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HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**JULY/AUGUST
2026**

PASTOR MESSAGE

**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS**

**HAPPY FOURTH
OF JULY**

**SABBATH SUNDAY
BREAKFAST**

Photo by: Nancy Johnson

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!

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Happy 4th of July

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Gary Redmond	11
Sonya Baker	18
Laurie Pearson	18
David Gonnason	19
NJ Smith	31

August

Liz Wallace	1
Ben Appel	4
Andrea Wastier	11
Jason Bradley	18
Jaquie Harrison	21
Kevin Williams	24
Laura Cunard	25
Greta Schindler	26

Anniversaries

July

Linda & Gary Redmond	2
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August

Joanna & Bill Swanson	3
Rachel & Todd Guevara	5
Liz & John Wallace	14
Jill & Mike Appel	16
Jackie & Keith Upton	16
Stephanie & Bruce McVean	19
Sandy & John McFerran	20

PASTOR MESSAGE

Rev. Rachel Guevara

My parents raised us camping and traveling. We didn't go to far off worlds; instead, we traveled the West Coast, stopping at National Parks and campgrounds. Both love the outdoors and passed that along to us three kids. We went on several road trips over the years: from Nevada up into the Pacific Northwest, from Nevada down to beautiful Yosemite, and we even saw the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and many other sights.

But our road trips always held the unexpected! And the surprises weren't always positive. The stories have become infamous; there was the time the suitcases flew off the car on I-5, the time the trailer caught on fire ... stories for another time!

Imagine taking a road trip with Jesus. What would that look like?! As some of you take your own road trips this summer, we depart on a three-week sermon series called "Road Trip with Jesus." Todd will cover one of those weeks, while I am on my own road trip with my dad for five days this July.



After that, I'm looking forward to preaching through "The Gift of Confession, The Road Home." As Christians, we know God forgives our sins because of the grace we receive through Jesus Christ, so why do we confess in prayer? Why is this a part of our worship services, and should it be part of our daily prayers? What is corporate confession? And do we need to "confess" to and forgive one another? Finally, what is the relationship between confession and celebration? Be sure to join us as we look at powerful scriptures, including the story of the Prodigal Son, this August.

It is a joy to worship with all of you each Sunday. As we continue to connect with one another and with Our God, I give thanks for the gift of fellowship; God knew the power of our relationships with one another and set things up this way! As always, if you desire a visit or have a need, please reach out. It is important to me we each feel connected to HPC, and we continue to work at ways to do that. A big thank you to all of our volunteers, Deacons, and Elders, for all that you do.

I am praying for each of you,
Pastor Rachel

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Congratulations, New Members!

Welcome to new members who joined HPC in June: Monte and Nancy Davis, Teresa Morse, and Grace Stramel. We are so glad you are with us! If you are interested in pursuing membership or learning more about HPC, please reach out to Nancy, in the church office.



Sabbath Sunday Breakfast, September 6

In a departure from the last few years, we are trying something new on Sunday, September 6th, so please save the date! Yes, there is worship on Labor Day weekend! And we're especially excited for our first "Sabbath Breakfast Sunday." On this Sunday, we'll remember the busiest church is not necessarily the most successful church. God sets apart a day for us to rest, and on this Sunday, that means our tech teams, band, ushers, and so many who lead worship and prepare slides or a bulletin every Sunday of the year get the day off! Worship will be in the fellowship hall, and we'll enjoy a simplified and thoughtful service of worship, while sitting next to friends (and eating pancakes!). We invite you to save the date and to rest from your labors with us; come as you are, and invite a friend, if you'd like.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July

Sun 5th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Wisdom Deep and Wide Psalm 145:8-14 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Sun 12th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Road Trip with Jesus: A Call to Follow Isaiah 52:7-10 Matthew 4:18-25
Sun 19th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Road Trip with Jesus: Beyond Familiar Boundaries Isaiah 56:1-8 Matthew 15:21-28
Sun 26th	Rev. Todd Guevara Road Trip with Jesus: The Road to Glory Exodus 17:8-13 John 11:1-44



