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HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER
2024

**PASTOR
MESSAGE**

**ACTS:
WHAT IS THE CHURCH FOR?**

**UP COMING
EVENTS**

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

**STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN**

**GOD'S GRACE WAS SO
POWERFULLY AT WORK**

Photo by Jill Appel



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Becky Wilson	27

October Anniversary

Dana & Gary Gale	8
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PASTOR MESSAGE

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Dear HPC Family,

I love the season of fall in Oregon. As a native Californian, I became so accustomed to two seasons...warm season and hot season. This morning, I walked my neighborhood with a friend and gave thanks for the arrival of the crisp fall air and the changing colors in the leaves above my head. The seasonal changes also prepare me for the rhythms that shift in the life of the church as we move into stewardship season and then shift again into Advent.

As we head into October, we will be concluding our sermon series on the book of James which we have labeled, Faith that Works. James has invited us to examine our discipleship honestly and has challenged us to consider the ways we talk, think and act through the lens of Christ's heart for the world. We have been encouraged to seek the alignment of our words and actions. Together, we have wondered, "what does it look like to live out our faith in a way that considers the needs of others...even when we don't agree or align? Is our discipleship more "me"-oriented or others-oriented? Do we love and serve others as a means to an end, or in response to the Divine persuasion of a loving God?"



In October and November, we will be asking the question, "What is the church FOR?" and we will seek answers to this question in Acts. More often than not, any mention of the church these days brings to mind a building...but we know a building is not required for the people of God to gather and be the church. So then, what is the church for...or what is the purpose and mission of the gathered people of God...us? Let's explore the answer to that question together. The book of Acts will be our guide through Stewardship season, and we have selected the following passage as our theme for our stewardship campaign:

*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. ³³With 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 ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need." **Acts 4:32-35***

The word that I regularly use to describe the HPC church family is grace—which is why we chose this verse to be our theme for this year's stewardship campaign. The meaning of this word "grace" in the Greek is kindness, gift or blessing. The source of grace is always Christ Jesus, so we look like Jesus when we extend grace to others.

I want to challenge our entire congregation to try to name three "graces" each day that you have experienced (whether in a journal or aloud) in the month of October. Name the small or large moments where you experienced God's kindness, gifts or blessings, and then ask God how God might be inviting you to be God's extension of grace to others around you as well. May our gratitude be as abundant this fall as the leaves falling to the earth!

Grateful for this church family.

—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	6th	Rev. Kelly Dickson World Communion Sunday
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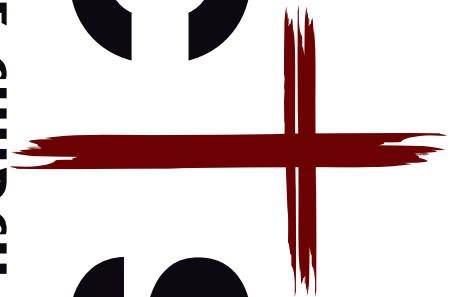
Sun	13th	Rev. Kelly Dickson
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Sun	20th	Rev. Kelly Dickson Congregational Meeting
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Sun	27th	Rev. Kelly Dickson
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WHAT IS THE CHURCH FOR?

ACTS





YOUTH

by Jill Appel

If you have a middle or high schooler that would like to join the youth please talk to Jill Appel.



MISSIONS

by Jill Appel

Thank you everyone for helping make sack lunches for Blanchet House. We were able to make 165 lunches for those in need.



SACRED STEWARDS

by Dana Gale

Happy Fall!

I've been reading a devotional book called Good Enough by Kate Bowler. In it, I've found many nuggets to think on, pray on, and let simmer inside me. She has this quote that I want to share:



“To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.”

--Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude

Being grateful is an action and is something we have to do consciously. It isn't always automatic. Let's try to start or end our day with a thought of gratitude.

As always, this is where we are financially as of the end of August. Income includes pledges, offerings, building use income, interest income, and designated income. (The donations for the Raise the Roof campaign are not included in these figures.)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$195,981	\$158,515	\$37,466
Total Expense	<u>\$129,153</u>	<u>\$144,933</u>	<u>\$-15,780</u>
Net Income	\$66,828	\$ 13,582	\$53,246

