

KOINONIA

HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

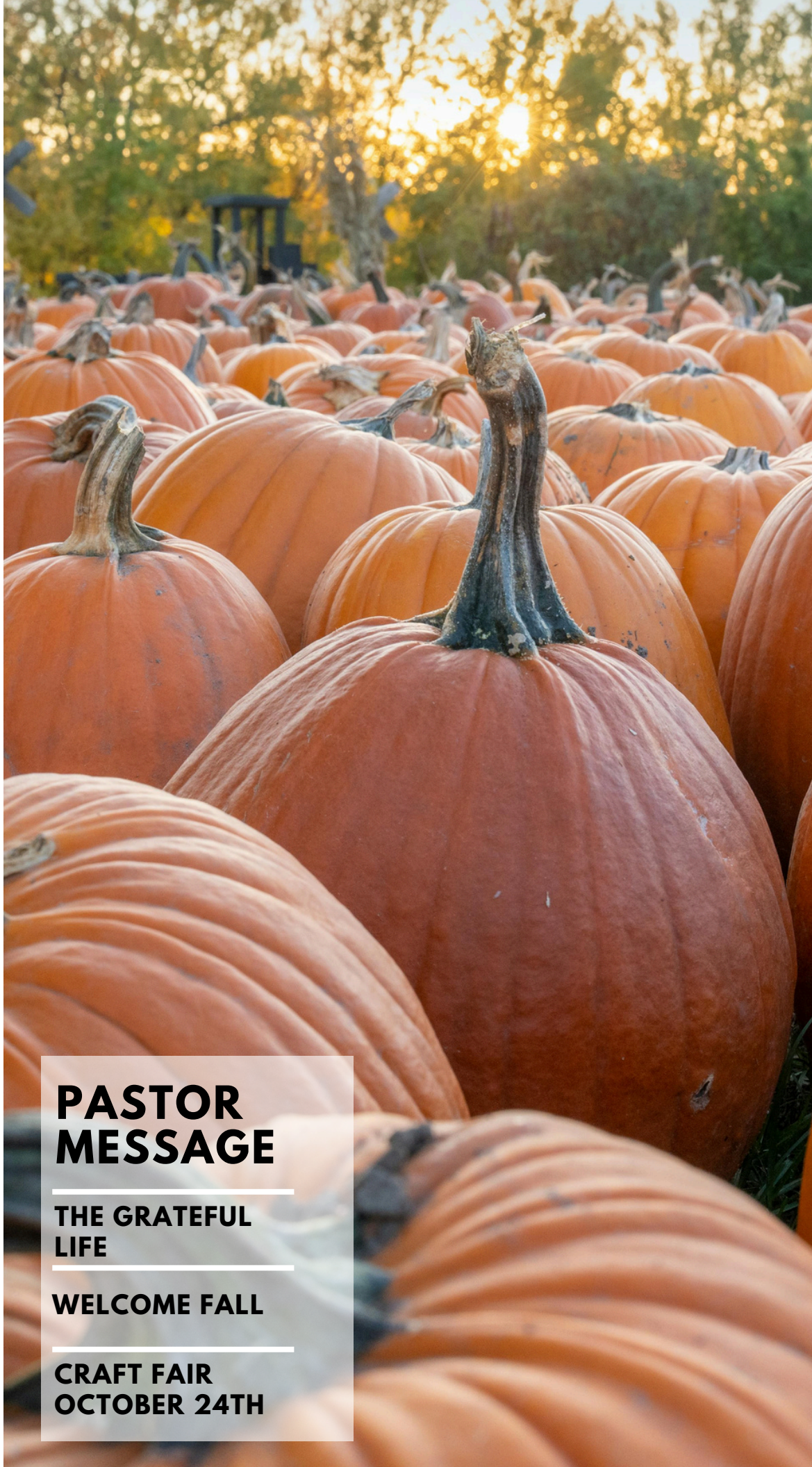
**OCTOBER/
NOVEMBER
2026**

PASTOR MESSAGE

**THE GRATEFUL
LIFE**

WELCOME FALL

**CRAFT FAIR
OCTOBER 24TH**



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!