August

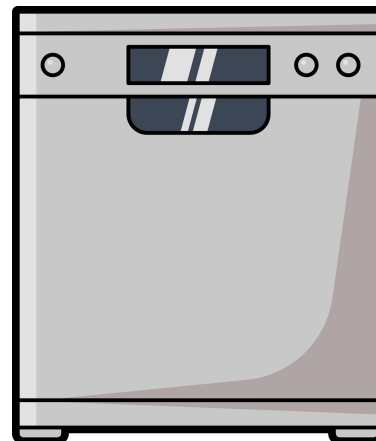
Sun 2nd	Rev. Rachel Guevara The Gift of Confession, the Road Home: Coming Home to God Psalm 32 John 21:15-19
Sun 9th	Rev. Rachel Guevara The Gift of Confession, the Road Home: Coming Home Together Nehemiah 9:1-3 1 John 1:5-2:2
Sun 16th	Rev. Rachel Guevara The Gift of Confession, the Road Home: Coming Home to One Another Genesis 45:1-15 James 5:13-20
Sun 23rd	Rev. Rachel Guevara The Gift of Confession, the Road Home: The Joy of Coming Home Zephaniah 3:14-20 Luke 15:11-32
Sun 30th	Rev. Rachel Guevara



FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

by Elaine Baker

This summer a new commercial dishwasher will be installed in the HPC kitchen. Our previous machine broke down in early 2020; when we gradually returned to meeting in person, we began using disposable serving ware out of necessity. Now with activity steadily growing, it's the right time to replace the dishwasher. This new equipment will support expanded events and future hospitality needs. Once the team is fully trained and the dishwasher is up and running, we will begin phasing out disposable cups and plates. We will return to using our good dishware and silverware for most gatherings while still keeping paper hot-beverage cups and lids regularly available. A heartfelt thank-you goes to everyone who contributed special donations to make this project possible.



JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

Join us for coffee, tea, and a treat after service.



If you haven't tried the Fellowship coffee hour after worship on Sundays, add it to your list! It is a terrific way to get to know folks. The cookies alone are worth the visit...just ask the guys who got homemade cookies for Father's Day. Offerings include coffee, tea, lemonade, cheese, crackers and fruit, as well as desserts. Donations for coffee hour are greatly needed and appreciated. If you would like ideas of needed items please see Nancy.

Stay tuned for details about an upcoming barbecue, which will be held in celebration of our confirmands becoming members.



PROPERTY

by Steve Dever

HPC Property Project Status

**THANK YOU to all the helping hands
that keep the church property in good shape.**

Sanctuary Upper Window leaks

The upper windows leaks appear to have been stopped. Will continue to monitor.

Kitchen Dishwasher Replacement.

Want to thank those who donated funds for replacing the dishwasher.

We have a total of \$7000. It looks like the \$7000 will cover the total cost.

We have started the process of ordering and installing the dishwasher.

Our plan is to complete the project by the end of July-2026.

Playground Chip replenishment

New CEDAR PLAYGROUND CHIPS were installed at the end of April-2026.

Building Shingled roof replacement

We have put this project on hold until 2027.

The roof on the church is over 30 years old and is showing its age as some of the shingles are delaminating. They are not leaking currently.

- We have started investigating the cost to replace all the shingled areas of the roof.
- We are also investigating the cost of hiring a consultant to help us identify the specs for a new roof and help us select a contractor for the job, as we did when we replaced the flat roof areas.

Pump Shed Replacement

Jason Appel's Eagle project completed the rebuild of the Pump Shed Saturday 9-May-2026.

THANK YOU JASON for organizing and completing this project.

MISSIONS

by Sue Dever

The May 31st Food Bank Drive for St. Vincent dePaul was a Success!

HPC folks are KNOWN as Givers, and YOU did not disappoint!

When we delivered our 'over-stuffed' pickup load on June 1, the Food Bank estimated \$400 worth of In-Kind Donations as well as \$200 worth of Health Products! In early May, as part of HPC's Quarterly Mission Donation/Giving, HPC provided ~600 lbs of Canned Goods and Paper Products.

Steve and I were given a tour of the Food Bank and saw the walk-in refrigerator and freezers as well as the container storage and kitchen/food prep areas. With Bulk food/product donations, items are repackaged for distribution to help more families. This includes pet food! One of the things we noticed were LOTS of EMPTY shelves. We all know that but it's something else to SEE it! The number of families needing assistance this year has significantly increased from last year. We also learned that this Food Bank, like HPC, makes sandwich lunches for Project Homeless Connect.

The Volunteer Coordinator at St. Vincent's Food Bank extended his personal "THANK YOU to HPC" for our efforts. He noted that Food Bank Volunteers "don't have to be Catholic" and can be anyone "who would like to help."

