

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

Pastoral Transition Update

A lot has happened since our last pastoral transition update in April, and we wanted to take a moment and bring everyone up to date.

In April, the Session submitted to Presbytery a "state of our church" report which included a copy of our Vision Team report, current membership and finances, and our priorities for the next 5-10 years. Presbytery responded quickly and thoughtfully, and it was clear that they understood our unique situation. Presbytery offered us two options in regard to the search for our next pastor: continue on the traditional transition path that will lead to full mission study and a national search, or permission to take an alternate path of doing a local search for a temporary supply pastor.

The Presbytery recommended that we bring this question to the congregation for their input, which the Session did at the Family Meeting and BBQ on June 11th. In that meeting the Vision Team shared a summary of their work, conclusions, and recommendations from their report. The Session then shared a snapshot of vital statistics for HPC over the last 10 years, including membership, finances, and staffing. Lastly, Pastor Brian explained the options from Presbytery, with benefits and drawbacks between doing a national search or local search in our current situation. The meeting closed with the taking of an informal "straw poll" which yielded an over 90% vote recommending the Session consider the local search option for our next pastor.

On June 27th, the Session met to discuss the comments, questions, and recommendations from the Family Meeting. The Session was thankful for the input and consensus of the congregation and voted unanimously to begin the process for a local search. A formal request has now been sent to Presbytery for permission to begin this search, and the Session has asked the Nominating Committee to pull together a slate of nominees to serve on the Stated Supply Pastor Nominating Committee (or SSPNC for short). The make-up of this SSPNC is a bit different than a traditional PNC, as it will be a bit smaller and requires at least one member of the Vision Team and one current member of Session to serve.

Our next update will come in September when we hope to share the latest from Presbytery and from the Nominating Committee. In the meantime, we ask that the HPC Family continue to pray daily for God to prepare the heart of our next pastor and to begin to make clear the way for them to join us in God's perfect timing.

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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!



July Birthdays

Gary Redmond	11
Betty Grissett	12
Sonya Baker	18
David Gonnason	19
N.J. Smith	31

July Anniversaries

Gary and Linda Redmond	2
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August Birthdays

Liz Wallace	1
Ben Appel	4
Gary Jones	15
Jason Bradley	18
Jacquie Harrison	21
Wayne Floch	22
Laura Cunard	25
Greta Schindler	26

August Anniversaries

Sandra and Dale Fulk	3
Crystaly and Gary Jones	3
Joanna and Bill Swanson	3
Allein and Robert Dehaan	14
Liz and John Wallace	14
Jill and Mike Appel	16
Jackie and Kieth Upton	16
Stephanie and Bruce McVean	19
Sandy and John McFerran	20





Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 2
"Abraham"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, July 9
"Jacob"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, July 16
"Joseph"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, July 23
"Joshua"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, July 30
Service Sunday

Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 6
"Gideon"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, August 13
"Ruth"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, August 20
"Esther"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, August 27
Guest Preacher

From the Pastor

by Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

HVAC Special Fundraiser Update

As we had mentioned last month, HPC is in need of replacing two HVAC units (office and Fellowship Hall), as these current units are too old for replacement parts and can no longer provide heat come this winter. The replacement cost is just under \$40,000, and the new units have been ordered.

As of publication of this article, the HPC family has stepped up and donated nearly \$17,000 in special donations for the HVAC replacement. This is wonderful news, and we are so thankful for your generosity! Our goal is to raise at least \$25,000 by July 31st, which would allow us to keep some emergency funds in our building fund for the future. There is still time to help! You can send a check to the church with HVAC SPECIAL GIFT on the memo line, or you can give a one-time 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 in the graphic of this article.)

Thank you for your continued prayerful and generous support!

Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

I am the LIGHT of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in
DARKNESS,
but will have the LIGHT of life.
John 8:12

Please remember the Deacons are here for you.

Take some time each day to reflect on how God is working in your life and what you can do to better serve Him. As you pray, ask God to reveal His will for your life and give you the strength to follow it.

Hope everyone has a great summer!!!

Stay safe and stay healthy.



Missions

by Jill Appel

Sunday, July 30th is our next Service Sunday. At 10am Susan from Eden's Children's Villiage will talk to us about her work in Zimbabwe. Around 10:30 we will start our Service Sunday by putting together hygiene kits for Open Door Housing Works.

Open Door Housing Works provides resources for immediate basic human needs, educates and assists households to obtain and retain affordable permanent housing, and promotes client self determination to achieve a better quality of life for communities of Washington County and its surrounding areas.

Hygiene Kit Items Needed

Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Nail clipper
Shampoo
Soap
Wash cloth
Razor
Shaving cream
Dental floss
Mouthwash

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

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

As of this writing we are preparing for the rummage sale on June 24th and looking forward to attending the Hops game on June 23rd. We are also planning to recognize the men on Father's Day.

At this time we have no events planned for the summer - enjoy the time with your family and friends.

