



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, July 13th**

**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)*

**"One Man's Struggle with God" (Jonah)**

**Pastor Shirley DeLarme**

**Scripture: Jonah, various verses**

**Sunday, July 13th**

**All-Church Barbeque**

**Bidding Farewell to**

**Claressa Elvik & Starlite Buchholz**

**11 am, Ida Payne**

**(See Details Below)**

**Sunday, July 27th  
Parsonage Open House, 1-5 pm**

**Friday - Sunday, August 15th-17th  
All-Church Campout at Boardman  
Marina Park**

**Camp-Out Registration Form is on our website:  
[kennewickfirst.com](http://kennewickfirst.com)**

### **Friday News 7/11/25**

One of the pleasures I have as your pastor is the work of Nominations. Nominations work involves contacting all the members of the congregation to invite them to serve God and KFUMC in some way. Sincerely, I enjoy this work.

Yes, you might tell me “No”. And that’s ok. And you might tell me “Yes”, and that’s great—provided you and I both choose well what work of service you take up. Nevertheless, the joy for me comes through the conversation, the getting acquainted, the sharing of stories, successes, failures, and more!

The problem is this: there are so many of you, and so many needs to fill, and only one of me! Also, there is an urgency of time. The fall programming year begins sooner than we realize, and the elections of new leaders at our Charge Conference will be soon after that.

Ephesians 4 gives us this word:

*<sup>7</sup> God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ.*

*<sup>11</sup> He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ <sup>13</sup> until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ.*

*<sup>15</sup> By speaking the truth with love, let us grow in every way into Christ, <sup>16</sup> who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.*

Please, I ask you to pray that God will reveal to you or remind you of the gifts already given you by God's grace. And pray about the possible or new ways you can use those gifts!

Then, speak up! Trust that together we will find a way for you to give glory to God and experience joy through service.

Urgent needs:

- **Education Committee** for all ages, newly re-forming, workshop Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 p.m. in Suzanna Wesley, to continue crafting committee structure and work. Join us.
- **Welcoming Committee**, including ongoing congregational care, workshop Tuesday, July 15, 6:30

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- **Nominations Committee**, a re-constituted standing committee that primarily works August-September, chaired by the pastor. This committee nominates, invites, and appreciates the people who serve the many ministry needs of KFUMC.

Send me a text (253-335-2612), voicemail (509-582-2163 Ex. 102), email ([shirley@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:shirley@kennewickfirst.com) or [Shirley.delarme@gmail.com](mailto:Shirley.delarme@gmail.com)), Facebook message, paper note in the offering plate.

P.S. Some of you already serve A LOT! In the name of self-care, *do not* sign up for something more without letting something go.

P.P.S. Our membership vows commit us to sharing prayers, presence, gifts, service, witness. How many creative ways can you think to do each of these?  
Thank you. Gracias. Danke.

Domo arigato.  
Pastor Shirley

Texas flood and devotional information from *Cesie Delve Scheuermann* (pronounced “CC Delv Sherman,” yes, really) who is a Stewardship Consultant for the OR-ID Annual Conference:

Like the entire nation, my heart is going out to all those who were lost in Texas. I found the post by Rev. Cameron Trimble [\*When Grief is the Ground We Stand On\*](#) to be helpful in trying to make meaning of such tragedy. You can send financial gifts through the United Methodist [\*Rio Texas Conference\*](#) (Advance #2050.)

**ALL CHURCH BBQ!**

**SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025  
11:00am, Ida Payne**

Your Church Leadership Council is sponsoring a BBQ in honor of Claressa and Starlite and their families. We will be celebrating their new direction and thanking them for their service to KFUMC.

The Council will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, all related fixings for them, all eating utensils needed, water, lemonade, and chips.

We are asking the congregation to please help by bringing additional food items:

Last Names starting with A – K  
Please bring a salad

Last Names starting with L – Z  
Please bring a dessert

There will also be water games outside in the grassy area.

If questions, please reach out to a member of the Leadership Council.

### **Pave The Way**

We have 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, 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!

### **Office Staff Meetings/Hours**

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. The church office is now open 8 am – 1 -pm Monday – Thursday and closed all day Fridays.

## **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.**