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HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**NOVEMBER
2024**

**PASTOR
MESSAGE**

ACTS 4:32-34

STEWARSHIP SUNDAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

Photo by Jill Appel

PASTOR MESSAGE

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Dear HPC Family,

October has flown by! In October, we completed our sermon series on James and started our series on Acts, our roof has been 95% repaired and new HVAC's installed, our church family celebrated the precious life of Dale Fulk and you gave me a most surprising and memorable Pastor Appreciation Tea Party. I continue to be so grateful for you all. What a joy it has been to be a part of this church family.

As we conclude our Stewardship Campaign, I invite you once again, to read and reflect on our key passage from Acts—the passage that has anchored us to our theme of GRACE for this campaign (Acts 4:32-35). It is God's grace that has brought us to where we are today as a church, and it is God's grace that invites us join God in what God is up to in community in the year ahead. What from the passage stands out to you? Do you sense an invitation in the passage?

*32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.
33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all
34 that there were no needy persons among them." Acts 4:32-34*

This coming **Sunday, November 3 is Stewardship Sunday**. If you have not yet decided to pledge this year, bring that decision before God and ask the Spirit of Love and Grace to show you how you have been invited to contribute as a member of this congregation this year. Consider prayerfully, "How am I invited to embody and extend God's grace to this community this year?" And as we turn the corner into election week, may our voting and consumption of the election news be guided by that same question: How am I invited to embody and extend God's grace this election? In my voting? May our decisions and actions this week stem from postures of listening first to the voice of Wisdom, Love, Kindness and Peace and not from any one candidate or political party.

And as we approach Thanksgiving, I want to continue to challenge our entire congregation to try to **name three "graces"** each day that you have experienced (whether in a journal or aloud or by taking pictures like I do). Name or capture in images the small or large moments where you experienced God's kindness, gifts or blessings. Our attention to gratitude and giving thanks naturally turns to joy when we are committed to seeing and naming the ways God has extended grace to us! So let us give thanks!

Grateful for you!

-Pastor Kelly

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!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

What Is The Church For? BOOK OF ACTS

Sun 3rd Rev. Kelly Dickson
Communion

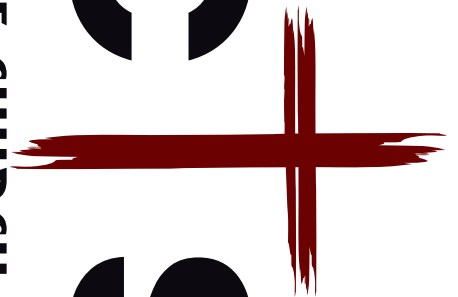
Sun 10th Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sun 17th Rev. Rachel Stramel
Guevara

Sun 24th Rev. Kelly Dickson

WHAT IS THE CHURCH FOR?

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MISSIONS NEWS

by Jill Appel

THREE TABLES OF

JOY



During this advent season we will have our 3 Tables of Joy. We will be collecting

1. **Toys for children in need.**
2. **Food for the food bank.**
3. **Money for the food bank.**

Our annual children's coat drive is fast approaching. We will be collecting coats on January 5th, Epiphany Sunday. The coats will be donated to Northwest Children's Outreach.

COATS for KIDS

YOUTH

by Jill Appel



SACRED STEWARDS

by Dana Gale



This Sunday, November 3rd, we will be bringing our pledge cards to give to God. Since everything comes from God, I should say we are giving back to God.

The Session had a wonderful half day retreat at the Wesleys' home, and we are grateful for their willingness to have us there. It was a time to be silent and listen for what God would say to

us. After our silent time, we gathered to share what we heard.

Each month when Session meets, we take care of the business portion of running the church. We also are careful to listen to any direction God has for us to follow. The Session will finalize next year's budget at our next meeting. We covet your prayers as we seek to do God's will at HPC.

Thank you.

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$210,252	\$178,703	\$31,549
Total Expense	\$152,720	\$163,136	\$-10,416
Net Income	\$57,532	\$15,567	\$41,965

DEACONS BEACON

by Keith Upton

November is associated with reflection and spiritual preparation for the winter months. It symbolizes giving thanks for all we have received throughout the year. Gratitude is the act of giving thanks to someone or something other than yourself. November is a great time to reflect on your spiritual path for the coming year. We seem to skip November and Thanksgiving going right to December and Christmas. Thanksgiving seems to get passed by. It 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.



HELP US DECORATE OUR *Christmas Trees*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AFTER SERVICE

**DECEMBER 1ST
FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT ACTIVITIES -
CRAFTS, FOOD,
AND DECORATING**



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 October 6, 2024.
- Dale Fulk memorial service to be held October 19, 2024, at 2pm.
- Congregational meeting October 20, 2024, to elect elders and deacons.
- December 1, 2024, is the First Sunday of Advent (A Weary World Rejoices – Sanctified Art).
- Pastoral Transition:
 - Committee will listen to a new candidate at a neutral pulpit this month.
- Roofing project update: Project underway. Making good progress. Will present pictures of progress.
- First Sunday in Advent we will decorate trees, have a potluck, and do a Sing-along. Also celebrate birthdays. Will post a list of kitchen basics people can bring and donate. Will send out an email regarding HOP's tickets for next season.
- Hedge by playground cleared. Minor repairs around the church. Custodian is doing a good job cleaning.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 1st
Youth Event
Bethany Pres, 6 pm

Sunday, November 3rd
Communion

Saturday, November 9th
Nake Baby Clothing
Excahnge
1-3pm

Thursday, November 28th
Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 1st
First Sunday of Advent
Tree Decorating

Sunday, December 8th
Second Sunday of
Advent

Sunday, December 15th
Third Sunday of
Advent

Sunday, December 22nd
Fourth Sunday of
Advent

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25th
Merry Christmas

Tuesday, December 31st
New Year's Eve

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.



**Charities HPC
Supports**

Regular Giving
HPC gives 10% of
undesignated income
to missions.

NOVEMBER

HPC Calendar - 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
					6-8pm IJC	9am-3pm Potter's House 6-10pm Potter's House
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10am Worship Communion 1-5pm 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	Naked Baby Clothing Exchange 1-3pm 6-10pm Potter's House
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10am Worship 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	12pm Operations 6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10am Worship 11:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 7pm Session 6-10pm Potter's House	6:45 Choir	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	3-10pm Potter's House Wedding
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am Worship 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House		THANKSGIVING	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House



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<p>1</p> <p>10am Worship Communion 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6-8pm IJC 8pm AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30 Praise Team</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:45 Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6-8pm IJC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am-3pm Potter's House</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10am Worship 2nd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6-8pm IJC 8pm AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30 Praise Team</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:45 Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6-8pm IJC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10am Worship 3rd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>11:30-12:30 Deacons'</p> <p>1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6-8pm IJC 8pm AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:30 Praise Team 7pm Session</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:45 Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6-8pm IJC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10am Worship 4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p>1-pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6-8pm IJC 8pm AA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45 Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6-8pm IJC</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Service Sunday</p> <p>1-pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6-8pm IJC 8pm AA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:30 Praise Team</p> <p>6-10pm Potter's House</p>				

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 Loepp Fellowship/Events
Sandy McFerran Operations

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

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Tammy McVean A-E
Sue Dever F-K
Nancy Johnson L-Q
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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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