

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 27: Sunday School for
all Adults & Children, 9 am**

Sunday, March 27: Live Worship in the Sanctuary, 10 am

**Sunday, March 27: Livestream Worship on
Youtube Channel, 10 am**

**Wednesday, March 30: Pastor Mark's Bible Study on
Zoom, 11 am**

**Friday- Saturday, April 22 to April 23:
Sr & Jr UMY Rock-a-Thon, Sunrise to Sunset**

Upcoming Lent Schedule:

Palm Sunday Parade, April 10, 9:45 am
Palm Sunday Worship Service, April 10, 10 am
Good Friday Worship Service, April 15, 7 pm
Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 16, 9 am
Easter Sunrise Service, April 17, 6:30 am
(At Columbia Park)
Easter Worship Service, April 17, 10 am
(in the Sanctuary)

Hi friends,

Not only has March been in the middle of the season of Lent for our congregation and millions of other Christian Congregations, but it has been Women's History Month. As we are nearing the end of this month's long celebration, I wanted to recognize the amazing work that women have done in the foundations of our local church, and the important role so many women have had in each of our faith foundations. The fellowship hall here at KFUMC bears the name Ida Payne...named after a tireless woman who did so much to support this congregation and the work it does in the life of our community. The meeting room just off the Narthex is named after Suzanna Wesley... The mother of John and Charles Wesley; named after a woman who influenced her son to help form a movement that still exists today to experience God, not

only personally, but socially, as well. I'm honored to serve on a staff that includes 7 amazing women who support us in our life and faith together, (Amberly Almarode, Cynthia Bement, Starlite Buchholz, Benda Gregory, Rachel Loomis, Cheryl Nixon, and Sharon Varzandeh) These women are committed to supporting and sharing the work of God's grace through our church! Our Local United Methodist Women's group meets regularly to be a voice and be an active part in supporting the local church and the global church. These women have led and served ministries within marginalized communities, as well as initiate important social and political reform.

I also want to point you to a link to the US House of Representatives in which our own Kathy Bryson, and member of our congregation, and part of our Church's Spiritual Leadership team, was recognized for her work in spreading God's love through her work with our Conference's Emergency Response Team! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=965w48PJcdQ>.

I pray that Kennewick First will continue to be a place where we all are a part of God's Kingdom, and we especially recognize the women in our lives who do so much to make that a reality!

Pastor Mark

Easter Flowers

We will again be decorating the sanctuary with beautiful white, hypoallergenic spring flowers for Easter! In keeping with tradition, you may remember and honor a loved one by donating \$12.00 to this memorial in your loved one's name. All flowers will be delivered to shut-ins after Easter. The last date to order is April 13th. Please call the church office at 509-582-2163 if you have any questions.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

This week's Bible Study will be finishing up Roman's Chapter 5 as we continue our study of Paul's Letter to the Romans. Feel free to join us on the zoom platform Wednesday at 11am. Here is the link.

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043> Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043.

Things to look forward to this Sunday at Worship

Whether you join us in person or online, we want you to encourage you to join us as we share in celebrating and worshipping together. This week Pastor Mark will be exploring the stories that Jesus used to show us what the "Kingdom of God" looks like, and what the stories we would use in the 21st century to illuminate the Good News! 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.

Palm Sunday 'Parade'

Palm Sunday is Sunday April 10th. Kennewick First has had a tradition of parading through our neighborhood as a way of celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. For the last couple of years, we have not been able to participate in this tradition, but on the 10th, we will again march through our neighborhood to begin our time of Worship. If you would like to join our Sunday School in this 'parade', we will gather at the church at 9:30 am, and finish by processing into the sanctuary to start our worship service!

Looking ahead to August and our yearly Camp Out

This year we will have our camp out at Plymouth Campground in Plymouth, WA from August 12th through August 14th. The sign-up sheet is on the website under Links and Forms, or you may call the office and have a sign-up sheet sent to you. Come to our yearly camp out and have a wonderful time of worship and fun!