



*A Christ-centered, inclusive
and loving community.*

**Sunday, September 8, 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 "Friends" (M. & D. Smith) Margo Cox
"Build My Life" (M. Redman & P. Barrett)

CALL TO WORSHIP Tom McDermott

* **OPENING SONGS** "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369
"My Hope Is In You"

OPENING PRAYER

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rachel Loomis
(2nd grade & younger excused to Activity Time)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY "Lord, I Need You" Ryan Coffman & Margo Cox
* **DOXOLOGY**
* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

* **SONG** "Scandal of Grace"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 139: 1-6 (NRSV) pg. 577

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philemon 1: 1-21 (NRSV) pgs. 215-216

SERMON "What We Deserve and the Kingdom of God"
Pastor Mark McMurray

* **CLOSING SONG** "Joy in the Morning" TFWS 2284

* **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 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" (J. Black) Margo Cox
**Please stand as you are able.*

Sunday, September 8th
Homecoming Sunday
Summer Worship (S) – Pastor Mark..... 9:45 am
Homecoming Potluck after worship service
UMY Orientation for Youth/Parents (YC)..... 6 pm

Monday, September 9th
Caregiver Support Group (L) 10:30 pm
Senior Exercise Class (I/P) 12:30 pm
Boy Scouts (IP) 7 pm

Tuesday, September 10th

Wednesday, September 11th
Piecemakers (3rd Gr Rm) 10 am
Exploring the Bible (CR) 11 am
Senior Exercise Class (IP) 12:30 pm
Choir Practice (S) 6:15 pm
SPMT (CR) 6:30 pm
Cantata Practice (S) 7 pm
Praise Band Practice (S) 7:45 pm

Thursday, September 12th
Soul Soup Dinner (IP)..... 5 pm
Facilities Ministry Meeting (SWR) 6:30 pm
Joy Fellowship..... 7 pm

Friday, September 13th
Journey of Generosity (IP) 11 am

Saturday, September 14th
Journey of Generosity (IP) 8 am
Holly Daze Workshop (SWR) 9 am
NA Event Meeting (SWR) 6 pm
Narcotics Anonymous (SWR) 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 15th
Worship (S)..... 9 am & 10:30 am
Praise Band (YC)..... 4:30 pm
Jr & Sr UMY (YC/IP)..... 6 pm

Those Serving God With Us Today:

Ushers Steve and Linda Tucker
Coffee Hour Ruth Anderson and Peggy Puryear
Liturgist Tom McDermott
Altar Decor Kathy Meline
Greeters Altha Perry

Attendance Report – September 1st

9:45am Worship 144

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 **September/October** 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:

TODAY: Homecoming Potluck after worship service

Sunday, September 15: Two worship services begin/Sunday School starts

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..... Merrienne Door
Sunday Childcare Provider..... Emma Glazier

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This week we pray for Moses Lake UMC and Pastor Linda Lusnia.
We also pray for our sister church M.C.K in
Njukinjiru, Kenya.

Announcements

Homecoming Sunday Potluck

You are all invited to stay for a Homecoming Sunday Potluck **TODAY**, September 8 after our 9:45 am service. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Hope to see everyone there for some fellowship and fun as we kick off our program year!

UMY Youth and Parent Orientation

UMY Parents and Youth – Please join us **TODAY**, September 8 at 6:00 pm in the Youth Chapel for UMY Orientation. You will learn about the UMY year and receive the September UMY calendar. We will conclude the orientation with an ice cream social! Invite your friends!

Piecemakers

Piecemakers will begin meeting again **September 11 from 10 am to noon**. We will meet on the second Wednesday of every month between 10-noon. Hope to see you there! You don't have to be a quilter to come help us tie, sew up tummies and sew on labels. We have lots of fun and fellowship, so join us! We meet in the 3rd grade classroom.

Christmas Is Coming...!

Christmas cantata practice will begin on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm. Our cantata this year is brand new and so exciting! It is titled "Have You Heard?" and is a Celtic Christmas Celebration with some familiar Christmas carols as well as familiar Christmas texts set to beloved Irish and Welsh tunes. All are welcome to come join the choir for this special Celtic Christmas Celebration!

The choir will present the cantata on Sunday December 15. There will be practice CDs available for each voice part.

M & M News

M & Ms will meet **September 16th at noon** to a Potluck lunch. Jill Berg will be our program and introduce our topic. Bring a dish to share and come join us for good food, great fellowship, and information. We will begin setting tables at about 10:30 am. If you have time to come help, it would be appreciated.

Lisa Williams will tell us about Fields of Grace in October, and Pastor Mark McMurray will tell us about himself in November. We will not meet in December. We have programs for the remainder of the year, which we will tell you about in November.

Funday

Funday will begin again on **Sunday, September 22nd**. We will meet in the 4th and 5th grade room from Noon to 1:30 pm. Bring a sack lunch and your friends! Can't wait to see you there! 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join Rachel for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, games, crafts, and of course, fun!

Thank you!

