

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, January 18-19
Jr. UMY Rock-a-Thon, 7 pm – 10 am

Sunday, January 19th
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)

Monday, January 20th
Church Office closed in observance of
Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Join "From Fear to Belonging" Vigil
(See Details Below)

Wednesday, January 22nd
LIFT Bible Study, 6 pm, Youth Chapel

Saturday, February 1st
Holly Daze Workshop, 9 am, SWR

Saturday, February 1st
Prayer Shawl Group, 9 am, SWR

Sunday, February 2nd
All-Church Bingo, 4-6 pm, Ida Payne
(See Details Below)

Friday News 1/17/25

Friends,

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord. Like so many of you, my heart is breaking for the people in the Los Angeles area who are dealing with the devastating impacts of recent fires.

Last Sunday, with hearts of compassion, we prayed for the people of California. We acknowledged the United Methodist connections, but some of us likely have personal connections in the area and we know people who lost homes in the fire. Our gift of prayer and monetary donations cannot undo the tragedy that has occurred. But they can help in the process of healing and rebuilding and act towards binding up the wounds of grief and loss. Above all, they communicate to the people impacted by this devastation that they are not alone.

God is with them, and we are too.

Please, continue to pray for the people of the Los Angeles area. Pray for the Altadena UMC and Community UMC in Pacific Palisades. Both congregations lost their church buildings. Pray for those who have lost homes, loved ones, pets, businesses, and jobs due to the fire. Pray for the first responders who have worked tirelessly to save all they could. Pray for the firefighters traveling from other states and countries to assist. Pray as people begin the slow work of rebuilding and healing. If you feel led to give monetary donations for relief efforts, here are some ways to give:

Donations can be given through our church (put UMCOR-CA Fires in the memo) or directly to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for its disaster relief for all the California fires. <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and compassion. Thank you for being the church!

Pastor Shirley

1/19

"What Concern Is That?"

Pastor Shirley DeLarme

Scripture:

John 2: 1-11 (NRSVUE)

United Women of Faith (UWF)

Important News

It will be a time for adventure for all at the Wednesday, January 22 meeting of UWF members and friends.

The great traveler, Arlan Gadeken, will bring stories about Japan to the 10 a.m. session in our Susanna Wesley Room.

Also, the anticipated Kennewick First 2025 UWF Yearbooks will be distributed.

Joy Fellowship will be the hosts and the sharing gift for My Friend's Place will be Fruit Loops and Oreos.

Join 'From Fear to Belonging' vigil on Jan. 20

A prayer vigil titled 'From Fear to Belonging' is being held online on January 20 to honor the legacy of MLK, Jr. and to provide an opportunity for United Methodists to stand together in faith, justice, and hope. The vigil begins at 1 p.m. AK Time, 2 p.m. PT, 3 p.m. MT. Through music, prayers, and voices from across the denomination, including from our Council of Bishops, this sacred gathering will call us to action, empowering us to embody the beloved community where all are valued and cherished. Learn more here: <https://www.gcorr.org/vigil>

All-Church Bingo

All are invited to the All-Church Bingo in Ida Payne on **Sunday, February 2nd, 4-6 pm.** Invite family and friends!
Win prizes. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Pep's Bean Soup for Sale

Pep's Bean Soup is for sale in the church office for \$9.00/bag.
You can also buy a bag with corn bread mix for \$12.00/each.

We are running low!

Church Office Staff Meetings

The Church Office meets for a Staff Meeting the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10 am - Noon. The office is closed
10 am - 1:00 pm on those days.

Deadlines

**The Monday before the next Sunday is the deadline for any announcement posted in the Sunday Bulletin.
The Thursday before Friday is the deadline for any announcement posted in the Friday Email Letter.
Thank you.**