**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER
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October

Jackie Upton	3
Stephanie McVean	4
Sandy Fulk	9
Barry Thomas	15
Grace Stramel	18
Phil Kidby	19
Laura MacMillan	21
Becky Wilson	27

November

Allein Dehaan	3
Donna Bowen	7
Linda Redmond	7
John Wallace	7
Catherine Kenyua	11
David Wisdom	12
Liz Williams	15
Dennis Baker	16
Erik Bernhardt	17
Margaret Flaherty	30

Anniversaries

October

Dana & Gary Gale	8
Aimee & Jameson Dolan	22
Michelle & Erik Bernhardt	30

November

Elaine & Dennis Baker	11
Liz & Kevin Williams	12

PASTOR MESSAGE

Rev. Rachel Guevara

Trials and challenges certainly take place in our lives that change our perspective, grounding us in gratitude. Then it seems we forget for a time and begin asking where God is or why God does not seem to be answering our prayers.

I love the season of fall, even as the beautiful leaves fall to the ground and the weather begins to cool. When the rain becomes too much, I begin to complain! Yet the rain is so vital for our beautiful springs and summers here in the Pacific Northwest. This changing of seasons invites us indoors more often, where we are face to face with one another (and with our thoughts!). It is a reminder that this quieting down of our hearts and minds and invitation to experience a different season is how God designed us. We turn inward a bit. We prepare for Thanksgiving and then for Christmas. Everything shifts. And hopefully - with some intentionality - we grow in gratitude toward our God for God's faithfulness and love! Our gratitude overflows into how we treat others, how we believe, how we live as Jesus' followers. I am challenged to grow in gratitude. I'll share challenges with you during the month of October as I preach "The Grateful Life." This is also stewardship season, so we will begin to consider what actions flow from our gratitude. Watch for a stewardship letter in your mail or on Sunday mornings; thank you for your faithful giving of yourselves, your resources, and all which overflows from your hearts toward our Lord. Our God is good, and I am so thankful to be at HPC.

Our Koinonia this month covers October and November, but stay tuned to our emails and weekly announcements, as we always find new ways to celebrate at HPC. In past weeks, we've enjoyed Birthday Sundays, a Sabbath Breakfast Sunday, baptisms and confirmation, and even two new Bible studies, all in the month of September alone. There is tradition which grounds us, and I am grateful for that, and we also are seeing God do brand new things at HPC. There is more to come, as when we grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, we learn more of God's character and are invited to experience newness... in our own lives and as a community.

As always, should you have a need, please reach out. I am praying for you.
In Christ,
Pastor Rachel



PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

HPC to co-host Grief-Informed Church Seminar

We are so excited to co-host an upcoming seminar, alongside Old Scotch Church, to bring attention to this important issue. On Saturday, November 14th, local pastors, deacons, elders, and all who are interested in being equipped to better understand grief and support those who are grieving will gather together at HPC for four sessions and lunch. Grief Educator Becky Oswald will cover common expressions of grief, death and non-death losses, what grief needs for healthy mourning and healing, and practical ways churches can care for griever. Thank you to HPC's team - from our men's and women's ministries - who will assist that day and host lunch for our guests. If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to the church office. Check out the promotional video and register on the HPC website.



Save the Date: Women's Retreat January 16-17, 2026 Tillikum Retreat Center, Newberg
Pastor Rachel is our speaker again this year as we join the women of Old Scotch Church for this weekend retreat to start the New Year! Save the date to join us all weekend (ending with worship Sunday morning) or all day on Saturday. Registration will be available soon. Read more about our theme, and plan ahead to join us.

In Our Hands: Entrusted to Lead, Speak, and Carry

Throughout scripture, God entrusts women with responsibility and leadership, as they carry out God's work. With a look at women from Judges, 2 Kings, and the Gospel of Luke, we'll see they are not afterthoughts or substitutes. Instead, God entrusts and equips them! Through their stories, we'll consider what God has placed in our hands and learn from those around us, coming together for a special blessing during our time of worship and communion on Sunday.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October

Sun 4th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Walking with Our Humble God Micah 6:6-8 Matthew 23:1-12
Sun 11th	Rev. Rachel Guevara The Grateful Life: Grace Deuteronomy 8:1-14 Luke 17:11-19
Sun 18th	Rev. Rachel Guevara The Grateful Life: Purpose Haggai 1:2-11 Matthew 25:35-46
Sun 25th	Rev. Rachel Guevara The Grateful Life: Grace: Abundance Malachi 3:10-12 2 Corinthians 9:6-15