I am so grateful that many of you joined me in preparing for the mission trip I will take later this fall to the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City! Thank you for your generosity in contributing the needed supplies for 10 complete school kits. In addition, because many of you apparently brought more than was expected, I will be able to contribute extra items to help others on the team to assemble their kits. Thanks for helping to bless the children in many tough situations by ensuring they will go to school prepared to learn!

Peggy Puryear

To Finish Projects for Holly Daze

Craft workshops for Holly Daze will be held every Saturday, beginning September 7, until the big event October 19. UMW members and all who like to dive into fun activities and share friendship time are encouraged to come between 9 am and noon in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Holly Daze co-chairs Susan Sandmeier and Darryl Vaughn also hope that donations will be made by all the church's great bakers, gardeners, quilters, knitters, ceramicists and wood workers. Every year they make the UMW autumn event the best in the Tri-Cities. The annual one-day community fair, 9 am to 3 pm, always offers a Farm Shoppe, dozens of tables of crafts, decorations, needlework, vintage holiday items, and, of course, the famous Pepiot Bean Soup Mix to taste and buy. Adding to the festivities will be raffles, including a striking Seahawks quilt. The Popular bakery will feature homemade apple pies, candy, breads, cakes and cookies galore.

A few of the projects slated for Saturday workshops include creating baking mixes, planting succulents and finishing up original, clever crafts.

There also will be select local vendors. UMW will staff a booth with an array of knives and kitchen utensils. A baked potato/chili lunch will be available and free coffee will be served all day.

UMW to Hear Pastor's Story September 25

UMW will welcome the Rev. Mark McMurray at 10 am on Wednesday, September 25, at their unit meeting in the Susanna Wesley Room. All are welcome to come share friendship time with him and with each other. Erna Sproul, UMW Vice President, will explain a Call to Prayer and refreshments will be provided by the UMW Board.

News about upcoming district meetings will be presented, including the session September 21 at Riverview United Methodist Church in Pasco. If you are interested in attending, contact UMW President Kathy Wertman. Items will be collected for girls in Mirror Ministries, such as backpacks, food, certain articles of clothing, and school supplies. This local mission serves survivors of sex trafficking.

Expect to learn, too, Holly Daze details and how you can help. The October 19 Bazaar will raise funds for many non-profits that our UMW supports, namely Grace Clinic, Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, Second Harvest, My Friend's Place, two orphans in Africa, our church's youth activities, including camperships, the marvelous Piecemakers, UMW national missions and other church and community causes throughout the year.

NEXT VISION MEDICAL MISSION

Cory Manley will be going to Uganda, Africa, February 19, 2020 through March 10, 2020. Anyone wanting to donate used eyeglasses or sunglasses can leave them in the designated box in the narthex. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation, they can do so by mailing a check to: AmigoVision Foundation, 2280 Brown Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530. They are a 501c3 organization for a qualified tax deduction.

Service Opportunity

There will be a new Headstart Site being built on the corner of E. 7th and Washington in Kennewick. They are looking for volunteers to help with reconstruction and clean up. If you are interested in helping serve our community in this way, please contact Nancy Osborn at 582-5924 or 430-2304. Or you may contact Austin Polo at 551-9212 for more information.

JOB OPENING

POSITION DESCRIPTION EDUCATION MINISTRY ASSISTANT

STATUS: Part-time

HOURS: ~4 hours each Sunday during school year, some seasonal hours

BENEFITS: Per adopted Employee Personnel Policy (paid sick leave)

RATE OF PAY: Washington State Minimum Wage

General Purpose of Position:

Responsible for the general administrative needs of the Sunday School. This includes meeting the material, spiritual, curriculum, training, and other Sunday Schools needs as they arise. The Education Ministry Assistant reports to the Director of Youth Ministry.

Qualifications:

1. Must have a passion for nurturing the Christian faith of children.
2. Must have the ability to listen to and communicate with people of all ages.
3. Must embrace Christian discipline and United Methodist doctrine and theology.
4. Must be Safe Sanctuary-trained with background check.

To apply, please provide your resume and three professional references to:

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See More information on our Website.

Connecting Neighbors Workshop – Be a Disaster Response Ready Congregation

Saturday, October 5, 9 am – 4:30 pm

Power outages, snowstorms, fires, be ready when the unexpected happens. Learn how to prepare yourself, family, neighbors and community in cooperative ways and in the spirit of Jesus Christ. This emergency preparedness training has three areas of focus – personal and home readiness, church readiness and readiness to serve your neighbors in case of emergency.

This United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) workshop incorporates knowledge and experience gleaned over many years by dedicated volunteers who have served their neighbors on behalf of the church. Rich information has also been included from other organizations and community partners – most notably the American Red Cross, National Disaster Interfaith Network, and FEMA. The Connecting Neighbors workshop is being taught by local residents Wendy Riddle and David C. Riddle.

Register Now! The \$10 workshop registration includes all materials, snacks and lunch. **To register, please visit the PNW Conference website at:**

<https://connectingneighborsoct5.eventbrite.com>. **Deadline for registration is Friday, September 27.** For additional information contact Wendy Riddle: widdle56@gmail.com or Kathy Bryson: brysonpnw@gmail.com.