



Fostering generations of Christ's disciples  
for the transformation of the world.

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**  
**9:00 am Worship**

**Preparation for Worship**

Good morning! Please greet those seated around you. When we hear the first notes of the piano, organ or guitars, let's lower our voices to a whisper and prepare our hearts for worship. Please pray for our musicians and worship leaders, that God will inspire them as they lead us. Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

**PRELUDE** "Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken" (F.J. Haydn) Margo Cox  
"Vals Melodico" (E. Gradados)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Danielle Rhodes

\* **OPENING SONGS** "I Worship You Almighty God"  
"Brokenness Aside"

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**OFFERTORY** "By Your Side"  
\* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

\* **SONG** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" TFWS 2195

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 15:11-24 (NRSV) pg. 79

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 15:25-32 (NRSV) pg. 79

**SERMON** "Good News for a Troubled Family" Pastor Jerry Poole

\* **CLOSING SONG** "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

\* **BENEDICTION**

\***RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"  
Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true, Know He will guide you in all you do. Amen, amen, amen.

**POSTLUDE** "The Solid Rock" (W. Bradbury, arr. L. Shackley) Margo Cox

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Today, March 11th**  
UMCOR Sunday  
Worship (S)..... 9 am & 10:30 am  
Fair Trade Coffee Sales..... between Worship Services  
Sr UMY presents mystery dinner for Jr UMY ..... 6 pm

**Monday, March 12th**  
Girls on the Run (WH) ..... 4 pm  
Boy Scouts (IP) ..... 7 pm

**Tuesday, March 13th**  
Tuesday Morning Fellowship (L)..... 9:30 am  
First Praise (SWR) ..... 5:30 pm  
Spring Cornerstone Dinner (IP) ..... 6 pm  
Spring Cornerstone Classes ..... 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, March 14th**  
Piecemakers (3<sup>rd</sup> Gr Rm)..... 10 am  
Bible Study with Pastor Jerry (CR) ..... 11 am  
Girls on the Run (WH)..... 4 pm  
Choir Practice (S) ..... 6:15 pm  
Cub Scouts (IP) ..... 6:30 pm  
SPMT (CR)..... 6:30 pm  
Easter Cantata Practice (S)..... 7 pm  
Praise Band Practice (S) ..... 7:45 pm

**Thursday, March 15th**  
Hawthorne Court Communion (HC)..... 3 pm  
Soul Soup Dinner (IP) ..... 5 pm  
Bell Practice (S)..... 6 pm

**Friday, March 16th**  
Lazy F Retreat for Jr UMY ..... 5 pm  
UMW District Executive Meeting (SWR/S)..... 9 am  
God's Fellows (L)..... 11 am

**Saturday, March 17th**  
NA Event Meeting (SWR) ..... 6 pm  
Narcotics Anonymous (SWR) ..... 7:30 pm

**Sunday, March 18th**  
Worship (S)..... 9 am & 10:30 am  
Lazy F Retreat for Jr UMY ..... Return at 3 pm  
Sr UMY –Human Foosball..... 6 pm

**Those Serving God With Us Today:**

**Ushers** Dave and Doris Brown; Steve and Linda Tucker

**Coffee Hour** Dave and Mona Miller

**Liturgist** Danielle Rhodes

**Altar Decor** Mary Shoop

**Greeters** Marilyn Hockaday and Jane Foreman

**Attendance Report – March 4th**

9 am Worship	99
10:30 am Worship	110
Sunday School	44
Activity Time	7
Jr UMY	21
Sr UMY	6
SNL (3/3/18)	50

**Welcome!** Please sign the **Ritual of Friendship** in the black folder of your pew. Please do not keep pens in the folders. Include your address and phone number so we may send you a "church information brochure". **Name tags** are also available in the pew racks.

A **nursery** is provided downstairs during worship. An usher can direct you.

**Hearing devices** are available for use during the service. Ask an usher to assist you.

**Prayer cards**, available in the pew racks, may be given to the pastor, an usher or placed in the offering plate. Requests may also be emailed to us at prayers@kennewickfirst.com.

Look for recently requested **offering envelopes** in the back of the sanctuary.

