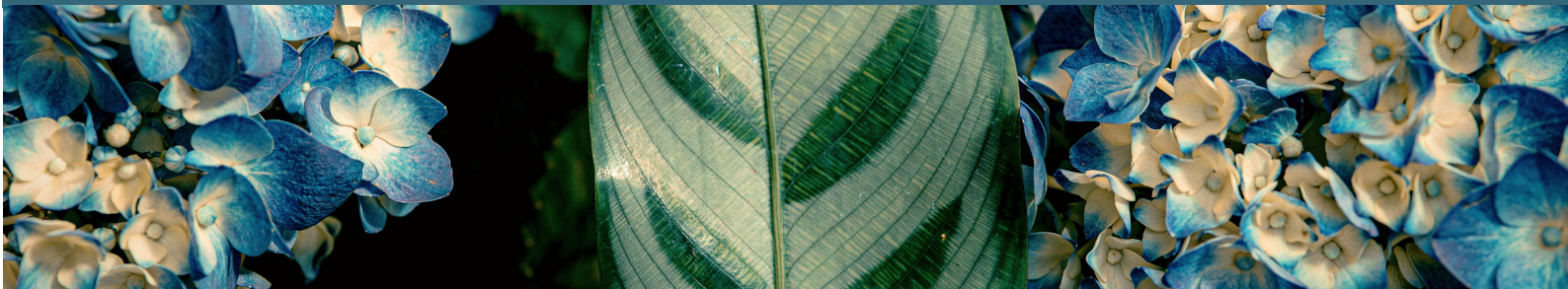


KOINONIA

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?



It's the time of year for graduations. If you don't have someone graduating in your own family, most likely you know a graduate. We start young with pre-school graduations, including promotions along the way, up to the highest of post-graduate degrees. I remember an article highlighting the fact that graduations are called "commencement exercises." The author suggested some helpful ways to view those terms. This is a valuable lesson not only for graduates, but for us all, especially

as we shift into a new season of life for HPC and for me in retirement. Webster's first definition of "commencement" is: *-an act, instance, or time of commencing (to have or make a beginning).* The second definition is the ceremony for conferring degrees.

Why is it that we use the second definition for graduation events while not referring to the first definition? More specifically, that first definition is a better description of what graduation is all about. The reality is that where one thing ends another begins (commences). To graduate is the commencing of something new.

In the church this year June begins with the celebration of Pentecost. For the Jews, this was a remembrance and celebration to commemorate the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai during the exodus. The commencing of something new as they headed into the wilderness to become God's people in a new way. Following Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the awesome presence of the Spirit in wind and fire came upon the disciples. The event recalls when God's presence was known at creation, the exodus, covenant commitments, water crossings and other theophany events.

The commencement on Pentecost launched the followers of Jesus into a new day. On June 5 HPC celebrates a commencement and is launched into a new day. I'm certain that the disciples were unclear what it all meant at the time, but as they lived into the Spirit's presence they formed a community that extends all the way to us today. How it happened is because of the way it started.

Look at the way Luke tells the story at the beginning of Acts 2:

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. When they were all together in one place the wind of the Spirit filled the whole house; all had a tongue of fire above each head; all are filled with the Spirit; all speak in the languages of the people of diverse cultures around them. It all started when they were "all together in one place." What does it mean for all to be together in one place? What might the Spirit desire to do if you were all together in one place?

Being "all together in one place" can mean many things. It's not easy. Most of us can't even get our families together in one place.

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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

John Stroeve	2
Linda Rittenhouse	4
Tracie Dahl	15
Elaine Baker	19
Brian Johnson	22
Jason Appel	23
Judy Sullivan	28

Anniversaries

John & Tammy McVean	6
Bob & Lisa Stebe	9
John & Candice Stroeve	25
Dave & Chris Wesley	29
Elroy & Greta Schindler	30

Our Condolences to...

Family and friends of Marlene Dunlap, who settled peacefully into her Lord's arms in the early morning hours of May 24th.

Cards and notes may be sent to her daughter
Lynn Bieberdorf
1775 NE 25th Ave.
Hillsboro 97124



BOTTLE DROP FOR HPC!

HPC has been established as a recipient for eligible bottle and can redemption! If you would like your bottle return deposit to come to HPC.

Two ways to give:

One: Talk to a customer service agent when dropping off cans and bottles.

Two: Transfer funds to HPC within your bottle drop account here:

<https://www.bottledropcenters.com/fundraiser/hillsboro-presbyterian-church/>

Pastors Peace Continued...

However, it is vital in this new thing God is doing with HPC that you are all together in one place. This means participating in the life and ministry of HPC, being united in vision and purpose, and devoting yourselves to prayer.

Participating is first, to show up. Nothing can happen if you are not here to help it happen. Participating also means involvement and investment, and right now investment is key. Financial shifts caused by moves and deaths and other expenditures have emptied the tank. How you invest in HPC will determine the future.

Being united in vision and purpose does not mean uniformity in all things. Being united is a chosen commitment to work for the good of all within this church family and to continue the purpose of being the church to serve in the manner of Jesus. If "love spoken here" is the language of HPC the unity will show.

