

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 12th

Worship Service, 9 am, Prayer Chapel

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Children's Sunday School, 9 am, Wesleyan Hall

Sunday, May 12th

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 15th

LIFT - Women's Scripture Study

6 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

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Farewell Party/Barbeque for Pastor Mark

10 am, Sanctuary/Reception following in Ida Payne

This Sunday we celebrate a holiday that is important to so many of us... Mother's Day. For most of us the day gives us an opportunity to celebrate and show appreciation for mother's who have been so important to us personally and a celebration of motherhood in general. But I think it's important to remember the roots of Mother's Day began with something very different than a Sunday brunch, carnations and a card.

Two women, Ann Reeves Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe saw the possibilities mothers had in bringing about a world that reflected peace and justice in the time after the Civil War in America. Ann Reeves Jarvis a notable peace activist and community organizer, laid

the foundation for what would become Mother's Day through her creation of "Mothers' Day Work Clubs." These clubs were crucial in fostering reconciliation among divided communities by focusing on shared concerns such as public health and the welfare of children. In the post-war era, Jarvis's initiatives sought to bridge the chasm left by the war, advocating for unity and understanding through the common ground of motherhood and community well-being. Along side Jarvis's efforts, Julia Ward Howe, an activist and the author of the famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic," made a significant contribution through her "Mother's Day Proclamation." Written in 1870, (that proclamation is below) Howe's proclamation called upon mothers to unite in promoting global peace, highlighting the profound influence that mothers could wield in the pursuit of peace, harmony and justice. As people of faith we are called to stand against injustice and oppression wherever we see it and to be followers of the Prince of Peace. I pray that on this Mother's Day we will remember the roots of our celebration began with a hope for peace!

Pastor Mark

Mother's Day Proclamation

*Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of Tears!
Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.
We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says "Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice." Blood does not wipe our dishonor nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.*

Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after their own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God. In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

*Julia Ward Howe
Boston 1870*

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 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. There will also be a UMY softball game at 12:30 pm, that everyone is invited to. (Details on that field location will be announced later.) Please come and honor the United Methodist Youth!

Barbeque in Honor of Pastor Mark

Join our church family on **Sunday, May 19th at 11 am in Ida Payne** to say farewell to Pastor Mark. We'll be serving up hot dogs and burgers. Everything is provided except desserts. Please bring a yummy dessert to share! You may wish to bring a card to show your

appreciation to Pastor Mark. Pastor Mark's last day in the KFUMC pulpit will be Sunday, May 26th.

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.