

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, March 9th (TOMORROW!)
Pat Phillips' Memorial, 11 am, Sanctuary
With a reception to follow in Ida Payne**

**Sunday, March 10th
Turn clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time, 2 am**

**Sunday, March 10th
Children's Sunday School, 9 am, Wesleyan Hall**

**Sunday, March 10th
Adult Sunday School, 9 am, Susanna Wesley**

**Sunday, March 10th
Sunday Live Worship, 9 am, Prayer Chapel**

**Sunday, March 10th
Sunday 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)

**Saturday, March 23rd, 9 am - Noon
All-Church Clean Up
See information below**

**Sunday, March 24th, 10 am, Sanctuary
Palm Sunday Service
See information below**

**Friday-Sunday, March 29th - March 31st
Easter week schedule
See information below**

Hi friends,

Not only has March been in the middle of the season of Lent for our congregation and millions of other Christian Congregations, but it has been Women's History Month. As we are in the middle end of this month long celebration I wanted to recognize the amazing work that women have done in the foundations of our local church, and the important role so many women have had in each of our faith foundations.

When I first came to Kennewick First, I was surprised to learn of women in this congregation that had been so important in my life. When I was growing up attending Spaulding Elementary School in Richland, Mrs. Painter was the school librarian who encouraged me to find books to read and helped foster a love for story that stays with me today. Many of you knew her as Shirley Painter, a long-time member of this congregation. When I was ordained some 30 years ago and was appointed to serve my first congregation in a little town in North Idaho, my first District Superintendent was Ruth Mathis (and no offense to the DS's I have had over the years... but Ruth was the BEST!) Her compassion and wisdom was incredible in helping me navigate the role of "Pastor" in different places and situations. It was this congregation that supported her as a "candidate for ministry" when she began her own journey to Ordination.

The fellowship hall here at KFUMC bears the name Ida Payne...named after a tireless woman who did so much to support this congregation and the work it does in the life of our community. The meeting room just off the Narthex is named after Suzanna Wesley... The mother of John and Charles Wesley; named after a woman whose influence on her son helped form a movement that still exists today that invites people to experience God, not only personally but social holiness as well.

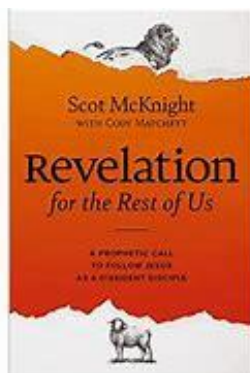
I'm honored to serve on a staff here at Kennewick First that includes 7 amazing women who support us in our life and faith together, (Amberley Almarode, Cynthia Bement, Starlite Buchholz, Benda Gregory, Claressa Elvik, Cheryl Nixon and Sharon Varzandeh.) These women are committed to supporting and sharing the work of God's grace through our church!

Our local United Women in Faith group meets regularly to add their voice and be an active part in supporting the local church and the global church. These women have led and served in ministries within marginalized communities, as well as initiate important social and political reform.

I pray that Kennewick First will continue to be a place where we all are a part of God's Kingdom and we especially recognize the women in our lives who do so much to make that a reality!

Pastor Mark

Upper Room Devotional Books/Lenten Booklets
The "Upper Room" Devotionals for the months of **March-April 2024** and the **Lenten Devotionals** are now available in the church entryway. Donations are gladly accepted.



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 or you can join us via the zoom platform at: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043>
Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043

All-Church Clean Up

There is an all-church clean up scheduled for Saturday, **March 23rd from 9 am to Noon**. We will be cleaning the Sanctuary, kitchen, entry way, Susanna Wesley room, Sunday school rooms, windows, and outdoor landscaping. **"We will have coffee, pastries, and prayer to start at 8:30 am. Actual work will start at 9:00. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Bulletin Board next to the Welcome Desk. Please help our Facilities Team with your time and talents!"**

Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday service will be on **Sunday, March 24th at 10 am**, and for all who want to participate, there will be a Palm Sunday Parade that meets in Wesleyan Hall at 9:45 am.

Upcoming Easter Week Schedule

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

Saturday, March 30th, Easter Egg Hunt, 9 am

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

Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday Worship Service, 10 am

Please Be On The Lookout For Email Scams and Phishing Emails And Texts!

It has always been a threat, but we have heard from a number of folks that they have been receiving an increasing amount of

email messages from someone claiming to be Pastor Mark or other Church Staff Members, saying they are connected to the church, making requests for donations, requests for gift cards or asking you to click a link to "update your profile" or "provide information." The emails usually indicate that it is a donation that needs to be made quickly or urgently.

**DO NOT RESPOND TO THOSE EMAILS /TEXT OR
CLICK THOSE LINKS!!!**

We at Kennewick First United Methodist Church will never solicit information or donations of cash or gift cards from you by having you click a link, ask you to provide personal information or passwords via an email or text. If you have a question about an email or text you received, please call us at the church and verify that it was one of the church staff people that sent it. Our church is not the only one that is being used to phish for information. If you volunteer or are associated with any non-profit group, scammers will try and capitalize on your caring and generosity. Please be careful with your information when it comes to texts and emails and always verify any request by speaking in person with the individual supposedly making the request on behalf of the church.

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