

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 31: Live Worship Service, 10 am

August 12-14 All Church Campout at Plymouth Park

September 11th, 18th & 25th Vacation Bible School

Hi friends,

I hope you have been able to keep cool and safe during our recent heat wave! Many of us spend time camping and vacationing with friends and family during August before kids head back to school in September and life's routines start to fall in line. Many of us look forward to the annual church camp out every August. This year we will again be reserving some spots at a local campsite to spend a weekend together making friends and having fun. This year's campsite is set for the Plymouth Park and Campground on the Columbia River near Plymouth, WA. The site is only about a 30-minute drive from Kennewick, so if you would like to just come out during the day and not camp overnight, it would be a fun day trip with friends. There is an announcement below about how to participate in the fun weekend! Events like this help us Worship and Celebrate together; Serve together; Grow in our faith and create friendships. I hope you are able to join us for some fun and friendship in a couple of weeks!

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!

This Sunday in Worship!

This Sunday we will be gathering in the sanctuary for our weekly Worship Service. This week Pastor Mark will be exploring the Old Testament Passage of Hosea 11:1-11. The passage gives us a

compassionate look at the emotions of God as He interacts with His children. It is a passage that stands in contrast to the reputation of an angry and vengeful God often associated with Old Testament stories. We hope you can join us as we dive into the depths of God's love for us! If Joining us in person for worship is not the best option for you, remember you can participate in the worship service via our YouTube Live Stream or watch the recorded service at any time at <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>.

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.

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

Vacation Bible School

Spark Studio VBS is coming September 11th, 18th, and 25th. VBS will begin with breakfast at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall followed by VBS/Sunday School from 9 am to 11 am downstairs in Wesleyan Hall. VBS is for children 2 years old to those entering sixth grade. This is a

free event. Please follow this link for on-line registration. On-line Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3yx65z4y>. If you prefer a paper registration, you can pick a form up Sunday mornings during church service or at the church office. We are excited for this new adventure this September and hope you can join us!