

Upcoming Events:

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!!

Saturday, December 14: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Youth Chapel

Message by Chris Becker and Music by The Saturday Night Players

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,

I hope this Email finds you having a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration!

If you're like my family, we usually have an opportunity at our Thanksgiving celebration to say what we are thankful for. Among the things at the top of my list, along with my wife and family, is my

thankfulness to be appointed as the Pastor of Kennewick First UMC. In the 5 months that I have been serving as your Pastor, I am continually growing in my love for this congregation and this community that has always held a special place in my heart. Thank you for your kind and welcoming hearts and your willingness to be a church that makes a difference in the world! THANK YOU, AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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!

Have a wonderful week my Friends!

Pastor Mark