

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 13th
Holly Daze Workshop
9 am, Susanna Wesley Room
(See Details Below)

Sunday, July 14th
Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>
(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)

Sunday, July 14th
Pastor Shirley's Welcome Celebration
11 am, Ida Payne Fellowship Hall
(Please see details below!)

Friday, July 19th
Ron Baker's Memorial Service
1 pm, Sanctuary/Ida Payne Fellowship Hall

"The sun shall not smite thee by day, Nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in From this time forth, and even for evermore."

Psalms 121:6-8 King James Version (KJV)

Thank you for the warm welcome. I am truly glad to be here. I do have to say, that triple digits are a little over the top, you really shouldn't have! Except I am delighted to be surrounded by such warmth—especially the human kind.

The Psalmist writes in confidence that God's protection can be counted on. Like the Israelites both then and now, the people of Kennewick understand how harsh the sun can be with its scorching rays, drying heat, and threats to all living things. Similarly, the loss of sun at night can bring cold temperatures that also harm. The Psalmist trusts that God's wisdom is available to us when we face both sun and moon. God's wisdom reminds us to drink fluids, rest during the heat, and cover our skin against heat and cold. God's mercy helps us vigilantly care for ourselves and one another.

The sun is also necessary for life, and the darkness of night is necessary for growth. By providing what is necessary, God preserves all of God's creation and invites us into the fullness of life.

Praise and thanks be to God for life, its fullness, and our place in it.

Pastor Shirley

New Worship Series: July 7-August 11

The Tie That Binds

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. — Colossians 3: 14-15

Relationships form us. One of the most treasured hymns of Christianity in the last century was “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.” As we gather for worship in this series, we will be invited to consider how our relationship with the Holy and with each other form and transform us. And we will affirm the power of God's presence in our worshiping community to inspire us to “go and do likewise” in relationship to the world.

July 14 — Woven

— *Genesis 1:1-27*

As we study this series, we affirm that God is the Tie That Binds. We have been created by God, gifted by God, given life by God — formed by God's hand like clay by the potter. We open ourselves to be re-shaped when necessary and we celebrate our common connections as God's children. Blest be the tie that binds!

**Information on the Welcome Celebration for Pastor Shirley
on Sunday, July 14th:**

The Leadership Council will provide deli fried chicken (as the main course), eating utensils, coffee, tea, water, and lemonade.

We will need the following

If your last names starts with:

A-F Bring a favorite side dish

G-M Bring a salad

N-Z Bring a dessert

Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Holly Daze Workshop

Saturday, July 13th, 9 am - Noon

Fellowship, crafting, coffee, and treats are available during the workshop, in air-conditioned Susanna Wesley. Come join us for another Holly Daze Workshop where we will have many items to finish up and some new ones to begin. We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

ALERT!

Impersonation Attempts

This week, we've seen an increase in sophisticated impersonation and social engineering attempts. Be prepared to defend against these bad actors by staying informed and vigilant.

Overview

- Attack Methods: Emails, phone calls, and text messages are being used to attempt access to online accounts and sensitive information.
- Deceptive Techniques: Bad actors use Caller ID spoofing and voice generation to create a false sense of safety and familiarity.

Key Points

- No Personal Info Requests: We will never contact you by phone, email, or text to ask for personal information like your account number, verification codes, or online banking username.

Security Reminders

- Email Security
 - Verify the sender's email address by hovering over the name.
 - Avoid opening suspicious links or attachments.
 - Be wary of emails creating urgency or using scare tactics.
 - Phone Call Security
 - Do not trust caller ID; it can be spoofed.
 - If asked for sensitive information or if something doesn't seem quite right, hang up and call the trusted number for your banker or branch.
 - Text Message Security
 - Your bank will NEVER ask for personal information via text.
 - Do not click links from unknown senders.
 - Verify the sender before taking any action and delete suspicious messages.

Build Trust with Us

- Get to know your bank and our team better by visiting the branch. Familiarize yourself with our branch staff and get to know your banker. Building a personal relationship with us can help you better recognize legitimate communications and be more secure.

By recognizing these signs and staying vigilant, you can protect yourself and your family from potential scams and ensure your financial security.

For safety tips on fraud prevention, visit: <https://cfbhfg.com/security-and-fraud-prevention/>

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