

## **A Fond Farewell**

For almost 16 years, **Amberley Almarode** has been the music ministry leader at KFUMC. Now Amberley and her sons are moving to Hope, Arkansas, to join Marshall in his new ministry there. While we will miss her many contributions to our worship services, we are happy for the Hope church, which will benefit from her gifts. We will bid a fond and safe farewell to Amberley during **the 10 am worship on April 28 at with a reception to follow**. There will be a gift tree in the entry area where you can pin notes of appreciation and well wishes, as well as any money or gift cards you may want to share with Amberley and her family. You won't want to miss this special Sunday! **Please keep the Almarode family in your prayers, as they prepare to leave, travel, and start a new life in a new town!!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 28th**

Worship Service, 9 am, Prayer Chapel

**Sunday, April 28th**

Adult Sunday School, 9 am, Susanna Wesley Room  
(Last one)

**Sunday, April 28th**

Children's Sunday School, 9 am, Wesleyan Hall

**Sunday, April 28th**

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, May 1st**

**Pastor Mark's Bible Study**

**11 am, Conference Room or on Zoom**  
**(see Zoom link below)**

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**LIFT - Women's Scripture Study**  
**6 pm, Youth Chapel**

**Thursday, May 2nd**

**Single Senior Support Group  
10 am, Rockabilly Roasting (downtown Kennewick)**

**Thursday, May 9th  
P2 Jam Session  
6:30 pm, Youth Chapel**

**Saturday, May 18th  
UWF Invitational Salad Luncheon  
11:30 am, Ida Payne  
(See all information below)**

**Sunday, May 19th  
Youth Sunday  
10 am, Sanctuary**

**Sunday, May 19th  
Farewell Party for Pastor Mark  
10 am, Sanctuary/Reception following in Ida Payne**

### **Passing of Former Member**

**Reverend Ruth Dasinger Mathis** passed onto life eternal last night. She was a teacher at Westgate elementary school and the Sunday school superintendent at our church when she received the call on her heart to go into ministry. She continued to serve as a teacher and head of Education while she prayed about her calling. Our church helped her to go to Seminary and upon her ordination, she served many churches in the PNW conference, also serving as a District Superintendent. Ruth was a vibrant woman who lived out her call in beautiful ways. No information on a service at this time. Ruth is survived by her three daughters, Linda, Grace and Amy.

The **Memorial service** to celebrate the life and ministries of Rev. Ruth D. Mathis will be on **Saturday May 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary of Mill Plain United Methodist Church, located at 15804 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98684.** In lieu of flowers, Ruth asked that any contributions go to the Ruth Mathis scholarship fund at Mill Plain United Methodist Church, or to the Ocean Park Retreat Center and Camp.

**Cards may be sent to: Amy Dasinger Heath - 4802 NE  
Leverich CT, Vancouver, WA 98663**

**P2 's next Session is**  
**May 9th**

Someone once said "one who sings... prays twice" with that notion in mid we will be starting anew the "P2 jam sessions" our next P2 will be Thursday May 9th at 6:30 pm in the Youth Chapel. If you play an instrument like to sing or would like to come and maybe learn a new song or two we will be gathering to play a couple worship songs together and have a fun night of singing playing instruments and spending time together. So whatever you play (bonus points if you play a diggeridoo) feel free to join us and make a joyful noise together and have some great fun doing it!

**Pastor Mark's Bible Study**

This Wednesday is the last Wednesday Bible Study for the spring. We will be finishing up reading aloud the last section of the Book of Revelation together. We will take the Summer off and Pastor Shirley will be scheduling the Studies for next year. You can join us in person or on the Zoom Platform at 11am:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043>  
Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043

**UWF Invitational Salad Luncheon**

All women of our church, Let Your Light Shine. That is the theme for the highly anticipated UWF invitational luncheon at **11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 18th**. Also, attending will be sister UWF units in Seven Rivers District and our friends at First Presbyterian Church. Kennewick First members are asked to bring their favorite salad to share for this special occasion in Ida Payne Hall, and please let our president Kathy Wertman know if you can come to this joyous event.

**Please call Kathy at 509-308-2904 or by email at [Redmond44@aol.com](mailto:Redmond44@aol.com) by Friday, May 10th, 2024.**

## **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!

## **All Church Rollerskating**

**June 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM**

**Location: Richland Rollarena Skating Center**

Hosted by the UMY and Sunday School Department

Come and enjoy a Christian music skating night. The entry fee and regular roller skate rentals are on us! This is an all-church family and friend event.

## **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.