

KOINONIA

HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**LENT/EASTER
2025**

PASTOR MESSAGE

**LENT
GOSPEL OF LUKE
EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN**

ASH WEDNESDAY

**MARCH 5TH SERVICE 5 PM
SOUP DINNER FOLLOWS THE
SERVICE**

SERVICE SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH
HELPING YELLOW HOUSE**

HAPPY EASTER

Photo by: Jill Appel

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!

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CALENDAR

February Birthdays

Thad MacMillan	3
Rick Harrison	4
Donald Scott	6
Kevin Wisdom	6
Sue Dever	15
Lita Lenz	16
Gary Gale	21
John McFerran	21
Peggy Grawburg	28

March Birthdays

Nancy Johnson	5
Pat Ehresmann	9
Ron Rittenhouse	22
Dana Gale	23
Kaelyn Dickson	28
Bruce McVean	31

April Birthdays

Bill Swanson	1
Phil Grawburg	3
Bert Schroder	5
Bob Stebe	11
Joanie Loepf	18
Brian Craker	30



PASTOR MESSAGE

Rev. Kelly Dickson

My dear Hillsboro Presbyterian Church,

I am grieved to be writing my last Koinonia and preparing to depart from my role as your Bridge Pastor. I am also very hopeful for your future and most certain that God holds this community tenderly and with great care. Being a part of this community has been more of a gift to me than I could have ever anticipated. Thank you for your warmth, generosity and welcome. I will miss you dearly.

As I conclude my time with you, I am preparing your Lenten series and liturgies for worship. Ash Wednesday will be on March 5 this year so you will begin your Lenten journey almost immediately after I depart. I selected an artistic curriculum that will invite you to continue walking through the lectionary passages in Luke's Gospel with special focus on how Jesus' ministry disrupted the social, political and religious divides of his time. The series was created by a curriculum resource organization called, "A Sanctified Art" and this Lenten Luke series is called Everything In Between. Through Lent you will explore how Jesus's encounters with others provided a third way, a way of grace, modeling a way "in between." Their art is already displayed on our bulletin board to prepare you for what is to come!

On the next page is a description from A Sanctified Art on this series: "This series is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like "faith & works" or "rest & growth," or "grief & hope." We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between. And so, this season, we invite you to look beyond black and white binaries and easy answers. We encourage you to notice the dichotomies that define our lives, but also imagine where God might be meeting us beyond the categories we create."

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PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED

[The series at a glance]

ASH WED.	1ST SUN IN LENT	2ND SUN IN LENT	3RD SUN IN LENT	4TH SUN IN LENT	5TH SUN IN LENT	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURS	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
intention & action	stranger & neighbor	faith & works	rest & growth	lost & found	righteousness & mercy	shouting & silence	power & humility	acceptance & resistance	grief & hope
Luke 9:51-62 (Jesus sets out for Jerusalem)	Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)	Luke 10:38-42 (Mary & Martha host Jesus)	Luke 13:6-9 (Parable of the fig tree)	Luke 15:1-7 (Parable of the lost sheep)	Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus greets Jesus)	Luke 19:29-40 (Jesus enters Jerusalem)	Luke 22:1-27 (Last Supper)	Luke 23:32-49 (Jesus dies alongside a penitent thief)	Luke 24:1-12 (The women grieve and Peter runs to the tomb)

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I am certain these passages and this focus will invite you into a deeper sense of how transformative and radical our Jesus was and continues to be. I am grateful to have one more month with you and will continue to hold you in prayer long after I am gone.

In gratitude, Pastor Kelly



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February

Sun 2nd Rev. Jamie Noling-Auth

Sun 9th Rev. Brian Reeves

Sun 16th Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sun 23rd Rev. Kelly Dickson

April

Sun 6th Everything [in] between:
righteousness & mercy

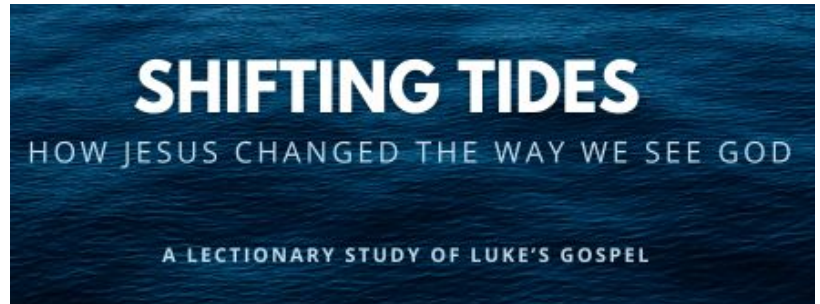
Sun 13th Palm Sunday
Everything [in] between:
shouting & silence

