

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 29th
Good Friday Worship Service, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30th
Easter Egg Hunt, 9 am

Sunday, March 31st
Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, Columbia Park

Sunday, March 31st
Adult Sunday School, 9 am, Susanna Wesley Room

Sunday, March 31st
Children's Sunday School, 9 am, Wesleyan Hall

Sunday, March 31st
Easter Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary

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

(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)

Wednesday, April 3rd
Pastor Mark's Bible Study
11 am, Conference Room or on Zoom
(see Zoom link below)

Wednesday, April 3rd
LIFT - Women's Scripture Study
6 pm, Youth Chapel

Thursday, April 4th
Single Senior Support Group, 10 am, Rockabilly Roasting,
101 W. Kennewick Avenue

Hi Friends,

As a Pastor, Easter is kind of intimidating. Easter Sunday you are kind of locked in to what the topic for a Sunday morning sermon is going to be... I can't say, "So today we are going to be looking at the story of Noah and the ark!" Trying to bring a fresh look at a story that is so central to our faith, and is good news for all of creation can be a daunting task! This Sunday will be my 30th time preaching on the resurrection on a Easter morning. The temptation is to spin it in a new direction or look at it from a new angle, but the reality is that the miraculous discovery that there is an empty tomb and that Jesus has emerged victorious and not even death can overcome the grace and majesty of God! The story that is full of joy preaches itself! I hope that you will join us at either the Sunrise service at Columbia Park or at our 10 am service at the church to celebrate that we are all beloved children of God, and that the barriers separating us from the God of love have been removed through Jesus THE CHRIST!

Tonight, we begin that final march to the empty tomb with an incredibly meaningful Tenebrae Good Friday Service. We will hear the words of the last few hours before Jesus' crucifixion in scripture, and experience them as the gospel writers speak to us. We will leave the sanctuary in darkness, only to return to the celebration of the empty tomb on Sunday morning!

Good Friday adds emphasis to the amazing celebration of Easter! For years in my family, we have had a tradition that when there is a party or celebration, Dad (me) wears a party shirt. Family members and friends over the years have gifted me with Hawaiian shirts and bowling shirts for just such occasions. On Easter as we celebrate, what I believe to be, the greatest celebration in history, I will be wearing one of my party shirts to proclaim the good news that Christ is risen! If you have a shirt or special outfit you wear for celebrations, I want to encourage you to wear it on Sunday, as we rejoice and celebrate together. See you all on Sunday. CHRIST IS RISEN... HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Pastor Mark

No 9 am Celebration Service on Easter

Since we have our early Sunrise Service, and many of us are participating in the 10 am special Easter Service, we won't be having our regular 9 am service this Sunday. Join us at the Sunrise Service or the 10 am service this Easter (or both!)

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday Morning

Our Youth and Sunday School programs are hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the church Saturday morning at 9 am. Come join us and help us find hundreds of treat filled eggs (so the lawn mowing crew won't find them next week when they mow the lawns!)

Where You Can Report a Scam or "Phishing" Email

If you receive an email or text message attempting to commit fraud or gain access to your personal information you can report it to the US Government website at <https://www.usa.gov/where-report-scams>
The information you provide helps the Justice Departments and the Federal Trade Commission track down and disrupt the flow of criminal emails.

Pastor Mark's Bible Study

We are studying the book of Revelation using Scott McKnight's book "Revelation for the Rest of Us." We will be reading the book together during the class, but if you want to purchase your own copy, feel free to purchase them wherever you buy your books. As always the class will meet in the conference room at church at 11 am or you can join us via the Zoom platform at:

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

Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043

LIFT – Women's Scripture Study

The LIFT class will meet next **Wednesday, April 3rd at 6 pm in the Youth Chapel**. The women's scripture study meets **every Wednesday evening at 6 pm in the Youth Chapel**. All ladies are invited!

Holly Daze Workshop

The next Holly Daze Workshop will be on **Saturday, April 6th at 9 am** in the Susanna Wesley Room where we will be working on lots of projects for the 2024 bazaar in October. Everyone is welcome!

Sr. UMY Dessert Auction

The Sr. UMY will host the dessert and silent auction on **Sunday, April 14th starting at 1 pm in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall**. If you want to donate items to the auction, or if you haven't been asked to attend, please reach out to Claressa Elvik, or call the church office.

Youth Sunday

Come support the UMY on **Sunday, May 19th**. The youth will host the whole hour of worship from Prelude to Postlude. Please come and honor the United Methodist Youth!