

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

Hurricane Ridge Olympic National Park. Photo by Nancy Johnson

Rev. Kelly Dickson

March 2024 holds the final days of Lent for us. In March, as the days lengthen and the sunlight extends just a bit longer each day, our journey with Jesus grows darker. We will not turn away this month from the truth that from dust we came and to dust we will return. Together we (adam) will confess that without the breath of God, we are merely dry bones, dust of the earth (adamah). But we do not lose hope. Because of Jesus, ours is a story that doesn't end with dust...

In March, we will remember Jesus' glorious ride into Jerusalem in which the very ones who shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," (John 12:13) are the same voices who insist that our beloved Jesus be crucified. As we pause, listening to those voices, we may also hear our own voices shouting both praise and condemnation. So again, together we will confess.

In March, we will journey with Jesus to the Upper Room where he offered his disciples the bread and the cup at that last supper, inviting them to hold it, take it, and remember that this very bread represents the gift of grace he is about to offer through his broken body. And this cup, is to forever be remembered as the blood that he is willingly spilling for them, for us.

We will sit in the darkness of that wretched and blessed Good Friday and we will hold silence on that grief-filled Holy Saturday. We will see our own faces standing over that charcoal fire with Peter—wondering together what role we might have had in that dark Friday. And we will hold the heaviness and broken dreams that came for those who wondered how they had gotten it all wrong, when Jesus' body was placed in the tomb and it seemed as though the story was over.

We will not rush to Easter Sunday because we cannot possibly grasp the power of that glorious day unless we sit in the ashes of a burned down dream together and remember our role in it all. From dust we came, to dust we will return...had it not been for the BREATH OF GOD. We will wait to celebrate how the breath of God forever changed history on that blessed Easter Sunday.

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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

Nancy Johnson	5	Dana Gale	23
Pat Ehresmann	9	Heather Bledsow	30
Ron Rittenhouse	22	Bruce McVean	31



Would you like to be a part of HPC's wonderful committees?

Events & Fellowship meets every other month on the **1st Sunday**.
 The next meeting is **Sunday, March 4th** after service.

Property meets the **2nd Sunday** of the month. Next meeting is
Sunday, March 10th after service

Operations meets every month on the **2nd Wednesday** at noon.
 The next meeting is **Wednesday, March 13** at noon.

Worship meets every other month on the **1st Sunday**. The next
 meeting will be **Sunday, April 7th** after service.

Missions meets every other month on the **4th Sunday**. The next
 meeting is **Sunday, April 28th** after service.



Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 3
"Confession Breath"
Rachel Guevara

Sunday, March 10
"Writing in the Dust: The
freedom in silence."
Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sunday, March 17
"Dust and Sight"
Rev. Kelly Dickson

Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday
"Donkey Dust"
Rev. Kelly Dickson

Thursday, March 28
Maundy Thursday
Rev.

Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday
"Breathing Again: Shaking
off Grave Dust"
Rev. Kelly Dickson

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So, I invite you this March to resist running to the light just yet. Let us allow ourselves time to look around, listen, and slowly walk this path with Jesus that we might remember this story, our story in our bones.

What a gift it is to be walking this Lenten journey with you, Hillsboro Presbyterian Church! May the peace of Christ be with us all this March.

Pastor Kelly

Worship

by Nona Scott

"The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music." Martin Luther

When I came on as Worship Elder, I was quite unaware of all that entailed. I was also unaware that there was already a team of dedicated volunteers who make it all look seamless. Worship is more than the music, the liturgy, the sermon; it's the ushers who meet all at the door with a welcoming smile, it's the sanctuary that is prepared to reflect the season of worship according to the Church calendar, it's the hands that prepare communion, it's the preparation of the weekly bulletin, it's the preparation of the worship slides, and it's the teams who make all the technology work so that not only can we enjoy the slides that lead us through the service, but we can share with the world and invite them into our church. When you attend worship, please take a moment to thank the people who make our service work!

In order for everything to continue to work seamlessly, we have a couple of requests for assistance from the rest of the congregation.

1. Checking the pews after the service for items left behind, including collecting the cups after communion. If you think this is something you can do, then please let me know or talk to John or Sandy McFerran.

2. EASTER LILIES! As we adorned the sanctuary with poinsettias during Advent and Christmas, we would like to adorn it on Easter Sunday. If you would like to share in this activity please bring in your lilies, starting on Palm Sunday. You can also bring them in during the week, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and of course you can bring them Easter morning. Due to allergies, please remove the stamens in the flowers prior to bringing them in.

Services for the month include Communion, 3/3/24, Palm Sunday, 3/24/24, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm, 3/28/24 and THEN CAME SUNDAY, 3/31/24.

Blessings,
Nona Scott
Worship Elder



Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

Well March is here and often associated with spring cleaning, both in a physical and spiritual sense. March has a theme for the christian spiritual sense which is confession and forgiveness, confessing our sins and forgiving others, purifying and cleansing our selves, body and mind for the new growth that spring brings. This is often seen as a time of awakening, where the dormant winter gives way to



the life of spring. This month is also a time to reflect on the Easter story, The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, bringing hope and joy to all his disciples. We see the triumph over death and the promise of what is to come. Jesus' resurrection brings hope and assurance of eternal life. It's a time to lay the groundwork and build a strong foundation for the plans and activities that will unfold in the coming months.

