

Upcoming Events:

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

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

Tuesday, December 17: Cornerstone Christmas Extravaganza, 6 pm

Tuesday, December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Services, 4 & 7 pm

Sunday, December 29: One Worship Service at 10 am, No Sunday School

Saturday, January 11: Bob Scott's Memorial Service, 2 pm

Hi Friends,

Advent is such a wonderful ... and busy time of the year! Last night Cynthia, Rachel and I sat and enjoyed Kennewick High School bands fill our sanctuary with holiday music. Because of construction, the KHS Auditorium was not available, and I was so pleased that we could welcome a packed house from our community to gather and celebrate their kids and offer a welcoming invitation. One of the things I discovered (many of you knew already), as I was researching the History of KFUMC, was that back in the 20's and 30's our sanctuary was the largest meeting hall in town. We regularly welcomed school events like concerts and graduation ceremonies. I'm glad that we can keep that tradition alive!

This Sunday we will be having our Christmas Cantata during the 10:30 am Worship service. Amberley Almarode has been working with our Chancel Choir and bell choir for months to put together a beautiful and meaningful presentation. I hope that you can join us. If you normally attend the 9 am service, feel free to stay for the second service and enjoy this great event!

This Saturday night, December 14th, we will be having our last Saturday Night Life Worship service of the year. 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 in the Youth Chapel.

Next Tuesday, December 17th, we will meet for our Cornerstone Christmas Extravaganza. We will meet at the Church at 6 pm and head over to Hawthorne Court to sing Christmas carols to the residents. It's a wonderful way to bestow a blessing (Or if you sing like me... inflict a blessing) on our friends who maybe can't attend Worship Services during Advent. We will return to the church around 7 pm for a simple soup meal. If you need a snack to hold you over until then, feel free! This is open to all ages and the more voices we bring, the more we can express to our friends, that we love them and that they are in our hearts during this special season.

We had Scheduled our Bi-Monthly program/activity planning meeting for next Thursday the 19th, but because of all the other activities and programs happening for Advent, we are going to push that

meeting to January. Keep an eye out for these emails and we will reschedule that time to talk about and dream of programs and events we would like to see happen. If you have a program or an event that you would like to explore or help make a reality at KFUMC, this meeting will be for you. Watch this spot for more information.

Finally, it's with sadness that I inform you that two members of our Kennewick First family have passed away in the last few weeks. Bob Scott recently passed away. His work on the roses and the church grounds will be a lasting memory to many of us. Bob's Memorial Service will be here at the Church on January 11th at 2 pm. Carol Hardacre also passed away a few weeks ago. Because of health and mobility issues she hasn't been able to participate in worship for a while, but her love of music and contribution to our Church Choir will be fondly remembered. A Memorial Service will be on December 28th at 1:00 pm at Shalom United Church of Christ in Richland. I know I join with you all in praying for peace and comfort for their families as they grieve, and for God's blessings on the wonderful memories so many of you hold of these two wonderful people!

Have a wonderful week my Friends!

Pastor Mark