

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 Joanie Loepp

Village of Hope

Cindy Cunningham

Cindy Cunningham, the Founder and Director of Village of Hope Uganda, has ministered to children, teens, and adults for over 35 years. She previously served at Josh McDowell Ministries, African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM), and Youth for Christ. She has traveled to and served countries around the world, including Japan, Russia, Romania, Belarus, Congo, Sudan, Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda.

In 2006 her ministry position took her to Central & Eastern Africa, where she first visited Northern Uganda. It was hearing the stories of young children who were abducted and forced to become child soldiers and sex slaves, along with witnessing tens of thousands of lives devastated by war, that Cindy asked the question, "Lord, what do you want me to do"?

With a fervent passion and calling, Cindy founded Village of Hope to help abandoned orphans, vulnerable women and children traumatized by war find HOPE...hope experienced through having a home, an education, skills training, pastoral and medical care, discipleship, trauma counseling, micro-economic opportunities and most importantly, the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Cindy speaks on behalf of Village of Hope to churches, organizations and donors across the U.S. She visits Uganda 3-4 times a year to encourage the staff and leadership, plan strategic projects, manage programs and host mission teams. Cindy has served as Founder and Executive Director at VOH since its inception in 2007.

"Village of Hope - Where God transforms children of war into children of HOPE"



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We will be taking a special offering on Sunday, November 5th for Village of Hope.



Photo by Joanie Loepf

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

Allein Dehann	3	David Wisdom	12
Linda Redmond	7	Dennis Baker	16
John Wallace	7	Margaret Flaherty	30
Donna Bowen	7		

Anniversaries

Elaine and Dennis Baker 11



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

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 5
Guest Speaker
Cindy Cunningham

Sunday, November 12
"Come, Holy Spirit"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, November 19
"True Forgiveness"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, November 26
"Why 'Forever'
Isn't a Scary Word"
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Stewardship 2024

FIRM FOUNDATION

On Sunday, November 5th we will be dedicating our stewardship pledges. Please bring in your pledge sheet to church on November 5th.



Welcome
OUR NEW PASTORAL VISITOR
Rev. Phil Grawburg



Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton



Well hope all have had a nice summer but now we are ready for the fall and winter season with a lot happening with Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching. It is that time of year when the air gets crisper, the days get shorter, and for many kids and adults the excitement grows in anticipation of Christmas. Even the merchants are in that mode but Thanksgiving



seems to get pasted by. Thanksgiving does not get the focus and attention it should. It's fitting that Thanksgiving comes before Christmas, not because we need another



way to decorate with pumpkins, but because the Christian life should be marked by giving thanks. Thanksgiving is about being thankful. It's appreciating what we have and who is around us.

So, this holiday season, whether we are struggling or celebrating, whether we have lots or little, whether we prefer pumpkins or trees, let's give thanks together.

Psalms 107:8-9 - Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry



Help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Contact Nona to order a 6 inch pot for \$14. The proceeds go to American Association of University Women.

Order by Sunday, November 12th.

Missions

by Jill Appel

HPC is truly a giving congregation. Your giving has a real impact in our community and around the world. Dozens of kids received new coats and school supplies. Hundreds of people didn't go hungry and received a lunch and were given hygiene kits. Many families affected by abuse are able to get the necessary counseling they need. Hundreds of children in Uganda have and are receiving an education and the counseling they desperately need. Thousands of people around the world have received life saving medical care. People affected by natural disasters are getting their basic needs met. These are just a few of the amazing ways HPC is touching the lives of thousands of people around the world. Thank you HPC for supporting Missions.

THANK YOU FROM MISSIONS

January - September 2023

\$14,655.02 10% undesignated income
Presbyterian Special Offerings
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

\$7801.00 In Kind Giving - Items bought for
Sunday Service Projects, Coat
Drive, School Supplies

\$22,456.50 TOTAL



Baby Shower for Jesus

Children's coat, hat,
and gloves drive for
Northwest Children's
Outreach

Sunday, January 7th
Epiphany Sunday

We will start collecting
on Sunday,
December 31st.

**COLLECTING SIZES
NEWBORN - 18 YEARS**



Our annual children's coat drive is coming up. We will start collecting coats, hats, and gloves on Sunday, December 31st.

Missions Team will be meeting after service on Sunday, November 5th.

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

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org



Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

This year's stewardship theme is standing on the firm foundation of God.

