

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 6: Turn Back Clocks at 2 AM

Sunday, November 6: Sunday School, 9 am

Sunday, November 6: Adult Sunday School, 9 am in SWR

Sunday, November 6: Celebration Service, 9 am in the Youth Chapel

Sunday, November 6: Live Worship Service, 10 am in the Sanctuary

Live stream available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/PiratesoftheColumbia>

**Sunday, November 6: Quarterly Potluck in Ida Payne
after 10 am Worship Service**

**Wednesday, November 9: Pastor Mark's Bible Study In Person or
on Zoom , 11 am**

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043>

**Thursday, November 11: Pick up Butter Braids, 4-7 pm
at the garage area**

**Sunday, November 20: Decorating of the church, right after the 10
am Worship Service**

**Sunday, November 27: All- Church Tri-City American Americans
Game, Puck Drop at 4:05 pm**

**Sunday, December 18: Children and Youth's Christmas Pageant, 10
am**

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services, 4 & 7 pm

Have you ever tried to play basketball with a “lump-sided” ball? Years ago, I was playing a pick-up game with some people. The ball we were playing with was a bit underinflated, and people started complaining that the ball was “dead”... meaning it didn't bounce like it should... it didn't feel right when it left your

hand when making a shot. Quickly, someone grabbed the ball and ran to the sideline. He pulled a hand pump out of their bag and furiously pumped air into the ball. We all felt relief that we could all channel our inner Jordan now (that shows you my age.) But there was a new problem. In his hurry to inflate the ball, he had put TOO MUCH air in the ball and a seam had slightly split and the ball had a very small bulge, hardly big enough to see. But it took a very short time to tell it wasn't right. At first, we laughed as we spun the ball and watched it wobble midair and laughed when we bounced it, and it would react erratically. Things that are "lump-sided" or out of balance are hard to use.

The church is not that much different. Some churches put 90% of their time and resources into producing worship services that are slick and polished, some churches see their identity in the way that they are in service to the world. Others see themselves as academies for learning and spiritual growths and still others view themselves as the places where friendships are born and fostered.

On their own each of those things are wonderful ways to experience God's presence and love, but it is easy for those of us that belong to communities of faith to elevate one or more of those aspects of life in the church, above the others. I am continually challenged by Jesus words about the Kingdom of God in which he describes it as a community that loves God with all of our hearts... and loves our neighbors as we love our selves. When we are part of a community that reflects that kind of "kingdom", we join together to worship God, we serve others because of the love we have experienced from God, we grow in our spiritual lives and learn more about who God is and who we are in relationship with God, and we join in friendships with those on this journey of faith with us. Wholistic communities of faith offer places for us to live each of those parts of God's Kingdom. This Sunday we have a wonderful opportunity to experience the friendships, and make new ones, in this journey of faith. Now that our gathering restrictions have been eased, we have begun hosting quarterly

meals together. This Sunday we will be having one of those meals, after the 10 am worship service. I hope that you will make plans to join us and spend some time, sharing lunch with old friends and make some new ones. Below you will see an announcement about Sunday's meal together.

My prayer for us is that we will be a church that worships the God of Love, serves those in need, grows in our spiritual lives and fosters friendships that make such a difference in us!

See ya' Sunday for good friends and good food!

Pastor Mark

Don't Forget to Turn your clocks black!

This coming Sunday morning at 2 am, Daylight Saving Time ends and you must turn your clocks back an hour!! Please don't forget or you will be early to church!!

Quarterly Potluck on Sunday

The church quarterly potluck is Sunday, November 6th, following the 10 am worship. The church will provide turkey, potatoes, and stuffing. If your last name begins with the letter A-H, please bring a salad to share. Bring your favorite side dish to share if your last name begins with I-S. And if your last name begins with T-Z, please bring your favorite dessert to share. We hope to see you there for fun, food, and fellowship!

Tie-ing Fleece Blankets

For those of you who would like a more "hands-on" activity during the 9 am Sunday School hour, there will be fleeces blankets to be tied in Ida Payne to give to the needy. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Merrill at 509-586-3784.

Butter Braid Pick-Up

For those of you who ordered Butter Braids, the pick-up date and time is **Thursday, November 10th from 4-7 pm** outside our garage

area. Please pick them up during this time, as we do not have extra freezer space to store them. Thank you!

Thursday Evening Music Gatherings

Do you play an instrument? Do you like to sing? Beginning next Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the Youth Chapel we will be once again inviting anyone that wants to come and learn some new songs (or play some familiar ones) to play together in a fun light-hearted time of music and fun. Feel free to bring your guitar, bass or Kazu, and join us for a fun time together!

Wednesday Bible Study

This Wednesday at 11 am we will be continuing our Wednesday Bible Study. We will pick up our Study of the Book of Romans. If you would like to participate you can either join us in person in the Conference Room here at the church or we will also be able to have you "Zoom in" via the Zoom platform and participate remotely if that works best for you. If you want to join us via Zoom here is the link -

Topic: Wednesday Morning Bible Study

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