November

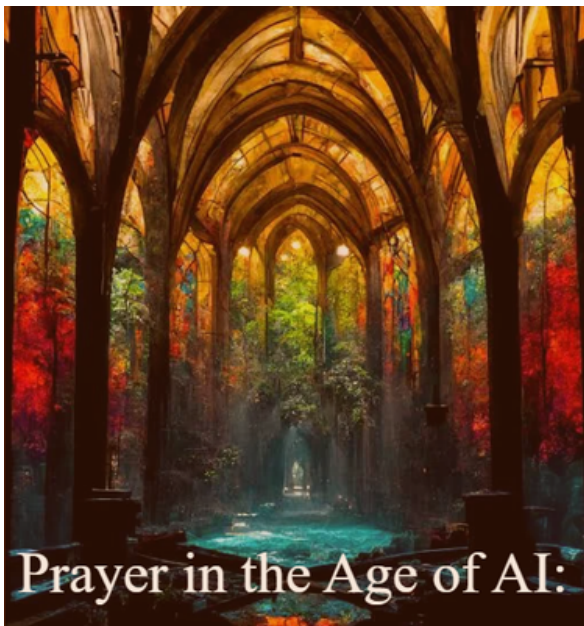
Sun 1st	Rev. Rachel Guevara Prayer in the Age of AI: Jesus and His Father
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Sun 8th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Prayer in the Age of AI: Holy be God's Name
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Sun 15th	Rev. Rachel Guevara Prayer in the Age of AI: Bread for Today
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Sun 22nd	Rev. Rachel Guevara Christ The King Sunday Prayer in the Age of AI: God's Kingdom Come
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Sun 29th	Rev. Rachel Guevara First Sunday of Advent
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SACRED STEWARDS

by Rick Harrison



Once again, faithfulness in financial management and the gracious giving by the members and contributors at HPC are a continuing highlight. August reports on comparisons to budgets looked very good. However, we will be needing to replace the roof over the Sanctuary. Watch for reports on that need that is coming. Begin praying for this and that this need will be met.

Please also be aware that we will be sending pledge cards and the Stewardship letter will be coming out on World Communion Sunday, October 4th .

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

by Elaine Baker

- October 4 - World Communion Sunday. Enjoy favorite breakfast sweet breads from your or another heritage. Bring one if you wish.
- November 15 - Chili and Cornbread Cook Off. Chili cooks and bakers bring your favorites for tasting and lunch together after worship. Winners take home an honorary spoon or whisk.



PROPERTY

by Steve Dever

HPC Property Project Status – October 2026

Sanctuary Upper Window leaks

The upper windows leaks appear to have been stopped. Will continue to monitor.

Building Shingled roof replacement

We have started work on this project with a plan to replace the roof in 2027.

We will be meeting with Alliance Consulting in October to talk about the contractor Bids.

Tree Trimming

The City of Hillsboro Public works has informed us that the trees along Lincoln and 32nd streets do not meet the minimum height requirements and need to be trimmed.

This will be remedied in late Sep or early Oct.



**ARE YOU
PREPARED?**



**SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST
AFTER WORSHIP**

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
WORKSHOP**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT JOANIE

LUNCH PROVIDED - CONTACT NANCY



CHOIR

**Wednesdays
at 6:45 pm**



**OCTOBER 18TH
AFTER SERVICE
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

MISSIONS

by Sue Dever

Updates:

Warm Springs/Bench Fire Update: In conjunction with PCUSA...

Monetary Donations: Financial gifts are the most helpful and Funds will be distributed for immediate and emerging community needs. The link is on the HPC website. Pro Tip: Top right-hand side of the homepage.

Back-to-School Supplies for the Hillsboro School District were delivered, including over 20 Backpacks and binders/notebooks. The cart was overflowing! Thank you for your generosity.

Policy and Procedure for Supplying WINCO Grocery Gift Card Support for non-HPC People in Need. Due to an increase in requests for food assistance within our community and since HPC is not a Food Bank Warehouse, HPC Mission Commission met to discuss current disbursement of \$50 WINCO Grocery Gift Cards. WINCO gift cards cannot be used to purchase alcohol or nicotine items. Decision was made to make available a total of \$150 worth of gift cards per month. Recipients are limited to One (1) Grocery Gift Card per month. Funds are part of our regular Mission Giving. A List of Local Food Banks, including Oregon Food Bank and Salvation Army, in Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Cornelius, Aloha, and Beaverton is available if requested.

