UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 28th Holly Daze Workshop, Susanna Wesley Room, 9 am (see details below)

Sunday, September 29th
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)

Thursday, October 3rd Single Senior Support Group, 10 am Kennewick Flower Shop

Friday, October 4th Holly Daze Pie Baking, 9 am Church Kitchen (see details below)

Saturday, October 5th Prayer Shawl Group, 9 am Church Narthex (see details below)

Tuesday, October 8th Pat Walker's Memorial Service, 1 pm With Reception following in Ida Payne

Sunday, October 13th UMY Family Fall Festival, 4-6 pm

Saturday, October 19th Holly Daze Bazaar, 9 am – 3 pm Sunday, October 27th Tailgate Trunk or Treat, 4:30 – 6 pm, Parking Lot

Sunday, November 24th All-Church Potluck, 11 am, Ida Payne

Sunday, November 24th All-Church Conference, 12:30 pm, Youth Chapel

Friday News 9/27 One Man, Many Words

The Rev. John Wesley, along with his brother the Rev. Charles Wesley, and a few college friends were the founders of the Methodist Movement, which eventually became the Methodist Church.

Both Wesley's were men of many words. John wrote and published 44 sermons with notes on the New Testament to instruct the lay preachers he sent out, and later published an additional 97 sermons. All told it is thought he wrote & preached over 40,000 sermons, sometimes preaching 4-5 times a day. The first printed 44 sermons and notes are still considered foundational for Methodist Church doctrine today.

As if those were not enough words, John also wrote many pamphlets and tracts sharing his thoughts about:

- Slavery
- Christian beliefs
- Gifts of the Spirit
- The Gospel of Grace

- The Heritage of American Methodism
- The buying, selling, and drinking of liquor
- Vegetarianism
- Primitive Physick—An Easy and Natural Method of Curing Diseases, or Health Psychology—not considered a good resource in today's science.
- And he redacted many pieces of classic literature; John Welsey thought people ought to read these important works but knew people did not have time—so you might call Wesley the early form of *Reader's Digest*.

Although we might poke fun at Wesley Wordiness, we also celebrate the gems we have inherited from him. Here are a couple of goodies attributed to John, although he may have borrowed parts of them from other people:

"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."

When asked how Christians should live in the world so that they are growing in grace and holiness together, Wesley wrote three simple rules for holy living: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Recently, on Facebook I shared something that has been posted and reposted, and some of our church friends said I should share it with our church, so here it is:

John Wesley's A Political Manifesto for Today:

- Reduce the gap between rich and poor.
- Seek to ensure full employment.
- Introduce measures to help the poorest, including a living wage.
- Offer the best possible education.
- Empower individuals to feel they can make a difference.
- Promote tolerance.
- Promote equal treatment for women.
- Avoid engaging in wars.
- Avoid narrow self-interest and promote a world view.
- Care for the animals with whom we share our planet.

This "manifesto" is based on his writings and on display at the Wesley Museum attached to the New Room Methodist Chapel in Bristol, England.

So, what to do with all these words! Let me suggest this:

- Consume in moderation, lest we be overwhelmed; moderation was a Wesleyan value, and his works can be found for sale on Amazon (of course).
- Take some of his words with a grain of salt: his advice for overcoming baldness obviously did not work on him, but he did find he felt much better on a vegetarian diet.

• Check in with others about what you are reading and understanding; Wesley called this Christian Conferencing and encouraged classes for these kinds of conversations!

May all words you encounter today give you hope, energy, and inspiration! If they do not, discard them. You have such a rich supply you need only keep the good ones.

Pastor Shirley

9/27 Come to the Table "Table of Grace"

Scripture: Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

Pumpkin Wagon/Candy Wheelbarrow

There is a wagon in the entry way for anyone to place pumpkins they want to donate to the Fall Family Festival. There is also a wheelbarrow in the entryway for candy donations for Trunk or Treat. The Children and Youth Ministries appreciate your support as we support our families and the community.

Please Donate Pumpkins

The youth are looking for pumpkins for the Fall Festival. If you have some to donate, there is a red wagon in the entry way where you can place them. Thank you!

Single Senior Support Group

The next Single Senior Support Group will be on **Thursday, October 3rd at 10 am** in the Kennewick Flower Shop. Please join us!

Holly Daze Pie Making Workshop

On Friday, October 4th, we will be gathering in the Church Kitchen at 9:00 am to prepare frozen apple pies to benefit the Holly Daze Bazaar. Last year we had such a great turnout with lots of laughter and fellowship. We hope you can join us again this year. Our goal is 35 frozen pies, so we need lots of helping hands. If you have any questions, please call either Linda Deatherage at 509-430-7323 or Debbie Logan at 509-308-6000.

Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group is now meeting **every first Saturday of the month in the Narthex between 9 am – 12 pm.** The next one will be on **Saturday, October 5th.** All knitters and crocheters are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Janet Shelton at 503-703-8388.

Holly Daze Workshop

The Holly Daze Bazaar is only four weeks away on **Saturday, October 19th**. We need your help with the following: Our apple pie team would like some donated apples – most varieties work, but they need to be cooking apples. Other future needs: pumpkins and succulents for pumpkin centerpieces, and late garden produce, such as winter squash, potatoes, and sometimes tomatoes, and apples for the farm store. The bake shop will also be requesting donated baked goods closer to the time of the

bazaar. Thank you so much for the support you give this fund-raising endeavor for United Women of Faith (formerly UMW.) If you are making donations, please leave in SWR (with a note – Holly Daze) or bring to the church office.

KFUMC Library

Did you hear the bray? There is a burro helping out the KFUMC library. We have a new program to help you work on your quiet moment with God in our Biblio-burro program! Utilize our library and get books for pick-up or delivery. Find out more at:

https://www.kennewickfirst.com/ministries/education/.

Church Office Staff Meetings

The Church Office meets for a Staff Meeting the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10 am - Noon. The office is closed
10 am - 1:00 pm on those days.

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.

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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<u>Banks Never Ask That! Fraud Prevention</u>