# KOINONIA HILLSBORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PENTECOST/ SPRING 2025

## PASTOR MESSAGE

SYNC: OF ONE MIND IN JESUS A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

PENTECOST

SERVICE SUNDAY SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH BLANCHET HOUSE

**HELLO SUMMER** 

# 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!

## **PENTECOST/SUMMER** 2025

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**CALENDAR** 

The 2025 Directory will be coming out soon. Please e-mail or call the church office to let Nancy know if you'd like the directory e-mailed to you or if you'd like a copy printed out. The directory is not shared on the website or sent in a group e-mail.

## **Birthdays**

## May

Dave Radcliff	
John McVean	2
Dean Jones	3
Jeanie Morgan	4
Candice Stroeve	5
Debbi Like	7
Tammy McVean	8
Lori Wisdom	11
Jill Cessna	23
Arianna MacMillan	24
Lois Martz	30

## June

John Stroeve	2
Linda Rittenhouse	4
Elaine Baker	49
Brian Johnson	22
Jason Appel	23

## <u>Anniversaries</u>

## May

Peggy & Phil Grawburg	3
Cindy & Dave Thomas	7
Jacquie & Rick Harrison	9
Debbi & Thomas Like	14

## June

Tammy & John McVean	6
Lisa & Bob Stebe	9
Candice & John Stroeve	25
Chris & Dave Wesley	29

## PASTOR MESSAGE Rev. Rachel Guevara

Church Family and Friends,

HPC's vision statement certainly resonates with me: "for all to experience that God is able to do more by His Spirit at work within us." It speaks to living life with fullness and with purpose, both privileges of a life lived following Christ.

The Apostle Paul writes to the church at Corinth when he says:

You yourselves are our letter [of recommendation], written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter of Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts (2 Corinthians 3:2-3).

Learning who you are – and watching you serve – has been such a delight and privilege in the last several weeks. As a congregation, you are a testament to what God is doing through you by the Holy Spirit. You're the recommendation letter for the work of the Spirit!

I have been your pastor since March 1, and it has been such a celebratory time of worship and fellowship through Lent, into Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, and now as we begin a new month and look forward to Pentecost and the summer season. I am astonished by the number of hats several of you wear, and your excitement and anticipation are infectious. God is good! All the time. And we rejoice in what God is doing in our midst.

And while very busy, we are not without focus. In the last two months I have spent much time preparing worship, as HPC remains intentional about our services on Sunday mornings. I have used that time together to also speak of the life of the church, communicate vision, and identify what God is doing. As your pastor, Sunday mornings are my primary method of communication to you.

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I have also been able to visit some of you – or you have stopped by the office – to hear your stories, memories, and hopes. This has been a rich time and continues; please always feel free to reach out to me to schedule a visit or to talk. Our time in ministry together began as a whirlwind, with a few youth group gatherings already under our belts, an invitation to an annual women's retreat for our congregation, an upcoming new member's class, quarterly men's breakfasts, and even the reopening of our nursery for young children. Read on in this newsletter for details on these events. Some of what you have missed in the last several years returns, in new wineskins, and all for the sake of fellowship, discipleship, and getting to know one another as a congregation.

There has also been much administration, as the session and I continue to practice good stewardship of our beautiful church building, as the staff and I adjust to (and love!) working together, and as volunteers, elders, and deacons collaborate.

Thank you for your patience as I continue to settle in. Please know my door is open to you, and I am excited to get to know each one of you as we serve and care for this community. I'm thrilled to be back in Hillsboro, and my family – Todd, Grace, Zoe, Samuel, and Rebekah – is also thankful for the incredibly warm welcome, joyful worship, and new home.

