

KOINONIA

Koinónia \koy-nohn-ee'-ah\ Translated from Greek, in essence the fellowship, partnership, community, and communion that exists with our Church.

Acts 2:42

Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Where do we go from here?

On January 27-28, the Session held their annual Winter Retreat. For the Friday evening dinner, they invited the Vision Team to join them and share a presentation of highlights from their Vision Team report. This was an informative and genuine time where the results of many months of study and reflection came to light. Within that report was a honest reflection of the state of HPC, celebrating the Core DNA and strengths of our church while also sharing the current struggles we face. The final piece of their report was to share recommendations with the Session about the future direction of the church, potential vision statement ideas, as well as utilizing tools from the denomination to help identify specific skills sets that should be considered for our next pastor. We closed Friday evening with Session giving their heart-felt thanks to the hard work of the Vision Team.

Session then met most of the day on Saturday to discuss together the results of the Vision Team report and begin taking steps toward answering the question, "where do we go from here?" That discussion included what we were most excited about from the Vision Report, as well as identifying items that were concerning. From there they took time to dream, "if we could look 10 years into the future, we'd hope to see at HPC..." and shared a list of both qualities & specifics we would love to see. The Session then created a list of items they felt were of the utmost importance to focus on in the short-term future, and then began working on setting some priorities for both this time of pastoral transition as well as priorities

for the next 5 years. Lastly, they closed with a time of intercessory prayer, lifting up all that we had worked on, and seeking the Lord's guidance and wisdom for our church's future. (YES...your Session was hard at work this retreat!)

So what does that mean for us now? It means that we are smack in the middle of this first transitional step of assessing our current situation and beginning to dream for the future. The Session will continue to

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Pastor's message continued

work on their list of priorities, and in the coming weeks, will begin sharing their progress directly with the congregation. What is clear is that while we have a lot of good work ahead of us, we also have a great set of leaders and volunteers that are committed to seeking God's will for HPC's future.

This is where we need HPC's help. We need our congregation to commit to praying regularly for our Session for the discernment work that is ahead of them. We need you to pray for God to continue to keep our hearts open, tuning our ears to hear the word of the Spirit, to explore potential options with creative and adaptive mindset, and fully trust that God has a plan for HPC's future. Will you make that commitment to add our church leaders to your regular prayers in these coming weeks?

Lastly, a quick update on our pastoral transition timeline. Just as a reminder, the typical interim pastor period for Presbyterian churches is 18-24 months. We are still early in this interim period, and we are progressing at a normal pace at this point. It is my belief that by the time we reach the one-year mark (September 2023), the Session should have clarity on its next steps, and with those next steps will also come an update on when the next pastoral search may begin. For now, that should provide us an opportunity to enjoy this time of transition and stay open to what new adventures God may have in store for us.

Blessings!

Pastor Brian

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers!

Consider being a part of what God is doing here at
Hillsboro Presbyterian Church!
Visitors and Newcomers are invited to everything in this newsletter.
We welcome YOU in the Name of Jesus who welcomes us!



Birthdays

Thad MacMillan 3
Donald Scott 6
Kevin Wisdom 6
Sue Dever 15

Lita Lentz 16
Gary Gale 21
John McFerran 21
Peggy Grawburg 28



Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 5
When the Going Gets Tough
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, February 12
Careful What You Say
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, February 19
The Power Of Prayer
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday Service
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

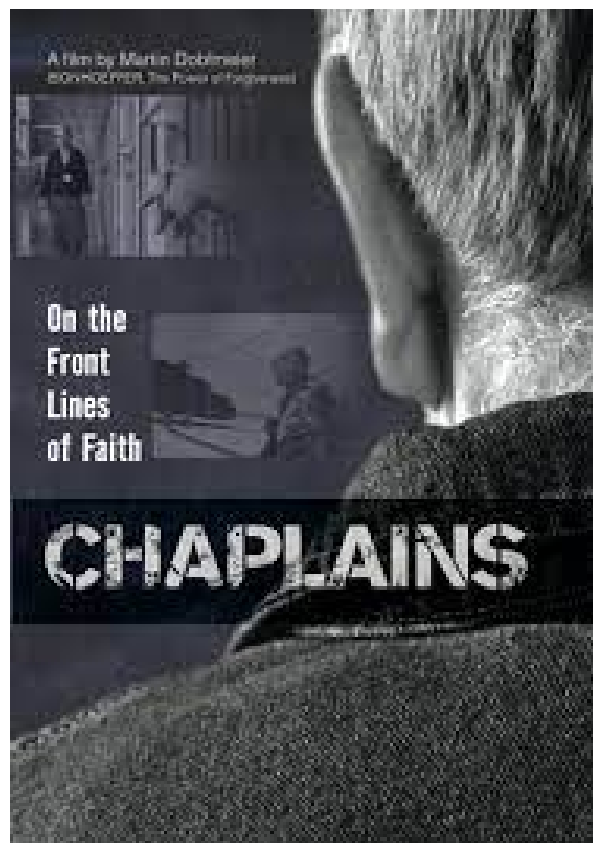
Sunday, February 26
Before Abraham Was, I AM
(Lenten Series Intro)
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

