

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

Summer is a glorious time here in the Pacific Northwest! Historically it's been a time when we come out of hiding from the long, wet season and not only spend more time outdoors, but also make time to spend with others. I'm sure we all have memories of gathering for meals, going camping, sitting on porches, around patio tables, or even fire pits, catching up on life and telling stories. In fact, it's the telling of stories that connects us with our loved ones, our friends, and our community, and it's a trait we share with all of humanity, not just our neighbors in the PNW.

Long before the Scriptures began to be written down, the stories of the Bible were shared through oral tradition. Story telling was the primary method for handing down the important stories of a nation's history, culture, beliefs and hopes to the next generation. In the Middle East, this tradition of storytelling was called Haflat Samar, and it is still used in many rural parts of the Middle East to this day.

This summer, we will be returning to those historical roots of oral biblical storytelling. Starting June 18th, I will be putting aside the traditional scripture reading and sermon and instead will be sharing Old Testament stories in the tradition of Haflat Samar. Retelling the stories of the Bible is something I've been doing for over 20 years, as it provides a fresh take on the stories that have built our faith. This summer we will look at the stories of Creation, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Joshua, Gideon, Ruth & Esther.

So, this summer, dress comfortably, invite a friend or neighbor, pull up a pew, and come ready to enjoy the scriptures like never before. This is going to be fun!

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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

John Stroeve	2
Linda Rittenhouse	4
Tracie Dahl	15
Elaine Baker	19
Brian Johnson	22
Jason Appel	23
Judy Sullivan	28

Anniversaries

Tammy and John McVean	6
Lisa and Bob Stebe	9
Candice and John Stroeve	25
Christine and Dave Wesley	29



Family



MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Meeting and Potluck After Service



Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 4
Being Community
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, June 11
A Church for Everyone
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day)

TMTS- IN The Beginning....

Sunday, June 25
TMTS-Abraham
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

From the Pastor

by Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Two HVAC Units Need Replacing

"Well, that's not good!" That was my response as our HVAC technician came down off of our roof during our late-March cold snap with the bad news. Not only was the HVAC for our church office and restrooms dead and unable to be repaired, we learned that the HVAC unit for our Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Youth Room is on its last legs as well. These units are over 30 years old, and were put into service back when the church was rebuilt from the fire in the early 1990's.

After getting second opinions and multiple bids for replacement, the Session has decided to move forward on a bid. The amount is just under \$40,000 to replace both units, including the hiring of a crane to remove the old units and place the new units. The Session has already done its due diligence in applying and receiving temporary financing through the Synod of the Pacific. The Session also applied for a Barnabas Grant through the Presbytery, but was unsuccessful due to a lack of available funds and too many requests to Presbytery.



Just like owning a home, owning a church building means that occasionally stuff breaks down and needs replacing, and somehow, we need to pay for it. While we have some building funds in reserves, there is not enough to cover this expense and leave us funds for future emergencies. So, we are asking our HPC family for your help. Would you prayerfully consider a one-time generous gift to help us with the replacement cost of these two HVAC units? The more we raise, the less we have to borrow and pay over time.

If you would like to contribute through a check, please put "HVAC SPECIAL GIFT" on the memo line of your check. You can also give a special gift through our website. Click on the GIVE tab on the top of the page, and select "Building Fund" for your contribution. (You can also use your phone's camera to scan the QR Code at the end of this article.)

Our deadline is July 31st, 2023 for this special campaign, and we thank you in advance for your prayerful and generous support!

YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Volunteer Opportunities

Orenco Presbyterian VBS
June 26 - 30

Bethany Presbyterian VBS
July 17 - 21

Sunday, July 9th
Fun Outdoor Activity

Sunday, August 13th
Pool Party



Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

**You are the light
that gives light to the world.
Matthew 5:14**



WOW what a great way to end the month of May. As some of you have heard the MacMillan's welcomed their son Asher into the world born 5/30, 2:43 AM at 7lbs 6oz and 21in long. Meals have been requested; nothing too spicy, please. Possibility that meals may be frozen or refrigerated...it's an option. Call before you make/deliver a meal. Laura & Thad's address is 3427 Larrabee St, Forest Grove 97116 Laura's cell, 503-729-4464 Thank you in advance for all your prayers and continued support.