Lastly, don't assume that being devoted to prayer happens naturally. Prayer needs to be a conscious and consistent action. Though we often use a lot of words in worship when we pray, prayer also involves a lot of listening. Even more listening than speaking.

It is my prayer for HPC that you will use this commencement time well, boldly and confidently following the lead of the Spirit to be the body of Christ for a new day. It has been a joy and blessing to have served this church family for the past six years. My whole family has benefited from your love and support in more ways than we can adequately express. Sure, it's been a challenge and we've ridden some bumpy roads together, but the important thing is we did this together. Even when the way is rough, being together helps us all to see that God has been active in our midst.

As you may have noticed I don't like drawing too much attention to myself. Thus, I echo the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:5-7: Each one had a role given to them by the Lord: I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow.

Thank you for welcoming me and my family as part of a long line of servant partners who have all be here to do their part while God gives the growth. I look forward with anticipation of what God will do next. And remember, HPC relies on this - God is able...

Joy and Peace -



Worship Schedule

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.

Sunday, June 12th

Speaker: Mark Frey

Sunday, June 19

Speaker: George Gilchrist

Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 26th

Speaker: George Gilchrist

Sunday, July 3rd

Speaker: Shela Sullivan

Sunday, July 10th

Speaker: Shela Sullivan



Family & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

We begin June with a combination Event/Fellowship as we celebrate Pastor Bob's time at HPC and wish all the Stebes well as they begin this new chapter in their lives. We will have a potluck after the service on June 5th which is also Pentecost Sunday. Details have been shared in emails but please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Friday, June 24th (7pm) is HPC's Night at the Hops. We still have about 14 tickets available – they will be available after the service through June 19th but you can also contact me by phone or email to reserve seats. The cost is \$17 per ticket. There will be fireworks after the game, hopefully celebrating a win!

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



Community in Unity

by Laura MacMillan

Summer is just around the corner and plans are a cooking. We are still very much looking forward to getting our Little Library put up and dedicated. If you would like more info on our Little Library reach out to Jill Appel.

The plans for redecoration of the Quiet Room are still being developed. Painting the walls, restaging/removing furniture and cleaning will take many hands. We also have hopes to reinvent the "youth room" by creating a space for "fireside" Coffee Chats welcoming for all ages.

I am looking forward to finding ways to provide a safe place for our neighboring community to come and participate in. Stay tuned as more information comes.

June 26th is our monthly Youth Event activity TBD.



Featuring Joanie Loepp's Terrarium from our terrarium class by Chris Kenndy

- June 5th Bob's Retirement Celebration
- June 26th Youth Event



*Be on the lookout for upcoming
announcements!*

FamilyMinistry@hillsboropres.org

Monthly Missions

by Jill Appel



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

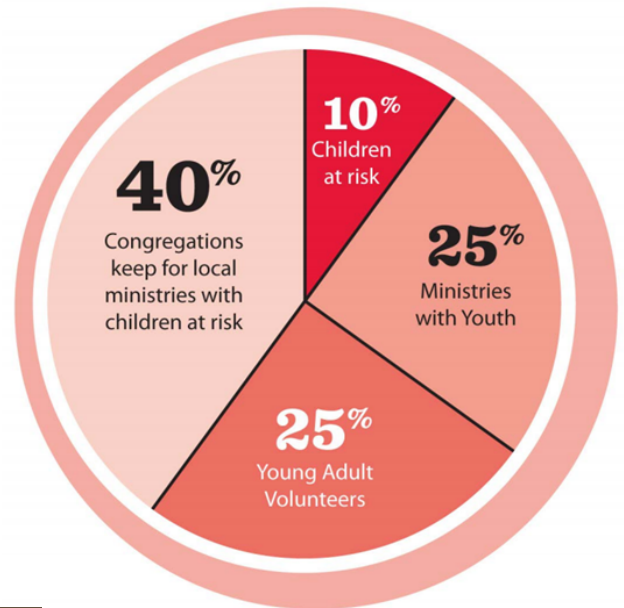
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

INVESTING IN OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

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



Mission Commission

by Jill Appel

This summer we will be helping kids by taking on a big project. We will be collecting items for children in foster care during June and July. On Sunday, July 31, Service Sunday, we will put together comfort bags. Kids in foster care often carry the few items they have in a trash bag. Help eliminate trash bags with a duffel bag full of comfort items. In August, we will continue to help kids by collecting school supplies.



Donations for foster care children: All items should be new or “like-new condition” which means no stains, holes or tears, and zippers and buttons are in in working order. Please no mention of mom/dad/sister/brother/specific camps/ school or sports uniforms.

Duffel bags: We already have all the duffel bags we need. Please help us fill these bags with these comfort items

- Blankets: twin size
- Toiletry Care Items: shampoo, conditioner, Kleenex, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush
- Socks and underwear: up to size 8
- Pajamas: newborn up to size 8
- New books: deepest needs are board books and character books (like Paw Patrol, PJ Masks, and Frozen)
- Clothing: sizes newborn to youth 8
 - Deepest need: sizes 18 months to 8 years
- New shoes: up to size 3 youth (Fred Meyer's clearance aisle is a great place to find shoes.)
- New stuffed animals (all stuffed animals need to be new)
- Diapers and wipes

Want to be MORE hands-on? Here are a few organizations that help foster children. Project 48 www.project48.co/, Project Lemonade www.projectlemonadepdx.org/, With Love www.withloveoregon.org/



Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

In my email inbox every morning, I receive a Devotionals Daily newsletter. Sunday's devotional was an excerpt from Let the Journey Begin by Max Lucado.

