

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, April 26th,
All-Church Clean-up
(There will be sign up sheets in the lobby)**

**Sunday, April 27th
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)

**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!!**

**Saturday, May 17th
UWF Salad Luncheon
11:30 am, Ida Payne**

**Saturday, May 17th
Jerry Wilhelm's Memorial Reception, 4 pm
Sanctuary/Ida Payne**

**Sunday, May 18th
Youth Sunday
10 am, Sanctuary**

**Friday, May 30th
Wes Door's Memorial/Reception, 11 am
Sanctuary/Ida Payne**

Friday News 4/25/25

The disciple Peter is quickly in trouble with the very authorities from whom he hid in fear when he was denying Jesus during Jesus' trials before Anna, Caiphas, and Pilate.

According to Acts 5:

27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Have you ever defied strict orders for some good purpose? How did that work out for you? Was it costly? Did you accomplish something? Would God have been pleased? Would you do it again?

Before the crucifixion Peter was afraid to say he even knew Jesus. He could not have imagined being so bold in Jesus' name, yet here he is.

What changed?

Jesus was resurrected!

And the Holy Spirit descended on Peter and the others. That's powerful medicine.

Now, nothing would stop them. They could not not talk and teach about Jesus! Eventually they paid for their actions. Tradition tells us every disciple except John was martyred. Where they once encouraged Jesus to avoid Jerusalem because of the danger, they now willingly faced such danger because of the purpose it gave their lives and the rewards that came with serving the risen Christ.

Most of us will not have the opportunity to be truly martyred, and that's ok. There are plenty of opportunities for us be the hands and feet of Jesus, sometimes quite boldly, when others will not. Perhaps you will carry picket signs or risk arrest to protest injustice. Perhaps you will speak up to bullies, misogynists, or racists. Perhaps you will quietly speak a word of hope and faith to someone who does not yet know or trust God.

We might not know what God will do with us if we make ourselves available, but God will empower us, bless us, and reward us. Praise God, for Christ is Risen!

Pastor Shirley

4/27/25
"Embodied Believing"
Pastor Shirley DeLarme
Scriptures:
John 20: 19-31
Revelation 1: 4-8

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.