**New or replacement name tags** are now located in the New Entry on the large bulletin board behind the Welcome Center.

**"Upper Room" Devotionals** for the months of **March/April** are in the book rack at the back of the sanctuary. Donations are gladly accepted.

The **Tri-Cities Food Bank** is grateful for all our donations. Those items may be placed in the grocery cart near the elevator. Please leave only foods that are safety-sealed in their original packaging.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, March 17: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm**

**Saturday, March 24: All-Church cleanup, 9 am**

**Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday Parade, 10 am**

**Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday Potluck, 6 pm**

**Friday, March 30: Good Friday Service, 7 pm**

**Saturday, March 31: Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 am**

**Sunday, April 1: Sunrise Service, 6:30 am**

**Sunday, April 1: Easter Worship Service & Sunday School, 9 am**

**Sunday, April 1: Choir's Easter Cantata, 10:30 am**

**Our Staff at Kennewick First**

Pastor..... Jerry Poole  
Associate Pastor/Youth Ministry ..... Harriet Wilkin  
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Office Manager..... Cheryl Nixon  
Congregational Care and Outreach Assistant..... Cynthia Bement  
Custodian..... Andrew Tillman  
Bookkeeper..... Judy Milton  
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This week we pray for Monitor UMC and Pastor John "David" Raines.  
We also pray for our sister church M.C.K in  
Njukinjiru, Kenya.

## Announcements

### Today is UMCOR Sunday

We are going to take up a special offering in honor of UMCOR Sunday. This is the time we are going to financially support the mission and vision of UMCOR, The United Methodist Committee on Relief.

When you give on UMCOR Sunday, your offering helps cover all of UMCOR's costs for one year. That means all other donations in response to crises and disasters can be earmarked 100% for relief efforts.

1 Peter 4:10 reminds us to "serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." I want to encourage you to give your offering so that our UMCOR has everything it needs to be the hands and feet of Jesus when the need is greater than most can bear. **Please make your checks out to "KFUMC" and write "UMCOR" in the memo section.**

### Coffee Sale Today

Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, and tea for sale today at the Welcome Desk. We appreciate the congregation's support of this project as we benefit the cooperative farmers, UMCOR, and our own Koins for Kenya. Were you aware that one of the herbal teas we sell comes from local farms? "This herbal tea includes peppermint grown by family farmers in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. One of the farms in eastern Washington is run by two brothers who oversee the management of the crops and finances, while family members fill positions in other areas of the farming operation. The family takes great care in the growing and harvesting of their high-quality, organic peppermint." (Equal Exchange website)

### Thank You

Thank you and God bless all of you for sharing my birthday with me.

Altha Perry

### UMW to Host District Retreat March 17

Kennewick First's UMW will welcome women from sister units across the Seven Rivers District Saturday, March 17. Called *Just Breathe*, or UMW 101, the meeting will be a chance for all women who attend our church and their friends to ask questions about the missions and services that UMW offers. To attend, pick up a registration form at the church office. Questions? Contact UMW President Kathy Wertman at [redmond44@aol.com](mailto:redmond44@aol.com) or 308-2904. For this spiritual retreat, our UMW will provide refreshments and an Irish-themed lunch in recognition of St. Patrick's Day. Volunteers are needed to help with hosting duties. Let Kathy know what you are willing to do.

Two weeks later, on **March 28**, our UMW members and their friends will come together again to hear Ondria Hitt, Chaplain at Trios Hospital, talk on her mission to the ill. The unit meeting will begin at 10 am in the Susanna Wesley Room with treats provided by Joy Circle. The sharing gift will be for Hospice House. UMW hopes you can come.

### M&Ms (Mature Methodists)

Joetta Ruppert will be our speaker on **March 19th at Noon**. She will talk to us about homelessness. Come join us for potluck, fellowship and information about what is happening in our community. We will begin set-up at 10:30 am, if you have time, we would appreciate help.

### Troop 179 welcomes presentation for teens on the internet

All are welcome to attend a Troop 179 informational talk on **Monday, March 19th at 7 pm** in Ida Payne. Cerise Peck from Richland Police Department will give a presentation on social media an internet safety with special focus on children and teens.

### Funday

**Mark your calendars! All 3rd through 5th graders are invited to attend Funday: March 25, April 15 & 29, May 6 & 20. May 20 will be a combined fun family event.** Invite your friends to join you. Rachel and Sydney have fun activities planned for each month. Meet in the 4th & 5th Sunday school classroom from Noon to 1:30 pm. Please bring a sack lunch!