Grace and peace to you, Rachel



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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

# SYNC: OF ONE MIND IN JESUS CA Study in PHILIPPIANS

## May

Sun	4th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Sync: Of One Mind in Jesus
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Sun	11th	Mother's Day Sync: Of One Mind in Jesus One Body, No Excuses
Sun	18th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Sync: Of One Mind in Jesus Gathering a Tribe
Sun	25th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Sync: Of One Mind in Jesus Keep on Rejoicing

## June

sun 1st	Rev. Rachel Guevara Sync: Of One Mind in Jesus the Secret of Being happy
sun 8th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Pentecost The Gift of the Spirit
sun 15th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Father's Day Telling My Story: I Remember and Realize
Sun 22nd	Rev. Rachel Guevara Telling My Story: I See and Learn
sun 29th	Guest Preacher Telling My Story: I Hope and Know Service Sunday

# **BIBLE STUDY** Book of Philippians

Sundays after worship in the **Yellow Room.** Hosted by Rick

# **MISSIONS NEWS**

There are a lot of things happening with Missions.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare and serve breakfast on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for Homeless Connect's 1-Day Event! Thanks to your hard work, we used 9 dozen eggs to make several large breakfast casseroles and over 265 people were served at this event. Your generosity made a real difference in the lives of our neighbors – thank you for showing such care and kindness. there's a place for everyone to serve – we hope you'll be part of it!

Looking ahead, we have two exciting Service Sundays coming up – and we would love for you to be part of them!

Our first Service Sunday will be in June, where we'll continue our partnership with Blanchet House by making 100 lunches for those in need. Blanchet House has expressed their deep gratitude for our past efforts, and we are thrilled to keep that momentum going! A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall beginning in June – we hope you'll jump in and help make a difference. Then in August, we're planning a kid-focused project to support children and families as the new school year begins – stay tuned for more details!

And that's just the beginning – we've got even more exciting service opportunities launching this fall! There's a place for EVERYONE to jump in,

make a difference, and be part of something bigger.

Let's do this together -"We are the hands and feet of Jesus, called to love and serve those in need."

CHARITIES WE SUPPOR At HPC, we joyfully dedicate 10% of all undesignated income to support missions around the world. Beyond financial giving, we are committed to making a difference through in-kind donations and hands-on service, living out our mission to bless others and spread hope. MEDICAL H9ME PL©TE NORTHWEST AN CHILDREN'S PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

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# Coming Soon: Grumpy Life Skills Day for Youth, grades 6 - 12

We're planning a special event for our youth – Grumpy Life Skills Day – right here at HPC! It'll be a fun and practical time where our young people will learn essential life skills in a down-to-earth way. Date and details coming soon!

## Youth Westside Collective BBQ

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers, join us for a BBQ at Orenco Church (6420 NE Oelrich St.) on Sunday, May 25th from 4–6:30pm, meet us there and we'll hang out with kids from Old Scotch, Orenco, and Bethany. Bring a towel, swimsuit or change of clothes, and be ready for outdoor fun! See you there from 4–6:30pm.



## Youth Group Almost End-of-Year Breakfast

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers, join us for an (almost!) End of the Year Breakfast here at HPC! We'll meet on Saturday, May 10th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am for waffles, bacon (did someone say bacon?), juice, and lots of fun. The youth from Old Scotch will join us as we play a few games and make some plans. We know it's a Saturday – wear your PJs if you must! See you then!

# MEN'S GROUP

## Men's Pancake Breakfast – May 3rd

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM at HPC

Join us for a morning of coffee, pancakes, and fellowship! This is a great opportunity to connect, share stories, and reflect on what truly matters in life. Whether you're new or have been with us for a while, come and be part of something meaningful. Have questions? See Todd Guevara.



"The worship to which we are called in our renewed state is far too important to be left to personal preferences, to whims, or to marketing strategies. It is the pleasing of God that is at the heart of worship. Therefore, our worship must be informed at every point by the Word of God as we seek God's own instructions for worship that is pleasing to Him." — R. C. Sproul

Here at HPC we strive to ensure that we are following the Word of God in every aspect of our weekly service. In order to achieve this goal, we read the scripture, we pray about the scripture, we choose the music, we adorn the church with appropriate banners and flowers, the Pastor prepares the sermon and prayers of the people and we pray every Sunday that what is presented during the service is pleasing to God and meaningful to the congregation.

To have all of this work, it takes many people. The subcommittees of the Worship Commission includes: Liturgical Arts (Sue Dever), Ushers (John McFerran), Tech Team (Steve Dever), Music (Nona Scott). Each of these subcommittees require extra help at different times of the Liturgical Year. If you have an interest in becoming involved with any of these areas of service, please reach out to the person listed to find how you might be able to help.