I wanted to mention that the nominating committee will be getting together soon to nominate deacons and elders for next year. If any of you are so inclined to volunteer your time and talents please let one of the committee members know and we would be glad to talk with you. The nominating committee is: Joanie Loepp, Keith Upton, Sue Dever, Sandy Funk and Sandy McFerran. Let the summer begin

Missions

by Jill Appel

Missions Team will meet Sunday, June 4th after service. If you would like to help plan mission events and our next Service Sunday, join us for a quick meeting.

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

A collage of various items related to the craft fair and bake sale. It includes chocolate chip cookies, a purple flower, a pie, a croissant, a small dress, a star-shaped necklace, a cupcake, a leaf-shaped cookie, and other pastries.

**HPC ANNUAL
CRAFT FAIR
BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
LOOKING FOR BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS,
AND VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE
CRAFT FAIR BAKE SALE.**

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

Join us for a **BBQ** & Family MEETING

The meat entrees will be provided.

Please bring a side dishes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11
Meeting and Potluck
After Service

The graphic features a central illustration of a red charcoal grill on a tripod stand. The text is arranged around the grill, with 'Join us for a BBQ & Family MEETING' at the top, 'The meat entrees will be provided.' on the left, and 'Please bring a side dishes.' on the right. At the bottom, the date and event details are listed in red and black text.

June is a busy fellowship month at HPC! We'll begin with our much-anticipated Family Meeting on June 11th. In addition to the meeting, we'll have a BBQ potluck following worship. Meat entrees will be provided; please bring a side dish if you are able. We also need a couple of volunteers to serve as grill masters - please let me know if you can help in this way.

June 23rd is HPC's Evening at the Hops - tickets are sold out and we're looking forward to a fun evening of baseball at the Hillsboro stadium.



The very next day - Saturday, June 24th - we'll have our rummage sale in fellowship hall. Please bring any donations to the church beginning June 18th. They can be left in the first room (blue room) on the left as you go down the education hallway. If you have something to donate and need to bring it sooner, please let me know. We'll also have a table for baked goods. The proceeds from the sale will be used in service to HPC as our budget is stretched thin with our many ongoing building needs.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

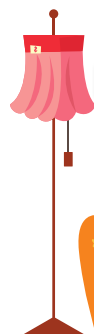
If you would like to help with setup, selling or cleanup, please let me know - this would be most appreciated.

A respectful side note: to minimize leftover items which then need to be dealt with, please consider donating only items you would be interested in buying if you had the need; in short - no "junk". Thank you!

HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Church
BAKE SALE & RUMMAGE

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE? PLEASE BRING THEM TO CHURCH BY JUNE 18TH.



For more information about Fellowship and Events, email Joanie Loepp at FellowshipElder@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 May 7th.
- Read thank you letters from Village of Hope, Abuse Recovery Ministry, Medical Teams International, Quiet Waters, Firm Foundation in Christ Ministries, and Presbytery of the Cascades.
- Congregational Family gathering set for June 11th including a barbeque potluck. Will provide information to congregation on current Pastor search progress including Vision summary, steps session has taken, financial status, and options from Presbytery.
- Reviewed church cleanliness issues resulting from use by other tenants.
- A new refrigerator installed in the church kitchen. A new refrigerator installed in the manse.
- Need to remove the tree next to the office which is causing roof issues.
- HVAC update:
 - o Synod loan approved for \$24,999.
 - o Barnabas grant denied.
 - o Will ask the congregation, Heather Keizur and IDJC for donations to help cover replacement costs.
 - o Will put in request to Arrow Mechanical for 2 HVAC units.
- Stay safe and healthy.

Session minutes are available in the church office.



