

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 Jill Appel

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Kelly Dickson is an ordained Presbyterian PC(USA) who has served in a variety of ministry roles over the past 20 years. She completed her Masters of Divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, CA) and Bachelor's in Communication Studies at Westmont College (Santa Barbara, CA). Kelly recently participated in a Transforming Community with Ruth Haley Barton's Transforming Center, a two-year spiritual formation program for pastors and ministry leaders. She founded a non-profit called, Shalom Collective, a ministry that nourishes faith leaders across denominations and differences by providing year-long quarterly rhythms of nourishment, rest and connection. Kelly and her husband of 19 years, Dustin, have three children, Isaac (14), Kaelyn (11), and Ainsley (6). They are native Californians but have loved living in the PNW for the past 9 years.

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In college, Kelly was encouraged to memorize Ephesians 3:16-20 and since then, these words have shaped how she prays for her family and her ministry. "I love that the shape of the cross is detailed in the description of the love of Christ—wide and long and high and deep. I used to hold my babies and pray this verse over them before tucking them in and it continues to be a prayer I have prayed over each ministry I have been a part of. I ask that you too, church, pray that I will be strengthened with power through God's Spirit in my inner being as I lead worship and together may we discover the deep love of God for us."





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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

Robert Dehaan	2
Dave Wesley	7
Jill Appel	7
Cindy Thomas	29
Nancy Radcliff	30

Anniversaries

Lori & Dave Wisdom	5
Linda & Ron Rittenhouse	15
Sue & Steve Dever	23




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



Epiphany Sermon Series

“Good Question: Getting to Know Jesus Through the Questions He Asks”

Happy New Year, Hillsboro Presbyterian Church! I am honored and delighted to be your Bridge Pastor for this next season, and I am so looking forward to journeying together into 2024.

We are fast approaching Epiphany—a season in the church calendar when we celebrate the big reveal—Christ bringing (and being) the light of God to the world. Starting with the visit of the wisemen (January 6), then the baptism by John in the Jordan River, and that first sign of his divinity (turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana), Epiphany or “divine revelation” is a time when we name and celebrate that our mysterious God wants to be seen, heard, touched, and known.

We are going to spend the next seven weeks of Epiphany, getting to know our Jesus through the questions he asked. In scripture, Jesus asked 307 questions. The questions Jesus asked reveal what he cares about and why he came. Questions help us get to know one another better and they help us mine the depths and content of our own souls. Questions can reveal what we are or aren't ready talk about and they can bring to light truths we didn't even know we were hiding or ignoring. The kind of questions we ask expose the kinds of things we care about.

I look forward to walking this Epiphany road together and seeing what we discover about Jesus.

Pastor Kelly Dickson

Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton



Happy New Year everyone. Hope you had a great Christmas and are looking forward to this New Year. We can look back and thank God for all his gifts of love and faithfulness but now we can look forward to trust in God and have faith that he will guide us through this New Year with his strength and blessings.

God's got it under control. He's not going to let you down. He does have a plan for you! Let God guide you as we start this new year, take a little quiet time with God and know he is in control.

We would like to thank Lorie Wisdom for her gift of faithful stewardship as Deacon to HPC and our congregation. Lorie has served her term as Deacon and we thank her for the deep compassion, dedication and generosity she has shared.

We would like to welcome Greta Schindler to our family of Deacons. Greta has been very involved with HPC in the past as Elder, Deacon, Sunday school teacher, VBS volunteer, Quiet Waters Outreach volunteer, Presbytery Representative, Delegate to General Assembly, Hostess for Bible Studies and all the way back to Deacon. Thank you Greta for giving your time and support to our HPC congregation.

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepf

Happy New Year from your Events & Fellowship team! We will be starting off the year with our Epiphany Brunch and Baby Shower for Jesus on January 7th. The potluck will feature breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit and juice. I would appreciate knowing in advance what you'd like to bring so we know if we need to purchase any additional items. Please email me at hightea565@gmail.com In addition to this annual Epiphany event we will have the opportunity on the 7th to say goodbye, thank you, blessings and best wishes to our wonderful interim pastor, Brian Craker. Please join us on this special day and take the opportunity to chat with Pastor Brian and let him know what his time with us has meant to you. Following on the heels of this event, we will be welcoming our Bridge Pastor, the Rev. Kelly Dickson, at coffee hour the following Sunday. We are very excited to begin this time with her.



Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

I'm very pleased to tell you that Session passed a balanced budget for 2024. We were able to do this because you let us know what HPC can expect to receive from you during 2024.

Each year in January, HPC pays our national apportionment to the presbytery. The amount is based on the number of members in our congregation at the end of 2022. Our share for 2024 is \$3,739. This works out to be \$45.60 per member (not per household).

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.

We would love it if you would choose to give to HPC your apportionment amount of \$45.60. This is in addition to your regular giving, not instead of it.

This is where we are financially near the end of December. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$256,457	\$207,570	\$48,887
Total Expense	\$222,135	\$221,069	\$ 1,066
Net Income	\$ 34,322	(\$13,499)	\$47,821

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Missions

by Jill Appel

COATS for KIDS

*Baby Shower
for Jesus*

Bring in your coats, hat, and gloves for Northwest Children's Outreach

**COLLECTING SIZES
NEWBORN - 18 YEARS**

**Sunday, January 7th Epiphany Sunday
Epiphany Brunch following service and
Goodbye and Thank You to Pastor Brian.**



*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 continue.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on December 3rd.
- Pastoral Transition:
 1. Rev. Kelly Dickson approved as Bridge Pastor. Approved for term of 6 months.
 2. Pastor Search Team currently accepting applications for review.
- Asher MacMillan to be baptized on December 24, 2023.
- Pastor Kelly will preach on January 7, 2024. Pastor Kelly and Pastor Brian will serve communion together.
- Epiphany stars to be passed out during communion on January 7, 2024.
- Approved HPC 2024 Budget. Budget will be presented at the January Annual Meeting.
- "Rise Against Hunger" set for March 9, 2024, with Orenco Presbyterian. This will be the March Service Project (on Saturday). Want to do 15,000 meals. Will submit a grant request to Bethany Presbyterian Church in January.
- Session expressed their appreciation to Brian Johnson and John Stroeve for their service on session.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

We are looking for photos taken by member of the congregation to add to the Koinonia. If you would like to submit a photo, send it to Jill Appel.



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.

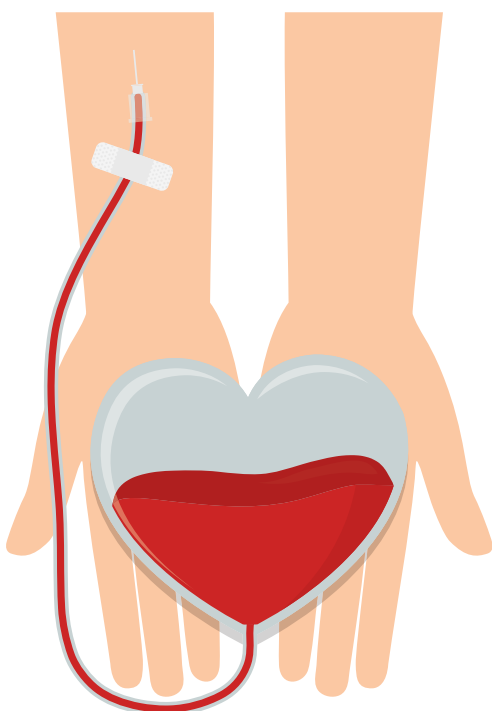


2. You may set up a regular "bill-pay" through your bank that will automatically send a check to the church.

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, January 29th

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)

January

HPC Calendar - 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA		8am-12pm Potter's House 6-10pm Potter's House
Epiphany Sunday 10am Worship Communion Baby Shower for Jesus 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	8	9	10	11	12	13
	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	6-10pm Potter's House
14 10am Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	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
21 10am Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
11:30-12:30 Deacons' 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
28 10am Worship	29	30	31			
1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	 Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir			



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3 8am-12pm Potter's House 1-6pm Potter's House wedding 6-10pm Potter's House
4 10am Worship Communion 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	5 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	6 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	7 6:45 Choir	8 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	9 6-8pm IJC	10 6-10pm Potter's House
11 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	12 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	13 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	14 ASH WEDNESDAY	15 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	16 6-8pm IJC	17 6-10pm Potter's House
18 10am Worship 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	19 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	20 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	21 6:45 Choir	22 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	23 6-8pm IJC	24 6-10pm Potter's House
25 10am Worship 1-pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	26 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	27 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	28	29 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm 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
Nona Scott	Worship
John McVean	Property
Joanie Loepf	Fellowship/Events
Sandy McFerran	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
Greta Schindler	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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