Coming Up: Mark your calendars!

Saturday, October 3: RISE AGAINST HUNGER! HPC is partnering with Old Scotch Church and Bethany Presbyterian Church to package 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Join us! There are opportunities for everyone! **Sign-up is required:** <https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e831913>

Choose your options: Set-up: 8-9:30AM; Packaging: 9:30-11:30; Cleanup: 11:30-12:30PM

Meal Packing
Event
Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability
Saturday, October 3rd | 9:30-12pm

20,000 Meals

AT BETHANY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Saturday, October 24: HPC Craft Fair & Bake Sale supports Village of Hope!! Contact Sue Dever or Nancy Johnson for information. **Sign-up is easy, just click Craft Fair Registration Online Form** and follow the instructions. There is still room for vendors! Contact Nancy Johnson regarding the Bake Sale! The Bake Sale will support HPC Ministries for Men and Women.

Food Bank Donations needed! We will be accepting *PERISHABLE and non-perishable* food in **November and December**. You can drop off any donations during church office hours or Sunday morning. Please check Expiration Dates since Food Banks can only accept unopened, unexpired food!

HPC gives 10% of our Undesignated Income to Missions!

WORSHIP

by Nona Scott

Autumn.....where did summer go? Just like school, at HPC programs that were put on hiatus during the summer are resurrected. One of the most important to Worship is our choir beginning rehearsals. I'm looking forward to their debut during a Sunday Service. Soon they will be starting to prepare for the holiday season. If you are wanting to be a part of the choir during Advent and Christmas watch for information in announcements for when you should start attending rehearsals on Wednesday nights. (Of course you can join anytime!)

Since this Koinonia is covering two months, I want to mention a couple of things you should be watching for as we move into November. I have already mentioned joining the choir. In addition, please watch announcements for dates to prepare the Sanctuary for Advent, decorating the Christmas trees, and other such activities having to do with the life of the church during Advent.

Most of all I look forward to seeing all of you at service. Many of you were away during the summer enjoying weekend activities with family etc. and it's always fun to reconnect in the fall. See you soon!

SOMETHING HAPPENS WHEN A ROOM FULL OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE LIFTS ONE SONG TO THE SAME GOD

Different generations. Different backgrounds. Different stories. Different weeks. Different reasons they almost did not come. And yet, for a few sacred moments, their voices become one.

The world teaches us to build our lives around ourselves. Our preferences. Our platforms. Our opinions. Our identities. Then the Church gathers around Someone greater.

Corporate worship is greater because nobody in the room has the whole song by themselves. We need voices beside us. Voices behind us. Voices that keep singing when we don't have the strength. The grieving sing beside the joyful. The confident sing beside the doubting. The young sing beside the old. The person full of faith beside the person borrowing someone else's.

And somehow, the same words carry every one of them differently. For one person, they are celebration. For another, they are surrender. For someone else, they are the only prayer they know how to pray.

This is the power of the gathered Church: When you cannot sing with confidence, someone sings the truth beside you. When you forget what is true, the voices around you help you to remember.

We do not sing to express what we feel. We sing to proclaim the truth. We sing to God. And we sing truth into one another's hearts.

Corporate worship gives us a glimpse of the kingdom. Not sameness. Not uniformity.

People from every generation, language, culture, and story united around one king. The miracle is not that everyone prefers that same song. It's that people who would never naturally become one can center their lives around the same Christ.

In a culture pulling us apart into smaller versions of "us", the Church gathers and declares: There is one body. One spirit. One hope. One Lord. One faith. One God and Father of all.

This is what happens when the church sings: Different stories become one confession. Different voices become one offering. And a room full of individuals remembers that we all belong to one another.

Every time the Church lifts its voice, we offer what reconciliation sounds like.