We have several events to look forward to in February. We'll start the month by celebrating a very special birthday - Donald Scott is turning 50! Please join us for cake after the service on February 5th. Let's take this opportunity to show Donald how special he is to us by showering him with love on the 5th.

The following Sunday, February 12th, we'll be showing part 2 of the documentary "Chaplains" after worship in the library. If you weren't able to join us for part 1, no worries - each segment is a story in itself. If you would like to view part 1 and/or 2 and can't make the showing, please let me know and I'll figure out a time to share it with you. Looking ahead, we'll have another documentary to feature. This one is called "Sabbath" and we'll set a time to view it once we know the release date.



Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Dinner HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

And finally ... mark your calendars! Lent begins on February 22nd, Ash Wednesday. Lenten Soup Dinners will run from February 22nd through March 29th. Details will be emailed later this month.

For more information about Fellowship and Events, email

Joanie Loepp at

FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org

94 Sack Lunches were delivered to Blanchet House because of your generosity.

Thank You
for Your Donations

94 people struggling with food insecurities were able to eat lunch this week.



Sign up to bring in flowers or make a donation in lieu of flowers. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall

Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path"

Hi all

Well here it is February already. Wow how time flies when you're having fun. Just wanted to give you an update on the new directory for this year. It will look a bit different and will also be available through your e mail. It will come as a word document and you will be able to print it out or add to your contact list on your computer. There will be a few hard copies for those that do not do computer or email. Hopefully it will be sent soon as the office is working on it now.



We would like to welcome Sue Dever to our Deacon family as she begins her service to HPC. We pray that God will grant her strength and grace as she undertakes good works for our HPC community.

2023 Deacons:

A-E Tammy McVean

F-K Sue Dever

L-Q Nancy Johnson

R-S Lori Wisdom

T-Z Keith Upton

Many thanks to Jill Cessna and Jeanie Morgan for their dedication to the Deacon team and the HPC congregation. Welcome Sue Dever!

Missions

by Jill Appel

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



If you would like to help deliver food to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. The food pantry is in need of hygiene items and cleaning supplies (including laundry detergent).

Want to get involved with missions? Email Jill Appel at MissionsElder@hillsboropres.org

Clerk's Corner

by Gary Gale

Here is the current update from the last session meeting:

- Live streaming and in-person Worship services continuing.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on January 8th.
- Read thank you letters from Medical Teams International, ARMS, and Firm Foundation in Christ Ministries.
- Trustees/Corporate officers to be voted in at annual congregational meeting. Gary Gale - President, Steve Dever - Secretary, Dana Gale - Treasurer nominated from session for term of 1 year.
- Treasurer to be voted in at annual congregational meeting. Cindy Thomas nominated from session for term of 1 year.
- Elected Gary Gale as Clerk of Session for the term of 1 year.
- Jill Appel selected as Presbytery Delegate.
- Pledged \$300 per quarter (\$1,200 for 2023) to Presbyterian Partnership Giving.
- Annual Statistical report approved.
- 2023 Communion schedule approved.
- Review of Child Protection Policy and background checks in progress.
- Will schedule first aid/CPR training in a few months.
- Roof leaks being worked on.
- Used copy machine found for \$100. To be picked up later in the week.
- Annual Congregational meeting set for January 22, 2023, after church service.
- Winter Session Retreat January 27th and January 28th.
- Service Sunday January 29th - make sack lunches for Blanchet House.
- Westside Presbyterian Youth Collaboration (Hillsboro, Bethany, Orenco, Old Scotch): Youth event on February 17th (7pm-7am). Lock-in with Escape the Room games.



