



# 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**

Photo by Steve Dever

## Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Pastoral Transition Update: Pastor Search Team is Up and Running

My how time flies! Earlier this summer we had our HPC Family Meeting and BBQ where the Vision Team and Session shared their findings on the current state of our church and recommendations moving forward. In that meeting, the congregation recommended that the Session consider the more flexible local search option for our next pastor, rather than the traditional national search for an installed pastor. The local search option, known as a Stated Supply Pastor, will give both HPC and our next pastor flexibility as we navigate this path of new growth and hopeful revitalization. (See July Koinonia article for more details.) Then, in July, the Presbytery affirmed our request and gave HPC the green light to begin the search process.

Over the summer at the request of the Session, the Nominating Team put together a slate of nominees to serve on the new Pastor Search Team (PST) and presented their recommendations to the Session. The Session affirmed the following people to serve on the PST behalf of the Session: Jill Appel, Elaine Baker, Steve Dever, Gary Gale, Rick Harrison & Dave Wesley. The team is joined by Chris Macfarlane from Old Scotch Church, who will serve as the Presbytery COM Liaison. The team met for the first time on August 24th with the important task of finding our next pastor.

The first couple of months the PST will be reviewing the Vision Team report and findings, community demographics reports, and Session priorities for the next five years. Then the PST will begin carefully crafting the job description and advertising profiles for our open position. The job will be posted with our local Presbytery, but the team will also look at additional advertising options to a wider audience and give the team more candidates to consider. Lastly, the PST will provide updates directly to the congregation in the coming months, both in worship and through the Koinonia, on their progress.

This is the time when we, as the HPC family, need to begin praying in earnest. Please keep the PST members in prayer as they dedicate significant time to the pastor search process over the next few months. Pray that they are filled with the Spirit's wisdom and discernment as they seek to work faithfully together as a team. And pray that the Lord continues to work in the heart of our next pastor, to help prepare their mind and heart to join us here at HPC. HPC is a special and amazing church family, filled with caring and generous members. We have seen God's hand of blessing on our congregation, especially during this time of transition, and it is a reminder that God has a plan for our future as well. So we lift this pastoral search process into the Lord's hands and pray for God's will to be done in our HPC family.

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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

Christine Wesley	4
Carly Powne	5
Nona Scott	7
Joanna Swanson	9
Keith Bledsoe	13
Susan Mellema	13
April Jones	17
Dave Thomas	17
Sandy McFerran	18
Barb Rauscher	26
Steve Dever	28
David Westerfield	30



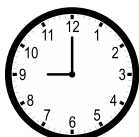
## Anniversaries

Thad and Laura MacMillan	5
Nancy and Brian Johnson	12

*HAPPY*  
*Birthday*  
**HAPPY**  
*Anniversary*



**NEW**  
**OFFICE**  
**HOURS**



**Tuesday - Thursday**  
**9:00am - 12:30pm**



# APOSTLES' CREED

## Worship Schedule

Fall Sermon Series:  
"I Believe":  
A Study of the Apostles' Creed

Sunday, September 3  
"A story of God's Faithfulness"  
Rev. Phil Grawburg

Sunday, September 10  
"I Believe, Help My Unbelief!"  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, September 17  
"In God Alone"  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, September 24  
"The One and Only"  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker



# Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

Hope you all had a great summer and are ready for fall. It has been so good to see a lot of you returning to worship and being able to interact with all of you. If you haven't returned yet, the Deacons continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers and hope to see you in worship soon. Don't hesitate to contact us and let us know if there is any thing we can help you with. We are here for you and will be checking on you from time to time as we continue to be a servant for Gods people. Keep in mind that maybe God will use you to be the lighthouse in someone's storm. Have a safe and healthy fall.



The lighthouse of the LORD  
beckons to all as we sail  
the sea of life

## Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

Greetings from your Events & Fellowship Team! It's that time of year when we say goodbye to summer and hello to back-to-school, football games, falling leaves and (hopefully!) cooler weather. No special events are planned for September but stay tuned for upcoming fall events beginning in October.

