

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



Pastors Peace

WRITTEN BY : BOB STEBE

ARE YOU NOT ENTERTAINED?



We are a very entertained generation. No matter what age grouping you may fall into, we are very well entertained. None of us blink an eye any longer at the number of streaming services or channels on our televisions. Of course, we all have our favorites. But I would guess that even with 100+ channels to choose from, you only watch the same 10. And going out to the movies (almost a thing of the past for many) has been a multi-theater event for enough time that current 40 year-olds have never seen a theater showing just one movie at a time. And for those 40 years

MTV has brought us the experience of "watching" music instead of singing along with the radio. Cell phones are a small pocket-sized computer and entertainment system. It only takes a few idle minutes before the phone comes out to fill the space with entertainment. I love going to a live concert or the theater for a show on stage. Something about a live performance and the connection with the audience that cannot be matched by watching on a screen. Even sports are not so much a game or a contest, but entertainment, and often the athletes think of themselves that way. So why should worship be any different? Don't we want to see a good show when we come to worship? If someone asks, "How was worship?" do you not describe the performance of those up front, on the "stage?" Once I went to a memorial service at another church where the pastor invited those who wanted to share some thoughts to join him up on the "stage." And another ended the benediction on the opening day of the NFL with "Go Hawks!" So why should we not consider worship a form of entertainment?

Søren Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian, teacher and writer in the 1800's. In one of his books, Purity of Heart, he reflected on commitment. For him, commitment was not something that could be anything but total. Commitment is either all or none. With the theme of commitment grounding his writing, he then compared worship to a live performance, a play.

"Alas, in regard to things spiritual, the foolish of many is this, that they in the secular sense look upon the speaker as the actor, and the listeners as theatergoers who are to pass judgment upon the artist. But the speaker is not the actor - not in the remotest sense. No, the speaker is the prompter. There are no mere theatergoers present, for each listener will be looking into his own heart. The stage is eternity, and the listener, if his is the true listener (and if he is not, he is at fault) stands before God during the talk. The prompter whispers to the actor what he is to say, but the actor's repetition of it is the main concern - is the solemn charm of the art. The speaker whispers the word to the listeners. But the main concern is earnestness: that the listeners by themselves, with themselves, and to themselves, in the silence before God, may speak with the help of the address. The address is not given for the speaker's sake, in order that men may praise or blame him. The listener's repetition of it is what is aimed for.

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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

Dave Radcliff	1	Lisa Weislogel-Stebe	8
John McVean	2	Lori Wisdom	11
Dean Jones	3	Shannon Perez	23
Jeanie Morgan	4	Jill Cessna	23
Candice Stroeve	5	Arianna MacMillan	24
Debbi Like	7	Lois Martz	30
Tammy McVean	8		

Anniversaries

Phil & Peggy Grawburg	7
Dave & Cindy Thomas	7
Tom & Debbi Like	14
Keith & Heather Bledsoe	15

WESTSIDE



queer resource
center

A CONVERSATION ABOUT FAITH AND INCLUSION – MAY 1 AT 11:15 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

When we say “All Are Welcome” and “Love Spoken Here,” how can we be sure that “all” means “ALL”?

Come meet with friends from the Westside Queer Resource Center for a conversation about LGBTQAI+ issues, to enlighten our understanding of God’s love and acceptance of all people. <https://www.westsideqrc.org/>

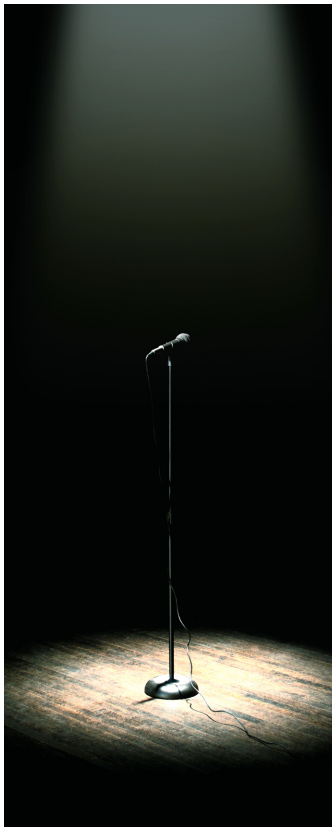


SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PENTECOST
CHILDREN AT RISK · YOUTH · YOUNG ADULTS

Our gifts to the Pentecost offering connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future built in faith.

Join Us!
WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!
APRIL 18 - JUNE 5, 2022

Pastors Peace Continued...



If the speaker has that responsibility for what he whispers, then the listener has an equally great responsibility not to fall short in his task. In the theater, the play is staged before an audience who are called theatergoers; but at the devotional address, God himself is present. In the most earnest sense God is the critical theatergoer, who looks on to see how the lines are spoken and how they are listened to: hence here the customary audience is wanting. The speaker then is the prompter, and the listener stands openly before God. The listener, if I may say so, is the actor, who in all truth acts before God."

