



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, July 25th**  
**Mary Shoop's Memorial/Reception,**  
**1 pm, Sanctuary & Ida Payne**

**Saturday, July 26th**  
**Pilot Sewing Class, Sewing Center (upstairs)**  
**10 am - Noon**

**Sunday, July 27th**  
**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)*

**"What Hurts the Heart of God" (Nahum)**  
**Pastor Shirley DeLarme**  
**Scripture: Nahum, selected verses**

**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 7/25/25

**The parsonage open house scheduled for Sunday, July 27th is postponed temporarily until fall. The exact date and time will be announced later.**

Last Sunday we baptized my granddaughter Juno Ramona DeLarme. This was her third visit to KFUMC. She lives on the other side of the mountains and more regularly attends a Methodist church near her home. So, why did we baptize Juno instead of her church?



One reason is because at our church Oma (that's me!) could participate. But there are other excellent reasons for us to do this.

Let's take a moment to refute a common misteaching: baptism is *not* a magic incantation that keeps us out of hell, wards off evil, prevents bad things from happening to us, or protects us from sinning.

Baptism is a rite of initiation into the faith community, into Christ's body The Church. *The Church* references the universal church, not a single gathering of people on a Sunday morning, or any single denomination. The universal, global, for all time body of believers is the body of the living Christ.

Here are the other excellent reasons for us to baptize Juno.

Juno and her family received from us biblical hospitality. They were welcomed as they are and God's grace was poured out on them through us. Also, they were charged with raising Juno in a Christian manner. The family assented to the same vows by which we consent to live as United Methodist Christians.

Look at those vows now:

- Reject the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin
- Accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves
- Confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races
- Proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ
- Surround the baptized with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their service to others
- Pray for the baptized to be true disciples
- Renew our membership covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Wow! Did you know you consented so much? Wow! God is truly blessed by our commitments. And God is even more blessed by our follow through.

Surely you remember Jesus's great commission to us in Matthew 28:18-20, where Jesus instructs his followers to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you".

Baptizing babies, getting their parent's consent to be part of their Christian journey, and renewing our own vows, all while doing as Christ mandated! What a lot we accomplished in that baptism liturgy last Sunday.

May we continue in the works and ways of Christ.

Pastor Shirley

### **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.**