He was talking about the fruit of the Spirit, and how every day is a new day, and we can choose how we start our day and how we live throughout our day.

We can choose to start our day with Joy. There are some people in our lives who are naturally filled with joy and positivity. They help us change our own focus to joy.

Someone who chooses joy is my cousin Tara. She has suffered much loss throughout her life: she was 10 years old when her dad (my uncle) died of cancer at the age of 37. She was 42 when her younger sister died of cancer (she was also 37). Her husband is a cancer survivor. A few months ago, her mom passed away (my aunt's name was Joy – so fitting). And now, her oldest daughter is gone at the age of 28. And yet, instead of focusing on how her daughter died, Tara has asked all of us to remember how her daughter lived. To remember the joy her daughter brought to everything she did.

She is my shining example of how to start each day with joy. I admire her and aspire to be just like her.

HPC Online Giving Available

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.

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.



Clerks Corner

by Gary Gale

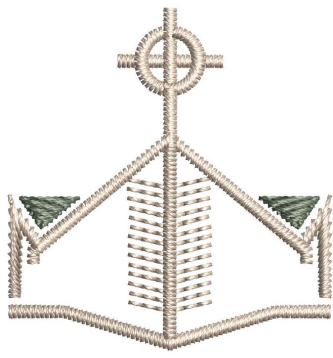
Here is the current update from the last session meeting:

- Live streaming and in-person Worship services continuing.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on May 1st.
- Updated COVID procedures – Preschool concerns. Preschool requested to stay in classroom or outside following COVID exposure. Need immediate communication when incident happens. All children in family need to stay home.
- Reviewed LGBTQIA2S+ conversation on Faith and Inclusion from May 1st. Positive responses from participants.
- Read thank you note from Medical Teams International for our generosity.
- Worship committee is organizing for June. Worship planning underway. Pulpit supply scheduled with Mark Frey, George Gilchrist, and Shela Sullivan.
- Motion passed to move money (up to \$1200) in Sunday School offering fund to Missions fund to be used for June/July mission spotlight.
- Pentecost Offering will help children, youth, and young adults
- May 29th service Sunday will be adopt-a-road. We will meet at Rood Bridge Park.
- June/July service focus on collecting items for children in foster care. Sunday July 31st Service Sunday we will put together kits with items and duffle bags. August we will collect school supplies.
- Movie offering in May: “Backs Against the Wall (Howard Thurman)”.
- June 5th Potluck/Very Fond Farewell planning in process.
- Carnations will be handed out on Father’s Day.
- Tickets still available for Hops game (June 24th, 7pm, \$17/ticket). About 16 tickets left.
- Another Geocaching event planned for the youth. Youth from UCC and Bethany Presbyterian have been invited.
- A Youth collaborative is planned to start in September. Stay safe and healthy.
- Motion passed to allow a neighbor to use the HPC parking lot in July for wedding guests to park. All guests must sign a waiver form.
- *Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you in partnership and journey together into God’s vision and mission for HPC. Certainly, there is joy looking ahead to retirement, but it is with a heavy heart. You will remain in my heart and prayers as you continue in the good work of the gospel and of being the Body of Christ today and into the new things God is doing. Always – Love, Joy & Peace, Bob*



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,
Gary Gale Clerk of Session



HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Joke of the Month



American Red Cross



New & Now

by Kacey Muehter

Represent HPC in the community! We have the opportunity to place an order with a local embroidery shop for hats and polos! We will be opening an order with Memorable Impressions. Hat prices will range from \$25-\$30. Let Joanie know if you're interested in some HPC SWAG!

If you have photos you can share, please send them to 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, June 8th
1:30-6:00
- ▶ Monday, June 27th
1:30-6:00

For an appointment please visit:

Redcrossblood.org

or

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

HELLO JUNE

HPC Calendar - 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 8pm AA	3 6-8pm IJC	4
5 10am Worship (Live Stream) Communion  Pentecost 1p-2p IJC	6 12:00pm - 40 minute monday 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	7 4:30pm Praise Team	8 12pm Operations Meeting  1:30-6:00 Blood Drive	9 8pm AA	10 6-8pm IJC	11
12 10am Worship (Live Stream) 1p-2p IJC	13 12:00pm - 40 minute monday 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	14 4:30pm Praise Team	15	16 8pm AA	17 6-8pm IJC	18
19 10am Worship (Live Stream) HAPPY Father's DAY Deacon Meeting 11:30-12:30 1p-2p IJC	20 12:00pm - 40 minute monday 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	21 4:30pm Praise Team 7pm Session Meeting	22	23 8pm AA	24  7pm HPC night @ Hops! 6-8pm IJC	25
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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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Ephesians 3:20*



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