Søren Kierkegaard, *Purity of Heart is To Will One Thing*, Trans. Douglas Steere (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1948) pp.180-181.

In other words, Kierkegaard pointed out that we usually think of the pastor as the lead actor on stage and the other worship leaders in supporting roles. The praise band, pianist, etc. are all other actors in this performance. Which makes the congregation the audience responding to the actions on stage, just as any theater audience would. However, that is not the truth about worship. Worship is not entertainment, but an expression of commitment by the congregation. In reality, if we think of worship as theater, then those in the congregation are the ones on stage in the starring and supportive roles. The pastor, worship leaders, pianist, praise band are all in the role of prompters, coaches, guides, directors who help the actors/congregation to put out the best for the audience, which is God. Yes, worship is a performance, but not entertainment. We are not here to entertain God, but to honor God with praise and show our commitment with an excellent performance from every one of us.

Of course, not every actor on stage is proficient in every role, so only be concerned with your own performance and how it reflects your commitment to the God. It is through your performance in worship that you show your gratitude to the God who has given the ultimate performance for you in Jesus the Christ.

Have a question for Pastor Bob?

Email him at:

RevBob@hillsboropres.org

Joy and Peace -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Steere".

Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 1st Communion

3rd Sunday of Easter

"You Can't Go Back"

John 21:1-9

Theme: Jesus appears on the seashore as Peter and others had gone back to fishing.

Sunday, May 8th - Mothers Day

4th Sunday of Easter

"Conversion Happens"

Acts 9:1-19a

Theme: Paul changes from persecutor to proclaimer.

Sunday, May 15th

5th Sunday of Easter

"Conversion Happens Again"

Acts 16:16-34

Theme: Paul and Silas in prison when an earthquake frees them and the gospel message frees the jailor.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 22nd

6th Sunday of Easter

"Public Speaking"

Acts 17:16-31

Theme: Paul speaks in Athens to proclaim that the "Unknown God" can be known

Sunday, May 29th - Service Sunday

7th Sunday of Easter

Adopt-a-Road

Meet at Rood Bridge Park (Time TBA)
Dedicating and maintaining our HPC section of road.

Sunday, June 5th Communion

Pentecost Sunday

"Try and Catch the Wind"

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Theme: On the Day of Pentecost a mighty wind blew with Spirit force onto the disciples and all those gathered.

Family & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

Greetings from your Family & Fellowship team!

We had an enthusiastic audience for our showing of G-Dog on April 10th and plan to share more movies this year after worship services, beginning with some from the series "Prophetic Voices". Stay tuned!

On Saturday, May 14th, Chris Kennedy will be leading a terrarium making class at 10am in Fellowship Hall. We're asking folks to bring their own supplies (dirt will be provided!) – details will follow via email. Start imagining your design and looking around your house for items to put in your terrarium. We'd appreciate getting a headcount so please let Joanie Loepp know if you plan to come or if you have any questions.

Hops tickets are available after worship now until all sold. The game is on Friday, June 24th at 7pm with fireworks to follow. The cost is \$17 per ticket. See Joanie Loepp to purchase.

Feel lead to volunteer? Contact Joanie Loepp at FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org.



Monthly Missions

by Jill Appel



*May's
Service Sunday*

ROOD BRIDGE ROAD CLEANUP

**Hillsboro Presbyterian Church has
adopted part of Rood Bridge Road.**

We will meet at Rood Bridge Road
on Sunday, May 29th.

Want to get involved with missions?
Email Jill Appel at
MissionsElder@hillsboropres.org

Community in Unity

by Laura MacMillan

Spring has come in roaring and we are responding with enthusiasm. Stations of the Cross wrapped with success with a possibility to make an appearance next year to help us go through the Lent Season.

We had a successful youth event going out geocaching. We found 6 out of 8 caches that we set out to find in our 2 hour time frame, which was an astounding success!

May is right around the corner and we are looking forward to several happenings over the course of the month. The Little Library is being finalized with a date to install and dedicate coming soon. May 22nd we will be hosting another geocaching event from 1-3pm with the invite out to our other fellow ministry partners. May 29th is Service Sunday with our Adopt-A-Road project. Be on the look out for popup events and volunteer opportunities for the month.

- Little Library Coming soon! (Date TBA)
- May 22nd Geocaching Event!
- May 29th Service Sunday!



Be on the lookout for upcoming
announcements!