Opportunities to Give

Any Time: Food Collection Fresh Produce, Dairy Products, Baked Goods, Meats, Juice, Canned goods, rice/pasta/Masa/flour, cereal/oatmeal, oils/shortenings, spices

Month of July: Northwest Children's Outreach **Hygiene products for school-age children**

August 23: Back-to-School Supplies including Backpacks - **NEED BY August 23!!**

In lieu of our Regular 5th Sunday Activity (due to early-need request)

Saturday, October 3: *RISE AGAINST HUNGER!!* Members of HPC and Old Scotch will meet at Bethany Presbyterian Church, working together for a start-to-finish meal assembly experience to combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a packet of 18 vitamins & minerals into life-changing meal packages. This is a 1-Day, 3-hour event. The food stores easily, transports quickly, and has a long shelf-life to help meet the immediate nutritional needs of people facing food insecurity.

Saturday, October 24: HPC Craft Fair & Bake Sale supports Village of Hope!! Contact Sue Dever or Nancy Johnson if you are interested in participating. We still have space open! **Sign-up is easy, just click Craft Fair Registration Online Form and follow the instructions.**

October 14 thru October 28: A team for Village of Hope Uganda may be including HPC members. Plans are still being worked out to travel to Uganda (Lord willing) for mission work there for the Villages of Hope. Two of our members have indicated interest joining that Team. More on that later. Please pray for God's leading as great work continues there. Also, Please see Rick Harrison if you are interested in a copy of Cindy Cunningham's book "Fierce Hope". This book is wonderful and shows God's grace and miracles that are beyond the words used to describe.

HPC gives 10% of our Undesignated Income to Missions

by Sue, Dana, Chris

We will resume our Fall schedule on the second Saturday of the month, beginning on October 10th.

A man and a woman are posing for a photo with a person in a full Mandalorian costume. The man on the left is wearing a blue jacket over a black t-shirt featuring a Star Wars character. The woman on the right is wearing a blue patterned jacket. The Mandalorian is holding a red blaster. In the background, there are other people and signs, including one that says "Hippobility".



WORSHIP

by Nona Scott

Have you ever wondered why the hangings and the pulpit clothes change in the Sanctuary? Is there a reason or is it simply the whim of the Liturgical Arts Commission? The answer is: The Presbyterian Church has a Liturgical Calendar which has 7 distinct periods throughout the year. This calendar always begins with the first Sunday of Advent. It occurred to me that not everyone attending our services knows about the Liturgical Calendar or the accompanying color changes. So, beginning with Trinity Sunday, which is the first Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Rachel put in the bulletin an explanation of the white drapings on the pulpit and the communion table. Following that, we enter a period of "Ordinary Time" which uses green as it/s primary color. Moving forward, each time the decor in the Sanctuary changes there will be an explanation included in the bulletin.

Worship has so many parts. The people that make our services so special are there Sunday after Sunday and often receive little recognition. Please take a moment to thank the people who are greeting you at the door and those who are in the back of the Sanctuary running the slides, monitoring the audio and making sure all is going out on a live stream for our online viewers. Also thank the members of the Praise Team. They are there week after week providing Praise music that enhances the service. Please thank Jill Appel for the magnificent slides. Each week she makes sure that we have visually pleasant slides to help us follow and participate in the service. Don't forget to thank Pastor Rachel who makes sure all these parts are working together and provides us with thought provoking sermons week after week.

I'm going to take this space to thank the congregation for their outpouring of thanks and appreciation, expressed in cards and verbally, when I announced my retirement as choir director of the HPC choir. Your sentiments were greatly appreciated and warmed my heart. I'm excited to see how this ministry evolves. If you have thought about joining the choir but haven't been sure, this fall would be a perfect time to give it a try. Watch the announcements for more information on when choir will start in the fall.

As always, if you have comments, both praise and concerns, about the many parts of the worship service, please don't hesitate to share them with me.



**WHO'S YOUR
DEACON?**

A-E Tammy McVean	R-S Jacquie Harrison
F-K Sandy Fulk	T-Z Dennis Baker
L-Q Todd Guevara	

EDUCATION

by Rick Harrison

Beginning September 13th, the Sunday morning Bible Study will be taking on a study of the book of Revelation. The Study Series will be called: The Revelation – Seven Blessings Imparted of Seven Churches. If you have had interest in this great and marvelous Revelation, but were maybe a bit afraid or overwhelmed by the imagery, please don't miss the exciting blessings that the Lord himself promised when reading it. Watch for further announcements.