@CHRISKUTI on Instagram

BIBLE STUDY

by Rick Harrison

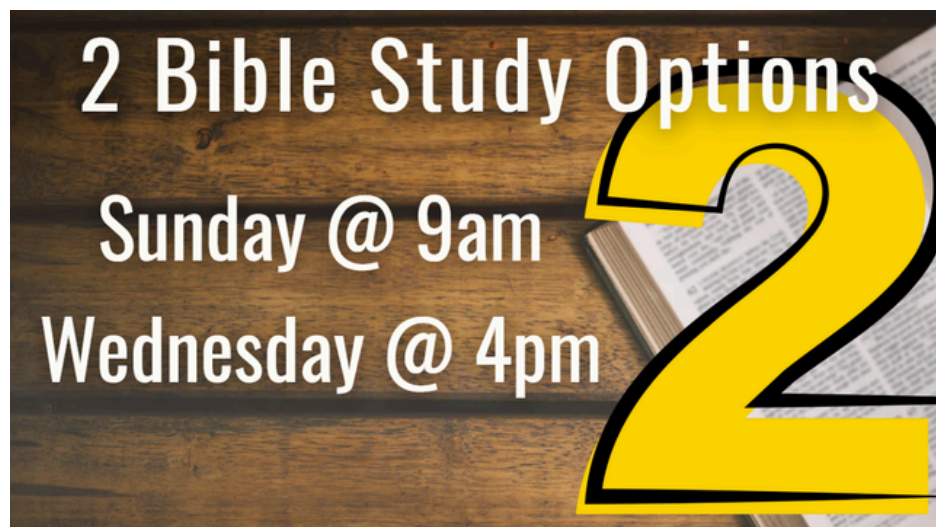
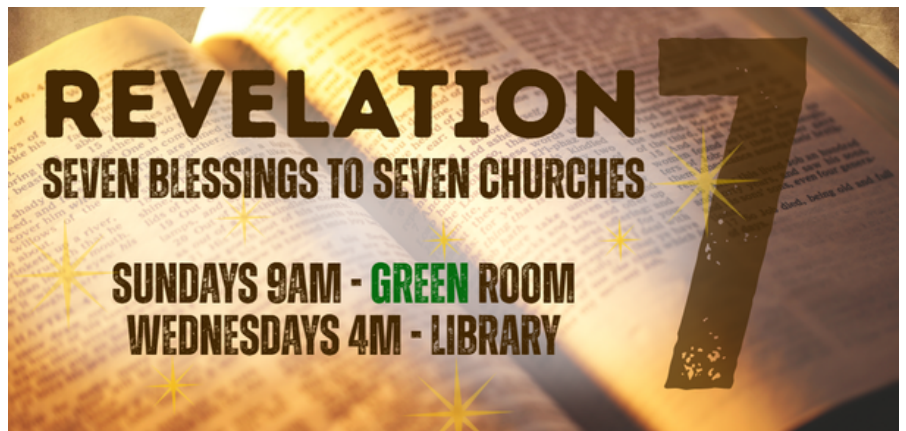
SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - THE BOOK OF REVELATION

On September 20th, the Sunday morning Bible Study began a study of the book of Revelation. The Study Series is called: ***The Revelation - Seven Blessings for Seven Churches.***

If you have had interest in this great and marvelous Revelation, but were maybe a bit afraid or overwhelmed by the imagery, please don't miss the exciting blessings that the Lord himself promised to those who read it and hear it. Studying Revelation, by-itself, will moderate the "end of the world" interpretations that has invaded our church history. Here we are at the end of the second millennium and a vast majority of predictions and prophecies by faulty interpretations have been proven to be bogus and even damaging to middle-east peace and world peace.

Please come even if you missed the first week or even if future study sessions can't be attended. Our presentation, with God's gracious help, looks to Revelation to teach us to

live the present time as a favorable moment. We can apply its promise of blessings - now. It allows for us to stop in a decisive moment, to view the light of the "last days" within the greatest grace of all time - the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Strong Theologian resources provided.



DEACONS BEACON

by Todd Guevara

One of the distinguishing marks of God's people is gratitude. Scripture repeatedly calls us to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), not because every circumstance is good, but because God is always faithful.

You might say that gratitude is the language of heaven. Throughout the Bible, heaven resounds with praise, thanksgiving, and worship to God. As followers of Christ, we begin speaking that language now. A grateful heart shifts our focus from what we lack to the abundance of God's grace. It reminds us that every blessing, every opportunity to serve, and every breath is a gift from the Lord.

As deacons, we have the privilege of modeling this spirit of gratitude. Whether serving quietly behind the scenes, caring for those in need, or encouraging our church family, we reflect Christ when our words and actions are marked by thankfulness. Gratitude strengthens our unity, deepens our joy, and points others to the goodness of God.

