

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, July 2: Holly Daze Workshop, 9 am**

**Sunday, July 3: Live Worship Service, 10 am**

**Monday, July 4: Church Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day**

**Thursday, July 7: Single Senior Support Group, 10 am,  
Rockabilly Coffee Shop**

Hi friends,

Monday is an important holiday for those of us who live in America. It's a special day that we celebrate all that it means to be citizens of a great country and the principles that our country was founded on. Things like freedom, liberty, and justice for all. As Americans, we have the privilege and right to believe how we choose when it comes to faith, and we have the right not to believe if we choose. In this great country we can be Baptist or Baha'i. You can be a Methodist or Muslim. And still be a great American!

I obviously hold the freedom to believe and be part of religious communities very dear. My prayer on this Independence Day is that for those of us who subscribe to a faith, would live the principles of our faith. That we can love God with all we are and love our neighbors; that we would live in such a way that provides liberty and justice for all and that our faith would bring about peace life and joy in the nation and community we are a part of. As scripture tells us in 1 John 4:8 – “Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

I hope that it's a wonderful and safe Independence Day my friends!

Pastor Mark

Here are some things to be aware of in the days ahead at Kennewick First:

## **Worship this Sunday at 10 am**

This Sunday we will be gathering in the sanctuary at 10am for our weekly worship service. It's the first Sunday of the month so we will be sharing the elements of Communion together. If you participate with us via our live stream (at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>). Make sure you have bread and juice available if you would like to participate from home!

## **Applications Open for Youth Director**

Do you know someone with high energy, loves to help kids/youth, has a deep Christian faith and would be a good fit to direct the Youth Ministries as part of our Church Staff at Kennewick First? Point them to our churches web page to get a job description and application instructions (The application and description is under the “Contact Us” page or follow this link: (<https://www.kennewickfirst.com/employment/>))

Rachel Loomis, our current Youth Director is continuing her education and pursuing a career in Student Counseling. She will be with us throughout the Summer and make the transition in the Fall.

## **Quarterly all church potlucks returning.**

Breaking bread together is one of the best ways to get to know one another, build friendships and become a community. In scripture some of the most meaningful interactions with Jesus happened at shared meals. There is something about sharing food together that breaks down barriers and opens doors to friendships. With that in mind, and with the easing in restrictions, we will be starting our quarterly all church meals together. ***On July 17<sup>th</sup> after worship, we will have a summer BBQ.*** The Leadership Council will be grilling burgers and hot dogs for us to share together. Feel free to bring a salad, dessert, or bag of chips to share with each other and join us for a time of food and fun! The Leadership council will be giving us a brief update on the things they are discussing and the direction they see our church moving into in the future. We hope you can join us for this special fellowship event!

## **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!

### **Worship Planning Group looking for volunteers**

Would you like to be part of a group that creates and plans innovative and creative worship services? We are looking for people who would like to work with a group to plan and implement new worship services and special worship experiences. If you would like to help Kennewick First by being part of a group like this, give Pastor Mark a call at the church office or shoot him an email at [Mark@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:Mark@kennewickfirst.com)