

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

Dearest Hillsboro Presbyterian Church!

I continue to feel so much gratitude for this kind and loving congregation. Thank you for the warm welcome and for all the ways you embody "church." I have been struck by the ownership each of you has in the many ministries of the church your willingness to offer your time and gifts to serve. Thank you.

As we enter into the month of February, we also enter into the season of Lent. On February 14, we will gather to celebrate Ash Wednesday. It feels particularly special that this year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, because we are able to pause as a church family and acknowledge together the truest and deepest form of Love... the sacrificial love of Christ Jesus.

During Lent, we intentionally turn our attention to our own frailty and become mindful of our need for grace and saving. It is a season characterized by darkness, fasting and confession. Sitting in the darkness can begin to convince us that we are alone. It can be easy to forget that there is and always will be another with us in the dark.

During the season of Lent, we will be starting a new sermon series called, "Dust and Breath: The Story of Lent." Starting with Genesis and moving on through the resurrection, we will reflect on the passages that reveal what the breath of God can do with mere dust. We will watch as the breath God repeatedly calls for life, healing and hope from something as useless as dust.

I am grateful for you and praying for you.
Pastor Kelly



dust
and breath

THE STORY OF LENT

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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

Thad MacMillan	3	Lita Lenz	16
Rick Harrison	4	Gary Gale	21
Donald Scott	6	John McFerran	21
Kevin Wisdom	6	Peggy Grawburg	28
Sue Dever	15		

**ALL
CHURCH
CLEAN-UP**

Saturday, February 24 - 10 am

A S H W E D N E S D A Y

Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 4

"How many loaves? Christ uses what little
we offer."

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sunday, February 11

"Peter do you love me? Christ redeems
what is broken."

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

"Made From Dust"

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sunday, February 18

"Dust to Breath"

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sunday, February 25

"Breath to Life"

Rev. Phil Grawburg



Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

While the modern celebration of February is most often associated with Valentines Day, the ancient world viewed it as a month of purification and renewal. February is celebrated as a time of transition marking the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Spring lingers in the air, we are invited to shed the old and embrace the new. February is also associated with love and relationships. I think February is a great opportunity to celebrate love, whether it be for family, friends or neighbors. Jesus said that people would know us by our love. So during this month of February lets concentrate on the importance of kindness, compassion, and forgiveness and to love more than

just on Valentine's Day. Welcome February with a new hope. Believe and have faith that God will carry you through. We aim to love like Jesus. Lets try to be as loving as Jesus by observing how he loves us.

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepf

This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. In the past we have had Lenten soup dinners each Wednesday during Lent. Based on attendance last year and comments from the congregation it became clear that the best plan forward is to have our soup dinner on Ash Wednesday but not on the following Lenten Wednesdays. Please join us on the 14th following the Ash Wednesday service for this special soup potluck (contributions of bread or rolls are also welcome). We look forward to seeing you there.



Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale



When I think of the song, "It is Well with My Soul", it helps me slow down and be quiet and listen for God. My star word for the year is serenity and I'm really working to slow down, be in the moment and listen for God. It's definitely a work in progress!

I mentioned last month that our per capita assessment per member for this year is \$45.60. Please prayerfully consider giving this amount to HPC as an "over and above" your regular giving donation.

We ended 2023 on a positive note financially. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$260,185	\$207,570	\$52,615
Total Expense	<u>\$224,585</u>	<u>\$221,069</u>	<u>\$ 3,516</u>
Net Income	\$ 35,600	(\$13,499)	\$49,099

Missions

by Jill Appel

If you would like to be a part of Missions, join us after service on Sunday. February 25th.

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



Meal Packing Event

Saturday, March 9th | 10am - 1pm



food • community • sustainability

Hillsboro Presbyterian and Orenco Church are coming together for a meal packing event.

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



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 January 7th.
- Pastoral Transition:
 - Placed ads in some publications and on-line services. Waiting for more applicants.
- Selected Rick Harrison as 2024 Presbytery Delegate.
- Trustees/Corporate officer nominees (Gary Gale as President, Steve Dever as Secretary, and Dana Gale as Treasurer) to be voted in at annual congregational meeting.
- Treasurer nominee (Cindy Thomas) to be voted in at annual congregational meeting.
- Elected Gary Gale as Clerk of Session for the term of 1 year.
- Nominated Joanie and Sandy as co-chairs of 2024 Nominating Committee. Additional members to be nominated and voted in at annual congregational meeting.
- Lectio Divina study to start January 21st. It will be on the Gospel of Mark.
- Planning a potluck for Ash Wednesday (Ash Wednesday/Valentine potluck?). Will not do Lenten soup dinners this year.
- Roof leaks continue to be worked on. Lighting in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to be replaced. Lift to access lighting was cancelled due to weather issues. Will reschedule when weather permits. Request to modify seating in Sanctuary to accommodate mobility seating.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session

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.

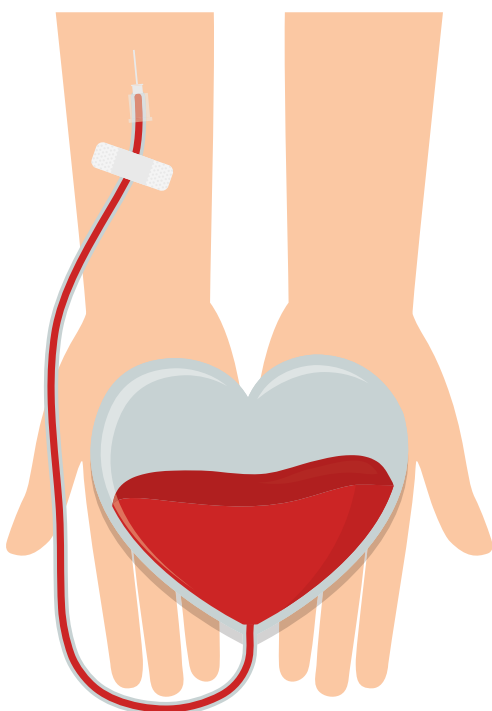
We hope the option of donating online helps many of us who don't carry checks or cash every day, but still want to financially support HPC.

A large, vibrant yellow flower with a green stem and leaves, positioned behind the 'Thank You' text.

Thank You
for
your generous
DONATION

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, March 18th

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)




February

HPC Calendar - 2024

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 11-1 New Elder Training 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 Potter's House Prayer Worship 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 Service and Potluck	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 1pm Ladies Bunko 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 10am Church Clean-Up 6-10pm Potter's House
25 10am Worship 11am Mission Committee 1-2pm 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



HPC Calendar - 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
					6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10am Worship Communion		4:30 Praise Team		6-10pm Potter's House		Missions RISE AGAINST HUNGER 9am-3pm
1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10am Worship		4:30 Praise Team		6-10pm Potter's House		11am-4pm Naked Baby Clothing Swap
1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10am Worship (Live Stream)	 Blood Drive 1:30-6pm	1pm Ladies Bunko		6-10pm Potter's House		6-10pm Potter's House
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	8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am Worship Palm Sunday	HOLY WEEK				GOOD FRIDAY	
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
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10am Worship EASTER						
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
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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