

Hi friends,

There are lots of things happening in the days ahead, here are some things to be aware of at Kennewick First!

## **2021 Virtual Charge Conference TONIGHT** **Friday, October 29th @ 6pm**

It's that time of year for our annual church Charge Conference. This year's conference will be done a little bit differently. Like last year we will meet over a virtual format using the Zoom conference software. Unlike years past, we will be gathering in "clusters" to do the work of the Charge Conference. Our friends at Riverview UMC and West Highlands UMC will be joining us as we gather together to discuss the life of our church and the work of the church in our communities and region. We will not be doing some of our normal "business" items such as voting on pastor's salary or nominating leadership positions etc... those will be done later in the year. But please feel free to log in to your Zoom account and be part of this very important meeting and conversation at

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/6435794593> At 6 pm on the 29th to participate.

Also, there is a video our New District Superintendent has made explaining some of the changes that our conference is doing in our region and some great information. If you get a chance, follow this link to watch the video: <https://vimeo.com/605158589/c4f398f739>

## **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Every Wednesday at 11 am we are 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, so we are using the same virtual platform we used in the Spring. For those of you that participated in the past 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>

## **New Sunday Morning Parent Gathering** **beginning:**

Michell Collins is facilitating an opportunity for the parents of our Sunday School kids to be able to gather together in a non-formal way and share in some coffee and conversation. After you drop the kids off feel free to join them in a time of getting to know each other and sharing coffee and conversation in the “couch area” of Wesleyan Hall Downstairs.

## **TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

The Youth Group will again be offering a “Trunk-or-Treat” event for the community to come and trick or treat in a safe and fun atmosphere from 3-4:30 pm on Sunday October 31st. If you have kids or grandkids, stop by, and walk through the parking lot. Start on the Everett Street side of the parking lot and make your way by the awesome decorated cars to receive your candy!

If you would like to donate “Costco-sized” (yes that is a unit of measure in our world now!) bags of candy for us to hand out to kids please feel free to drop them by the church any time before the 31st.

## **FOR EVERYONE THAT ORDERED** **BUTTER BRAIDS**

To practice social distancing, Rachel will be at the church garage with your Butter Braids on **Friday, November 19th from 5:00-7:00 PM**. You will need to get your Butter Braids to a freezer as soon as possible after picking them up so they do not begin to thaw! If you cannot pick up your Butter Braids at the church on Friday, November 19th between 5:00 and 7:00 PM, please communicate with Rachel, the office, or the youth who sold you your Butter Braids to arrange an alternative.

## **Holly Daze Workshops**

There will be two Holly Daze Workshops in November! One on November 6th and one on Saturday, November 13th. Please come to the SWR from 9 am – Noon and help decorate and make new crafts!

## **Holly Daze Encore**

Holly Daze Encore items will be available on Facebook at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/mlarterwa> beginning November 29th through December 8th. The drive-thru pick up for these items will be December 11th from 10 am through 1 pm.

## **Decorating for Advent**

Advent is right around the corner. The season of expectation begins on Sunday, November 28th and runs for four Sundays before Christmas Day. With that in mind, one of the amazing traditions Kennewick First has been preparing our historic sanctuary with Christmas and Advent decorations. We assemble the Poinsettia display in the sanctuary, hang banners and evergreen boughs, and decorate the sanctuary for this wonderful season of expectation. **On Sunday, November 21st** after worship services is completed, we will be gathering to decorate the sanctuary. Please join us in unpacking those decorations, assembling, hanging, and decorating our sanctuary for this very special season. We will be providing a simple lunch for the busy hands that make this task light. Please make plans to join us on the 21st to prepare our worship spaces with decorations that hold such wonderful meaning for our church and the community at large.

## **Sunday Morning Worship this Sunday at 10 am**

This Sunday Pastor Mark will be preaching on the “Shema” an ancient part of the Hebrew and Christian tradition that revolves around Love and what Jesus has to say about it. Next week we will begin a series of sermons that Pastor Mark introduced last Sunday on the book of Job. We hope to see you in worship on Sunday at 10 am and remember if meeting in person is not the best choice for you, you can tune in live on our YouTube channel at this link: (<https://www.youtube.com/PiratesoftheColumbia>).