



A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community.

Sunday, August 18, 2019
9:45 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 "Prelude in F" (J.S. Bach) Margo Cox
"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (A. Peace)

CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Kaiser

*** OPENING SONGS** "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH 600
"How Can I Keep From Singing"

OPENING PRAYER
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Brittany Becker
(2nd grade & younger excused to Activity Time)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY "Never Once" Praise Team
*** DOXOLOGY**
*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** SONG** "For All the Saints", vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6 UMH 711

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 107: 1-9 (NRSV) pg. 559

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2 (NRSV) pg. 226

SERMON "I Only Run When Someone is Chasing Me" Pastor Mark

*** CLOSING SONG** "May You Run and Not Be Weary" TFWS 2281

*** 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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (M. Luther) Margo Cox

**Please stand as you are able.*

Today, August 18th Summer Worship (S) – Pastor Mark9:45 am Women's Walk with Christ (Whole Church)All Day All Church Camp-out (Hood Park)Ends at 12 pm
Monday, August 19th Senior Exercise Class (IP) 12:30 pm Boy Scouts (IP) 7 pm
Tuesday, August 20th
Wednesday, August 21st Exploring the Bible (CR) 11 am Senior Exercise Class (IP) 12:30 pm Choir Practice (S) 6:15 pm
Thursday, August 22nd Soul Soup Dinner (IP)5 pm Council on Ministries - Planning (CR) 7 pm
Friday, August 23rd Senior Exercise Class (IP) 12:30 pm
Saturday, August 24th NA Event Meeting (SWR)6 pm Narcotics Anonymous (SWR) 7:30 pm
Sunday, August 25th Summer Worship (S) – Pastor Mark9:45 am Sr UMY – Pool Party at the Taggares'2 pm

Those Serving God With Us Today:

Ushers	A.J. & Jim Foster, Tom & Naomi McDermott
Coffee Hour	Walk with Christ Team
Liturgist	Matt Kaiser
Altar Decor	Marlene Jelsing
Greeters	Marti Meyers and Etta Ballard

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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 **July/August** 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. They are no longer accepting egg cartons.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 2: Office closed in observance of Labor Day

Sunday, September 8: Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 15: Two worship services begin

Tuesday, October 1: Cornerstone classes begin – details later

Our Staff at Kennewick First

Pastor.....	Mark McMurray
Lay Leader.....	Jill Berg
Director of Youth Ministry.....	Rachel Loomis
Office Manager.....	Cheryl Nixon
Congregational Care and Outreach Assistant.....	Cynthia Bement
Custodian.....	Andrew Tillman
Bookkeeper.....	Sharon Varzandeh
Financial Secretary.....	Ruth Anderson
Music Director.....	Amberley Almarode
Sound Technician.....	Chuck Smith
Accompanist.....	Margo Cox
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Merrianne Door
Sunday Childcare Provider.....	Emma Glazier

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This week we pray for Concully UMC and Pastor John Schneider.
We also pray for our sister church M.C.K in
Njukinjiru, Kenya.

Announcements

UMCOR West Depot

Peggy Puryear will be traveling to UMCOR West Depot in late October with a team of volunteers from West Highlands.

UMC. UMCOR West Depot seeks to be a vital part of the work and vision of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. As a part of UMCOR's Relief Supplies Division, UMCOR West builds, shelves, and distributes relief supplies to areas in the United States that have been affected by natural disasters.

Each team member volunteering to serve, agrees to provide 10 relief kits, which will be delivered by the volunteer. Peggy wants to prepare 10 school kits, which includes blunt scissors, crayons, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, pencil sharpener, ruler, pencils, and eraser. The Missions Committee is helping Peggy gather these supplies and you can help. **Starting Sunday, August 11**, you can select a card with a list of supplies that you can provide. Simply buy what is on the card and return it to the church. We need the supplies **returned no later than September 8**, so the kits can be assembled and packed for shipping.

In addition to assisting with the collection, please keep Peggy and all of the volunteers on her team in your prayers. We wish them safe travel and a successful mission trip!!

Impact Center

We believe in pulling our community together, building upon our strengths, leveraging our resources, looking at gaps in communities, and finding innovative ways to work together, to create solutions. Impact Center Compassion Center needs community support. KFUMC is joining in the ongoing support of our community to help fill the gaps at the Impact Compassion Center. To help for the **month of August, we will be collecting canned goods and peanut butter**. Watch the bulletin for upcoming drives, we will be filling a new need each month. Helping the Impact Center is part of our Missions Commission.

