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PASTOR MESSAGE

FAITH THAT WORKS:
A STUDY IN JAMES

SERVICE SUNDAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

UPCOMING EVENTS

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September Anniversary

Laura & Thad MacMilan	5
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PASTOR MESSAGE

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Dear HPC Family,

Last week, we concluded our 3-month sermon series "Praying the Psalms." It is my hope that at least one of Psalms we explored has taken root in you and has given voice to the prayers you long to bring to God. Whether you are in a season of orientation, disorientation or reorientation, God is near and invites you to share what is on your heart and mind.

Similarly, I have been so grateful to receive many of your reflections on the summer book discussion through Rich Villodas' *A Deeply Formed Life*. I hope the experience reading the book and discussing it as a community both challenged and encouraged those of you who participated. I suggested this book because I knew it had content that would stretch our community and invite us to further implement transformative spiritual practices.

As we head into fall, we will be turning our attention toward both personal and communal discipleship. In our September sermon series, *Faith that Works*, we will explore what personal discipleship looks like according to the book of James. How do we faithfully walk with Jesus during hardship? When we disagree with others? When we feel one way but know we should act another? How do we align our hearts and minds as we walk with Jesus? Let's talk about faith that works...

In October and November, we will be asking the question, "What is the church FOR?" and we will seek answers to this question in the book of 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.

Finally, in the heart of our series on Acts, we will kick off Stewardship season and consider how our giving is deeply connected to both our individual and communal discipleship.

On a personal level, this summer my son received his driver's permit so use caution on the roads now. My kids are all officially launched back into school and while I love them so much, I am SO grateful to have a bit of quiet in our home again.

It continues to be a joy and honor to serve as your Bridge Pastor. I am praying for you and am so grateful to be a part of this community for such a time as this.

-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

FAITH THAT WORKS: A STUDY IN JAMES

Sun 1st

10:30 am
Ecumenical Communion Service
First Congregational Church
494 East Main Street, Hillsboro

Sun 8th

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sun 15th

Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sun 22nd

Laura Fuller

Sun 29th

Rev. Kelly Dickson
Service Sunday

FAITH THAT WORKS

A Study in James

MISSIONS NEWS

by Jill Appel

Let's put together 125 sack lunches for the Blanchet House for Service Sunday on Sunday, September 29th. The Blanchet House is a nonprofit social service organization located in Old Town Portland. They make a difference one relationship at a time, through food, clothing, and supportive housing programs. They believe everyone deserves dignity, hope, and community.



American Red Cross



Hillsboro School District was very thankful to receive over 35 backpacks, 20 zipper binders and boxes of school supplies. These supplies are given to students in need and will allow them to engage in lessons and grow as learners.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

The Presbyterian Church has four special offerings that help the church share Christ's love with people around the world. Starting September and ending on World Communion Sunday, we give to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This special offering helps provide resources to help the church promote peace and address systems of conflict and injustice.

The Indy TenPoint Coalition is a program helping to reduce violence on the streets of Indianapolis by shining the light of Christ on their streets. Money and support is also given to help stop human trafficking in Madagascar, support refugees in camps throughout the world, and dismantling structural racism. These are just a few of the many programs supported by Peace and Global Witness.

I invite everyone to open up your Bible and read Zechariah 8:12. How are you helping sow the seeds of peace?

EDUCATION & DISCIPLESHIP

by Rick Harrison

The New Testament Letter of James

“Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:4 (NIV)

SEPTEMBER 8th. After Worship Service and Fellowship. We are starting a new Bible Study. Rick Harrison will be facilitating the study. Each Bible Study will be tracking along with Pastor Kelly’s sermons on the Epistle (Letter) of James.

