

# Kennewick First Presbyterian Newsletter

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## JESUS SHOWS UP



*When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." -John 21:15*

Jesus shows up in places the disciples don't expect him, at times that are surprising. Peter, John, Thomas, and a few others were fishing and Jesus appeared on the shore and ate breakfast with the weary fishermen. Then Jesus had a crucial conversation with Peter. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks Peter three times. The number of times is significant because Peter had denied even knowing Jesus three times on the night of his arrest. "Before the cock crows you will deny me" Jesus had warned Peter. But he insisted, "No Lord, I will die with you!" But he was scared and he was uncertain and Peter denied Jesus. So upon Jesus' resurrection, Peter felt ashamed for having doubted and been afraid. He was uncertain about his relationship with this risen Jesus... until this conversation. Jesus assures Peter that he is forgiven and he still has a job to do. They have work to accomplish together.

I love this about Jesus. He doesn't berate the disciples. He doesn't give up on them. He doesn't punish them or mock them for their doubts and failures. He loves them. He forgives them. He trusts them with the important work of feeding his sheep, taking care of his lambs, teaching other people all that he taught them and baptizing them.

Jesus doesn't give up on us either, friends! Even when we betray or deny or fail Jesus, He loves us. He forgives us. And he gives us a job to do. We are necessary for the work that God is doing in the world. He feeds others through us. He cares for others through us. His message of salvation is spread and shared through us. When we are Christ's hands and feet in the world, Jesus shows up... through us.

~Rev. Hanna Peterson Shearer

## INSTALLATION SERVICE



Please join us for **Rev. Hanna Peterson Shearer's Installation Service** this Sunday, April 30, 2017, at 3:00 pmin the Garden Sanctuary.



**The National Day of Prayer** is May 4, 2017 – a day in which we join with Christians around the country to pray for our country on the first Thursday in May. Kennewick First will be reaching out to our neighbors by praying at several locations in the community: each City Hall, Homework Helpers, and the fire station closest to our church. The Garden Sanctuary will be open for those who wish to pray here. Please sign up to pray with others from our congregation at any of these locations. Signup sheets, Prayer Guides, and Bookmarks are on the Information Counter. Contact Bev Hoitink with questions or to sign up (582-5329). Let's show the Tri-Cities that we are praying for them.

### HIKE TO GLORY

There will be a "hike to glory" up Badger Mountain on Saturday, **April 29**. Please plan to meet at **8:15 am** for prayer. The walk will start at **8:30 am** at the Dallas Road trail head, and should pass through a hillside in bloom with wild flowers. More information will be in the Narthex.



**THANK YOU...** Craig and Ann Hall want to thank everyone at KFPC for all your support and love over the past 18 months. We also want to thank everyone who gave (and sent) us cards, were at the "cakereceptions" after our last service on March 26, and the wonderful Country Club dinner that night. We are also looking forward to using the generous Anthony's gift card from the congregation. During our actual move we could feel your prayers and encouragement. A special "Shout Out" goes to the women and their spouses from the KFPC Book Club who helped with packing and Pastor Ashley who was there the entire day we finally moved north. Please know you are in our prayers and are excited for the future of the church. With Blessings!

**INVITING ALL WOMEN!!!**



Next meeting is May 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. There will be soup, salad and bread. Of course, FELLOWSHIP. **We will be assembling Blessing Bags for the Homeless.** There is a sign-up list in the Narthex with supplies ideas for filling. Any questions call, Bonnie Wilson, (c)509.948.7302.



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### **BLOOD DRIVE**



Our third Kennewick Community Blood Drive of 2017 is Thursday, May 11 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm in the First Pres Center. You can schedule an appointment to donate blood by calling 1-800-733-2767; or register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). We can use donations of cookies and desserts, along with fixings for our baked potato bar for all donors and their families. Please sign up at the Information Table.

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### **PARENT'S NIGHT OUT / KID'S NIGHT IN**



#### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT / KIDS' NIGHT IN YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

**FUNDRAISER MAY 5, 6-9 PM:** Parents, haven't had a date night in a while? On May 5, from 6-9 pm, our youth (with adult supervision!) will make sure your kids have a blast here at church while you enjoy an evening out! Childcare is by donation – all proceeds will go toward the

summer youth mission trip.

Toddlers through 5th graders are welcome. No infants please! A sign-up sheet is available on the Information Table in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Pastor Ashley.

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## **Westgate School Earns ATP of the Year**

The 2016-2017 school year is coming to a close. The ATP (Action Team for Partnerships) of the year was earned by Westgate Elementary School. Kennewick First Presbyterian Church helped them in a big way. To help earn the honor Kathy Dechter worked hard this school year to promote, organize and operate the Homework Helpers Program while treating the teachers to a continental breakfast each month. Kennewick first Presbyterian members as homework helpers were well appreciated by the students. Many students looked forward to being on the list for Homework Helpers. Some of the homework helpers stepped up and played math games with the kindergartner families at the Math Night. We all remember the boxes of cereal we gave to the students as our Christmas gift to help the children over the Christmas break. Thank you all for helping Westgate School this year. Next year Westgate will move into a new school building and Homework Helpers will return to helping with homework in the morning.

## BEST YEARS POTLUCK



**May 16, 2017:** Our May program for Best Years has changed. Noah's Ark Preschool and Pastor Hanna will present to the Best Years group. The program starts at 12:00 PM and is held in the First Pres Center.

### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

**May 21:** Celebration Sunday! A day to celebrate what God is doing in and through our youth and children.

**June 24, August 12, October 14:** Women's Ministry will be having Craft Days on these three days. Bring your own Projects and potluck dish for lunch. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Any questions please contact Jeanna at [jmichmabry@hotmail.com](mailto:jmichmabry@hotmail.com) or at 547-3295.

**July 10-13:** Vacation Bible School from 12:00 - 2:30 pm.

**July 16:** Women's Ministry will be hosting an Old Fashioned Potluck Picnic. (Dessert will be provided.) If you want to help, please contact Jeanna at [jmichmabry@hotmail.com](mailto:jmichmabry@hotmail.com) or at 547-3295.

**Labor Day Weekend:** It is time to mark your calendars for Family Camp, on Labor Day Weekend at Camp Wooten (near Dayton, WA). As in past years, all cabins are available to us, or we can use any tents or RVs that we bring. For more information contact Dan Carl at 627-0287.