FamilyMinistry@hillsboropres.org

Pandemic Patter

Wearing a mask is not a political statement, especially if you are immunocompromised or prone to illness in general. It is a statement of love and concern for others, which is the language of HPC. If you choose not to mask, please be considerate of those who are wary. Keep your distance until you are sure there is mutuality. Don't immediately invade another's space for a handshake or hug until you are sure it is welcome. HPC is making face coverings optional for all activities. If you feel safer wearing a mask, please be encouraged to do so with the full support of everyone here. Be considerate of those who prefer some distancing and are not welcoming handshakes and hugs at this time. Let us be attentive and kind to one another as we navigate this new normal.



Liturgical Arts

by Sue Dever

Our Sanctuary looked lovely and it reminds us of Christ, who died for us! What a Great GOD we serve!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!! Colorful paper butterflies

Our HPC Message to the Neighborhood:

"We are Not Alone; We are One, United in Christ our Risen Savior"

In outreach to our neighborhood, 2022 found the HPC Community Easter Cross at the covered entrance to our church building available for members, friends, and neighbors to decorate with Hopes, Encouragement and Prayer concerns. GOD is faithful! We had over 17 decorated tags on our Outreach Easter Cross.

Prayers: "Dear God, I love the baby inside my mom's tummy and I pray that all the world would be healthy"; "Lord, please guide my words to be yours and spoken with Love.

Also, I thank you for the guidance you are giving me";

"Praying for protection and safety"; "Prayers for World Peace"; "Praying for everybody: Safety, Happiness, and Fulfillment"; "Dear God, I pray that everyone would have food";

"Pray to Love Each Other";

"God, Thank you for the World";

"God bless America"; "God bless my mom"; "Heal our land"

Encouragement: "Dear God, Thank you for the books and iPad"; "Jesus is our Savior";

"Thank you, God, for reading books, love and happy days"; "I Love God"

Fun/Sweet: "God bless" // on the other side was drawn a 'sunny island scene'; "Dear God, Thank you for my dog, River, and I hope my dog, Pepper, is happy in heaven. P.S. Thanks for my Xbox Seiris (sic). Amen"

THANK YOU to all the Helpful Hands during this Easter Season, especially Easter Sunday: **WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

Lisa & Celeste Stebe, Chris Wesley, Sandy McFerran, Steve Dever, Joanie Loepp, and Pastor Bob

And ALL the volunteers: Laura and Ariana MacMillan (dyed eggs), Flower Gardeners (decorating the Cross and/or Sanctuary) as well as the Baking Helpful Hands that provided all the delicious treats for Easter Pastry Brunch.



Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

Gary and I went on the Good Friday Prayer Walk on April 15th. We were joined by a large group of people from all the participating churches. The Prayer Walk began at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church; there were 7 stations in all.

At each station a different pastor spoke and led us in a reading, scripture, song, or prayer appropriate to the area where we stopped. In addition to our starting point, the places we stopped at to pray for different aspects of the community were the hospital, Family Promise, United Church of Christ, All Saints Episcopal Church, the downtown businesses, and the Civic Center.

We were given bulletins so we could follow along, read responsively and sing. Several of the pastors had their guitars so we had lovely accompaniment. Some of the things were done in English, some were done in Spanish. At times we were invited to speak in our native language and at other times we tried to use the language of the pastor who was leading at that moment.

The weather was beautiful, and it was a very uplifting experience to walk with fellow believers as we prayed for the community and sang songs of praise together.



HPC Online Giving Now Available

Exciting news from your Stewardship co-mission team; Online giving is now available and ready to use! Thank you Gary Gale for setting up this great opportunity for all of us to safely and securely give to HPC, and even other church organizations through Vanco!

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.

40 Minute Mondays



The Lunch Time Bible Study Returned Monday, Nov. 1 @ Noon

Online Zoom group link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87528684837?pwd=aEd6eHZWUUUslUFNaVFfFEbGJTZEtoZz09>

Our study looks at the biblical text for the upcoming Sunday. We will view a video presentation that walks through the reading, followed by a brief discussion. Grab your lunch and let's chew on God's word. I hope you can join me each Monday with this reflection on scripture.

To receive study questions in advance email: revbob@hillsboropres.org

Clerks Corner

by Gary Gale

Here is the current update from the last session meeting:

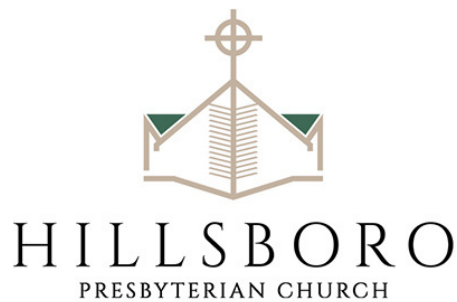
- Live streaming and in-person Worship services continuing.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on April 3rd.
- COVID update - masks optional. Wear them if you feel safer. Be considerate of others if they prefer distancing.
- Pastor Bob is continuing the weekly narrative lectionary video and discussion during the 40 Minute Monday study.
- Conversation on Faith and Inclusion to be organized by Pastor Bob for May 1st.
- Read email from Rev. Brian Heron regarding the Presbytery approved Mission and Vision statements.
- A single point of contact to the office manager needs to be established. Operations elder will talk to potential candidates. Work requests for the office manager should flow through this contact.
- HPC will discontinue the use of the AED unit. The unit is under recall, and it is difficult to certify qualified users. Recommend calling 911 for all emergencies.
- Worship committee is organizing for June. Reaching out for pulpit supply. Rev. Mark Frey to present the sermon on June 12th. Looking at service materials.
- Session voted to approve that Rev. Dr. Bob and Lisa Stebe may continue to occupy the HPC manse on a month-to-month basis with a 30-day notice to vacate by either the Stebes or HPC.
- In March we collected 97 books and 16 book bags for the children's book bank.
- May 29th service Sunday will be adopt-a-road. HPC has adopted a part of Rood Bridge Road, the Tualatin River on the south side of Rood Bridge Park to Larson Road. The adopt-a-road program requires a two-year commitment and two cleans ups a year.
- One area where people can help the HPC budget is by giving their portion of per capita (\$39).
- Website upgrade in process. A new logo design has been selected.
- We'll be having a terrarium-making class on May 14th (Saturday) – details to follow.
- Tickets now available for Hops game (June 24th, 7pm, \$17/ticket).
- A series of videos (actually, streaming) called Prophetic Voices have been purchased and the plan is to offer more after-worship movies in the months ahead.
- We are planning a special coffee hour at the beginning of June.
- Youth event this month will be Geocaching.
- Cleaned gutter down spouts and put screening in place to prevent clogs. Planning a roof clean up when the weather dries.
- Stay safe and healthy.

Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale, Clerk of Session





New & Now

by Kacey Muehter

HPC is proud to announce our new logo! You may have seen it on Facebook. We hope this will become a recognizable insignia as we affirm our presence in our local community and beyond. We are making progress on a new website to go with our new logo.

If you have photos you can share, please send them to Kacey in the office. As always, be sure you're following our Facebook page!

- Stay up to date on the activities here at HPC!
- Find out about upcoming events and speakers.

Comment, Like, and Share! The more engagement we have on our social media, the more visible we become to our community!

While you're there, be sure to check out our private Facebook group made specifically for our members of HPC called "HPC Members and Friends". Here you can add photos and posts. Materials will only be accessible to members of the group.



[Check it out!](#)

Share pictures of our ministries in action! #Hillsboropresbyterianchurch #HPC

Do you have any photographs you've taken of Hillsboro, HPC, or places in Oregon? Please consider submitting them for use in our Sunday announcement slide shows, newsletters, and digital materials. Let us feature your talents! Send any submissions to

OfficeManager@hillsboropres.org



Our upcoming blood drive is:

- ▶ Wednesday May 4th
1:30-6:00
- ▶ Monday May 23rd
1:30-6:00

For an appointment please visit:

Redcrossblood.org

or

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)

Joke of the Month



American Red Cross





HPC Calendar - 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Worship (Live Stream) Communion  Westside LGBTQ Conversation 11:15a 1p-2p IJC	2 12:00pm - 40 minute monday 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	3 4:30pm Praise Team	4  1:30-6:00 Blood Drive	5 8pm AA	6 6-8pm IJC	7
8 10am Worship (Live Stream)  1p-2p IJC	9 12:00pm - 40 minute monday 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	10 4:30pm Praise Team	11 12pm Operations Meeting	12 8pm AA	13 6-8pm IJC	14 10am FSH Terrarium Class 
15 10am Worship (Live Stream) Deacon Meeting 11:30-12:30 1p-2p IJC	16 12:00pm - 40 minute monday 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	17 4:30pm Praise Team 7pm Session Meeting	18	19 8pm AA	20 6-8pm IJC	21
22 10am Worship (Live Stream) 11:15a Movie after Worship 1:00pm Youth Event  1p-2p IJC	23 12:00pm - 40 minute monday  1:30-6:00 Blood Drive 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	24 4:30pm Praise Team	25	26 Ascension Day 8pm AA	27 6-8pm IJC	28
29 Service Sunday Adopt-a-Road clean up  1p-2p IJC	30 12:00pm - 40 minute monday  6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	31 4:30pm Praise Team				

Pastor *Rev. Bob Stebe*
Family Ministries *Laura MacMillan*
Choir Director *Nona Scott*
Worship Music Leader *Laura Cunard*
Office Manager *Kacey Muehter*
Custodian *Donald Scott*

Deacons:

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

Worship: Sunday, 10am

Session:


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


*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.*

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Ministers: The Members

*"God is able..."
Ephesians 3:20*



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