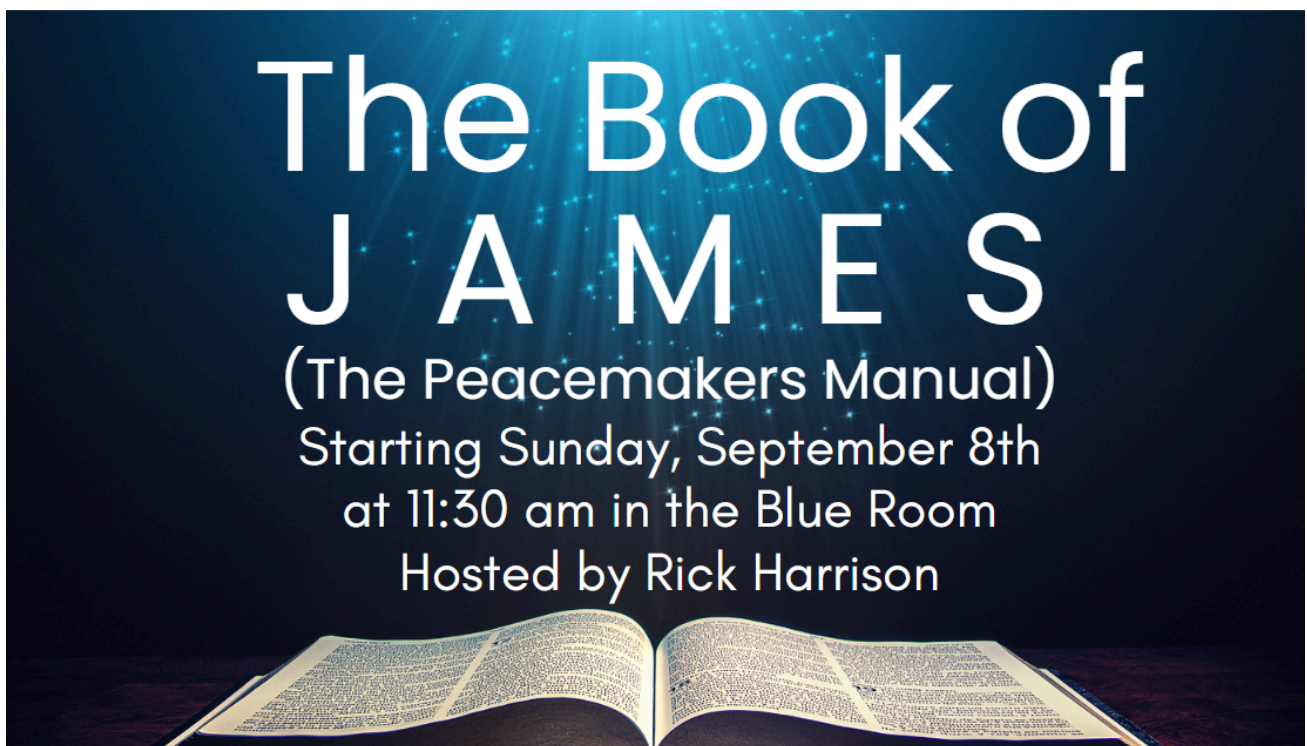
We will explore the background for the writing of James and we will explore the chapters and verses in context for prayer and application in our lives.

PEACEMAKERS – Remember Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”. Come see how James addresses conflict.

James challenges his readers greatly. A personal genuine declaration of faith is to be followed with actions. Just as John the Baptizer said, “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance”. (Matthew 3:8) There is so much to learn from James. Come join us!

Rick Harrison

HPC Elder – Education and Discipleship.





SACRED STEWARDS

by Dana Gale

We've had a lovely summer of worship, haven't we?

The combined service on August 18th was amazing – so much love for God and each other overflowing the building, the streets, our hearts!!

And we start the month of September worshipping with more believers than just our own congregation. It makes my heart smile and sing with such great reminders that we can leave our differences and our styles of worship at the door and just worship God together. God Is Good.....All The Time.