Worship is participatory. Hopefully you leave each service with a renewed spirit to help you navigate the week ahead.





## **Nursery Reopens!**

We are proud to announce our nursery has reopened. Because of the kindness of volunteers, we have been able to staff our nursery on Sunday mornings during worship.



You may also have noticed our "Children's Time" is back on Sunday mornings during the service. Following this short talk or object lesson, children are dismissed to the nursery or to sit with their parents. Our Quiet Room is also open during worship, which provides a safe place for children to wander while parents worship. Thank you to the volunteers who have made these ministries possible. If you are interested in being a part of these ministries, please reach out to Pastor Rachel. Working with our children and youth will require a background check and application. We are excited to see how God ministers to our children and grandchildren into the days ahead!

## New Opportunities for Women's Ministry

Women of HPC, please save the date! For the last two years, Pastor Rachel has spoken at the annual women's retreat for Old Scotch Church. This year, they have extended a lovely invitation to us to come be a part of it! Please save the date! The women's retreat will be January 17-18, 2026 at Tilikum Retreat Center. More details coming soon! Whether you join us for Saturday only or stay the night and worship with us Sunday morning, this is a wonderful experience to grow and fellowship with other women.

Are you interested in helping out? Please join Pastor Rachel at a meeting in the office on Wednesday, May 7th. We'll meet at 1:00 pm, enjoy a few snacks, and discuss HPC Women's Ministry, retreat costs, and ways you can help get us there! See you then!



# SACRED STEWARDS

What is the meaning of stewardship? One definition says it is the responsibility we have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed.

The things that are tangible about stewardship are that we maintain the church and grounds in good condition (new roof comes to mind). We also contribute money to help with the upkeep and to pay the bills.



We all have personal gifts: some are singers, some are organizers, some are nurturers... you get the idea. By using our gifts to help others, we are being good stewards. I would like to encourage all of us to remember that we need to be good stewards to ourselves, showing kindness and care for our own well-being.

Here is where we are financially at the end of March 2025.

Total Income	<u>Actual</u> \$76,577	<u>Budget</u> \$53,328	<u>Difference</u> \$23,249
Total Expense	<u>\$73,102</u>	\$52,939 \$52,939	\$ <u>163</u>
Net Income	\$23,475	\$ 389	\$23,086

Thanks for your faithful giving each month.

## **PROPERTY** by Steve Dever

The Property Team met on 7-Apr-2025 to define goals for 2025 Meeting attendees: Mike Appel, Gary Gale, Brian & Nancy Johnson, Steve Dever

Here is a brief account of what was discussed and decided:

These are the projects and priorities we gave them after discussion:

1 Parking Lot Resealing and Restriping (At least \$10,000)

- Sealing will help preserve the integrity of the surface of the parking lot.

2 Replace Chancel Spotlight system (under \$9,000)

Discussion: decided to have Electrician Remove existing track lighting and install strip of 120V outlets for each of the 6 tract lights. HPC would install plugin-spotlights as we can afford it.

This would reduce the cost significantly.

3 Inside Painting - Get estimates from painters with cost itemized for each room. Rooms needing painting: Narthex, Offices, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, Blue Room, Choir Room, Green Room, Yellow Room.

4 Check/Adjust/Replace sprinklers (Juan, Grounds Keeper\*, will provide List and cost) - Waiting for Estimate - Will pick and choose what is to be done.

5 Yard Maintenance Projects (Juan\* will provide List and cost) – Waiting for Estimate – Will pick and choose what is to be done.

• Replace/Repair Pump House - this is a summertime project that we can complete at low cost.

• Update Building Use Request forms and process (Started 25-Mar-2025)

- Work in progress, creating an online request system.
- Nancy and Gary will update the rental guidelines.

• Replacement Dishwasher – project on hold until we have more cost information (\$5,000+)

Discussion covered

Difference between commercial and residential dishwashers

- Cycle time: commercial approximately 5 min compared to at least 30 min for residential unit.

- Load capacity - how many loads and the time that someone would need to be present

- Cost of paper products vs cost of dishwasher. Nancy Johnson will track paper product costs.

• Replace/Repair Manse Sprinkler system – this is a nice to have. Will wait until finances are available.