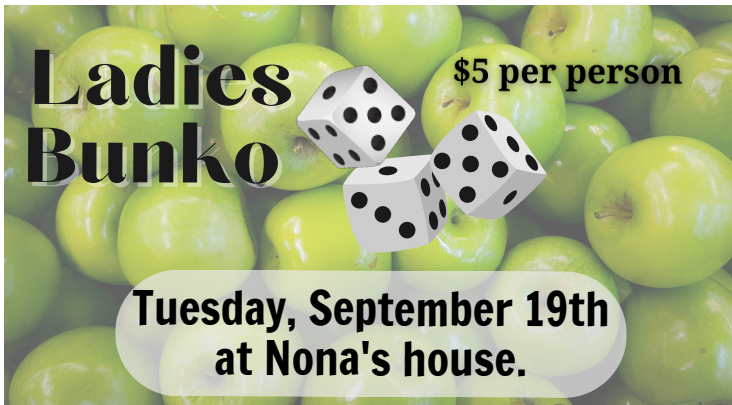
We are always looking for coffee hour donations of either time or edibles or supplies. If you are able to help out in any way or have questions, please contact me. Many thanks to those who are already contributing to this special time following worship.

[FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org](mailto:FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org)



**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



**Ladies  
Bunko** \$5 per person

**Tuesday, September 19th  
at Nona's house.**



# Missions

by Jill Appel

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies. The supplies were delivered to Hillsboro School District and HSD was very grateful.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.



## PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Our annual Craft Fair is coming up. If you are a crafter or know a crafter who would like to be part of the fair, sign-up on the HPC website. We will be looking for bakers and volunteers to help with the craft fair. Information coming soon.

*Want to get involved with missions? Email Jill Appel at [MissionsElder@hillsboropres.org](mailto:MissionsElder@hillsboropres.org)*

**HPC ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

**CRAFT FAIR BAKE SALE**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

*Looking for bakers, candy makers, and volunteers to help with the Craft Fair Bake Sale.*

**FALL YOUTH EVENTS**

<p>Saturday, September 23rd</p> <p><b>Rise</b> AGAINST HUNGER</p> <p>10,000 Meals</p>	<p>Saturday, October 7th</p> <p><b>CORN</b> Maze Entrance</p>	<p>Sunday, November 5th</p> <p><b>GAMES</b></p>	<p>Sunday, December 3rd</p> <p> Christmas Party</p>
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**SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENT**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER

**HELP US PUT TOGETHER 10,000 MEALS**



# Clerk's Corner

by Gary Gale

Here is the current update from the last session meeting:

- Live streaming and in-person Worship services continue.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on July 9th.
- HVAC update:
  - HVAC unit replacement begins August 16th. Work is scheduled to be finished that week.
  - We will pay for the cost of the HVAC units with existing funds in the Building Fund. (Thank you to all generous donors.)
- A cleaning checklist has been generated and given to our renters. Hopefully this will help users of the building keep our facilities clean for everyone.
- The process for removing the tree in front of the office is ongoing.
- Stewardship elder has completed the financial review.
- Nancy's (office assistant) work hours will be modified to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with times adjusted.
- Pastoral Transition:
  - Interim Pastor contract renewal reviewed and approved for an additional 12 months.
  - COM formally approved the SSPNC (Stated Supply Pastor Nominating Committee) process for HPC.
  - Pastoral Transition: Reviewed the Pastoral transition roadmap for current progress and path forward.
- Nominating Committee:
  - Elders - Rick Harrison nominated for elder position (Discipleship and Education). One elder nominee selected, one elder nominee in process. Deacon nominee selected.
  - SSPNC (Stated Supply Pastor Nominating Committee) team has been selected: Jill Appel, Elaine Baker, Steve Dever, Gary Gale, Rick Harrison, Dave Wesley.
- August 27th sendoff celebration for Lita Lentz.
- Service Sundays in planning: October 29th - TBD - something outside. December 31st - possible coat drive during the month. March - collect food for food bank or do a project on Saturday.
- Special PDA collection for Maui authorized.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session



# Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

I know we are all excited to have new HVAC units installed and working!