Thurs 17th Maundy Thursday
Everything [in] between:

Fri 18th Good Friday
Everything [in] between:

Sun 20th Easter Sunday
Everything [in] between:
grief & hope

Sun 27th 1st Sunday after Easter



March

Sun 2nd Rev. Brian Reeves
Shifting Tides: How Jesus
Changed the Way We See God

Wed 5th Rev. Brian Craker
Ash Wednesday Service 5pm
Everything [in] between:
intention & action

Sun 9th Everything [in] between:
stranger & neighbor

Sun 16th Everything [in] between:
faith & works

Sun 23rd Everything [in] between:
rest & growth

Sun 30th Service Sunday
Everything [in] between:
lost & found



MISSIONS NEWS

by Jill Appel

Our next, Service Sunday is March 30th. We will be helping Yellow House, a partner of Project Homeless Connect. We will be making 50 sack lunches. And collecting Lysol spray, **LIQUID** laundry soap, and **LIQUID** body soap.



We have some new volunteer opportunities coming soon. We will be working with stay tuned for these exciting opportunities.

HOMEPLATE

Youth Services

The youth will be collecting diapers and wipes for Northwest Children's Outreach. If you would like to donate diapers and/or, please drop them off at the church by March 14th.

YOUTH

by Jill Appel



Saturday, March 15th

10 am - 11:30 am



We will be meeting at Northwest Children's Outreach at 10am. At the center we will help put together orders and sort donations. RSVP by March 10th.

SACRED STEWARDS

by Dana Gale

My epiphany star word for 2025 is obedience. And after chuckling a bit, I realized it's my obedience to God that matters. I am definitely a work in progress, but these verses are very helpful.

Psalm 37: 3-7 tells us to:

3 Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. 4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: 6 He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

I need the reminder many times to Trust in God, Take delight in God, Commit my way to God, and especially to Be Still before God.

I briefly went through our income and expenses for 2024 at our annual congregational meeting, but I wanted to share it again.

	<u>Actual</u>	<i>Photo by Kelly Dicks</i> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$267,930	\$239,270	\$ 28,660
Total Expense	<u>\$205,538</u>	<u>\$207,978</u>	\$ - 2,440
Net Income	\$62,392	\$ 31,292	\$ 31,100



These are totals for the year. We ended 2024 on a very strong note. Thanks for your generosity each month.



**PER
CAPITA**

This is an invitation for members to pay their per capita to the Presbytery. \$50 per member

DEACONS BEACON

by Dennis Baker

Happy New Year everyone. What are you looking forward to this New Year? Perhaps it is travel and new experiences, working on hobbies, or just spending quality time with loved ones. The new year is a great time to look back and thank God for all his gifts of love and faithfulness and look forward with expectation and faith that God will guide us through this New Year with his strength and blessings.

Let God guide you as we start this new year, take a little quiet time with God and know he is in control. He is our Beacon, our Lighthouse.

We would like to thank Keith Upton for his gift of faithful stewardship as Deacon to HPC and our congregation. Keith has faithfully served his term as Deacon, and we thank him for the deep compassion, dedication and generosity he has shared. Keith always has a smile and a hearty hello and just has that special quality of encouragement to lift others up. We also thank Keith for his many years of dedication and volunteer service to Quiet Waters Outreach. Additionally, we would like to thank Greta Schindler for serving in our family of Deacons. Greta has been very involved with HPC in the past as Elder, Deacon, Sunday school teacher, VBS volunteer, Quiet Waters Outreach volunteer, Presbytery Representative, Delegate to General Assembly, Hostess for Bible Studies and all the way back to Deacon. Thank you, Greta, for giving your time and support to our HPC congregation.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

Pastor Kelly's

CELEBRATION

LET'S SHOWER HER WITH CARDS



EVENTS & FELLOWSHIP

by Elaine Baker



Ash Wednesday
Lenten
Soup
Dinner

Service is at 5 with soup dinner to follow.

