

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 7th

Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary

WELCOME PASTOR SHIRLEY!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>

(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)

Sunday, July 7th

Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate Sale

11 am, During Coffee Hour

(Bring Cash or Checks)

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

We've hardly met each other, yet our lives are bound together by our commitments as followers of Jesus, by our work in building God's kingdom on earth as in heaven, and as we are the living body of Christ here at Kennewick First UMC.

I am glad to be here. The people I have met so far are evidence that this is a great congregation and that I will be privileged to know each of you and be in ministry alongside you.

I look forward to worshipping with you as we grow our relationships with each other and with God, for God's are the ties that bind us, wrap us, secure us, hold us together!

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.

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— *Isaiah 64: 8-9*

As we begin the 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.

Pacific NW Conference News/Links

Volunteer Opportunities at WJC2024

The 2024 Western Jurisdictional Conference is taking place at the Centennial Hotel in Spokane from July 10-13, and we need your help! We are seeking Airport Drivers to transfer delegates between Spokane International Airport and the Centennial Hotel, Hospitality Hosts to verify participants' credentials, and Greeters to help welcome people to the Conference. There are 2-4 hour shifts for each role on each day. Please click the link below to view our list of available roles and shifts, and sign up for a time when you are available to help.

[WJ Volunteer Signup →](#)

**Western Jurisdiction to elect two bishops when it gathers for
2024 conference - Please Read link:**

[learned today](#)

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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