

## **Upcoming Events:**

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

The memorial service will be held at 2 pm in the Sanctuary with a reception following in Ida Payne.

### **Saturday, January 11: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm**

Dana Bryson will be the guest speaker and music will be provided by the Saturday Night Players.

### **Sunday, January 12: Taking Down the Greens/Hubby's Pizza**

We will take down the Christmas decorations after the 10:30 am worship service. After that is finished, everyone is welcome to go to Hubby's Pizza for lunch.

### **Saturday-Sunday, January 18-19: Jr UMY Rock-a-Thon, 8 pm-Noon**

The Jr UMY will rock for about 15 hours for a fundraiser. During this time they will also have fellowship, worship and have fun with their friends. You may be receiving phone calls as they canvas the church congregation, as well as their families, friends, relatives, and coaches.

### **Saturday, January 25: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm**

Kookie Graham will be the guest speaker and music will be provided by the Saturday Night Players.

### **Sunday, January 26: New Member Class, Noon in Susanna Wesley Room**

This class is for anyone who is considering joining KFUMC. A letter is being sent out shortly to all possible new members. If you are interested, please call the church office at 509-582-2163.

### **Tuesday, February 4: Cornerstone Classes will resume**

Cornerstone classes will start up again. Details will be in the bulletin and on the website in the next couple weeks.

Hi friends,

Over the last week you may have seen some news headlines like... "United Methodist Church splits" or "Church agrees to split over LGBT issues". Many of you have been asking me what to make of these headlines and stories. My short answer to the headlines is that they are simply not true. No decision, especially one as critical as dividing the denomination, can be made apart from a General Conference vote and decision. Most news outlets are woefully ignorant of the structure and procedure for such decisions in our polity. Having said that, I'll spend a few minutes on Sunday morning to unpack what the recent "proposal for separation" that has made the news, means for our denomination and maybe more importantly what it doesn't mean.

Also remember that this Sunday after worship we will be taking down the greens in the sanctuary and around the church. I hope you can join us and help. (the decorations come down faster than they go up and with lots of hands we can be done well before the kickoff to the Seahawks game 😊).

On Sunday January 26th at noon I will be hosting a new members class. This 2-hour class will hopefully answer some of the questions you may have about the Christian Faith, United Methodism, and how Kennewick First operates and what we are committed to as a congregation. My hope is that the class will help you decide if membership is the next step for you in your faith journey and in the life of Kennewick First. Attending the class does not commit you to joining the congregation. Feel free to attend even if you'd just like to better familiarize yourself with our church. Give us a call at the church and let us know if you'd like to participate so that we can make sure we provide enough materials for everyone attending.

Finally, I want to remind you that you should have received a letter with an opportunity to record your financial giving to the church in 2020. On January 19th we will have an opportunity to present those pledge cards at church during our Sunday Worship Services. I hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can support Kennewick First and help us continue to be a church that makes a difference in our lives and in the community we love.

See ya' in church my friends

Pastor Mark