

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 22: Live Worship Service, 10 am

Sunday, May 22: Sr UMY Dessert Auction, 1 pm

Wednesday, May 25: Pastor Mark's Bible Study on Zoom, 11 am

Hi friends,

I can tell spring is here. The sun is out (mostly), there are more birds in the trees using my car for target practice, the grass is green, schools are starting to wind down for the end of the school year, and kids are graduating. I want to thank Rachel Loomis and all the youth group volunteers who helped make our annual “Youth Sunday” such a wonderful experience! It was so great to have our kids lead us in the songs we sing, the time of prayer and especially, to hear from our graduating seniors. In the midst of all of the things our world struggles with, it was such a blessing to hear from these young men and women about how Kennewick First United Methodist Church has helped them navigate such important times in their lives with grace and faith. It’s times like these that I am reminded of the baptism ritual that many of those seniors were part of at different ages. During baptisms I ask the question of the congregation, “ Will you include this child here before us in a community of love and forgiveness and do all that you can to help them profess their faith?” and the congregation responds with a loud “WE WILL!” My heart leaps with joy! It wrecks me every time. Where else in the world do kids have a place where they are told they are loved and that there is a community that loves them and looks out for them?! What a wonderful day to be in worship together. Thanks to all of our youth who participated in that worship service!

Here are some more things coming up to be aware of...

Sr. UMY Dessert Auction

There will be a Sr. UMY Dessert Auction this Sunday at 1 pm. Please come for this Sr. UMY fundraising event and choose a dessert while helping the Sr. UMY raise funds for their mission trip to the Okanogan and Omak Counties, where they

will be providing wildfire relief. If you have questions, please contact Rachel at 509-378-7724.

Ridin' with the Rev' this Sunday

Last year some of us who ride motorcycles started a weekly ride on Sunday afternoons. We meet at the Church parking lot at 5 pm and head out for a leisurely 1 hour-ish ride in the local area. We usually stop in the middle to just, hang out and talk...I mean "fellowship." If you ride a motorcycle of any style, feel free to join us for a fun time of meeting new friends and riding!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Our last session before we break for the summer months will be May 31st. 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.

Robert (Bob) Marple's Passing

The family of Robert "Bob" Marple has shared with us the news of his passing. Bob entered life eternal May 18th at approximately 5 pm. Bob joined the church along with his lovely wife Lee Ilah in 1958, she preceded him in death many years ago. Bob served the church for decades and was an active worshipper until he was no longer able. A service at the church is being planned for Saturday, June 4th at 11 am. Cards to the family may be sent to: Bob Marple Jr, 1201 Adair Dr., Richland WA. 99352

Pentecost Sunday is Sunday June 5th

On June 5th we will be celebrating the "Birthday of the Church". This special day on the liturgical calendar is a day to be reminded that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and continues to be alive in us as we work to bring about the Kingdom of God in our neighborhoods. On Pentecost Sunday we will be welcoming 12 new members into our congregation. What better way to be reminded that the church is alive and at work in the world than to welcome these who have made a commitment through membership to be part of what our church does in the world! Typically, the liturgical color for Pentecost is red signifying the Holy Spirit. Many of us make a point of wearing red on that Sunday to join in the celebration. We hope that you can join us on this very special day!

Would You Like to Help with The Church grounds!

Darryl Lamberd and his crew have been gathering each Friday to spend some time mowing (And relaxing in the church garage just talking) to keep our facilities looking nice and welcoming to our community! If you would like to volunteer a few hours a month on Friday or Saturday Mornings to mow, edge and help maintain the landscape, feel free to join this group each week, or as part of a rotation. All the equipment is supplied, we just need the elbow grease to put it into action. Give Darryl a call at 509-735-4691 if you would like to help!

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!