

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 12th
Sr. UMY Dessert Auction, IP, 3-5 pm
Silent Auction at 3 pm
Live Auction at 4 pm

Live Auction Items:

WorldMark Resort on the beach in Long Beach, WA

November 10th—13th

Donated by Cory & Audrey Manley

Two Nights at a Cowlitz River Cabin in Packwood, WA

Dates can be arranged to work with their current reservations

\$300 refundable deposit will be needed by the winner

Donated by Danielle Rhodes

Two Nights in Pinehurst House at Twinlow Camp

Non-Summer weekend

Donated by Twinlow Camp & Retreat Center

One Week of Camp at Lazy F Camp

Send a young person to camp for a week.

Dinner for 8 from Back Alley BBQ & Catering

Donated by Kevin Alley

Basic New Driver Training

Donated by 9-1-1 Driving School

6 Months Unlimited Car Washes & 2 Oil Changes

Donated by Autobahn Auto Care Center

4 Fair Admissions & Free Parking

Donated by Benton-Franklin County Fair

Dinner & Golf

Donated by Nikko Japanese Restaurant & Columbia Point Golf Course

Dinner & a Movie

Donated by Hops & Drops and Fairchild Cinemas
Donated by Keaney Family

Vehicle Spa Day

Donated by McCurley Chevrolet

Baseball Night Out

Donated by Tri-City Dust Devils

And More...

See you Saturday at 3pm

Sunday, April 13th – Palm Sunday Parade & Worship

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)

**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**

**Saturday, April 26th,
All-Church Clean-up
(There will be sign up sheets in the lobby)**

**Sunday, April 27th
“Pave the Way” Brick Campaign
After Worship, Overflow Room**

Friday News 4/11/25



Parades have been on my mind! Parades and their close relatives called “Marches.”

Back in the day, my sons marched with their bands in the Daffodil parades in Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting several years each. Even further back, I would march in the Fair parade in my hometown, Hamburg, NY. When we lived in Delaware, Ohio, my family watched the Little Brown Jug parade, part of the Triple Crown of the Harness Racing circuit, as it streamed, full of horses, past the windows of my husband’s second floor office. At the Magic Kingdom, the Disney Festival of Fantasy parade occurs each day at 3:00 p.m.

Parades are wonderful and exciting things. They bring a community together around common interests and experiences. Even people who are not into horse racing love to see all the horses in the Little Brown Jug and hear the stories of parades and races in history. Watching my son’s marching bands always brought me to tears. I was proud to see them participating in something bigger than themselves, I was reminded of my own similar participation, and the sense of continuity and community was huge. When the Fair parade happens in Kennewick our church is on the edge of the action.

Marches are similar in that they bring community together, often to promote a specific message the marchers want others to hear. Sometimes they are wonderful and exciting; but not always.

In my life-time marches in the USA have protested Vietnam and nuclear arms, reminded us that Black Lives Matter, and most

recently the *Hands Off!* demonstrations resist the current federal government administration policies.

Christians call the parade of Jesus and his friends into Jerusalem *The Triumphal Entry!*

It is an important theological statement—Jesus is king anointed by the one true God; Caesar is NOT our God. The palm procession is piggybacked onto the Hebrew religious festival that celebrate a previous escape toward freedom and the God who made it possible, hoping that perhaps God might do so again. Meanwhile, Caesar's people are doing what they do often, which is to remind the people that Caesar and his military are in charge. All plans to revolt, uprising, or flee will be forcefully shut down and their perpetrators appropriately chastised.

Just before worship on Sunday, April 13, we will re-live *The Triumphal Entry*. Part of our congregation will process, march, parade (pick your word) around the church campus and into the sanctuary where the rest of the congregation will join them in waving palms and singing, "Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you" and "Hosanna!" Do we mean to say, "Save us"?

From what? For what? And how will we participate in making it happen? It might be very, very, very hard. Remember, the betrayal, the arrest and all that followed. But then. But then. It might be worth the very, very hard if we trust what God in Christ Jesus is doing and participate in God's action. Are you ready? If not now, when?

Pastor Shirley

BONUS PARADES!

The Bible showcases a few parades, sometimes called processions. Can you think of a couple?

- Military processions, such as the one after King David defeated Goliath (1 Samuel 18:6-7.)

- Symbolic processions that convey spiritual truths and future events (Revelation 19:11-16.)
- Cultural & Civic processions, like the one in the story of Esther, when the king honored Esther's uncle Mordecai for saving the king's life (Esther 6:11.)
- Religious processions that are public displays of worship and reverence, such as when King David danced into Jerusalem with the Ark of the Covenant, after its long absence, reminding the people of its central role in Israel's spiritual life (2 Samuel 6.)

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"The Garden: Risking Temptation"
Pastor Shirley DeLarme
Scripture:
Ephesians 6:11-17

United Methodists grapple with loss of foreign aid

United Methodists are feeling the effects of the dismantling of U.S. foreign assistance and speaking out about how such aid saves lives. Africa University and the United Methodist Committee on Relief are among the United Methodist ministries that have long worked with partners in the U.S. government.

[Read this story on the United Methodist News website.](#)



Pave The Way

On Sunday, March 30th we launched 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.