Gary and I learned first-hand about having a firm foundation when we went to our nephew's wedding 2 weeks ago. They got married at Heart Lake in Bishop, California. To get to the lake, we had a mile and a half hike that started out at 10,000 feet elevation and climbed to 10,750 feet. There were many places along the way where our footing wasn't very secure. Fortunately, we had our hiking poles. We would use the poles to find a solid spot, plant the poles and then take a step on the rickety log or tipping rock.

And isn't that just how God wants us to be in our everyday life? Plant ourselves firmly in him, trusting him to keep us safe, and then take that scary tippy step forward.

We're planting our hiking poles on God and his word, knowing he is already at work preparing our new pastor's heart to want to be here at HPC.

Last year we asked for your help financially, and you gave it willingly. This year we again ask you to continue to support HPC. (OK, we're going to ask that every year - it's not like it's a surprise or anything!)

I'm excited to show you how much of a change you've made in our financial situation. We had more expenses than income and were drawing on our savings in 2022. This year, we have a net income.

	September 2022	September 2023
Income	\$124,669.05	\$188,897.51
Expense	(\$151,054.47)	(\$169,361.58)
	(\$25,739.85)	\$20,535.93

And here is what giving looked like one year ago, and then this year.

	Giving	
	September 2022	September 2023
Actual	\$109,011.09	\$146,549.95
Budget	(\$120,555.00)	(\$123,720.00)
	(\$11,543.91)	\$22,829.95
	Under by 10%	Over by 18%

Are you the most amazing people or what? Yay, God!

Most of you should have gotten the letter with the pledge card in it. If not, it should be there soon! It's so helpful for Session to have as many pledges as possible so we can create a realistic budget for the next year. We will be dedicating the pledges on Nov. 5th. If you aren't going to be here, you can mail in your pledge, or put it in the offering box. Cindy Thomas, our treasurer, is the only person that looks at these.

Thank you for your giving, thank you for the way I know you will continue to give, and mostly, thank you for being my wonderful church family.

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 September 10th and October 1st.
- Session welcomed Rick Harrison as an incoming elder (Discipleship/Education).
- Betty Grissett went home to Heaven on October 9th.
- Pastoral Transition:
 1. Session reviewed and approved the Stated Supply Pastor Position job description. It will be passed on to COM for posting.
- A Congregational Meeting will be scheduled for November 19th to elect new elders and deacons.
- Session approved Rev. Phil Grawburg as Pastoral Visitor. This will be effective after session has interviewed Rev. Phil.
- Stewardship drive has begun. Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for November 5th.
- Service Sundays in planning: October 29th - grounds cleanup. Plant flowers (bulbs) to be ready by Easter. Working with Orenco on joint service project - Rise Against Hunger (pack 10,000 meals). A backup project would be for people to bring a can of food.
- Cindy Cunningham (Village of Hope) will be here on November 5th. A special offering for Village of Hope has been authorized.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session

Fellowship Hour Help

We are looking for donations of baked goods (store bought or homemade), coffee creamer, and cold drinks.

If you would like to help set up and clean up coffee hour, contact Joanie.



Craft Fair

by Sue Dever

HPC Celebrates: A SUCCESSFUL FALL CRAFT FAIR! 2012 - 2023!!

Every year since 2012 (that's 12 years) HPC has hosted a Fall Craft Fair, opening our doors to all types of home artisans and inviting the Public to enjoy! And ENJOY they have! Isn't that just like God?! HE offers a creative talent, something we enjoy spending time on, and HE offers a venue to share with others. Not all vendors attend HPC, in fact, some of them may not even attend a church. But WE start the Sales Day in Prayer! We share our time, our talents, and (sometimes) our Faith. "They will know we are Christians by our Love"

Each year, even during our Closed-COVID year, we were able to send Vendor Space Rental fees & Offerings to support Village of Hope-Uganda (VOH)! During the worst of the Pandemic (2020), when all public gatherings were shut down, we had loyal crafters who wanted to make a difference! They sent their Vendor Space Rental Fees and when we had to cancel, the majority asked that their money be sent to VOH-Uganda. Most were not HPC attendees; just folks who wanted to make a difference. HPC gave them that opportunity.

The Craft Fair has changed over the years: Remember when Donna Hogan and Aunt Martha used to 'take over the kitchen' and provide snacks and lunch (multiple offerings) to hungry attendees [both vendors and their customers]?! We even enjoyed "Blue BBQ", a food truck vendor, one year after Donna/Don Hogan moved to the East Coast. Then HPC Bakers rolled up their sleeves and, WOW~!!! And when Bake Sale Organizers, Jill Cessna (2021/2022) and Nancy Johnson (2023) changed the Buying Rule to "Make a Donation!"?!

