

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, November 10: Butter Braid Pick up from 4 - 7 pm at the garage area!

Friday, November 11: Church office closed all day in observance of Veterans Day

Sunday, November 13: Sunday School, 9 am

Sunday, November 13: Adult Sunday School, 9 am in SWR

Sunday, November 13: Celebration Service, 9 am in the Youth Chapel

**Sunday, November 13: Live Worship Service, 10 am in the Sanctuary
Live stream available at:**

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

**Wednesday, November 16: Pastor Mark's Bible Study In Person or on Zoom
, 11 am**

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

Wednesday, November 16: Yearly All-Church Conference, 7:15 pm via the Zoom Platform, Link: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/6435794593>

Friday, November 18: Marti Meyer's Memorial Service, 10 am with Cookie/Coffee/Punch Reception to follow in Ida Payne

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 4: Holly Daze Encore in between and after the two Worship Services.

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

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

Friday the 11th is Veterans Day. Each year since the end of World War I, the war that so many hoped would be the “war to end all wars,” in 1918, we have celebrated Veterans Day on November 11th. It hasn’t always been called Veterans Day. Originally it was titled Armistice Day, recognizing the day WWI ended and honoring all who fought in that war and witnessed such horrible inhumanity. The title Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize veterans of all wars.

Many who call Kennewick First home have served, and are serving in the military. Some have seen combat, others served in different deployments, but they have all volunteered to defend our nation, and others who faced injustice, threat of life and liberty, tyranny as well as provide humanitarian relief for people in need on our shores and around the world.

At it's best, our country has been a beacon for such things as human rights, defending the vulnerable, and upholding what we believe to be basic human God given rights of all people. At times we have not lived up to those standards as we should have. In the midst of those greater world problems, individuals like our veterans have made huge sacrifices, sometimes making the ultimate sacrifice for such principles.

I am reminded of Jesus' words in John ch 15 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Many of our veterans have found themselves in such a position to do just that. For that we are thankful for their service, in times of war, in times of need and in times of disaster.

I hope you will all join me in thanking our veterans for their service this weekend and that you will also join me in the spirit of “Armistice Day” in which we can hope for the day when wars are no more, when violence and destruction is not seen as default solution and join in Isaiah’s prayer in Ch. 2 of Isaiah, “They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

Thank you, veterans!

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference to Receive New Bishop!

As many of you know our Bishop, Rev Elaine Stanovsky will be retiring from her Episcopal office in January. In the United Methodist Church when a Bishop retires, or leaves their office, a new Bishop is elected at the Jurisdictional Conference which happens every 4 years. This last week our denomination held the Western Jurisdiction Conference in Salt Lake City, Ut and Rev. Cedrick

Bridgeforth was elected as a Bishop in the United Methodist Church and assigned to serve the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. Rev Bridgeforth will begin his duties as Bishop for our Conference on January 1st of 2023.

Here is a short biography of Rev. Bridgeforth to help you get acquainted with him:

He comes to us having been an elder in California-Pacific Conference and has directed it's office of innovation and communications since 2021. He previously has served as lead pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, a historically Black congregation in Los Angeles and before that as lead pastor of Santa Ana United Methodist Church, a multi-ethnic congregation. During that time, he was also director of academic programs and outreach for the Ecumenical Center for Black Church Studies at the University of La Verne.

He also served as a district superintendent in the California-Pacific Conference from 2008 to 2015 and cabinet dean from 2011 to 2015.

He was chair of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the denomination's official Black caucus, from 2013 to 2016. He also was a board member of The United Methodist Church's pension agency — now called Wespeth — during the same period.

A native of Decatur, Alabama, Bridgeforth is a U.S. Air Force veteran. He holds a bachelor's degree in religion from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, a Master of Divinity from the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California, and a doctorate in organizational leadership from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

I hope you will join me in praying for Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth as he prepares to serve our Church as our newest Bishop!

Butter Braid Pick-Up

For those of you who ordered Butter Braids, the pick-up date and time is **TODAY, 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!

Yearly All-Church Conference

Our yearly All-Church Conference will be held **Wednesday, November 16th at 7:15 pm**. We will meet virtually via the Zoom platform. The link is:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/6435794593>

Marti Meyer's Memorial Service

Marti Meyer's Memorial Service will be at our church on **Friday, November 18th at 10 am** with a cookie/coffee/punch reception following in Ida Payne. There will also be a gravesite service at Mueller's following at 1 pm.

Christmas Pageant News

We are having a Christmas Pageant this year! It will be during the 10:00 AM service on December 18th with a dress rehearsal on December 17th at 10:00 AM. If your child wants to participate, we have parts to fit everyone's needs. Please call the church office or email starlite@kennewickfirst.com for more information. You can also inquire with Jackson McMurray (Pageant Director), Sierra Hogg (Assistant), or Starlite Buchholz.

Decorating for Advent

Join us **after the 10 am Worship Service on Sunday, November 20th** to decorate the Sanctuary with the traditional Advent seasonal decor.

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 Not Meeting This Week

Wednesday bible study will not be meeting this week. Please feel free to join us Next Wednesday as we continue to study the book of Romans together.