

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



Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Pastoral Transition Update

We are just a few months into our pastoral transition time and wanted to provide an update on the process so far.

We are thankful to have located an interim pastor so quickly, and to have Pastor Brian join us in leadership in September. As we had mentioned previously, he is serving on a one-year contract, which can be extended if needed. The timing of his arrival in the fall meant that our initial focus needed to be on the Stewardship Drive and setting the budget for 2023. With these steps now completed, the Session will be able to turn our attention toward the next steps of our pastoral transition.

Earlier this year the Vision Team was able to complete their work and submit their Vision Report to Session. Session will be reviewing that report at our Session retreat in January, prayerfully discerning our options and communicate with Presbytery about potential next steps. Once we have clarity, we plan to share those next steps with the congregation by this Spring, including a potential timeline for beginning our new pastor search. We plan to continue providing updates about our pastoral transition process both in worship services and in the Koinonia. The Session greatly appreciates your continued prayers during this time of transition, reflection, and dreaming.

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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

Jenny Sabo	2
Marie Chambers	5
Keith Upton	5
Mike Appel	11
Dale Fulk	29



Many thanks to Keith and Jackie Upton for continuing to bless us with a beautifully decorated bulletin board in the narthex. As last year, if you would like to give a card to your church family, please feel free to pin it to the board in the narthex.

Nancy Johnson

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





Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 4
hEART- When the Angels
Speak (Zechariah)
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, December 11
heART: Songs of Advent
(Elizabeth, Mary)
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, December 18
HEart-Stories of Christ from the
Mission Field
Carly Powne

Saturday, December 24 (5pm)
Christmas Eve
HEART-Lessons and Carols
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, December 25th
Pre-recorded
From Pasture to Passion

Sunday, December 31st
Pre-recorded
From Pasture to Passion

Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

Well here it is December already. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. We the Deacons pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I would like to remind you we are wanting to display your Christmas cards on the bulletin board in the narthex. We have done this in the past and enjoyed reading all them. Just bring your homemade, store bought or hand written card, grab a pin and post it on the board. This is a great time to think about Jesus and the reason for the season. It is not all about the decorations, the parties we attended, the gifts that are bought and exchanged but someone's birthday and that someone is Jesus. Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus. Let's celebrate the miracle, the joy and the wonder of Christmas together. Finally, don't miss our Christmas Eve service at 5 PM on December 24th. Invite your family and friends. We would like to welcome Sue Dever to our Deacon family as Jeanie Morgan and Jill Cessna complete their terms of service. Thank you Jill for your commitment these last 6 years leading our Deacons and being there for our members of the congregation. You are a blessing. Thank you Jeanie for your contribution keeping in contact with so many people and giving your time. You are also a blessing. In the next few weeks we will have a Deacon meeting and adjust our member list and get that out to all of you. In the mean time please don't hesitate to check in with any of the Deacons with concerns, questions, prayer requests or just to say hi. We are here for you and glad you are here with us.



Cheerfully in Christ

Keith Upton

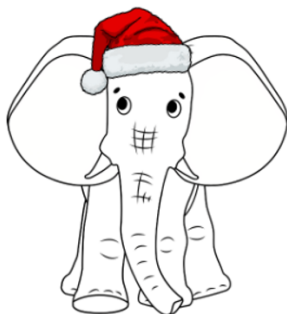
The lighthouse of the Lord beacons to all as we sail the seas of life.

Education

by Jenny Sabo

Four Presbyterian Churches (Hillsboro, Bethany, Orenco, and Old Scotch) are joining forces to provide a monthly youth event for their kids grades 6th-12th.

Westside Presbyterian Youth Collaboration



White Elephant
Gift Exchange

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

6-8PM

OLD SCOTCH CHURCH

30685 NW SCOTCH CHURCH ROAD

DINNER IS INCLUDED!

Please bring 1 wrapped gift (that costs no more than \$7) for the White Elephant gift exchange. EVERYONE will receive a Christmas gift to take home that isn't part of the exchange, so you get 2 gifts!

PLEASE PARK IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. DO NOT PARK ON THE ROAD.

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

Christmas greetings from your Events & Fellowship team. I want to take this opportunity to thank the team for the support, ideas, time and effort this year. I also want to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us to do so in 2023. You would be most welcome. Feel free to connect with me if you'd like to participate this way. Another sincere thank you is to the Deacon team and the Johnsons for each hosting a coffee hour each month. If you would be interested in being a coffee hour host, please let me know. I will gladly walk you through it and assist in any way I can. And finally,



a blessed Christmas season to you all. We look forward to sharing it with you.

Blessings,

Joanie Loepp

Events & Fellowship Elder

FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org

Missions

by Jill Appel

This Advent season we will be focusing on four deserving organizations. All donations to the Advent Special Offering will be split equally among these four groups. With this special offering we will be gifting our church the gift of paint, our community will receive a gift for the Oregon Food Bank, our nation will be helped through the Presbytery's Christmas Joy Offering, and we will be helping our world by helping

Carly Powne with a donation to Firm Foundation in Christ Ministries. You can choose to donate online, using the Advent Special Offering envelopes near the offering box, and/or bring in food for the Oregon Food Bank.

Advent Special Offering

November 27-December 24

A gift for our church, our community, our nation, and our world.

100% of donations will be equally divided among these respected charities.

Interior
Paint for
HPC



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

FIRM
FOUNDATION
IN CHRIST
MINISTRIES
Carly Powne



In January we will have our annual Baby Shower for Jesus. This is a children's coat drive benefiting Northwest Children's Outreach. We will be collecting coats sizes newborn through age 18.

