

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, April 10: Sunday School for
all Adults & Children, 9 am**

Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday Parade: 9:45 am

Sunday, April 10: Live Worship in the Sanctuary, 10 am

**Sunday, April 10: Livestream Worship on
Youtube Channel, 10 am**

**Thursday, April 14: Single Senior Support Group, 10 am
at Rockabilly Coffee Shop (101 W. Kennewick Ave.)**

Friday, April 15: Good Friday Worship Service, 7 pm

Saturday, April 16: Easter Egg Hunt, 9 am

**Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am
(At Columbia Park)**

**Sunday, April 17: Easter Worship Service, 10 am
(in the Sanctuary)**

**Sunday, April 17: Livestream Easter Worship on
Youtube Channel, 10 am**

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

Hi friends,

This Sunday we will be celebrating Palm Sunday. I must admit that Palm Sunday is, as a friend of mine calls it, a "whiplash" day. What I mean by that is it is a Sunday that pulls us in two directions very quickly. In one moment, we celebrate that Jesus truly is the God made flesh and King. Yet we know, (because we get to

read ahead in the story) that some of the same people who were wanting to crown him King, will be shouting “Crucify him!” in less than a week. It sets us up for the final week of Lent as we walk through Holy Week together. It puts us in a position of examining who we believe Jesus is, what the cross means and what we will do about it. As we “relive” this story again this year on the heels of examining what the “good news” of Jesus is, I pray that when we gather together, wave our palm branches in the air, and hear and proclaim the words, “Blessed is the coming kingdom!”...“Hosanna in the highest!”, we have a understanding of the One that has come to save us! That we feel the solidarity and love of God who loves his creation and especially a love for those marginalized and deemed unworthy. In the roller coaster of emotions and events of the passion of Jesus, we can rejoice in knowing as Paul writes, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8

I hope you will be able to join us either in person, or on our live stream and proclaim that Christ is King!

Pastor Mark

Copy Paper for Amistad Elementary

As many of you know we have been collecting copy paper for Amistad Elementary as a way of helping them with a need they have. Many of us have purchased packages of 8.5 X 11, 20lb copy paper and brought it to the church over the last few weeks. We had originally planned to deliver those reams of paper this week but failed to remember that Spring break happened this week. Soo ...This Sunday will be the last Sunday we collect those gifts, and we will deliver them next week to the school. Thank you to all of you who have been so generous in helping with this need!

No Wednesday Morning Bible Study During Holy Week

We are taking the Wednesday of Holy Week off so we will not be having our usual Bible Study on Wednesday. We will start back up after easter on April 19th at 11 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 in Wesleyan Hall at 9:45 am and finish by processing into the sanctuary to start our worship service!

Prayer Cross

Holy week and the Easter season

Stop by the 6' wooden cross in front of the church (on the corner of Kennewick Avenue & Dayton Street) and attach a prayer during Holy Week. (There will be a supply of paper attached to the cross and writing utensils if you need them.) The cross will be wrapped in a wire mesh so that you can insert those prayers on the cross during the week of April 11-17. If you cannot stop by the cross, feel free to email the church at office@kennewickfirst.com and we will print out the prayer and attach it for you.

On Easter Sunday we will remove those prayers and replace them with flowers, or you can bring your own flower to attach to the cross for Easter Sunday and the Season of Easter.

As we end the Lenten season with prayer and move into the Easter season with hope and rejoicing, we pray that this is a visible way of sharing with the greater community, the joy and life that our church reflects in celebrating that Jesus is risen!

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

We will be gathering on Good Friday (April 15th) for our Tenebrae Service at 7 pm. This service is also known as the service of Darkness. It leads us through the scriptures presenting the Passion of Jesus and his final moments before facing the cross. It is an especially moving service as we finish by extinguishing the Christ Candle only to return on Easter Sunday to see it lit and burning bright! We hope you can join us for this special worship service!

Easter Egg Hunt!

On Saturday April 16th we will be having our yearly Easter Egg Hunt at Church. Feel free to bring the kids and grandkids to the church at 9 am next Saturday to scour the grounds for easter eggs filled with goodies and prizes!

Easter Sunday at KFUMC

There are two opportunities for us to join together and worship on this most Holy day of the Christian Calendar ... EASTER! For those of you that are early risers, some of us will be gathering at Columbia Park at the covered picnic area just North of the Edison Street entrance to spend time celebrating the Risen Savior. Then at our regular worship time, 10 am, we will worship with song, choir and scripture, the fact that the tomb is empty, and that Jesus lives! Feel free to join us at either, or both times of worship on this very special Sunday!