching for more details!!