GOD MADE A WAY!! GREAT JOB!! WELL DONE, HPC Bakers!! Over the years, HPC sent over ~\$7,470 to Village of Hope-Uganda! 2023 Craft Fair Vendor Fees of \$962 was included in this total. In 2023, Bake Sale proceeds totaled \$938 for HPC Building Maintenance.

In 2023, HPC hosted 18 vendors (7 from HPC)! We hope you enjoyed Ben Appel's Wooden Snowflakes; Sandy McFerran's Epoxy tumblers/Mugs/Charcuterie Boards; Laura & Thad MacMillan's Spin-painting pictures/3D printed gifts; Tammy McVean/Jamie Floch's Wreaths/Halloween/Christmas Ornaments/Jewel-sparkle Bags; April & Dale Schroder's Bird Houses/Painted Rocks/Signs; Sue Dever's Bathrobes/Aprons/Sharks-Mermaid Indoor Sleeping Bags/Blankets; and Rick & Jacquie Harrison's [treasure trove] of crafts from VOH and Israel!

Special Thanks to Debbi Like (Publicity), Nancy Johnson (Bake Sale Chair), Jill Appel (Mission Elder), AND All of the Bakers/Supporters/Volunteers over the Years! Special Thanks to Steve Dever, Configurer Extraordinaire!

Times are changing...but one thing remains the same: Our GOD Reigns! We appreciate, enjoy, and THANK YOU! Thank you, HPC! We could not have done this without your support! It takes a Village.

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.



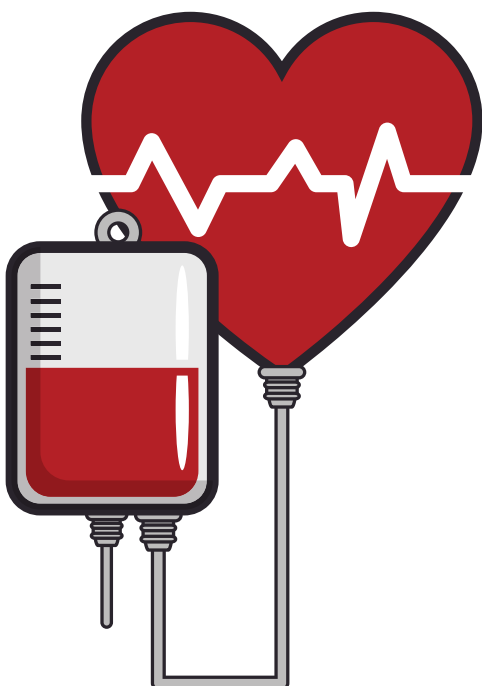
You can set up a profile so it is easier each time you log in to give, or you can donate as a guest user each time. Donations can be from a checking/savings account, or a bank card.

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



The next blood drives is
Monday, November 27th
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	3	4
			6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10am Worship Cindy Cunningham <i>Missions Meeting 11am</i> <i>Youth Event 6-8pm</i> 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6pm PSC 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	<i>Betty Grissett Celebration of Life Service 1pm</i> 6-10pm Potter's House
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10am Worship Communion 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	12pm Operations 6:45 Choir	10am Worship Meeting 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10am Worship Congregation Meeting 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6pm PSC 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team Session 7pm 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	THANKSGIVING 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
26	27	28	29	30		
10am Worship 1-pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	 Blood Drive 1:30-6:30pm 6pm PSC 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA		

December



HPC Calendar - 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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					6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
10am Worship ³ Communion 1st Sunday of Advent <i>Chili Cookoff - decorate the church</i> 1-5pm IJC Youth Event 6-8pm 6-10pm Potter's House	4 6pm PSC 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	5 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6 6:45 Choir	7 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	8 6-8pm IJC	9 6-10pm Potter's House
10 10am Worship 2nd Sunday of Advent 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	11 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	12 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	13 6:45 Choir	14 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	15 6-8pm IJC	16 6-10pm Potter's House
17 10am Worship 3rd Sunday of Advent 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	18 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	19 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	20 6:45 Choir	21 8pm AA	22 6-8pm IJC	23 6-10pm Potter's House
24 10am Worship 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Worship 5pm 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	25 CHRISTMAS 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	26 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	27 6:45 Choir	28 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	29 6-8pm IJC	30 6-10pm Potter's House
31 10am Worship New Year's Eve 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House						

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

Session:

Jill Appel	Missions
Dana Gale	Stewardship
Rick Harrison	Education/Discipleship
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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