This is where we are financially as of the end of July. 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	\$176,795	\$138,326	\$38,469
Total Expense	\$116,548	\$130,649	\$-14,101
Net Income	\$60,247	\$ 7,677	\$52,570

FELLOWSHIP & EVENTS

by Joanie Loepp

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our joint church service and BBQ a success. I hope everyone who attended or watched online got something special out of the experience. We have a related loaves and fishes "situation" in that we have quite a few leftover (uncooked) hamburgers and we'd like to celebrate the beginning of the Fall season with a burger lunch in Fellowship Hall following the service on

Sunday, September 8th
Hamburger BBQ
AFTER WORSHIP

September 8th. Everything will be provided. Please join us to welcome in this new season enjoy one more HPC BBQ experience!

Blessings,
Joanie Loepp
Events & Fellowship Elder



DEACONS' BEACON

by Keith Upton

Wow summer time is coming to an end and fall is in the air. Vacations are winding down and kids are back to school. I hope all have had a wonderful summer. What does this all mean for our church in the coming months? September is a time to regroup and reconnect with our christian beliefs and communities. Get involved with church activities, start attending regularly, and begin to feel the spirit of God in our hearts and minds. Keep that beacon of light shining so that we can always see where we are going in our Christian faith and let that light shine to keep us from hitting those rocky roads ahead. Lets take time this month to seek wisdom and guidance from God, knowing that He will help us every step of the way.



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 July 7th and August 4th.
- Fall sermon series: September will be on James from the lectionary. October and November will be on Acts. Advent in December.
- Fall Sunday School class to follow Pastor Kelly's sermon themes (James and Acts). Class to start September 8th. Will offer class after service and fellowship time.
- Choir to start September 18th.
- Dave Thomas baptism scheduled for August 25th.
- Ecumenical Worship service at First Congregational UCC on September 1st.
- Laura Fuller will be preaching on September 22nd.
- Service Sunday on September 29th. Building lunches for Blanchet House.
- Youth events: September 21st - Rise Against Hunger; October 5th - Pizza then corn maze at Sauvie Island.
- Pastoral Transition:
 - Still looking for the right candidate. Interviewed one new candidate.
 - Roofing project update: Signed contract with roofing company. Work scheduled to start in September. Contacted ServPro for bid on inside restoration work.
 - Nominating Committee still looking for one elder candidate.
 - Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session

YOUTH

by Jill Appel

HPC's youth get together once a month with three other Presbyterian Churches. In September we will join with Old Scotch for their Rise Against Hunger Event.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 1st

Ecumenical Communion
Service, 10:30 am

Sunday, September 8th

Hamburger BBQ
Bible Study, 11:30 am

Monday, September 16th

Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 17th

Ladies Bunco, 1 pm

Tuesday, September 17th

Session Meeting, 7 pm

Wednesday, September 18th

Choir, 6:45 pm

Saturday, September 21st

Youth Event, Rise
Against Hunger

Sunday, September 29th

Service Sunday -
Sack Lunches for
Blanchet House

Saturday, October 5th

Youth Event, Corn Maze

Sunday, October 6th

World Communion Sunday

Tuesday, October 15th

Ladies Bunco

Tuesday, October 15th

Session Meeting, 7 pm

Sunday, December 1st

First Sunday of Advent

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.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The next blood drives are

Monday, September 16th

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)





HPC Calendar - 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 10:30am Ecumenical Worship 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	2 LABOR DAY 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	3 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	4	5 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6 6-8pm IJC	7 9am-12pm Potter's House 6-10pm Potter's House
8 10am Worship 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	9 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	10 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	11	12 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	13 6-8pm IJC	14 6-10pm Potter's House
15 10am Worship 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	16  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	17 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 7pm Session 6-10pm Potter's House	18 6:45 Choir	19 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	20 6-8pm IJC	21 Youth Event 6-10pm Potter's House
22 10am Worship 1-pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	23 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	24 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	25 6:45 Choir	26 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	27 6-8pm IJC	28 6-10pm Potter's House
29 Service Sunday 125 Sack Lunches for Blanchet House 1-pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	30 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA					



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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-O
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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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