

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 30th
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, March 30th
Pave The Way Brick Campaign Starts
After Worship in the Overflow Room
(See Details Below)

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**

Friday News 3/28/25

Finally! The bulbs I planted have flower heads.

In the parsonage backyard there are several half-barrel planters. And squirrels. Last fall, when I was making plans for how to use the planters, I decided to begin with daffodils so I could have early spring flowers. I was clear - no tulips. Because of squirrels.

Squirrels love tulips, both for eating and for their own landscape designs. In other places I have lived, I had tulips in my yard because squirrels moved them from my neighbor's yard to mine. I found that delightful! My neighbors were not so pleased.

So anyway, I planted daffodils. Then, I fretted over them all winter as my cat Charmer rearranged the soil in the half-barrel planters. Finally, green tips started to emerge from the soil, soon becoming full-fledged tulip leaves. Tulips!! What is going on?? What happened to my daffodils?!

More fretting while more weeks go by. Only tulip leaves. Only tulip leaves. Finally, flower heads form. Tulip flowers - not that surprising with tulip leaves. Where are the daffodils I planted?

This week the tulip buds began to open. They are the most beautiful stunning color. Red - my favorite. And, alongside them, new green tips have begun to emerge from the soil. Daffodil leaves. The daffodils are coming!

Lamentations remind us: *“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”* (Lamentations 3:23)

Daffodils and tulips are not on the same scale as salvation, but they are good reminders that waiting is sometimes what is needed, along with patience, and trust. Also, fretting does not really help. Taking some small action might. I repositioned a few bulbs so they could try again to grow after the cat's meddling; I think they appreciated my efforts.

Life is full of meddling cats, winters that seem too long, and growing that seems too slow. In truth, all these things are normal parts of God's marvelous creation, unfolding according to God's design. Instead of fretting, or worrying, or giving up, our part is to be patient, now and then to land a supporting hand, and especially to celebrate when new life arrives.

May new life spring up around you and be a reminder of why you choose to wait upon the Lord.

Pastor Shirley

3/30

"The First Dinner: Risking Rejection "

Pastor Shirley DeLarme

Scripture:

Psalm 23

Pave The Way

On Sunday, March 30th we will launch the “Pave the Way” fundraiser. Now, you will be able to purchase an engraved paver (brick) to be permanently installed in the courtyard of the Kennewick First United Methodist Church. This “buy a brick” campaign will help offset the cost of the church beautification project. This fundraising campaign allows people to purchase a

paver to commemorate someone. The buyer can choose to honor themselves, a living family member or friend, or someone who has passed. Each brick will be the same size with the same font (lettering). There will, however, be a few assorted icons that can be added to mark an event such as baptism, membership date, or wedding, etc., for an extra fee. The cost of each 6” by 12” paver will be \$200.00 with an additional fee of \$25.00 for an icon. You may order a Paver through the church office, print it off the church website and mail it in or pick up a form from the information desk on Sunday. You will be able to pay for your paver with cash, through Pushpay, check or credit card. This campaign is beginning now, to help raise the funds needed to start the front courtyard project. The pavers will be laid in 2026. Please help us get the word out so we can pave the way!

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.**