

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, April 18th,
Good Friday Worship Service, 6:30 pm**

**Saturday, April 19th,
Easter Egg Hunt, Outside, 9 am**

**Sunday, April 20th,
Easter Sunrise Service, Columbia Park, 6:30 am**

**Sunday, April 20th – Easter Worship
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, April 26th,
All-Church Clean-up
(There will be sign up sheets in the lobby)**

**Sunday, April 27th
This is the last day to bring bread tabs to be placed
in the jar for the Arc of Tri-Cities to buy a new
motorized wheelchair!!**

**Sunday, April 27th
“Pave the Way” Brick Campaign
After Worship, Overflow Room**

Friday News 4/18/25

Beginning when I was a young teenager, I helped lead Good Friday worship services. The services had many shapes and varieties of styles, but always they were solemn experiences. Afterward I returned home with a heaviness of heart, and a grief that was real, even though I knew the promises of Easter.

The weight of sin on the world, the depravity people bring on each other, the devastation felt when something truly good is destroyed by natural disaster or human bad behavior--these things deliver grief to our lives, our bodies, our spirits. In such grief, how hard it is to remember that God is present, that God's promises are real, and that God is still God.

Be still, and know that I am God! the Psalmist reminds us. Whether things are solemn because it is Holy Week, or tragic or grief-filled for other reasons, it is good for us to *Be still, and know that [God alone is] God!* And when we hear that phrase, let it call to mind other promises also found in Psalm 46:

- ◆ God gives refuge and strength
- ◆ God helps in trouble
- ◆ God shall not be moved
- ◆ God is with us
- ◆ God is unmovable
- ◆ God provides security
- ◆ God's voice has authority
- ◆ God makes wars to cease
- ◆ God is the Lord of hosts

Today is Good Friday. Easter is less than 48 hours away.

During these hours of ritual, spiritual grief, practice being aware of God's steadfast presence with you. Read Psalm 46 (below). Maybe read one verse an hour, returning to the scripture throughout your waking hours. Repeat some of the lines, perhaps saying them out loud, as if you were a trusted friend encouraging you in a difficult time. If you are blessed to have someone to share this devotion with, say these things to each other.

Then, when you awake on Easter morning, celebrate that God has come through for you, for all of us, as you declare:

He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Shirley

Psalm 46 NRSVUE

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”
¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge

4/20/25 - EASTER
"Looking for the Living"
Pastor Shirley DeLarme
Scripture:
Luke 24: 1-12

Pave The Way

On Sunday, March 30th we launched the “Pave the Way” fundraiser. Now, you will be able to purchase an engraved paver (brick) to be permanently installed in the courtyard of the Kennewick First United Methodist Church. This “buy a brick” campaign will help offset the cost of the church beautification project. This fundraising campaign allows people to purchase a paver to commemorate someone. The buyer can choose to honor themselves, a living family member or friend, or someone who has passed. Each brick will be the same size with the same font (lettering). There will, however, be a few assorted icons that can be added to mark an event such as baptism, membership date, or wedding, etc., for an extra fee. The cost of each 6” by 12” paver will be \$200.00 with an additional fee of \$25.00 for an icon. You may order a Paver through the church office, print it off the church website and mail it in or pick up a form from the information desk on Sunday. You will be able to pay for your paver with cash, through Pushpay, check or credit card. This

campaign is beginning now, to help raise the funds needed to start the front courtyard project. The pavers will be laid in 2026. Please help us get the word out so we can pave the way!

God's Fellows

This is a small group of men who read devotional material and connect it with their own lives and faith. They meet every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

Missing Assisted Listening Devices

Please check your home or coats for any hearing devices that came from the Sanctuary. Several are missing!

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