



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, August 3rd**

**Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary**

**[https://www.youtube.com/user](https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia)**

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**(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)**

**"Dear God, I Have a Question" (Habakkuk)**

**Pastor Shirley DeLarme**

**Scripture: Habakkuk, selected verses**

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**Fair Trade (Equal Exchange)**

**Coffee & Chocolate Sale, 11 am after Worship in the Lobby**

**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 8/1/25

That was fun!

Thank you to those who turned in the bulletin insert last Sunday. It was delightful to see what you checked in response to the prompt: *I have skills to share!* Indeed, you do!

We are especially skilled at organizing, reading, and greeting strangers! We are also modest, qualifying our answers with “somewhat”. Some people are so modest they didn’t check anything!

In our scriptures, Jesus washes the feet of his friends while issuing a new commandment to love one another.

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13

Jesus demonstrated hands-on service as a way of loving others, as a way of obeying his commandment to love.

In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul underscored what Jesus said when Paul reminds us that the freedom we have in Christ Jesus is not to be used for self-indulgence, but as loving service to others.

<sup>13</sup> You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don’t let this freedom be an opportunity to

indulge your selfish impulses but serve each other through love. <sup>14</sup> All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself.* – Galatians 5 CEB

Serving others is a way of serving God. When we do acts of kindness, offer practical help, and provide emotional support to those in need, we are reflecting God's love and Christ's teachings.

Over the years KFUMC has had the blessings and privilege of hiring many staff to lead many of the ministries of this church. Along the way we have enjoyed amazing, spirit-filled events that have enabled us to thrive and grow in our faith.

However, in recent years the number of people willing to say “yes” when asked to serve has slowly declined. “That’s why we have staff,” has become the mantra of many. The consequences have been a Church Council and administrative committees with half the number of people needed to do our best work using best practices. And, the consequences have been felt in some of our other ministries, like worship, children, and outreach. Fewer people saying “yes” means less creativity and more burnout.

Staffing our ministries as we have done in recent years is no longer financially viable. Nor is it faithful. Jesus calls us to serve, and Jesus commissions us to proclaim the gospel—the good news—through all the work we do, whether we are reading scripture in worship, playing

dodgeball in Ida Payne, or feeding the growing number of hungry coming through our doors.

KFUMC needs you. Jesus needs you. And you will probably appreciate the blessings of serving. Every one of us is capable of some service on God's behalf. Be creative! See what you can do. Fill out one of the *I have skills to share!* papers and let's see how God can use you.

Remember this gospel song?

I'm gonna live so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me any time and anywhere.

It's your turn to sing. And be blessed.

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.**