HPC 2024 Spring Cleaning



Many thanks to all who helped with the All Church Clean up including our partner churches who worship at HPC- The Potter's Church and the IJC.

Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

We've had an announcement slide up the last few weeks that says per capita assessment per member is \$45.60. I wanted to give a little background.

Per capita is calculated each year on our church's prior year's membership. Since the per capita amount was figured out during 2023, the amount we are charged is for the number of members we had at the end of 2022.

I always thought of this as some generic kind of tax that Presbytery charges each congregation. But it isn't. The money that is collected is distributed as follows for 2024:

General Assembly \$9.80

Synod of the Pacific \$5.22

Presbytery of the Cascades \$30.58

Total \$45.60 per Capita/Member for 2024

We had 82 members at the end of 2022. Multiply that by \$45.60 and our assessment is \$3,739.

If you would like to contribute your share of the per capita assessment, please note on your gift that it is for per capita and not for your regular giving. Thank you.

In His service,

Dana Gale

What is PER CAPITA?



Missions

by Jill Appel

Saturday, March 9th at 10 am is our next big service project. Come help us pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. We will be partnering with Orenco Presbyterian to pack 10,000 meals.



**Meal
Packing
Event**

Saturday, March 9th | 10am - 1pm

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food · community · sustainability

Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry, Empowering the Oppressed



Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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

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 February 4th.
- Read thank you letters from Medical Teams International, ARMS, Quiet Waters, Village of Hope, and Firm Foundation in Christ.
- Kelly's away Sundays: February 25th (Phil Grawburg preaching), March 3rd (Rachel Guevara preaching, Kelly present), June 30th. Possible guest speaker on March 17th.
- Pastoral Transition:
 - Reviewing and discussing current applicants. Waiting for more applicants in the coming month or so.
- The Lectio-Divina study has been a success. God is truly at work in these weekly lessons and discussions.
- Rise Against Hunger meal packing coming up on March 9th.
- We will adopt the statements put forth by General Assembly from Presbytery on Anti-racism and Harassment policies.
- Appointed a roof repair point person to coordinate repair efforts.
- Steering wheel on play structure now securely attached.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session

Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loëpp



Easter Sunday falls on the 31st of March this year and we'll begin our day at HPC with a fruit and pastry breakfast at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall. We welcome contributions of muffins, breads, fruit and juice. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please join us for this time of fellowship as we begin the season of Easter. Coffee hour will follow the worship service as usual. We look forward to seeing you!

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.



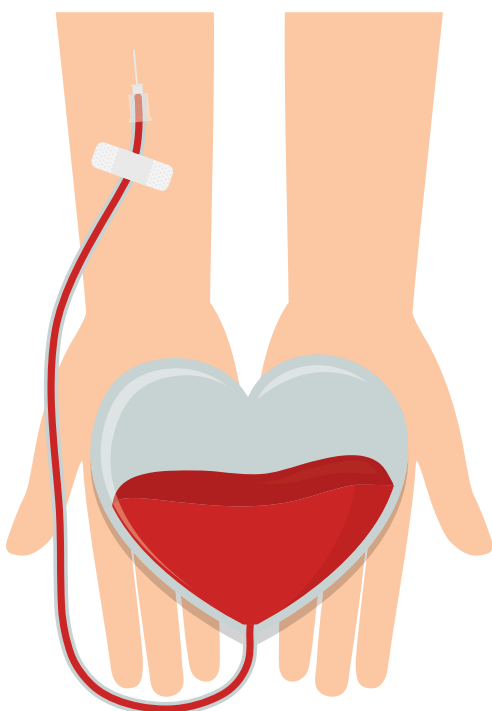
1. We don't "pass the plate" any longer, but we have a box inside the doors as you enter the sanctuary and you may place your donation there on Sunday.

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 is

Monday, March 18th

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	2 8am-12pm Potter's House 6-10pm Potter's House
3 10am Worship Communion 11am Events & Fellowship Committee 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	4 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	5 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	6 6:45 Choir	7 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	8 6-8pm IJC	9 Missions RISE AGAINST HUNGER 8am-3pm 6-10pm Potter's House
10 10am Worship 11am Property Committee 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	11 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	12 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	13 12pm Operations 6:45 Choir	14 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	15 6-8pm IJC	16 11am-4pm Naked Baby Clothing Swap 6-10pm Potter's House
17 10am Worship (Live Stream) 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	18  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	19 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	20 6:45 Choir	21 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	22 6-8pm IJC	23 6-10pm Potter's House
24 10am Worship Palm Sunday 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	25 HOLY WEEK 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	26 4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House	27 6:45 Choir	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	29 GOOD FRIDAY 6-8pm IJC	30 6-10pm Potter's House
31 10am Worship EASTER 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House						



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28 10am Worship 11am Mission Committee 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	29	30				
	6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4:30 Praise Team 6-10pm Potter's House				

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 Loepf	Fellowship/Events
Sandy McFerran	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.*

Ministers: The Members

"God is able"


Ephesians 3:20

Deacons:

Tammy McVean	A-E
Sue Dever	F-K
Nancy Johnson	L-Q
Greta Schindler	R-S
Keith Upton	T-Z

Choir Director	Nona Scott
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