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 continuing.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on November 6th.
- Christmas Eve service will be lessons and carols at 5pm. No communion. Christmas morning and New Year's morning will be pre-recorded micro services.
- There was a request to use green hymnals for Advent/Christmas.
- Combining Alternate Gift Market, Three Tables of Joy, and Christmas Joy offering into one Advent Special Offering. The Advent Special Offering will be divided equally among several mission outreaches: 1. Special gift for the church (building paint?). 2. Food for the Oregon Food Bank. 3. Presbytery Christmas Joy. 4. Firm Foundation in Christ Ministries.
- Second annual Chili Cookoff after the service on November 27th.
- Westside Presbyterian Youth Collaboration (Hillsboro, Bethany, Orenco, Old Scotch): Meeting December 11th, 6-8pm at Old Scotch Church. White Elephant gift exchange.
- Leak in Fellowship Hall fixed. Manse thermostat replaced. Hedge row being trimmed. Building use request for bike training in parking lot. Decided to decline the use of the HPC kitchen for Dog-O-Licious. Deep Within Therapy to start using half of Youth Room.
- Session adopted the HPC 2023 budget.
- Congregational meeting November 20th to elect elders (Jill Appel and Dana Gale) and deacons (Keith Upton and Sue Dever). Will install elders and deacons December 11th.
- Annual Congregational meeting set for January 22, 2023 after church service.
- Pastor Search update: Session will be reviewing the Vision Study Report after the first of the year. At that point, a mission study for HPC will need to be completed (possibly using portions of the Vision Study) to be presented to Presbytery. Then the Pastor Nominating Committee can be formed. Please be patient and allow the process to work. In the meantime, enjoy the gift of our Interim Pastor.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,
Gary Gale Clerk of Session

American Red Cross



Our upcoming blood drive is:
December 27th 1:30-6pm.

For an appointment please visit:
[Redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)
Use Sponsor Code: HPC97123
or
Call 1-800-RED-CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)

Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

Here is the current update on our stewardship time. Last year, our pledged income for 2022 was \$160,740. This year, our pledged income for 2023 is \$164,960. That is an amazing 2.5% over last year.

I'd like to add a few other facts to that: we've had people move throughout the year - to heaven, to other states, to other places. The loss of their contributions was significant. What makes this stewardship time even more amazing is your generous increase in pledges not only covered those contributions but put us ahead on income over last year!

Amazing people, amazing God!

And this is where we are financially for the month of November (through November 20th).

Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income.

Monthly Income \$ 10,503.97

Monthly Expenses \$ 17,209.38

Net Income (Loss) \$ (6,705.41)

We had to pay approximately 3 months into Pastor's Pension account to get caught up with the new pastor. That was about \$5,350. It will now be \$2,250 per month. We had money in checking to cover this so didn't need to move money from savings this month.

Overall, from January 1st to November 20th our financials are:

Total Income \$ 152,112.50 Total Expenses \$ 170,756.26

Net Income (Loss) \$ (18,643.76)

Our projected income and expenses for the rest of the year are:

Income \$ 14,730.00

Expenses \$ 12,252.98

Net Income \$ 2,477.02

Very nice to project income for the last month of the year!

As the song said: remember to "count our blessings and name each gift".

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.



December


HPC Calendar - 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 8pm AA	2 6-8pm IJC	3
4 10am Worship (Live Stream) 2nd Sunday of Advent 1-2pm IJC	5 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	6 4:30 Praise Team	7 6:45 Choir	8 8pm AA	9 6-8pm IJC	10
11 10am Worship (Live Stream) 3rd Sunday of Advent Installation of Elders Youth Event at Old Scotch 6-8pm 1-2pm IJC	12 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	13 4:30 Praise Team	14 6:45 Choir	15 8pm AA	16 6-8pm IJC	17
18 10am Worship (Live Stream) 4th Sunday of Advent 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	19 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	20 4:30 Praise Team	21 6:45 Choir	22 8pm AA	23 6-8pm IJC	24 Christmas Eve Service 5pm
25 Pre recorded service, watch online with your family. CHRISTMAS 1-2pm IJC	26 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	27  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 4:30 Praise Team	28	29 8pm AA	30 6-8pm IJC	31

JANUARY



HPC Calendar - 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Pre recorded service, watch online with your family. New Year's Day 1-2pm IJC	2	3 4:30 Praise Team	4	5 8pm AA	6 6-8pm IJC	7
8 10am Worship (Live Stream) Baby Shower for Jesus 1-2pm IJC	9 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	10 4:30 Praise Team	11 12pm Operations	12 8pm AA	13 6-8pm IJC	14
15 10am Worship (Live Stream) 1-2pm IJC	16 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	17 4:30 Praise Team	18	19 8pm AA	20 6-8pm IJC	21
22 10am Worship (Live Stream) 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	23 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	24 4:30 Praise Team	25	26 8pm AA	27 6-8pm IJC	28
29 Service Sunday 1-2pm IJC	30  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	31 4:30 Praise Team				

Choir Director *Nona Scott*
Worship Music Leader *Laura Cunard*
Custodian *Donald Scott*
Office Assistant *Nancy Johnson*

Worship: Sunday, 10am

Session:

<i>Jill Appel</i>	<i>Missions</i>
<i>Dana Gale</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
<i>John Stroeve</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Jenny Sabo</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>John McVean</i>	<i>Property</i>
<i>Joanie Loepp</i>	<i>Fellowship/Events</i>
<i>Brian Johnson</i>	<i>Operations</i>

Office hours: Mon—Thurs; 9:30-1pm

Deacons:

A-E Tammy McVean
F-G Nancy Johnson
H-L Jeanie Morgan
M-R Jill Cessna
S Lori Wisdom
T-Z Keith Upton

*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

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