

# 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

Photo by Jill Appel

## Rev. Kelly Dickson

Dear HPC Family,

It has been a great joy journeying with you through Eastertide (the 50 days that follow Easter). We have been very intentional these past many weeks about lingering in the joy and mindfully receiving the profound gift of the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a church. Our God loves a good celebration, and we resemble our Creator when we take the time to celebrate too by giving thanks and living into the Easter truth—because of Christ, life will always follow death! Yes, and amen.

This Eastertide, we have focused in on the lectionary passages from 1 John, a New Testament book that points out the defining traits of the followers of Jesus—or in the words of 1 John, the marks of the koinonia or the people who fellowship with God.

This month, we will celebrate Pentecost (May 19), when the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a mighty ruach (wind, spirit, breath) invading the house in which the apostles gathered and appeared to them as a burning fire found in Acts 2. I cannot help but see the common thread that has birthed and given life to our story. Our story started with the breath of God and has been continually sustained by the breath of God. If you would like to read more on Pentecost, PC(USA) has a brief but helpful description here. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost/>

May we, koinonia people, respond to the invitation this month to fellowship with God and love one another out of the overflow of the love we have received. We will conclude our sermon series on 1 John at the end of May and will spend the summer praying the Psalms together.

I have included a prayer from a favorite modern liturgy book of mine, Every Moment Holy by Douglas Kaine McElvey. May this prayer speak the words of your soul each morning as you wake to begin a new day.

May the powerful Ruach of our God move mightily in and among us this month.

Pastor Kelly

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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

David Radcliff	4	Tammy McVean	13
John McVean	5	Lori Wisdom	17
Jeanie Morgan	7	Jill Cessna	18
Candice Stroeve	9	Arianna MacMillan	26
Debbi Like	13	Lois Martz	28

## Anniversary

Peggy & Phil Grawburg	3
Cindy & Dave Thomas	7
Jacquie & Rick Harrison	9
Debbie & Thomas Like	14
Keith & Heather Bledsoe	15



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

**Operations** meets every month on the **2nd Wednesday** at noon.  
 The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 8th** at noon.

**Property** meets the **2nd Sunday** of the month. Next meeting is  
**Sunday, May 12th** after service

**Missions** next meeting is **Tuesday, May 14th** at noon.

**Worship** meets every other month on the **1st Sunday**. The next  
 meeting will be **Sunday, June 2nd** after service.



# Worship Schedule

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1 JOHN

WALK IN THE *light*  
& *love* DEEPLY

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Sunday, May 5th

Communion

1 John 5:1-6

Rev. Kelly Dickson

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Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day

1 John 5:9-13

Rev. Kelly Dickson and Rev. Phil Grawburg

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Sunday, May 19th

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Kelly Dickson

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Sunday, May 26th

John 3:1-17

Rev. Kelly Dickson

## Every Moment Holy

Meet me, O Christ  
in this stillness of morning.  
Move me, O Spirit,  
to quiet my heart.  
Mend me, O Father,  
from yesterday's harms.  
From the discords of yesterday,  
resurrect my peace.  
From the discouragement of yesterday,  
resurrect my hope.  
From the weariness of yesterday,  
resurrect my strength.  
From the doubts of yesterday,  
resurrect my faith.  
From the wounds of yesterday,  
resurrect my love.  
Let me enter this new day,  
aware of my need and awake to your grace,  
O Lord.  
Amen

### A LITURGY FOR THE Ritual of Morning Coffee

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**Sunday, May 5th** is the kick off to the **Raise The Roof** campaign with a **Cinco de Mayo** celebration. We ask you to prayerfully consider your role in helping us replace the roof. Our fundraising goal is \$300,000.





# Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton



As we look to grow closer to God during this month, let's remember that May is an opportunity for reflection on our faith journey while also looking forward with hope towards things to come. May is a time to see the earth's renewal and the potential for new life. May marks the time when the earth comes alive with vibrant colors, blossoming flowers, and new foliage, signifying the awakening of nature from its winter slumber. Renewal and Transformation is a reminder that just as nature goes through a process of renewal and transformation, individuals can also experience personal growth and spiritual rejuvenation. May can inspire people to embrace their own inner renewal, seek personal growth, and embark on a journey of spiritual awakening.

So take some time this May to reflect on what these things mean to you, and how you can apply them in your life. Whether it's through prayer, meditation, or acts of kindness towards others, embracing the spiritual significance of May can help bring deeper meaning into your life.

## YOUTH EVENTS



### **May 26th 3pm-6pm**

Orengo Presbyterian's Spring Fling BBQ  
Water Slides, obstacles course, games,  
food, and fun.

### **July 14th**

Old Scotch Presbyterian's Pool Party

### **September 21st**

Old Scotch Presbyterian's  
Rise Against Hunger Packing Event

### **October 5th**

HPC's Corn Maze

# Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

Gary and I went on the Good Friday Prayer Walk on March 29th. We have done this for the past several years. I love how this large group of people from different denominations and walks of life come together to pray.

