

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 20: Sunday School for
all Adults & Children, 9 am**

Sunday, March 20: Live Worship in the Sanctuary, 10 am

**Sunday, March 20: Livestream Worship on
Youtube Channel, 10 am**

**Wednesday, March 23: Pastor Mark's Bible Study on
Zoom, 11 am**

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,

I had the pleasure of meeting with Julio Blanco, the Principal of Amistad Elementary School. An elementary School just a stone's throw away from our Church building. Amistad is a unique Elementary School with a large enrolment (nearly 700 students) that has many challenges. Bob Kelly and I met with Principal Blanco to listen to the needs his school has and to see if there is any way we can be of help to the students there. In the weeks ahead we will be asking you, if you can be a part of some programs that can help the school and its students thrive. In the midst of our conversation, Bob asked if the backpacks and school supplies that our church gathers together at the beginning of the school year are still something that the school needs, to which Principal Blanco replied "yes, they are a huge help." In a side comment, he said what the school needs right now is reams of copy paper. Many teachers are supplementing curriculum with other activities, and they

are making lots of copies for their students, and because the enrollment is so high there is a need for copy paper. Helping Amistad with paper is a simple way we can, be not only a good neighbor with the school but, in a real and tangible way helps teachers and students. **So here is my ask of you all:** Would you be willing to buy a few packages of 8.5 X 11, 20lb copy paper and bring it to the church over the next month, that we can give to Amistad as a gift to help the teachers and students there?

I did some simple research, a 500-sheet package of paper usually costs less than \$10. (If you are a good shopper, you can find it for less ... Office Depot on Canal Drive has them half price at the moment) If you are out and about, would you be willing to pick up a package or two and bring them to the church? We will deliver them to the school as a way of being a good neighbor. What a wonderful gift to share with our neighborhood school as a way of saying we care! **Beginning this Sunday, we will begin collecting the packages in the narthex.**

Thank you for considering this proposition and being the kind of church that makes a difference in the neighborhood and city we are a part of!

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 4th. 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 looking at 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 how we understand the “Good News” of Jesus and the perspectives we bring to our understanding of it. 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..

Helping refugees relocating to our community

We wish to thank everyone who donated to World Relief as they begin the re-settlement of Afghan refugees and others who have arrived and will continue to arrive in the coming months. **If you have any more donations, please call the Tri-Cities local World Relief at 509-734-5477 and make an appointment to drop of items.**

Info about Soul Soup

This Sunday Bob Kelly will be spending a few minutes during our Worship Service telling us about the Soul Soup program that KFUMC hosts on Thursday Evenings. Thank you to all of our church members and community volunteers that keep this very important service alive and well for people living in our city!