

# 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**



## Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

The trees in our neighborhood have just started to show the early signs of Fall, with the leaves beginning their transition from green to hints of yellow. For some reason I felt completely surprised by this sight. Never mind that it was 80 degrees when I noticed the change as I drove back home from work at HPC. It still felt like summer outside, but the trees know that a change of season is coming.

There's an old saying that the one constant in the world is change. It's true in the seasons, it's true in life, and it's true in the church. Somehow even when we know change is coming, seeing the first signs of that change can still take us by surprise and can take a while to adjust. Regarding the recent monarchy transition in the UK, people keep remarking how strange it is to see King Charles III now in that role, after so many years of his mother on the throne. Along with wondering of how long he will be king (given his age of 73) before his son William takes the throne.

I'm sure some of you may understand that same feeling with your pastoral transition. It's always strange the first few Sundays when the new Interim Pastor gets up in service. Different style, different voice, different height! Wonderings about how long this interim pastor will be with us before our new permanent pastor is called. These questions are all normal, and part of the early process at the beginning of any pastoral transition. There can also be anxiety when it comes to pastoral transitions. Will the interim pastor really have our best interest in mind?

While some of our questions will be reliant upon God's will and timing, I can share these assurances: After 14 years as an interim pastor in our Presbytery, I have witnessed God do wonderful things for the churches in transition that I've served. Together we will watch for God's fingerprints on HPC and our community, so together we can get a sense of where God is leading HPC in the future. And second, everything I do as your interim pastor will be with all of the love, wisdom, and care I can offer. Every sermon, every meeting, every conversation will be with my eyes focused on seeing what the future may hold for HPC.

Back to our original image. When the leaves begin to change colors, the trees are already at work preparing for next Spring. As we enter this season of transition, let us as a church family prepare our hearts in prayer and hope for what God is planning for our future.

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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**

Jackie Upton	3
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# CRAFT FAIR

***Looking for bakers, candy makers, and  
volunteers to help with the Craft Fair  
Bake Sale.***

If you have a favorite baked good you would like to contribute, drop off all items on Friday, October 21st, 3-5pm. Please have all baked goods individually wrapped and labeled with ingredients and its name. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, clean up, and sell all the delicious baked goods. For more information contact Jill Cessna.

***Need help with set up and clean up.***

We are looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday at 1:30 and clean up on Saturday at 3:30. For more information contact Sue Dever.

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT VILLAGE OF HOPE UGANDA**







## Worship Schedule

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Sunday, October 2nd  
World Communion Sunday  
Titus 1:1-4  
Living Hope  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

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Sunday, October 9th  
Titus 1:5-9  
Sound Leadership  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

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Sunday, October 16th  
Titus 1:10-2:1  
Sound Teaching  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

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Sunday, October 23rd  
Psalm 116  
Stewardship: Generations of Giving  
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

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Sunday, October 30th  
Service Sunday  
Gardening at Orenco Elementary

# Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

Hey everyone

The Deacons would like to hear from you. We are always looking for suggestions, comments, concerns or anything that's on your mind. It is good to have communication among our congregation. Communication is about sharing and exchanging ideas and opinions. Communication is more than just our ability to talk, but also to listen. The Deacons are here for you and you are here for us.



As many of you know Linda Redmond is a very talented artist and has displayed some of her art work around the church. I have talked with Linda and discussed the possibility's of donating some of her beautiful work to retirement centers, foster homes, nursing homes etc, to brighten their days. If any one has a special place in mind you would like to see this artwork displayed please let us know.

We hope you have enjoyed your summer and are ready to settle in for a new and exciting time this fall with our new interim pastor Rev. Dr. Brian Craker. We hope to see you in church, as you feel comfortable, and extend your welcome getting to know Pastor Brian and what he has in store for us.

Greetings HPC Family,

Most if you know me from my time as a member of HPC for the last 8 years. I'm pretty sure you already know a lot about me but there may be things you don't know.

I'm originally from the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of New York State. A few years after graduating from college I served in the Army for 7 years first as a Combat Medic and then as a Military Intelligence Officer, stationed at Ft Bliss Texas both times, which is where I met Brian. We have 3 sons and 4 grandchildren who live in Buffalo New York and Harrisburg Pa. Brian and I have lived in 9 states and are so glad to finally be settled in beautiful Oregon. I grew up in the Presbyterian church and have served as a youth leader, VBS leader, Sunday school teacher, Tuesday Treasures

Leader, Deacon and Elder. For the past 20 years I have supported children and adults and their families with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness. When the Church Office Assistant position became available I immediately felt that was my calling. I am so blessed to be serving as your Church Office Assistant. I am passionate about the congregation at HPC and serving God. Stop by the church office and say hi. I'll be starting Monday October 3rd.

Blessings

Nancy Johnson





# Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale



One of my favorite words is "delight". It means 'great pleasure or satisfaction'. And a couple of synonyms are 'joyfulness' and 'exuberance'. When I say or think of delight, I can't help but smile. It's that kind of a word.

It's no surprise then that one of my favorite verses is Psalm 37:4: Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

If I am delighting in the Lord, I'm joyful, exuberant, and taking great pleasure in Him.

So, I invite you to be delighted in the Lord!

## 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.

# Education

by Jenny Sabo

Four Presbyterian Churches (Hillsboro, Bethany, Orenco, and Old Scotch) are joining forces to provide a monthly youth event for their kids grades 6th-12th.



**Westside  
Presbyterian Youth  
Collaboration**

Sunday, October 9,  
6pm - 8pm at Orenco  
Presbyterian  
Halloween Fun!