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# EVENTS & FELLOWSHIP

There is so much happening in the life of our church! Fellowship co-mission is no exception.

Coffee hour and fellowship after worship would not be possible without the support of many, including those that do set up and clean up: Nancy Johnson, Jacquie Harrison, Tammy McVean, Joanie Loepp, Sue Dever, Chris Wesley, Diane Lewis, Greta Schindler, Donna Bowen and more. Thanks also to those who are taking on new tasks including Becky Wilson and Chris Stacey. Thanks to all who bring treats and snacks on Sunday and for potlucks. Finally, thanks to the youth who jumped in to help on Easter! We could not do it without all of you!

Speaking of Easter, WOW! What a five-star brunch that was! If you need a reason to jump on Facebook and sing the praises of HPC, our Easter worship, brunch, crafts and egg hunt is a good one!

#### **Upcoming events:**

**HPC Bake Off: Sunday, May 4**. To participate, simply bake/make treats such as cookies, bars or muffins that can be handheld, freeze well, and either are in single servings or can easily be divided into single servings for fellowship coffee hour. A few judges will choose the best in the following categories:

- Gluten free
- Healthy
- Fruity
- Specialty/Unique
- Classic

Eating also counts as participating!

The treats we don't eat will stock up our freezer for future coffee times.

#### Silent Dessert Auction, May 4

The same Sunday we will hold our first Dessert Silent Auction raising funds for Fellowship Coffee Hour and future events. For those who love desserts that are family sized, such as pies and cakes, this is one is for you.

#### **Birthday Sundays**

We are continuing our tradition of cake and singing on the first Sunday of every month, celebrating all you have a birthday that month.



#### **Craft Sale and Baked Goods Sale**

Another opportunity to bake (or get treats), the craft sale and baked goods sale is coming up this fall. Chair Sue Dever is partnering with Nancy Johnson this year as a co-chair. See Sue or Nancy if you want to learn more and keep an eye out for more information.

#### More in the works

We are working with Pastor Rachel and the other co-missions to plan additional events. There is more to come!



# CLERK'S CORNER

Here is the current update from the last three session meetings. For more detailed minutes, please inquire in the church office.

- Live streaming and in-person Worship services continue.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on February 2, 2025, March 2, 2025, April 6, 2025, and April 17, 2025.
- Read thank you letters from Presbytery Ministry Engagement and Support, ARMS, and Medical Teams International, Village of Hope, Oregon Food Bank, Quiet Waters, and St. Vincent De Paul. Discussed communication from Stated Clerk regarding changing immigration and sanctuary policies.
- Approve Rachel Guevara as Stated Supply Pastor at HPC.
- Nancy Radcliff passed away on January 29, 2025.
- Roofing project update: Interior construction work completed. We will do the finishing painting.
- Reviewed the decision to renew with current renters did not offer a new lease they no longer meet here. Discussion on leasing to another local congregation will not offer a lease.
- New class on Philippians. Good attendance. Would like to have a Saturday Community event. Will work with Pastor Rachel on how to do this. Would like to offer a mid-week afternoon or evening class.
- New revised ministries update:
- 1. Women's Ministry women's retreat coordinated by Old Scotch Church January 17–18, 2026, at Tillikum Center.
- 2. Men's breakfast May 3rd. Plan to meet once a quarter.
- 3. Youth Group in flux. Meeting May 10<sup>th</sup> as a collective event.
- 4. New Member's Class on Sunday (May 4<sup>th</sup>). Healthy response so far.
- March Service Sunday Yellow Door (Homeless Connect Center): We will build lunches and collect personal items. Old Scotch church has asked us to do a 'Rise Against Hunger' event with them. Homeless Connect has also asked us to help on April 11th with a breakfast at the LDS Church.
- 10% giving this season will be supporting four amazing organizations: Quiet Waters, Village
  of Hope, Medical Teams International, and Northwest Children's Outreach. We're also setting
  aside funds to help HPC members who feel called to serve on mission trips, like those with
  Village of Hope, and to support HomePlate Youth Services' drop-in meal program. HomePlate
  is a new service opportunity we're excited to begin in August, providing meals to homeless

### **CLERK'S CORNER CONTINUED**

youth in our community. Our youth group is already signed up to prepare and serve dinner for 50–60 young people, and in September, the entire congregation will have the chance to join in. We have two Service Sundays coming up. In June, we'll make 100 lunches for Blanchet House. Then in August, we're planning a kid-focused project, possibly around back-to-school needs.