I do want to take this opportunity to invite anyone interested in being part of our Events & Fellowship team to contact me - we'd love to have you join us! We are also looking for someone (or a couple, or a group!) to be in charge of coffee hour one Sunday a month. If you are interested, please let me know. I'd be happy to walk you through it for a few Sundays if you aren't familiar with the process - but it's easy! Have a safe and happy summer.

*For more information about
Fellowship and Events, email
Joanie Loepp at
FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org*

Queen Jeanie



Jeanie was recently crowned Queen at Cornell Estates where she lives, an activity that is coordinated with the Portland Rose Festival that includes many of the Senior Living facilities in the area. Each establishment elects their Queen(s) and Ambassador(s), they are crowned, and the Royal Rosarians come and present the facility with rose bushes to be planted in their gardens to commemorate the occasion. Then on July 4th Jeanie and her Ambassadors rode in the July 4th parade representing Cornell Estates.



I had the great pleasure of being asked to ride with Jeanie on the Cornell Estates bus. Many thanks to all who attended the parade and waved to us. It was a great time and as we all know, Jeanie is always a Queen at HPC!

Blessings,
Nancy Johnson



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 June 4th.
- Evelyn Unkefer is now a member of HPC.
- HVAC update:
 - Synod loan for HVAC units: approval received, signatures completed, and loan fee paid.
 - Property elder will contact Arrow Mechanical to order replacement HVAC units.
 - Will work with Finance for deposit needed to start the process.
 - Need to get a quote for removing the tree in front of the office.
 - Left hand urinal in the men's restroom is leaking and needs some work.
 - Stewardship elder working on financial review process.
 - Nominating Committee to hold their first meeting the first week of July. Worship and Discipleship elders needed as well as one Deacon.
- Pastoral Transition:
 - Session has decided to perform a Stated Supply search. This was supported by a consensus at the Family meeting held early in June.
 - The current nominating committee needs to present a slate of nominees for the Stated PNC. The nominees need to be approved by session. There needs to be at least one or two elders and one person from the Vision Team on the Stated PNC.
 - Reviewed and discussed the initial HPC Demographics Report findings. This information was requested by COM to accompany the Vision Team report.
 - HPC will ask COM for permission to perform a Stated Supply search.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,
Gary Gale Clerk of Session



Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

You heard the call and you are answering! We have had over \$13,000 donated to the HVAC building fund. Wow, keep up the great giving!

For the 6 months ending June 30th, this is where we are financially. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	\$130,079	\$103,783	\$26,296
Total Expense	<u>\$116,978</u>	<u>\$114,134</u>	<u>(\$2,844)</u>
Net Income	\$14,101	(\$10,351)	\$24,452

Things are still going well. Thank you for your regular giving.



And to help celebrate summer, here's a sunset from our trip to Hawaii!

A sign for Flower Ministry. On the left, there is a clear glass vase filled with a bouquet of purple flowers. To the right of the vase, the word "Flower" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font, and the word "MINISTRY" is written below it in a bold, green, sans-serif font. Below the text, there is a short paragraph: "Sign up to bring in flowers or make a donation in lieu of flowers. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall". The entire sign is framed by a thick purple border.

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.

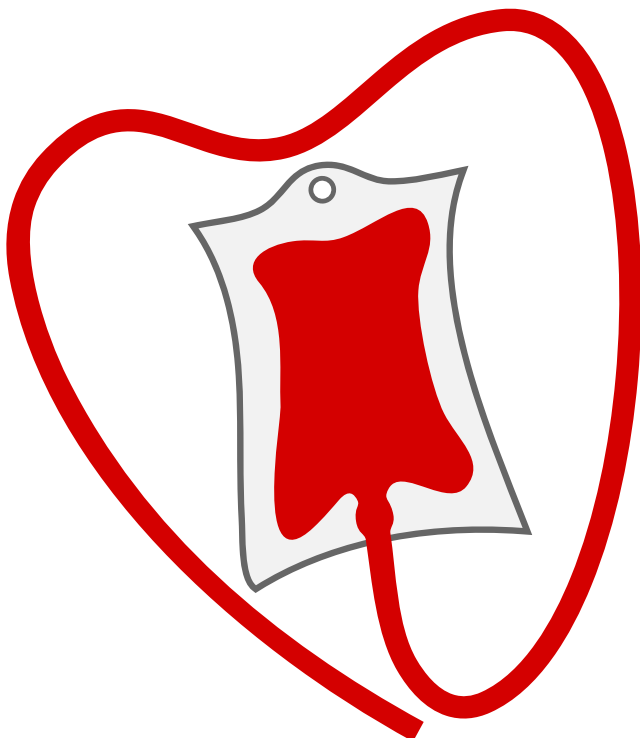
You can set up a profile so it is easier each time you log in to give, or you can donate as a guest user each time. Donations can be from a checking/savings account, or a bank card.

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

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)



HPC Calendar - 2023

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Worship: Sunday, 10am In-person and Live Streamed

Session:

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

*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.*

Deacons:

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


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

Ministers: The Members

"God is able"

Ephesians 3:20

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