DEACONS BEACON

by Keith Upton

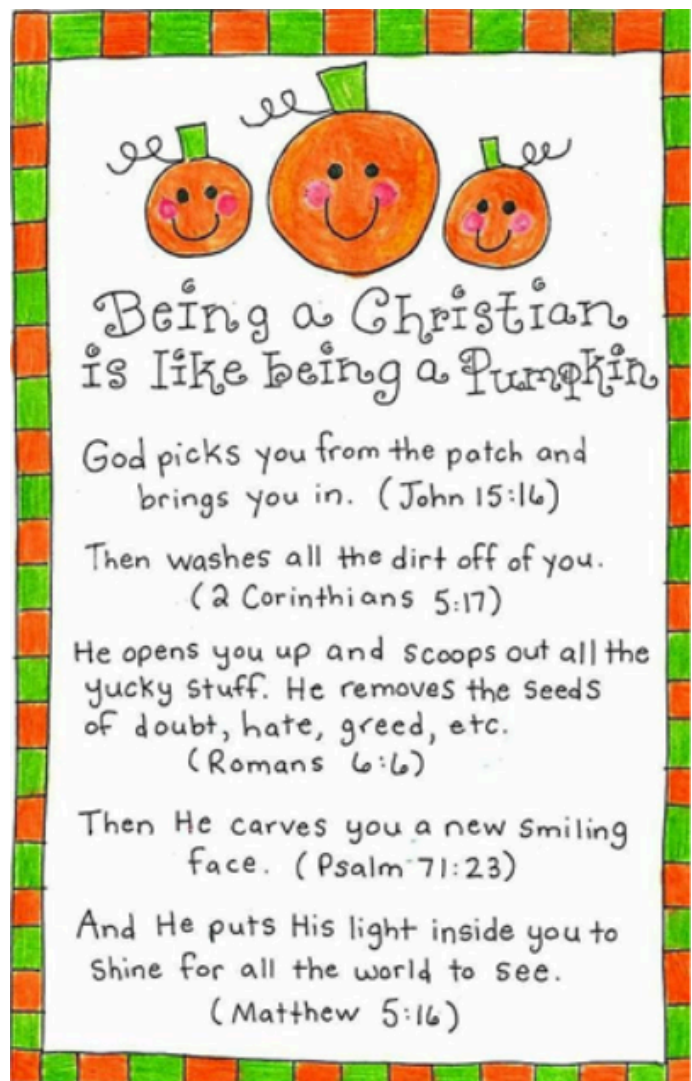


Wow, we are now ready for the fall and winter season. There is a lot coming up with Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching but first we have to get through Halloween. It's a time of year when the air gets crisper, the days get shorter, and for many kids the excitement grows in anticipation of the darkest, spookiest holiday of the year along with carving their favorite face on a pumpkin. Pumpkins are associated with harvest time and the fruitful abundance of nature. As you may know, the fall season is when many crops, including pumpkins, are harvested.

This connection to Earth's bounty serves as a reminder to apply this principle to your own spiritual life. By prioritizing your spiritual development and reaping the benefits of your hard work, you too can celebrate the satisfaction of a bountiful "harvest."

There is a parable about a farmer that picks out a special pumpkin from his garden, and scoops out all the messy "goo" to make room for his light to shine from inside. In the same way, God's transforming love can fill each of our hearts with joy and light.

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. (1 John verse 5)
Have a safe and spiritual Halloween.



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 offsite at Ecumenical service at First Congregational UCC Hillsboro on September 1, 2024.
- David Rive Thomas baptized on August 25, 2024.
- Dale Fulk passed away on September 16, 2024.
- Budget draft reviewed and discussed.
Researching some budget items. Will be discontinuing the directory ad in the newspaper.
- Class on letter of James going well. A good turnout.
- Potluck for October 6th. Bread (and soup) Potluck for World Communion Sunday.
- Service Sunday on September 29th. Building lunches for Blanchet House.
- Youth events: September 21st – Rise Against Hunger; other youth events planned through next May.
- Choir to start September 18th.
- Pastoral Transition:
 - Still looking for the right candidate. Will listen to a new candidate at a neutral pulpit in October.
- Roofing project update: Waiting for contractor to start project. Estimate start to be in late September now.
- Nominating Committee: Two elder candidates and 1 deacon candidate selected. Will hold congregational meeting in October to elect these nominees.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 5th
Youth Event
Corn Maze, 5:30 pm

Sunday, October 6th
World Communion

Tuesday, October 15th
Session Retreat

Tuesday, October 15th
Ladies Bunko, 1 pm

Saturday, October 19th
Memorial Service

Sunday, October 20th
Congregational Meeting
After Service

Sunday, November 2nd
Youth Event at
Bethany Presbyterian

Sunday, November 3rd
Communion Sunday

Saturday, November 9th
Naked Baby Clothing
Exchange

Tuesday, November 19th
Ladies Bunko

Tuesday, November 19th
Session Meeting

Thursday, November 28th
Thanksgiving

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.



October

HPC Calendar - 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	2 6:45 Choir	3 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	4 6-8pm IJC	5 9am-3pm Potter's House Youth Event 5:30pm 6-10pm Potter's House
6 10am Worship World Communion 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	7 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	8 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	9 12pm Operations 6:45 Choir	10 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	11 6-8pm IJC	12 6-10pm Potter's House
13 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	14 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	15 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team Session Retreat 6-10pm Potter's House	16 6:45 Choir	17 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	18 6-8pm IJC	19 Memorial Service 6-10pm Potter's House
20 10am Worship Congregation Meeting 11am 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	21 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	22 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	23 6:45 Choir	24 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	25 6-8pm IJC	26 6-10pm Potter's House
27 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	28 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	29 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	30 6:45 Choir	31 HALLOWEEN 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA		

NOVEMBER



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					1 6-8pm IJC	2 9am-3pm Potter's House Youth Event 6-10pm Potter's House
3 10am Worship Communion 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	4 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	5 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6 6:45 Choir	7 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	8 6-8pm IJC	9 1-4pm Naked Baby Clothing Exchange 6-10pm Potter's House
10 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	11 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	12 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	13 12pm Operations 6:45 Choir	14 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	15 6-8pm IJC	16 6-10pm Potter's House
17 10am Worship 11:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	18 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	19 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 7pm Session 6-10pm Potter's House	20 6:45 Choir	21 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	22 6-8pm IJC	23 6-10pm Potter's House
24 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	25 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	26 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29 6-8pm IJC	30 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 Loepp Fellowship/Events
Sandy McFerran Operations

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

Deacons:

Tammy McVean A-E
Sue Dever F-K
Nancy Johnson L-Q
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Keith Upton T-Z



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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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