- Maundy Thursday service April 17th at 6:00pm, communion will be served. Good Friday service at the Hillsboro Methodist Church April 18th from 7:00-8:00pm. Easter Sunday April 20th. Sofie Dolan to run Egg Hunt. Laura MacMillan will provide craft. Easter brunch after service.
- Bake off on Sunday May 4th.
- Property Team met and created a project list, please see the property article.
- Parent of Heather's class wants to replace the kitchen ovens. New ovens have been donated and installed in the kitchen.
- Nancy and Sue working on Craft Fair. Proceeds from stall rentals to go to local missions. Proceeds from bake sale to stay at church (paint?).
- Rick has been asked to go back to Uganda.
- Deacon nominee is Jacquie Harrison. Congregational meeting on April 6th to vote in Jacquie.

Prayerfully, Gary Gale Clerk of Session



## **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, May 3rd Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 4th Communion Bake Off / Auction

Sunday, May 4th New Members Class Be and Belong

Wednesday, May 7th Women's Ministry Meeting, 1pm

Saturday, May 10th Youth Almost End-of-Year Breakfast, 10am

Sunday, May 11th Mother's Day

Sunday, May 18th Fellowship Lunch

Tuesday, May 20th Ladies Bunko, 1pm

Sunday, May 25th Youth BBQ at Orenco 4-6:30pm

Sunday, June 1st Communion

Sunday, June 8th Pentecost

Friday, June 13th HOPS Games, 7pm

Tuesday, June 17th

**Blanchet House Lunches** 

# **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.



# **EASTER BRUNCH**



Todd Guevara and Liv Upton, preparing Easter Brunch

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## HPC Calendar - 2025

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						Men's Breakfast 8:30am
				8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	
4 10am Worship Communion Bake Off New Member's Class	5	6 4:30 Praise Team	7 1pm Women's Minsistry Meeting	8	9	10 Youth Group Almost End- of-Year Breakfast
1-5pm IJC	6-8pm IJC		6:30 Choir	0	6-8pm IJC	10-11:30
ll 10am Worship Mother's Day	8pm AA 12	13 4:30 Praise Team	14	8pm AA 15	16	17
1-5pm IJC	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA			8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	
18 10am Worship Fellowship Lunch	19	1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team	21	22	23	24
1-5pm IJC	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	6pm Session		8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	
25 10am Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31
Youth BBQ @ Orenco 4-6:30		4:30 Praise Team				
1-5pm IJC	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA			8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	



## HPC Calendar - 2025

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10am Worship Communion	2	ී 4:30 Praise Team	4	5	6	7
1-5pm IJC	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA			8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	
8 10am Worship Pentecost	9	10 4:30 Praise Team	11	12	13 Hops Game 7pm	14
1-5pm IJC	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	17		8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	
15 10am Worship 11:30 Deacons' Father's Day	16 6-8pm IJC	17 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 7 pm Session	18	19	20	21
1-5pm IJC 22	8pm AA 23	24	25	8pm AA 26	6-8pm IJC 27	28
10am Worship	6-8pm IJC	4:30 Praise Team				
1-5pm IJC 29 10am Worship Service Sunday	8pm AA 30			8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	
1-5pm IJC	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA					

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

Rev. Rachel Guevara		Deacons:
Nancy Johnson	Office Assistant	A-E Tammy McVean
Laura Cunard	Worship Music Leader	F-K Sue Dever
Nona Scott	Choir Director	L-Q Nancy Johnson
Donald Scott	Custodian	R-S Dennis Baker
Session:		T-Z Jacquie Harrison
Jill Appel	Missions	
Dana Gale	Stewardship	
Rick Harrison	Education/Discipleship	
Nona Scott	Worship	
Steve Dever	Property	
Elaine Baker	Fellowship/Events	
Sandy McFerran	Operations 🖉	503-648-5660
Gary Gale	Clerk of Session	OfficeAssistant@hillsboropres.org

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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