Stay safe and healthy.

Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session

Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

Every year, we receive the Per Capita assessment from Presbytery. Presbytery has not raised this rate for several years; they felt it was necessary to raise it this year.

The money we send to Presbytery is distributed to General Assembly, the Synod of the Pacific, and the Presbytery of the Cascades. The portion that goes to the Presbytery of the Cascades pays the salary of the Stated Clerk.



The new per capita rate is \$45.60 per member. Per capita is calculated on our church's membership total from 2021. We had 95 members at the end of 2021. Our total assessment this year is \$4,332. We pay this to Presbytery in January.

Please consider contributing your per capita amount of \$45.60 to help offset this cost for the church.

If you choose to give, please note on your gift that it is for per capita and not part of your regular giving.

Thank you!

Education

by Jenny Sabo

Four Presbyterian Churches (Hillsboro, Bethany, Orenco, and Old Scotch) are joining forces to provide a monthly youth event for their kids grades 6th-12th.

Upcoming Youth Events

February 17th - Late Night at HPC

March 5th - Orenco Presbyterian

April 22nd - Earth Day Service Project with Old Scotch Presby

May 28th - Outdoor Fun with Orenco Presbyterian



HPC Online Giving Available

Online giving is available and ready to use for your convenience!

There are several ways you can donate online:

- 1. Download the free "Vanco Mobile" app on your iPhone or Android
- 2. Scan the QR code to the right.
- 3. Go to our website; www.hillsboropres.org and click on the "[donate now](#)" button.

You can set up a profile so it is easier each time you log in to give, or you can donate as a guest user each time. Donations can be from a checking/savings account, or a bank card.

We hope the option of donating online helps many of us who don't carry checks or cash every day, but still want to financially support HPC.

1. We don't "pass the plate" any longer, but we have a box inside the doors as you enter the sanctuary and you may place your donation there on Sunday.
2. You may set up a regular "bill-pay" through your bank that will automatically send a check to the church.
3. You can use our online giving "Vanco" and set up a regular payment with your credit card or with your bank account.
4. You may set up an automatic RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) or other automatic payment from your retirement account.



American Red Cross



There is be no blood drive in February

Next blood drive is March 27th

See Sandy McFerran if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

For an appointment please visit:

Redcrossblood.org

Use Sponsor Code: **HPC97123**

or

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS

(1-800-733-2767)


FEBRUARY

HPC Calendar - 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
	6-8pm IJC		6:45-8pm Choir	8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	
5 10am Worship (Live Stream) Donald's 50th Birthday Party 1-5pm IJC	6 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	7 4:30 Praise Team	8 12pm Operations 6:45-8pm Choir	9 8pm AA	10 6-8pm IJC	11
12 10am Worship (Live Stream) Chaplain Series Part 2, 11am 1-2pm IJC	13 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	14 4:30 Praise Team	15 6:45-8pm Choir	16 8pm AA	17 Youth Late Night 7pm-11:30pm 6-8pm IJC	18
19 10am Worship (Live Stream) 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	20 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	21 4:30 Praise Team	22 Ash Wednesday Service 5pm Lenten Soup Dinner 5:30pm 6:45-8pm Choir	23 8pm AA	24 6-8pm IJC	25
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Choir Director *Nona Scott*
Worship Music Leader *Laura Cunard*
Custodian *Donald Scott*
Office Assistant *Nancy Johnson*

Worship: Sunday, 10am

Session:

<i>Jill Appel</i>	<i>Missions</i>
<i>Dana Gale</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
<i>John Stroeve</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Jenny Sabo</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>John McVean</i>	<i>Property</i>
<i>Joanie Loepp</i>	<i>Fellowship/Events</i>
<i>Brian Johnson</i>	<i>Operations</i>

Office hours: Mon—Thurs; 9:30-1pm

Deacons:

A-E Tammy McVean
F-K Sue Dever
L-Q Nancy Johnson
R-S Lori Wisdom
T-Z Keith Upton

*The Vision of HPC is for all to EXPERIENCE that
GOD is able to do MORE by His Spirit at work
within us.*

Therefore:

*Our Mission is to continue to build
A CARING, CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY
that is excited to -
KNOW Jesus
GROW Spiritually &
SHOW God's love
...all for His glory and purpose.*

Ministers: The Members

"God is able"

Ephesians 3:20



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