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**﻿Saturday, November 23: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Youth Chapel**

Message by Kristi Miller Myhrum and Music by The Saturday Night Players

**Sunday, November 24:** ﻿**All-Church Thanksgiving Potluck/Advent Decorating,**

**11:30 am - Decorating is complete**

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share, and our church will provide the turkey and gravy. Come and join us for a practice run at Thanksgiving’s holiday feast. After we finish the meal, we will decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

**Tuesday, November 26: Last day of Fall Cornerstone Classes**

**Thursday-Friday, November 28-29: Church Office closed in**

**observance of Thanksgiving**

**Saturday, December 7:** ﻿**Old Fashioned Christmas, 11 am - 2 pm**

We’ll join the Downtown Kennewick Hometown Holiday celebration first, by being in the **parade at 10:30 am**, then by welcoming the community into our church to share our style of hometown hospitality from **11 am – 2 pm**. There will be something for everyone – strolling carolers, entertainment, goodies, and more, including a visit with Santa. We’ll complete the afternoon by singing Christmas carols together.

**Sunday, December 8:** ﻿**Holly Daze Encore, Between & After Worship Services**

Is there anyone who doesn’t love cookies? Of course not. That’s why Holly Daze Encore will offer cookie platters, as well as wonderful Christmas crafts.

**Sunday, December 8:** ﻿**Gingerbread House Building Night, 3-4 pm**

Build Gingerbread houses! Bring candy treats to decorate your house and to share with others! We will provide the foundation, siding, and adherent!!

**Sunday, December 15:** ﻿**Christmas Cantata, 10:30 am**

It is a Celtic Christmas Celebration titled, “Have You Heard?” with familiar Christmas carols, as well as familiar Christmas texts set to beloved Irish and Welsh tunes. The Chancel Choir has been hard at work and is eager to share a beautiful morning of music in celebration of our Savior’s birth! We hope to see you there! This would be a wonderful time to invite a friend. **Have YOU heard? Jesus is born!**

**Tuesday, December 24:** ﻿**Christmas Eve Services**

On Tuesday, December 24, there will be two worship services:

4 pm, Candlelight (more oriented towards families)

7 pm, Candlelight

Our handbell choir will perform at both services and the choir will sing at the 4 pm service.

Communion will not be offered during the worship services; however, Pastor Mark will be available to offer the Eucharist after each service to anyone who would like to have communion.

Hi Friends!

Just a few things happening here at KFUMC that I wanted to remind you about.

This Saturday (November 23rd) at 6 pm, we will be having another “Saturday Night Life” worship gathering. If Sunday mornings are not an option for you to meet with others to worship and celebrate, or if you just want to spend some time with friends at an informal worship gathering, please join us.

Remember, this Sunday November 24th, we will be having our Thanksgiving potluck at the church at noon(ish). The church will be supplying the turkey, and it’s our job to bring our favorite Thanksgiving side dish. (and keep the cream of mushroom soup and fried onion straw industry in business… its just good economics.. look it up!) A **HUGE** thank you to Sean Holloway and Debbie Logan for cooking the turkeys for us!!!!

After the feast, in order to burn the calories, we consumed, we will be moving into the sanctuary to begin the process of decorating the church for the Advent season. … I know… Can you believe it!? … Advent starts on December 1st. It’s just a week and a half away! Please come and enjoy the time with friends! We have plenty of jobs for everyone to do and it is a wonderful way to get to know new people and make friends. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On December 1st we will start the season of advent together during our worship services by having a special “Hanging of the greens” service. Years ago, during a children’s sermon I told the kids, “don’t forget next week is the ‘Hanging of the greens!’ “and a little boy leaned over and quietly asked “What did the greens do?” … where’s my drummer with a rim shot when I need one!? Its not nearly that dark of an occasion, it’s a time for us to kick off Advent and hear the stories behind the decorations that point us to the joyous news that God is with us!

On December 7th at 10 am, the Numerica Hometown Holiday Parade will be making its way through Downtown Kennewick. As it winds down, we will open our doors at 11 am to invite people to come to the “Old Fashioned Christmas”. Thank you to Sherry Arnold, who has been coordinating the event that invites people through our doors for a warm welcome, a chance to sing carols and experience the hospitality our church offers!

I was asked by our Finance team to let you know that if you would like to receive your quarterly giving statements in 2020 via email rather than having a piece of paper mailed to you, give the church office a call and we can make that possible. It saves the church postage fees not having to mail out so many statements, and if you are like me, you can print out a copy of it at 11 pm on April 14th when you are doing your taxes, rather than try to find where you put that piece of paper!

 There is so much happening in this community we love! I hope that you can find a way to participate in any or all of the things we do together and always remember that the reason we do this is because we believe we are all beloved children of God and can experience God’s spirit, and Jesus invites us to be a part of a spirit filled community that works to create a world that reflects the reign, justice and grace of God!

Have a wonderful week my friends!

Pastor Mark