

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 4: Live Worship Service, 10 am

Saturday, September 10: A Celebration of Life for Michelle Botu, 10 am with reception following

Sunday, September 11: Another worship service will start at 9 am

September 11th, 18th & 25th Vacation Bible School, 8:30 am

I have a dilemma... Have you ever had a song stuck in your mind that you cant get free from? A week ago I heard a snippet or the song “High-ho” from the movie Snow White and the song was stuck in my head for hours. I was talking to a friend and he said “Oh the ‘high ho high ho.. its home from work we go’ song?” as soon as I heard it I corrected him “No, its ‘off to work we go’” and we had a much heated “conversation” about it. In my head it was clearly “off to work” in his head, it was “home from work” and now both of us had the song stuck in our head. A gentleman sitting next to us interrupted us and said “ I thought it was ‘I owe I owe so off to work I go’” but after his little joke he said he agreed with me that it was “off to work”. Since I have the knowledge of the world at my finger tips on my smart phone I googled it and low and behold we are both right. In the opening scene when the dwarfs are introduced to the stry they sing, “home from work.”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7qAwoM4HTY>) later in the story, Snow White sends the dwarfs off to work and they sing for just a few moments, “off to work” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lYe-0CLXrs>).

This weekend is the ironically named Labor Day holiday. I find it ironic that most of us spend the weekend avoiding labor as much as possible... but I digress... the holiday has me thinking about work. Many of us view work as a necessary evil; something we have to do, but would rather not... but on average depending on the statistics you read, most Americans are happy/satisfied with their work. In most surveys, anywhere from 65-75% say they like their work and satisfied with it. Meaning and wages are usually the determining factor. One national survey I read lists CEOs and Pediatricians as the highest rate of Satisfaction (88%) and parking lot attendants as the lowest at 32%... to be honest I was a bit surprised that parking lot attendant was as high as 32%! It seems that there is something about work that is important to us even in a parking lot beyond just receiving a wage. When we fall into the trap of work being a necessary evil, I’m not sure that is the way it was supposed to be. God created us with gifts and abilities

that we use to accomplish things (Which is why meaning is such an important part of satisfaction surveys) but in rhythm with rest. In the creation story God works six days and rests on the 7th. God reminds people throughout scripture to observe a sabbath. I believe our work is important to us and to God... even if you're a parking lot attendant. I believe it is part of the image of God we all carry, but when work becomes all consuming and the nature of our identity and sabbaths are rare or nonexistent, it affects our soul, our bodies our relationships and I believe our faith. So friends on this weekend that we celebrate the contributions that labor makes to our country, I hope you can enjoy a sabbath and rest from those labors and enjoy the gifts that God has given us. Have a safe weekend my friends!

Pastor Mark

This Sunday in Worship!

This Sunday we will be gathering in the sanctuary for our weekly Worship Service. It's the first Sunday of the month so we will be sharing the Elements of Communion together during our Sunday Worship Service. 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> And have bread and juice available to participate. If you are Participating with us from your home feel free to have Bread and Juice available to participate in communion with us!

Celebration of Life for Michelle Botu

A Celebration of Life will be held for Michelle Botu on **Saturday, September 10th at 10 am** with a reception following.

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 6th 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!

VBS And Sunday School Helpers Needed

We are in need of a few adult aged helpers for our VBS/Sunday School going on September 11th, 18th, and 25th. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet with further details hanging on the VBS bulletin board in the entryway. Thank you!

Adult Sunday School Class

Bob Kelly and Jim Deatherage will be facilitating an adult Sunday School class starting in October. There will be a Zoom set-up for those who cannot attend physically. The class will be a study of Timothy Keller's book, "The Prodigal God." You may order the book on Amazon or contact Bob Kelly at 509-528-9254 or rkellyzx@gmail.com and copies will be ordered for distribution at the first class. The cost is \$16 for paperback and \$12.99 for a Kindle version. We're looking forward to offering a class that is interactive, discussion oriented, enriched by our shared life experiences and the insights members have from the reading.

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/>))