**Easter Memorial – Lilies:** If you would like to remember or honor a loved one and help us decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, colorful, fragrance free Asian lilies can be ordered by filling out the Easter Memorial insert in the bulletin today. Place the insert and \$8.00 donation in the collection plate if you are interested. The last day to order is **March 29**.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **March 25 Palm Sunday Parade**

Meet in Wesleyan Hall immediately after Sunday School and church at 10 am. We'll parade downtown Kennewick, ending at the sanctuary in time for our processional.

#### **March 29 Maundy Thursday**

Potluck service with communion at 6 pm.

#### **March 30 Good Friday**

Service at 7 pm.

#### **April 1 Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service **6:30 am**. Meet at the Columbia Park gazebo (near the Edison Street exit off Highway 240).

Our **9 am** sanctuary service will include a message from the Pastor.

There will be **Sunday School** on Easter Sunday for Toddlers through 5th grade. We will be sharing the Good News!

At the **10:30 am** sanctuary service, enjoy our choir's Easter Cantata.

### Caregiver Support Group

The Caregiver Support Group meeting date is Thursday, **April 5**. We meet in the library in our church building. (The library is located on the lower level, off of the fellowship hall.)

### Troop 179 welcomes all to Charter Birthday

All are invited to attend a Court of Honor on **Monday, April 16, potluck is from 6:30 – 7:00 and event is from 7 – 8:30 pm** in Ida Payne to celebrate Troop 179's Charter Birthday of 45 years with the church!

### Rummage Sale Date May 11-12

The 2018 Rummage Sale will be Friday and Saturday, May 11 – May 12, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, both days.

### Seaside Escape Women's Retreat!

Mark your calendars for our second annual women's retreat **May 18 and 19** (Friday evening and Saturday morning). We will be serving up dinner and breakfast, snacks, and a whole boatload of fun! Come relax to the sounds of the sea, the happy voices of friends, and the Word of God! Those who wish may stay the night and have some fun with games, movies, and more. We are already assembling an awesome team to guide you through this event. Tickets and more information will be available soon.

### Recycle Information

For Calendar Year 2017 recycling efforts through our congregation made over \$2,600.00 and in 2016 our efforts exceeded \$2,700.00. Thus far this year our efforts have made **\$581.66**.

### SPRING CORNERSTONE

Spring session began Tuesday, March 6th and ends Tuesday, May 15th. Cornerstone classes are held every Tuesday evening at **6:30 pm** preceded by dinner at 6:00. These classes are designed to teach, support, offer fellowship and fun! In the past we have had book studies, financial planning, spiritual gifts, language classes, current events and life application courses along with bible studies. Classes are as follows:

**Exploring the Bible with Pastor Jerry Poole:** traveling over various texts, sometimes those that he will focus on in his Sunday sermons. This study is open to all adults and high-schoolers. 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Newcomers welcome.

**Women's Cornerstone to start March 13:** "Finding Peace through Letting Go." led by Lisa Enderlin Williams. This 5 session class includes a book study and video by bestselling author Adam Hamilton. We will explore the power and importance of forgiveness, and work to understand that forgiveness is a gift we give ourselves, rather than to someone else. If you are interested in joining the class, please purchase the book through Barnes and Nobel, Amazon, Cokesbury or Christianbook.com (price varies from \$8.00 - \$12.00.)

**Youth Cornerstone:** is available for all junior and senior high students. Jr. High is being led by Brittany Becker and Kristi Thien; their topic of study is Retro Cornerstone. Sr. High is being led by Pastor Harriet and their topic is music and scripture.

**Elementary Cornerstone:** is available for all children ages 5 years through 5th grade. Emma Glazier is teaching this class.

**The T.K.L.S.T.G.L.\*:** Sewing Club with Phyllis Merrill will once again offer a sewing class for kids. Children will learn basic sewing skills, create some crafts, and make items for local charities. If your child is interested in joining, please call Phyllis at 586-3784 to reserve a spot.

Meals by Cornerstone are provided by volunteers. If you are interested in helping with meals, please call the office at 582-2163.

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## SERMON NOTES