



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 10th

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)

"How God Works in our Lives" (Zephaniah)

Pastor Shirley DeLarme

Scripture: Zephaniah, selected verses

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Last Day to drop off School Supplies for the

S.H.A.K.E. Boxes in the Narthex

(Pastor Shirley will be blessing the supplies on Sunday.)

Friday - Sunday, August 15th-17th

All-Church Campout at Boardman

Marina Park

Friday News 8/1/25



At a workshop I once attended I encountered a theme song for a worship series about change. The song has a ragtime rhythm and feel, and begins with these words:

Change is good, you go first; my brain is suspicious of change
Anything out of the ordinary can cause my brain to complain

It's not just our brains that complain, but also our guts and our mouths. When a change is announced our guts clench, and the objections begin. Just look at the Tri Cities Herald to see how automatic complaining is to announcements of new things:

One-way streets in Richland—no!!!
A new performing arts center—nothing wrong with the old one!
A new airline at the airport—but I liked the old one!

My husband had a pet phrase he used whenever I made objections: you'd complain if they hung you with a new rope!

Well, yes I would. New ropes twist and coil, causing the rope to bounce rather than do its job! So yes, I would complain.

When Moses let the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt they complained:

Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Exodus 14:11

Some complaints are worthwhile, some not so much. The same with changes.

All of us have different capacities for change. If you're the person who orders the same thing every time you eat at a certain restaurant, then you might be a person for whom change is harder for you. If you're the person who tries a different menu item every time, then change might be an adventure for you.

Conserving what we've had and making changes are both are valuable, and both are biblical. Repeatedly God instructs the Israelites to create memorials--rituals and reminders of their experiences in life as Gods people. The Lord said:

This day shall be to you for a memorial, and you shall keep it a feast to the LORD: throughout your generations you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. [Exodus 12:14](#)

Then you shall tell them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.'
[Joshua 4:7](#)

Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest to you, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. [Leviticus 24:7](#)

Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God. I am the LORD your God. [Numbers 10:10](#)

Forever, God said, but we don't do some of these things, do we? What feast? Where are the stones? The seventh month of which calendar? We have neither trumpets nor burnt offerings! But that's ok, because we know the Lord also said:

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19*

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. Jeremiah 31:31

Jeremiah reminds us: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*
Lamentations 3:22-23

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
Revelation 21

Change. It comes at us, like it or not, ready or not. Our task is to perceive where God is in the midst of the changes around us and to align ourselves with God. When we do so we have an opportunity to be part of what God is doing. As Gamaliel reminds the Sanhedrin about the preaching of the disciples:

If it originates with God, you won't be able to stop them. Instead, you would actually find yourselves fighting God! Acts 5:39

And look what God and those first disciples accomplished! Nothing easy, for sure, but something that changed the world, and can change/transform us. Let us be part of whatever God is doing.

Pastor Shirley

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.

Pilot Sewing Class

The pilot sewing class scheduled for Saturday, August 9th is at 10 am – Noon in the Sewing Center. The class for August 16th has been cancelled.

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.