HPC ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available and ready to use for your convenience!

There are several ways you can donate online:

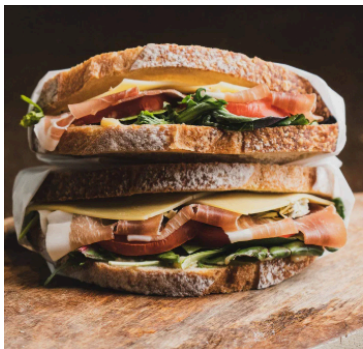
1. Download the free "Vanco Mobile" app on your iPhone or Android
2. Scan the QR code to the right.
3. Go to our website; www.hillsboropres.org and click on the "donate now" button.



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.



Fellowship Lunch Sunday.

July 19th

August 16th

Contact Donna for more details.



Find Us on Social Media and the Web!

You may have noticed we are updating our profile online, recognizing those who look for a church to visit often look online first! We appreciate your help as you familiarize yourself with some of what we have updated and have to offer. These are resources for you and for your family or friends.

HPC Website

<https://hillsboropres.org/> Did you know you can find our online service at the top of our website? You are able to watch it live here and also connect to our channel on YouTube this way, where past services are listed. Pastor Rachel has a blog on this website, and we are refreshing many pages, including new info about our worship services and what we believe, as well as a page pointing to our ministries. Thank you for your patience as we get it all fixed up! And thank you to the website team, who updates it. We appreciate you!

HPC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HillsboroPresbyterianChurch> If you have a Facebook account, be sure to connect with us. This is a public page and it is now updated regularly. (The account which only reads "Hillsboro Presbyterian" is not public and is not updated regularly.) Check out our Facebook at the web address above, as this is just one way visitors will find us. This is not, of course, for private or internal communications like prayer requests. You can also review our church on Facebook, and we would appreciate it as the reviews there are very dated. Look toward the top of the public profile - Hillsboro Presbyterian Church - and click on "reviews."

HPC Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro_presbyterian_church/ Our HPC Instagram account is also back up and running and is updated regularly. "Follow" us there if you are on Instagram.

HPC Youth Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro_presbyterian_youth/ We also have an Instagram page for our youth group, and if you have an account, you are welcome to connect with us there.



HPC Calendar - 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 1:30 Agape Grief Group summer celebration 8pm AA	3 6-8pm IJC	4 Happy 4th of July IDJC celebration
5 9am Bible Study 10am Worship Communion 1-5pm IJC	6 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	7 4:30 Praise Team	8	9 8pm AA	10 6-8pm IJC	11
12 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC	13 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-5:30pm 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	14 4:30 Praise Team	15	16 1:30 Agape Grief Group 8pm AA	17 6-8pm IJC	18
19 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 11:30 Deacons' Fellowship Lunch 1-2pm IJC	20 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	21 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team	22	23 8pm AA	24 6-8pm IJC	25
26 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 1-5pm IJC	27 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	28 4:30 Praise Team	29	30 8pm AA	31	



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16 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 11:30 Deacons' Fellowship Lunch 1-2pm IJC	17 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	18 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team Session 6 pm at Pastor's	19	20 1:30 Agape Grief Group 8pm AA	21 6-8pm IJC	22
23 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC	24 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	25 4:30 Praise Team	26	27 8pm AA	28 6-8pm IJC	29
30 9am Bible Study 10am Worship Service Sunday 1-2pm IJC	31 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA					

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

Rev. Rachel Guevara
Nancy Johnson
Laura Cunard

Donald Scott
Olivia Dolan

Pastor
Office Assistant
Worship Music Leader
Choir Director
Custodian
Ministry Intern

Deacons:
A-E Tammy McVean
F-K Sandy Fulk
L-Q Todd Guevara
R-S Jacquie Harrison
T-Z Dennis Baker

Session:

Sue Dever
Rick Harrison
Jason Bradley
Nona Scott
Steve Dever
Elaine Baker
Sandy McFerran
Gary Gale

Missions
Stewardship
Education/Discipleship
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*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.*

Ministers: The Members

"God is able"

Ephesians 3:20

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

Thank you for reading!

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