As in the past, we prayed for the community, sometimes in English, sometimes in Spanish - it didn't matter if we completely understood the other language, because God did!

Again this year, the weather was beautiful and sunny, which made it a bit simpler than if we had to dodge umbrellas.

There was a large group of people, (a lot were from HPC!) and it was so uplifting to come together and show God's love to people on the street. Because, God is good.....all the time.



## Events & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepf

Greetings from your Events & Fellowship team! As you know, we will begin our Raising the Roof Campaign Kick-off with a potluck on May 5th following the service. As May 5th is also Cinco de Mayo, we'd love to have a few Mexican dishes in the mix if you'd like to bring one, but all sorts of potluck dishes are welcome. That being said, we know that not everyone is able to prepare a dish to share - please know you are welcome at any HPC fellowship event regardless. The most important contribution is your presence. And May 5th in particular is an important one for our church family as we begin an urgent and much-needed property repair, so we encourage everyone to attend.



We'll be recognizing Mother's Day a little differently this year, we will have planted more flowers in our sign planter out front rather than handing out roses and we hope you enjoy this change.

Looking ahead, we have our annual HPC Night at the Hops on Friday, June 14th. We have 32 seats reserved in Section 3. The cost is \$18 per person and I will bring the tickets on Sundays beginning May 5th. The Hops are playing Tri-City, the game starts at 7pm and it's Firework Friday! Please join us!



Blessings,  
Joanie Loepf  
Events & Fellowship Elder



# 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 March 28th and April 7th.
- Read thank you letters from Presbytery on recent giving.
- Presbytery meeting on April 19th and 20th to be held in-person.
- Rev. Danny Peters will be the guest preacher on April 28th (possibly on Mother's Day).
- Pastoral Transition:
  - Candidate preached at a neutral church in the area. Search team decided to not call the candidate.
- The Lectio-Divina study going well. Full group present last Sunday.
- Sabbath video viewings moved to April 21st and 28th.
- Discussing possibility of outdoor summer worship services.
- Donald is healthy and will be reinstated as a custodial helper.
- Roofing consultant returned their report. Recommend the consultant to generate a construction spec and obtain more bids. HPC to start a building campaign. Project cost for roofing and 2 HVAC replacements estimated at \$300,000. \$200,000 already donated. Kick off potluck to be held May 5th.
- Outstanding Synod loan is a little over \$17,000. A request has been made by Presbytery to pay off the loan. Quarterly payments will be increased to pay off the loan by the end of the year.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,

Gary Gale Clerk of Session



# FLOWER Ministry

Sign up to bring in flowers or make a donation in lieu of flowers. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall

# 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](http://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, May 15th**

from 1:30-6:30pm.

See Sandy McFerran if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

For an appointment please visit:

**[Redcrossblood.org](http://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	3	4
			<b>6:45 Choir</b>	6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	6-10pm Potter's House
5 <b>10am Worship Communion</b> <b>Raise The Roof Potluck</b> 1-5pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	6 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	7 <b>4:30 Praise Team</b> 6-10pm Potter's House	8 <b>12pm Operations</b>  <b>6:45 Choir</b>	9 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	10 6-8pm IJC	11 8am-12pm Potter's House  6-10pm Potter's House
12 <b>10am Worship</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	13  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	14 <b>12pm Missions</b>  <b>4:30 Praise Team</b> 6-10pm Potter's House	15 <b>6:45 Choir</b>	16 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	17 6-8pm IJC	18 6-10pm Potter's House
19 <b>10am Worship</b> <b>11:30-12:30 Deacons</b> 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	20 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	21 <b>1pm Ladies Bunko</b>  <b>4:30 Praise Team</b> 6-10pm Potter's House	22 <b>6:45 Choir</b>	23 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	24 6-8pm IJC	25 6-10pm Potter's House
26 <b>10am Worship</b> <b>Youth Spring BBQ</b> 1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	28 <b>4:30 Praise Team</b> 6-10pm Potter's House	29 <b>6:45 Choir</b>	30 6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	31 6-8pm IJC	



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16 <b>10am Worship 11:30 Deacons' Father's Day</b>  1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House	17  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	18 <b>4:30 Praise Team</b>  6-10pm Potter's House	19	20  6-10pm Potter's House 8pm AA	21  6-8pm IJC	22  6-10pm Potter's House
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30 <b>Service Sunday</b>  1-2pm IJC 6-10pm Potter's House						



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

## Session:

Jill Appel	Missions
Dana Gale	Stewardship
Rick Harrison	Education/Discipleship
Joanie Loepp	Fellowship/Events
Sandy McFerran	Operations
John McVean	Property
Nona Scott	Worship

*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.*

## Deacons:

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


*Ministers: The Members*


*"God is able"*

*Ephesians 3:20*

Choir Director	Nona Scott
Worship Music Leader	Laura Cunard
Custodian	Donald Scott
Office Assistant	Nancy Johnson

**Office hours: Tuesday- Thursday; 9:30-12:30 pm**

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