

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 6: Sunday School for  
all Adults & Children, 9 am**

**Sunday, February 6: Live Worship in the Sanctuary, 10 am**

**Sunday, February 6: Livestream Worship on  
Youtube Channel, 10 am**

**Wednesday, February 9: Pastor Mark's Bible Study on Zoom, 11  
am**

**Looking ahead...**

**Helen Mitchell's Memorial: February 19th, 1 pm**

**Donna Coordes' Memorial: February 26th, 2 pm**

**Jr. & Sr. UMY Rock-a-Thon: April 22nd-April 23rd**

Hi friends,

Next time you are in the sanctuary or the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall you might need sunglasses! Our Facilities Team this week undertook the HUGE endeavor of replacing some of the older fluorescent and incandescent light bulbs in the fixtures, in some of the highest parts of our facility, with LED bulbs. The replacement serves to give us more light, they last longer and also helps us use far less electricity to light our building. Thank you, Facilities Team, for the hard work of replacing those lights!

On an unrelated note, as I write this week's update the street in front of the church is blocked off as the Kennewick Fire Department, finishes putting out a fire in one of the buildings on the corner of Kennewick Avenue and Cascade Street. Please be in prayer with me for the many needs that those business owners and tenants in the apartments above will be facing in the days ahead!

Pastor Mark

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study has resumed every Wednesday at

11 am via the Zoom Platform. Join us on the Zoom Platform as we begin a Study of the Book of Romans . Here is the link.

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043> Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043. We are continuing the study on the first chapter of Romans this week.

Feel free to join us for this study with friends!

## **Things to look forward to this Sunday at Worship**

Whether you join us in person or online, we want to encourage you to join us as we share in celebrating and worshipping together. This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, so we will be sharing together the elements of Communion this Sunday. We hope you can join us, either in person or online, for this Sunday Worship gathering. If you come to the decision that meeting in person is not the best choice for you right now, know that you can tune in on Sunday mornings (or at any other time for that matter) and participate in our times of worship via our YouTube Live Stream. You can find the live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/PiratesoftheColumbia> Sunday mornings at 10 am.

## **Memorial Services Scheduled**

A couple of our dear friends of the congregation have passed away in the last month and memorial services are scheduled to celebrate and remember them:

***Helen Mitchell's*** Memorial is scheduled for 1 pm on February 19th, and ***Donna Coordes'*** service that was originally planned for this Saturday has been moved to February 26th at 2 pm.

We hope you can join us in celebrating and remembering these wonderful women who meant so much to many of us!

## **A quick reminder...**

As our community moves through the latest spike in a worldwide pandemic, we want to remind all of us of the protocols we have in place for

gathering in person inside our church facilities. We are so appreciative of your help in doing all we can to “do no harm” while we continue to gather in person:

- 1) Regardless of your vaccination status, we are asking that everyone who enters our facility wear a mask.
- 2) We will have sanitizing stations at the entrance of the sanctuary, and we ask that everyone sanitize their hands before entering to worship.
- 3) We ask that we maintain a safe social distance from our neighbors while in the building [3-6 feet between family groups/households.]
- 4) Limit the amount of time we are gathered in enclosed places together.
- 5) After each Sunday Worship Service, we will “fog” the sanctuary with sanitizer when we leave.
- 6) Continue to make our worship services available via a live stream so that you can participate from the safety of your home.
- 7) **Temporarily** suspend congregational singing during worship services.
- 8) Encourage everyone to stay home if you are feeling sick, have a fever or are showing symptoms of the virus or have been in close contact with someone who has the virus.