This is how session has decided to pay for the units:

Donations from you: \$21,294.85 Amazing!  
Building Fund: \$17,601.15  
Total: \$38,896.00  
(Bid from Arrow)



We were approved for a line of credit through Synod for up to \$24,999. Session decided that since we have the money in the building fund, we would not use the line of credit.

Beginning in 2024, we will make monthly payments to the building fund of approximately \$330. This will be for 5 years. This was figured using a 4.75% interest rate (which Synod was going to charge) on the \$17,601.15 we “borrowed” from the building fund. It’s much nicer to pay ourselves than someone else.

And to give you more numbers, this is where we are financially as of July 31st. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	\$151,394	\$121,081	\$30,313
Total Expense	\$134,419	\$133,554	(\$ 865)
Net Income	\$ 16,975	(\$12,473)	\$29,448

Things are still going well. Expenses are a bit more than budgeted and will look a lot different when we’ve paid for the HVAC units. Thank you for your regular giving.

## Property

# New Sign



Thanks to an anonymous donation, the new sign is looking fantastic.

# 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](http://www.hillsboropres.org) and click on the "donate now" button.



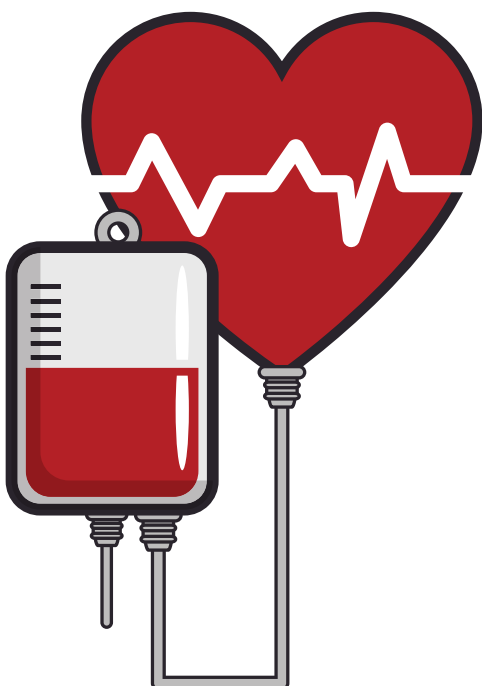
You can set up a profile so it is easier each time you log in to give, or you can donate as a guest user each time. Donations can be from a checking/savings account, or a bank card.

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



The next blood drives is  
**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)**





## HPC Calendar - 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
					6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b>  1-5pm IJC  6-10pm Potter's House	<b>LABOR DAY</b>  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
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>10am Worship (Live Stream) Communion</b>  1-2pm 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
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b> 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	1pm Ladies Bunko  4:30 Praise Team  6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House  8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	Youth Event 9:30-1:30 Rise Against Hunger  6-10pm Potter's House
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b>  1-pm IJC  6-10pm Potter's House	 Blood Drive 1:30-6pm  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team Session 7pm 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House  8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House



# OCTOBER

## HPC Calendar - 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 <b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	2 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	3 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	4 6:45 Choir	5 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6 6-8pm IJC	7 Youth Event 7pm-10pm Corn Maze 6-10pm Potter's House
8 <b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b> 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	9 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	10 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	11 6:45 Choir	12 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	13 6-8pm IJC	14 Naked Baby Clothing Swap 1:30-3pm 6-10pm Potter's House
15 <b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b> 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	16 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	17 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team Session 7pm 6-10pm Potter's House	18 6:45 Choir	19 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	20 6-8pm IJC	21 CRAFT FAIR 6-10pm Potter's House
22 <b>10am Worship (Live Stream)</b> 1-pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	23 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	24 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	25 6:45 Choir	26 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	27 6-8pm IJC	28 6-10pm Potter's House
29 <b>Service Sunday</b> 1-pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	30 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b> 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House				



# 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*

**Office hours: Tuesday- Thursday; 9:00-12:30 pm**

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