

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 5th
Covenant UMC Church's Marimba Band Concert
KFUMC Sanctuary, 6:30 & during worship on
Sunday

Sunday, April 6th
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)

Sunday, April 6th
"Pave the Way" Brick Campaign
After Worship, Overflow Room

Sunday, April 6th
Fair Exchange Coffee & Chocolate Sale
During Coffee Hour after Worship

Saturday, April 12th
Sr. UMY Dessert Auction, IP, 3-5 pm
Silent Auction at 3 pm
Live Auction at 4 pm

Sunday, April 13th,
Palm Sunday Parade at 9:45 am with a Worship
Service at 10 am

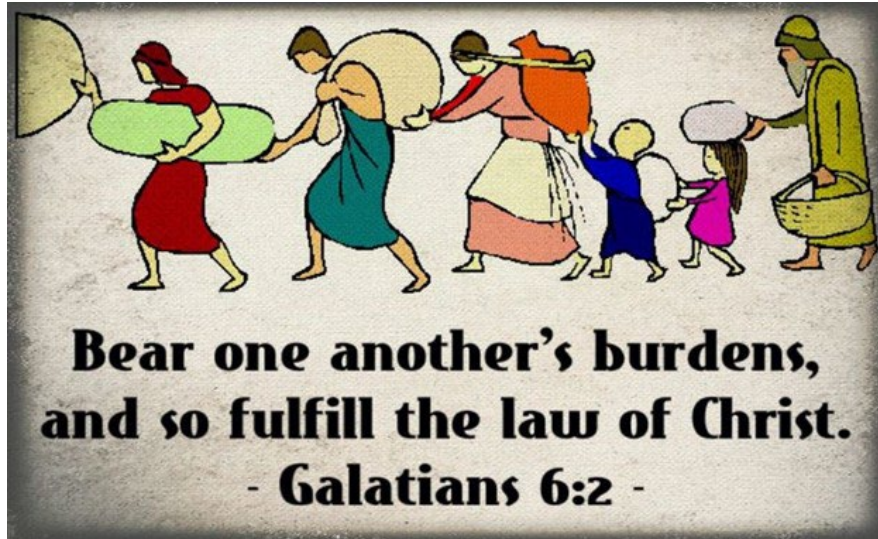
Friday, April 18th,
Good Friday Worship Service, 6:30 pm

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

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

**Sunday, April 20th,
Easter Live Service, Sanctuary, 10 am**

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



Friday News 4/4/25

Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ~ Isaiah 65:24

The unprecedented actions of our federal government have created anxiety in every sector. How will these policies and executive actions affect me, my family, and my community?

Some people are jubilant. Reducing the size of government is a value for them. Other people are dismayed; although they have yearned for reforms, the way things are happening is disorienting. Whoever we are, someone we know is struggling and someone we know pleased.

In every age, and in every place, such opposing views have co-existed. Sometimes the divide between sides is grand-canyon size and other times more like a small irrigation ditch. Most times everyone pays a price and everyone benefits, but sometimes there are those who win or lose in a big way.

This was true in the time of Jesus. The time of the Roman Empire was called the Pax Romana. While the Romans were in charge, other

foreign and hostile neighbors were kept away and wars mostly stopped. Roads were upgraded to enhance trade; civic buildings were constructed and added beauty to cities; aqueducts brought water great distances to the hearts of neighborhoods. The costs were enormous, and included high taxes, conscription work forces, and the loss of freedom. The gains were also huge.

Were those things good or bad? Yes.

Whether or not something was seen as good or bad depended on who was judging, what they were experiencing, and when. For some of the people living at the time of Jesus were rife with horror and injustice. From the perspective of 2000 years later, we feel the pain for those Biblical people, even as we could not imagine living without the infrastructure of water brought into our homes.

When anxiety washes over you, call on the Lord. Our scriptures remind us repeatedly that God is faithful and present to our distress. God does not promise ease and our struggles are real, if we trust God and depend on those whom God sends to be our helpers, we can make it through. Hebrews 13:16 reminds us: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Below are a few more scripture verses that you might find helpful. If you have a favorite that is not shared here, then share it with me or someone close to you. Together, with God, we will make it!

Pastor Shirley

In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. ~ Psalm 18:6

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! ~ Psalm 66:19-20

O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.” ~ Psalm 139:1-2

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ~ Psalm 145:18

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. ~ Nahum 1:7

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. ~ Hebrews 4:16

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. ~ 1 Peter 3:12a

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ~ 1 Peter 5:7

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"The Last Supper: Risking Loss of Friends "
Pastor Shirley DeLarme
Scripture:
Luke 4: 16-21

United Methodists grapple with loss of foreign aid

United Methodists are feeling the effects of the dismantling of U.S. foreign assistance and speaking out about how such aid saves lives. Africa University and the United Methodist Committee on Relief are among the United Methodist ministries that have long worked with partners in the U.S. government.

[Read this story on the United Methodist News website.](#)



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!

Bread Tabs

Please remember to bring your bread tabs to drop in the container in the lobby. This is for the Arc of Tri-Cities to buy a new motorized wheelchair!!

Collection must be complete by May 2025

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.