

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, August 3rd**  
**Holly Daze Workshop, 9 am - Noon, Susanna Wesley**  
**Room**  
**(See Details below)**

**Sunday, August 4th**  
**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, August 4th**  
**Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate Sale, 11 am, Entry Way**  
**(See Details below)**

**Friday, August 23rd**  
**Tim Anderson's Memorial Service**  
**1 pm, Sanctuary/Ida Payne Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, September 8th (Homecoming Sunday)**  
**Sunday School for Children Starts, 9 am, Wesleyan Hall**

**Sunday, September 8th (Homecoming Sunday)**  
**Community Carnival, 11:30 am**  
**(See details below)**

**Sunday, September 15th**  
**Adult Sunday School Starts, 9 am, Susanna Wesley**  
**Room**

**“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**That is how the Apostle Paul began so many of his letters to both the churches and the ministers in his connection. These greetings delivered heartfelt love and blessing to so many people. In an era without social media as we know it, the old-fashioned letter was a vital communication tool. With these letters Paul did so much: fundraising, correcting, encouraging, and affirming the congregations and the people in them. Like Paul, I communicate with this congregation with letters in the shapes of sermons and newsletter articles, and it is my joy to do so—even when I don’t know what to say!**

**For a month, now I have been at Kennewick First UMC. Today I want to say that I am frustrated that I can still match so few names and faces! Ouch! When you greet me after worship, I want to be able to greet you by name. When I look at the camera in the back of the sanctuary, I want to be able to see in my mind’s eye some of the people I know are worshipping from home. When you come for Holy Communion, I want to be able to say your name when I say, “the body of Christ is given for you.”**

**So, let me say thank you to every one of you who remind me of your name without judgement. Thank you! Thank you to those of you who greet each other by name when I am near—you help me, too! Thank you to the church staff who introduces me to people, and who care for you in their ministries until I can come alongside them to be part of the good work they do. But I get impatient that I seem to know so few after a whole month. I remind myself that patience and perseverance are both virtues the scriptures address multiple times! They are fruits of the Spirit, lauded behaviors that produce results,**

**commended by Jesus in several stories. Surely, I can accomplish this!**

**How wonderful it has been to go to meetings and work groups, and small groups, craft groups, and potlucks! How marvelous it has been to meet some of you in your homes or at a coffee shop. What joy to speak with some of you for more than a few moments at a time. This is how I experience grace and peace from God and Christ Jesus.**

**If I don't know you yet, please join me in practicing patience, and persistence. Call the church office and ask to get put on my calendar. Meet me in my office, at a coffee shop, in your home... Your choice and my pleasure!**

**Pastor Shirley**

# 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.

**August 4 — Moved**

**Galatians 5:16-18, 22-23, 25-26 (The Message)**

*My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God’s Spirit. Then you won’t feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are contrary to each other, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don’t you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?*

*<sup>22-23</sup> But what happens when we live God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life,*

*serenity. [But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**; against such things there is no law.] We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.*

*<sup>25-26</sup> Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.*

### **Holly Daze Workshop**

Please join the UWF ladies for their next Holly Daze Workshop on Saturday, August 3rd. More sanding and painting, making button cards or gift tags, making "yo-yo's" for gift tags, and creating pricing tags - all these fun tasks await you! Or you can bring your own ideas. Plus, fellowship, coffee, and treats will be available to all. Join us them the camaraderie and a good time !

### **Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolates for Sale**

A selection of coffee and chocolates are for sale Sunday, August 4th during coffee hour. Coffee is \$9.00 and candy bars are \$3.00 each. Please have exact change or checks.

We cannot take credit cards.

## **Sanitizers Work Best When Used**

Recently the Facilities Team noticed our standing Hand Sanitizing Dispensers were not working. After investigation and a thorough cleaning, they are now repaired and working properly, however we do need your help to keep them that way! There has been another spike in Covid recently, and there are also other bugs that can harm those with compromised immune systems. Our hands easily pick up germs from every surface we touch.

Please protect yourself and others by using these dispensers each time you pass one. This will also keep them free-flowing and prevent clogs. A little dab will do, and better safe than sorry. Thanks for your help.

## **Quilt Show**

Beautiful history will be on display in our church sanctuary on September 21st from 10 am to 4 pm. The colors are fantastic, (even the “elderly quilts”.) You can try to “pick” your favorite, but it will be very difficult! These family treasures show love, craftsmanship, and imagination. Come share the talents of our past.

## **Community Carnival**

September 8th is Homecoming Sunday, and the Children and Youth Programs are throwing a community carnival! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm on September 8th. Food will be provided.

# 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.

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

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