Flower Ministry

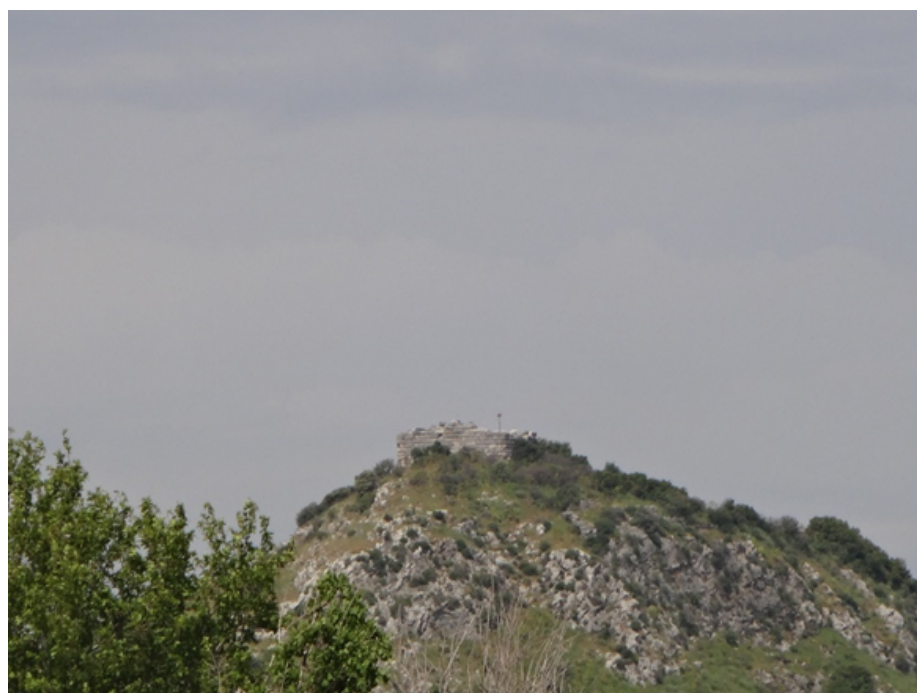
Sign up to bring in flowers or make a donation in lieu of flowers.
The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall

A graphic for a church event. On the left is a tall, slender, light blue glass vase containing a large bouquet of white hydrangea flowers. To the right of the vase, the words "Flower Ministry" are written in a large, stylized font. "Flower" is in a light teal, cursive script, and "Ministry" is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below the title, there is a call to action in a black, sans-serif font: "Sign up to bring in flowers or make a donation in lieu of flowers." and "The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall". The entire graphic is enclosed in a thin teal border.

Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

Gary and I went on a cruise to the eastern Mediterranean. There is so much history in those countries, from Cappadocia where we saw the caves people used to hide from the Hittites, to the early churches, to the Parthenon. Awe-inspiring. These 2 pictures are from Ephesus. The top one is of the ruins of a marketplace where Paul likely preached the good news of Jesus to the people. His words were not well received, and he was arrested. You can see a hill in the distance in the first



picture. The second picture is that same hill and there is a building on the top. This is where Paul was imprisoned for his own protection from the angry mob. We were stunned by the realization that we were walking where Paul walked! Wow.

At the end of April, this is where we are financially. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	\$95,152	\$69,188	\$25,964
Total Expense	\$78,984	\$79,194	\$210
Net Income	\$16,168	(\$10,006)	\$26,174

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.

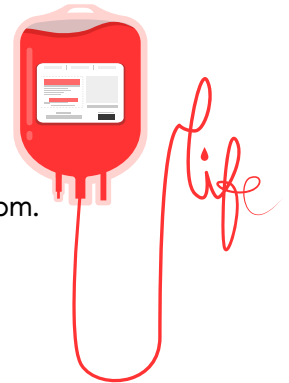
American Red Cross

Next blood drives are **Monday, July 24th** and **Monday, September 25th** from 1:30-6:30pm.

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)**



You make a difference!

The American Red Cross is so grateful for our partnership with Hillsboro Presbyterian Church!

Your commitment to host a blood drive with the Red Cross truly made a difference helping to boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need!

Allow me to personally thank you for your service. **HPC blood drive collected 28 units = 140%!**, and that means more life, more love, more memories for the most vulnerable patients in our community—those suffering unexpected trauma and chronic illness every day. It is always a pleasure to partner with you and your colleagues, and we're so happy to have you in our American Red Cross family. Since donation is the only source of lifesaving blood for patients, and few organizations can provide the impact that you can, we hope you'll enjoy the pride of your efforts. The need for blood is ongoing and we can't sustain patients in need without partners like **you**. Please don't hesitate to contact me. We honor your service and support of patients by always seeking ways to improve the experience and we value your feedback. Thank you again, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.





HPC Calendar - 2023

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				6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10am Worship (Live Stream) Communion <i>11:15 Missions Meeting</i> 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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30	31					
Service Sunday 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House						


Choir Director *Nona Scott*
Worship Music Leader *Laura Cunard*
Custodian *Donald Scott*
Office Assistant *Nancy Johnson*

Worship: Sunday, 10am

Session:

Jill Appel *Missions*
Dana Gale *Stewardship*
John Stroeve *Worship*
John McVean *Property*
Joanie Loepf *Fellowship/Events*
Brian Johnson *Operations*

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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