



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Camp-Out Registration Form is on our website:
kennewickfirst.com**

**Sunday, August 17th
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)***

**"How to Finish the Job When Enthusiasm Fades"
(Haggai)**

**Pastor Shirley DeLarme
Scripture: Haggai, selected verses**

Sunday, August 24th
Reception of New Members, 11 am, Sanctuary

Friday News 8/15/25



Last night I was teasing my dad. He said the ground had gotten so dry there were cracks big enough to stick his fingers in. I warned him the cracks might close around his fingers and keep him!

The climate where he lives generally provides a good rain shower every 1-2 weeks for most of the summer. At rare

times three weeks might go by without rain, resulting in cracked earth and wilted farms. With such dependable rain many growers do not have, or need, irrigation systems. Dry spells are worrisome and can be catastrophic.

In dessert climates like ours, rain is rare, but that's ok because the flora and fauna have developed to handle the drier conditions, and we've put irrigation in place to handle the rest. Catastrophes come from secondary issues, like wildfires and dust storms.

Whether the climate is humid mid-continental where my dad lives, or the dessert climate where we live, all living things need water to survive, and enough of it to thrive. Most of us have known someone who went to the emergency room with a health crisis and diagnosed as dehydrated. They were given IV fluids and sent home with instructions to drink more water.

In what type of climate does your faith live? Does your faith life experience regular showers of spirit-plumping nourishment? Is your faith life connected to an irrigation system that ensures regular infusions of refreshing sustenance? How well are you tending your faith life?

In John 7:37-38 (CEB) Jesus says:

“All who are thirsty should come to me!

³⁸ All who believe in me should drink!

As the scriptures said concerning me,

Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.”

Interestingly, there is no such scripture, but the truth of what Jesus says remains. Our God promises and abundantly provides what we need to refresh our spirits:

Children of Zion, rejoice and be glad in the Lord your God,
because he will give you the early rain as a sign of
righteousness;

he will pour down abundant rain for you,
the early and the late rain, as before. Joel 2:23 (CEB)

He turned the desert into pools of water
and the parched ground into flowing springs;
there he brought the hungry to live,
and they founded a city where they could settle. (Psalm
107:35-36 NIV)

After that I will pour out my spirit upon everyone;
your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28a (CEB)

Our task is to access this living water for ourselves regularly! Waiting for others to deliver is like hoping for rainclouds and may leave us wilting and looking at cracks in the ground. An irrigation system is no good if it is never turned on or adequately maintained.

Fortunately, the resources we need are readily available to us. Fellowship and learning groups at church can help us connect to spigots of prayer, encouragement, and reminders of grace. Worship, whether in person or online provides opportunities to be washed in sacred music, prayers, and communion with the body of Christ. Upper Room devotionals and shelves full of books in our church library provide fertilizer for our discipleship and our beliefs.

Here is your prescription: drink plenty of water! Tap into the nourishment and sustenance offered to us through God's Christ Jesus. Open yourself to God's outpouring of Spirit. Drink deeply that you may be filled and refreshed! And if the skies should also deliver rain, use the opportunity to sing and dance your joy and gratitude to the One who provides it all.

Joyfully yours in Christ,

Pastor Shirley

Job Posting

Ministry Leader and Volunteer Coordinator

SUMMARY -This highly responsible position promotes, coordinates and enables various ministry activities within Kennewick First United Methodist Church, including the welcoming committee, education committee and youth group programs. This role involves recruiting, training, partnering, and supporting volunteers to ensure that they are effectively engaged in the church's missions and programs. The ministry and volunteer coordinator will work closely with the Senior Pastor and church leadership committee to identify volunteer needs, develop volunteer opportunities, and create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all participants.

MINISTRY PURPOSE – Mentor and encourage every person to use their God-given talent in the ministry to which Christ has called them, and for which the Holy Spirit equips and empowers them.

QUALIFICATIONS -

1. Experience in volunteer management.
2. Ability to work collaboratively with church leadership and ministry teams.
3. Passion for the church's mission and a commitment to fostering a welcoming environment.
4. Budgetary and organizational skills and attention to detail.

WORKING CONDITIONS - Duties are primarily performed in the office environment and church building(s) while sitting, standing or walking, but may also require traveling to meetings. Duties may also be performed at sites in varying weather conditions. Working hours may regularly involve weekends and evenings.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS – Wages are dependent upon qualifications. Salary range is established between \$55,000 to \$65,000 per year. Medical and Dental insurance opportunities are available. KFUMC pension contribution of 3% of annual salary.

APPLICATION PROCESS – Application approval, staff interview, successful background check, successful completion of KFUMC Safe Church Program, Leadership Committee Approval

Applications and full position description can be obtained at <https://www.kennewickfirst.com/> and must be completed and submitted via email to office@kennewickfirst.com . Application deadline is September 15, 2025 or until filled.

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.