UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 23rd 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)

Saturday, April 5th Prayer Shawl Group, 9 am – Noon, Entry Way

Saturday, April 5th Holly Daze Workshop, 9 am – Noon, SWR

Saturday, April 12th Sr. UMY Dessert Auction, IP, 3-5 pm

Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday Parade at 9:45 am with a Worship Service at 10 am

Friday, April 18th, Good Friday Worship Service, 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 19th, Easter Egg Hunt, Outside, 9 am

Sunday, April 20th, Easter Sunrise Service, Columbia Park, 6:30 am

> Sunday, April 20th, Easter Live Service, Sanctuary, 10 am

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Ephesians 4:1b-2, 32, 3-6 NIV

^{1b} I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

3² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Some days I need this reminder from the Apostle Paul. Some days I *really* do. It is not my intention to be prickly, or snarky, or insensitive to other people, but some days I am not my best. Perhaps I had a lousy sleep, or the cats made a mess, or I read too many news headlines. I might be worried about genuinely worrisome things or fretting about things beyond my control.

Whatever the cause of my own prickliness I find myself demanding instead of requesting, criticizing instead of understanding, taking things for granted instead of being appreciative.

In these times I need more than a reminder—I also need forgiveness. Fortunately, forgiveness is something God not only promises but has already given. And the Apostle Paul encourages us to do the same for each other.

Just as the yellow flowers of the prickly pear plant adds a softness and beauty to the painful reality of pokey spines, so also the efforts we make to be kind, compassionate, and gentle with each other adds beauty to mitigate the painful pokes life too often delivers.

Let us begin by giving thanks that 4*There is one body and one* Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Pastor Shirley

3/23 "The Teaching: Risking Challenge " Pastor Shirley DeLarme Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-11

God's Fellows

This is a small group of men who read devotional material and connect it with their own lives and faith. They meet every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

Missing Assisted Listening Devices

Please check your home or coats for any hearing devices that came from the Sanctuary. Several are missing!

Bread Tabs

Please remember to bring your bread tabs to drop in the container in the lobby. This is for the Arc of Tri-Cities to buy a new motorized wheelchair!! Collection must be complete by May 2025

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.

Deadlines

The Monday before the following Sunday is the deadline for any announcement posted in the Sunday Bulletin. The Thursday before the following Friday is the deadline for any announcement posted in the Friday Email Letter. Thank you.