If you have questions, contact Sherry Elvik at 948-8990 or if you would like to volunteer, contact Jennifer at www.impactcompassioncenter@gmail.com.

M&M's

M&M's have programs for the year. Obviously, we are meant to continue, as all months have a program scheduled. We will begin our new year with Jill Berg on September 16th. Potluck will begin at noon and Jill will begin at about 12:30 pm. Jill will introduce her topic.

NOTICE for Current Church Key Holders

If you are a current Church Key Holder and/or a Church Event Organizer, please check that doors are not intended for use by participants of your function remain shut and locked. Entrances to the church that are intended for use by participants of the function are to be actively monitored throughout the duration of the function. **See Dave Hare or another member of the KFUMC Securities Team for more information.**

Usher Recruitment

Are you looking for a way to become involved in the church? Do you enjoy fellowship with others? We're looking for you! Ages 11+ Contact Ryan Coffman for more information: (316) 990-3350 or ryancoffman90@gmail.com.

Attention All Singers

Choir will begin practices again on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:15 pm. The first Sunday to sing will be September 15. The choir will sing three Sundays a month with one or two Sundays off a month.

Christmas cantata practice will begin on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm. The choir will present the cantata on Sunday December 15. There will be practice CDs available for each voice part.

There are also opportunities for solos, duets, and small ensembles to provide special music throughout the year.

All are welcome to sing in the choir and/or cantata or to provide other special music through the year. Please come join us for several practices if you are unsure about joining! Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Please call Amberley at 947-5488 or email her: Amberley_france@yahoo.com if you have questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions!

Finance and Stewardship Team

The Finance and Stewardship team actively watch over the financial transactions and church financial status. We perform an annual audit of the prior year to make sure that all transactions are recorded appropriately. We assemble a budget for each new year that provides guidance throughout the year as to how well church revenue and expenses are controlled. Currently, we are documenting many of the policies and procedures that are needed to operate a large church. The Stewardship program provides a reminder each month in the Clarion and bulletin that each of us have a financial responsibility to maintain the staff, programs, and facilities that we all enjoy.

Current members of the Team are Rich Nelson, Carol Kerkow, Susan Sandmeier, Larry Jelsing, Amy Basche, and Roberta Barcot. Pastor Mark and our Bookkeeper, Sharon Varzandeh, are key members of the team. We are currently looking for new members to serve on our team. Although it would be helpful, no prior financial experience is necessary, just a willing spirit and helping hands. We only meet every two months, so this is not a major time commitment.

If you are willing to serve with this team, please contact Rich Nelson at 509-783-4817 or richnelson1942@msn.com or Pastor Mark at Mark@kennewickfirst.com.

Stewardship Snapshot:

January 1 thru August 12, 2019

	Contributions	Expenditures
Actual	\$262,829.00	\$303,405.89
Budget	\$299,501.24	\$297,050.30
Difference	\$(36,672.24)	\$ 6,355.59

New Option to Contribute to the Church

For those who have checked out our new website <https://kennewickfirst.com>, perhaps you noticed in the top right corner of the Home Page is a red button entitled "GIVE". If you key on that button, you will be shown another screen that will give several options, which are as follows:

1. Give one time or set up a recurring gift (if recurring, you can select every week, every two weeks, every month, or 1st and 15th monthly).
2. Select a starting date and ending date for recurring donation.
3. Designate whether you want the gift to go to the General Fund, Building and Maintenance, or Other (if you choose "Other, you can designate a Transitory Fund, such as Pastor Discretionary or Jr. High UMY or any of the 50 accounts that the church maintains).
4. Provide your cell phone number where a security code will be sent to authenticate the transaction and you will be given a link: <https://pushpay.com/get>. This link will install an application on your phone that will enable a gift via the phone wherever you are located (this app is slick and highly recommended).
5. Pay by credit card with an option to add 2.2% to cover the card fee or pay from your bank account.
6. Verify the gift and finalize by pressing the "Give button. A receipt will be sent immediately to your email address.

It is a very simple process and works well. A record of your gift goes to the church office where your giving record will be updated. The cell phone app is very convenient. It remembers your last contribution and personal information and asks if you want to repeat your last contribution or change the amount. You can make your gift on your phone while sitting in the pew at church while the offering plate is being passed. Some of you may feel badly about passing the offering plate without putting anything in it after you have contributed electronically. Just wave your hand across the offering plate when it passes because God recognizes your gift. Try it. You will like it!!