

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 29: All-Church Seahawks Party, 1 pm

In the Susanna Wesley Room

Bring a finger food or a side to share! There will be games and activities set up in the entry way and you may play flag football during halftime on the church play field!

Monday, September 30: Care Giver Support Group

The Care Giver Support Group meeting has been moved *from* Monday, September 9 **to Monday, September 30 from 10:30-11:30** in the library. Please make note of this change on your calendar.

Tuesday, October 1: Cornerstone classes begin

We will start up our cornerstone classes, but instead of dinner, there will be refreshments only served. Details are on website and Sunday bulletin. Please read Pastor Mark's information below.

Wednesday, October 2: Fern Whitescarver's Memorial, 1 pm

Memorial in Sanctuary with reception to follow in Ida Payne

Friday, October 4: Lee Haberling's Memorial, 1:30 pm

Memorial in Sanctuary with reception to follow in Ida Payne

Saturday, October 5, 9 am - 4:30 pm

Connecting Neighbors Workshop- Be a Disaster Response Ready Congregation. 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.

Saturday, October 12: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Overflow Room

Message by Chris Becker and music by Clear Waters and Friends.

Saturday, October 19: Holly Daze Bazaar, 9 am - 3 pm

The annual one-day community fair throughout the church 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. The popular bakery will feature homemade apple pies created by the Tuesday Morning Circle, candy, breads, cakes, and cookies galore. There also will be select local vendors.

Sunday, October 27: Fall Festival, 4:30 - 6 pm

Carnival games and activities, trunk-or-treat, a costume contest, a concession stand and so much more!! This event supports Impact Tri-Cities.

Some smells just remind me of Autumn... fresh cut grass on a football field, the smell of the leaves when you dive into a pile of them, pumpkin spice... well pumpkin spice in everything... but most of us smelled something in the church the last couple of Sundays that wasn't pumpkin spice... It was the smell of plumbing issues in the church basement. As some of you may or may not know, back in August we had a significant sewer back up in the North East Corner basement restroom. What started out as a stubborn blocked pipe has quickly escalated into a major repair and undertaking that seems to snowball each step of the way. At first, the hopes were that it would be a simple mop up job, but because the sewer was involved the bathroom and some other areas needed to be stripped to studs and treated as a class "C" biohazard... But wait there's more... soon it was evident that the tiles on a large portion of the floor were damaged, as well as carpet in the youth chapel... but wait... There's more... the tiles were tested and they contained more than 3% asbestos which means there needs to be a significant abatement process performed by qualified contractors before any work on the bathroom can be done. It has become the gift that keeps on giving. Because the scope of the issue has escalated so dramatically, Dave Hare and our facilities team initiated an insurance claim that has been accepted and the insurance company has been getting bids to get the work completed and hallelujah the work is ready to begin! This Friday, Saturday and part of Sunday the basement of the church will be sealed off, as the asbestos tile is removed from the building so that work can begin next week at repairing damage to the basement and installing new more-water resistant flooring. As a result, the basement classrooms, Wesleyann Hall and the youth chapel will be out of commission for roughly three weeks. Rachel, Cynthia, Starlite and the Sunday School crews have done a wonderful job of relocating the Sunday School and youth programs while we were waiting on insurance quotes and authorizations, but as we enter the most busy time of our program year with cornerstone programs beginning October 1st, Holly Daze set up and bazaar happening the 3rd week of October and our All-Church Conference happening on Oct 22nd, we will need to be creative with our facilities space and scheduling. But most of all, I want to ask for your patience, as we all work around a very unexpected gift that has us all scrambling to make sure we do the work of the church we are called to do. There may be a class or event that you plan on attending that gets moved or other inconveniences.

I also wanted to remind you that our next session of Cornerstone classes will begin on Tuesday Oct 1st at 7 pm. Feel free to join us at 6:30 for a cup of coffee and a snack, then head off to one of 5 classes starting at 7 pm :

- 1) Jill Berg will be teaching a Spiritual Gifts Inventory class.
- 2) I (Pastor Mark) will be leading a discussion on a video series called "Fish Eyes".
- 3) There will be a kids sewing class led by Phyllis Merrill.
- 4) A women's Bible Study taught by Merrienne Door .
- 5) A youth class led by Rachel Loomis/Bracken Deatherage.
- 6) A kids activity program for 1st- 5th graders - If you need childcare for kids kindergarten or younger, please call the church and let us know.

Looking forward to the week ahead my friends!

Pastor Mark