Sunday, November 13,  
pm - 8pm at Hillsboro  
Presbyterian  
Games, Games, Games!

Sunday, December 11,  
6pm - 8pm at Old Scotch  
Presbyterian  
Christmas Party!

- **Sunday, October 9**, 6pm-8pm at Orenco Presbyterian Church. Halloween Fun! Dinner included with lots Halloween fun.
- **Sunday, November 13**, 6pm-8pm at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church. Games, Games, Games! Dinner included with a variety of games; foosball, ping pong, sardines, and so much more.
- **Sunday, December 11**, 6pm-8pm at Old Scotch Presbyterian Church. Christmas Party! Dinner included and lots of cookies.



Contact Jenny Sabo with questions  
and to get involved!

[EducationElder@hillsboropres.org](mailto:EducationElder@hillsboropres.org)

# Missions

by Jill Appel

It's grape harvest time! We are putting together a grape cutting work party to harvest all of the grapes for the Food Bank. We will be cutting grapes this month, October. If you would like to be apart of this work party, contact Sue Dever for more details.

World Communion Sunday, October 2nd, is the last day of our Special Offering Peace and Global Witness. 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**  
**Special Offerings**  
**Peacemaking and Reconciliation**

Sunday, October 30th is Service Sunday. Orenco Elementary would like some help planting daffodil bulbs and basic gardening. If you have any bulb planting tools we can borrow please contact Jill Appel.



Want to get involved with  
missions? Email Jill Appel at  
[MissionsElder@hillsboropres.org](mailto: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 continuing.
- Communion observed in the sanctuary on September 11th.
- Updated COVID procedures – stay the course.
- Worship committee to meet in October to start Advent/Christmas planning.
- Hosting a welcome fellowship time for Pastor Brian on Sunday September 25TH.
- Trunk or Treat Halloween event at the end of October.
- Nancy Johnson will be our new Office Assistant and will be starting October 1st.
- Youth Collective meeting monthly. October 9th “Halloween Fun” at Orenco Presbyterian Church.
- Stewardship pledging will begin in October. First Sunday in November pledges will be dedicated.
- Investigating a soggy spot in the backyard. Playset area in need of bark dust.
- Nominating Committee has two elder nominees identified. One deacon nominee identified. Waiting for confirmation on two deacons.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,  
Gary Gale Clerk of Session

## Family & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp



Hello HPC!

October means Fall is officially here and we're hoping to have another HPC Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. We need to be able to count on at least 8 "trunks" for this event so please let me know if you are able to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy to neighborhood trick or treaters on October 30th or 31st from 5-7pm in the HPC parking lot. We'd like to also have a few games available for the kids so if you'd prefer to participate by running a game booth, please let me know (we can provide the "booth" and would just need folks to run it). This was a successful event last year and we hope we can have another great neighborhood event this year.

Blessings,  
Joanie Loepp  
Events & Fellowship Elder

*Feel lead to volunteer? Contact  
Joanie Loepp at  
[FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org](mailto:FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org)*

# Bible Trivia

1. Why did Paul leave Titus in Crete?
2. How does one become a servant of God?
3. What did God promise before the world began?

For the answers read chapter 1 in the Book of Titus in your Bible.

# Joke of the Month



# American Red Cross



**August Drive Results**  
**Goal: 41**  
**Units Collected: 29!!**  
**87 Lives Potentially**  
**Saved!**

# New & Now

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](mailto:OfficeManager@hillsboropres.org)

Our upcoming blood drive is:

We will not be holding any blood drive at HPC in October. The American Red Cross will be back at HPC with two dates in November.

For an appointment please visit:

[Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org)

or

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







## HPC Calendar - 2022

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2 10am Worship (Live Stream)  1-2pm IJC	3  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	4  4:30 Praise Team	5	6  8pm AA	7  6-8pm IJC	8
9 10am Worship (Live Stream) <i>Youth Event at Orengo 6-8pm</i> 1-2pm IJC	10  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	11  4:30 Praise Team	12  12pm Operations	13  8pm AA	14  6-8pm IJC	15  Naked Baby Clothing Exchange
16 10am Worship (Live Stream) 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	17  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	18  4:30 Praise Team	19	20  8pm AA	21  Craft Fair set up 1-6pm  6-8pm IJC	22  Craft Fair 9-3pm
23 10am Worship (Live Stream)  1-2pm IJC	24  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	25  4:30 Praise Team	26	27  8pm AA	28  6-8pm IJC	29
30 10am Service Sunday (Orengo Elementary)  1-2pm IJC	31  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA					



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		4:30 Praise Team		8pm AA	6-8pm IJC	
6 10am Worship World Communion (Live Stream)  1-2pm IJC	7  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	8  4:30 Praise Team	9  12pm Operations	10  8pm AA	11  6-8pm IJC	12
13 10am Worship (Live Stream)  Youth Game Night at HPC 6-8pm  1-2pm IJC	14  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	15  4:30 Praise Team	16	17  8pm AA	18  6-8pm IJC	19
20 10am Worship (Live Stream)  11:30-12:30 Deacons'  1-2pm IJC	21  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	22  4:30 Praise Team	23	24  Thanksgiving Give Thanks!  8pm AA	25  6-8pm IJC	26
27 10am Worship (Live Stream) 1st Sunday of Advent  1-2pm IJC	28  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm  6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	29  4:30 Praise Team	30			



*Choir Director*                      *Nona Scott*  
*Worship Music Leader*      *Laura Cunard*  
*Custodian*                              *Donald Scott*

*Worship: Sunday, 10am*

*Session:*

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

*Office hours: Tues—Thurs; 10:00am-1pm*

*Deacons:*

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

*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*

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