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 December 1, 2024, and January 5, 2025.
- Rev. Danny Peters preaching on December 29 (Kelly away).
- Lectionary sermon series starting January 12, 2025.
- Kelly away January 19, 2025. Shalom Collective. Matt Heisler will preach.
- Kelly away February 2nd. Jamie Noling-Auth will preach. John Wallace will assist and serve communion.
- Approved Bridge Pastor 2-month contract for January 1 through February 28, 2025.
- Annual Congregational Meeting set for January 26, 2025.
- Pastoral Transition:
 - Team will travel to listen to guest Pastor. Potential candidate.
 - Search continues. Looking to interview two new candidates.
- Roofing project update:
 - Received bid from construction contractor on finishing drywall, insulation, and ceiling tile replacement. Work should start the end of December.
 - Roof and HVAC installation complete. Construction work on interior fixes near completion.
- Sunday bible study group (Class on Acts) is going well.
- Partnership Giving Pledge set at \$2000.00 for 2025.
- Bottle drop account had accumulated \$377.16. Requested check for \$375.00. Will use Bottle Drop money for Fellowship/Events.
- February 2nd - Worship committee meeting.
- Piano has been tuned. Was actually in pretty good tune.
- Service Sunday for December 29th will be coat (coats, hats, gloves) collection for NW Children's Outreach. Next Service Sunday will be March 30, 2025. Youth: Collaborative working well. Christmas Party scheduled at Old Scotch Church. Want to schedule a collaborative confirmation class next fall for the youth (possibly at Old Scotch Church).
- January 5, 2025 - Epiphany Sunday: Baby Jesus shower, potluck, and Epiphany Stars.
- Bake off and dessert auction planned in the near future. Money to go to Fellowship and Events.

Stay safe and healthy.

Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 2nd
Communion

Friday, February 14th
Youth Event -
Chocolate Making

Tuesday, February 18th
Ladies Bunko

Sunday, March 2nd
Communion

Wednesday, March 5th
Ash Wednesday
Service at 5pm

Tuesday, March 18th
Ladies Bunko

Sunday, March 30th
Service Sunday
Helping Yellow House

Sunday, April 6th
Communion

Sunday, April 13th
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17th
Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 18th
Good Friday

Sunday, April 20th
Easter

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.

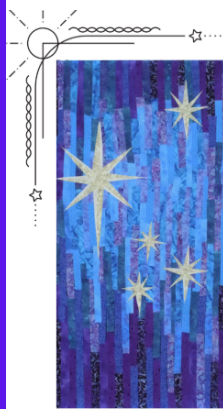
We hope the option of donating online helps many of us who don't carry checks or cash every day, but still want to financially support HPC.

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.



LITURGICAL ARTS COMMITTEE



Would you like to help decorate the church for the different seasons. If you would like to help, talk to Sue Dever or Chris Wesley.





HPC Calendar - 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 9am-3pm Potter's House 6-10pm Potter's House
2 10am Worship (Live Stream) Communion 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	3 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	5	6 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	7 6-8pm IJC	8 6-10pm Potter's House
9 10am Worship (Live Stream) 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	10 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	11 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	12	13 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	14 6-8pm IJC	15 6-10pm Potter's House
16 10am Worship (Live Stream) 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	17 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	18 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team Session 6-10pm Potter's House	19	20 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	21 6-8pm IJC	22 6-10pm Potter's House
23 10am Worship (Live Stream) 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	24 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	25 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	26	27 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	28 6-8pm IJC	
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HPC Calendar - 2025

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						1 8am-12pm Potter's House 6-10pm Potter's House
2 10am Worship Communion 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	3 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	5 Ash Wednesday 5pm Service Soup Dinner	6 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	7 6-8pm IJC	8 6-10pm Potter's House
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30 Service Sunday 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	31 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA					



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13 10am Worship (Live Stream) PALM SUNDAY 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	14 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	15 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 7pm Session 6-10pm Potter's House	16 6:45 Choir	17 Maundy Thursday 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	18 Good Friday 6-8pm IJC	19 6-10pm Potter's House
20 10am Worship (Live Stream) EASTER 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
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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
Steve Dever Property
Elaine Baker Fellowship/Events
Sandy McFerran Operations

Deacons:

Tammy McVean
Sue Dever
Nancy Johnson
Dennis Baker

Pastor Kelly Dickson Bridge Pastor
Nancy Johnson Office Assistant
Laura Cunard Worship Music Leader
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Donald Scott Custodian



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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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