May our church be known as a people who speak the language of heaven—offering thanks to God, encouraging one another, and serving with joyful hearts.

WHO'S YOUR DEACON?

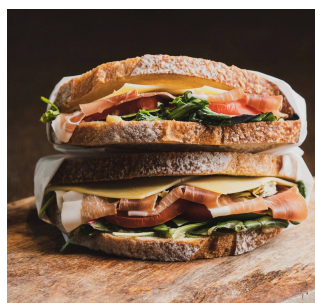
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F-K Sandy Fulk

L-Q Todd Guevara

R-S Jacquie Harrison

T-Z Dennis Baker



Fellowship Lunch

**3rd Sunday of the
month after service**

**Contact Donna for
more details.**



ROOTED - We'll gather on the 4th Sunday of each month immediately following worship. Our time together will include conversation, fellowship, and opportunities to grow together in faith. This new group is open to teens and young men.

The
Nursery
and Kid's
Room are
Available!



Saturday, Dec. 5th

Men's
Breakfast



Women's
MINISTRY



We will continue reading "The Well-Watered Woman". We will discuss chapters 7-9.

Saturday, October 10th, 10am

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.



**YOUR HELP CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP WITH**

- Fellowship Hour
- Soundboard
- Ushers
- Nursery
- Office

Volunteers Needed



Find Us on Social Media and the Web!

You may have noticed we are updating our profile online, recognizing those who look for a church to visit often look online first! We appreciate your help as you familiarize yourself with some of what we have updated and have to offer. These are resources for you and for your family or friends.

HPC Website

<https://hillsboropres.org/> Did you know you can find our online service at the top of our website? You are able to watch it live here and also connect to our channel on YouTube this way, where past services are listed. Pastor Rachel has a blog on this website, and we are refreshing many pages, including new info about our worship services and what we believe, as well as a page pointing to our ministries. Thank you for your patience as we get it all fixed up! And thank you to the website team, who updates it. We appreciate you!

HPC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HillsboroPresbyterianChurch> If you have a Facebook account, be sure to connect with us. This is a public page and it is now updated regularly. (The account which only reads "Hillsboro Presbyterian" is not public and is not updated regularly.) Check out our Facebook at the web address above, as this is just one way visitors will find us. This is not, of course, for private or internal communications like prayer requests. You can also review our church on Facebook, and we would appreciate it as the reviews there are very dated. Look toward the top of the public profile - Hillsboro Presbyterian Church - and click on "reviews."

HPC Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro_presbyterian_church/ Our HPC Instagram account is also back up and running and is updated regularly. "Follow" us there if you are on Instagram.

HPC Youth Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/hillsboro_presbyterian_youth/ We also have an Instagram page for our youth group, and if you have an account, you are welcome to connect with us there.



HPC Calendar - 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Agape Grief Group 1:30	2	3 Rise Against Hunger 9:30-12
4 9am Bible Study 10am Worship World Communion 1-5pm IJC	5 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	6 4:30 Praise Team	7 Bible Study 4 pm Choir 6:45 pm	8 8pm AA	9 6-8pm IJC	10 Women's Ministry 10am
11 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 11:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	12 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	13 4:30 Praise Team	14 Bible Study 4 pm Choir 6:45 pm	15 Agape Grief Group 1:30 8pm AA	16 6-8pm IJC	17
18 9am Bible Study 10am Worship Congregation Meeting Lunch Group 1-2pm IJC	19 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	20 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 7 pm Session	21 Bible Study 4 pm Choir 6:45 pm	22 8pm AA	23 Craft Fair Setup 1-5pm 6-8pm IJC	24 Craft Fair 9-3
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29 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 1st Sunday of Advent 1-2pm IJC	30					

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

Rev. Rachel Guevara
Nancy Johnson
Laura Cunard

Donald Scott
Olivia Dolan

Pastor
Office Assistant
Worship Music Leader
Choir Director
Custodian
Ministry Intern

Deacons:
A-E Tammy McVean
F-K Sandy Fulk
L-Q Todd Guevara
R-S Jacquie Harrison
T-Z Dennis Baker

Session:

Sue Dever
Rick Harrison
Jason Bradley
Nona Scott
Steve Dever
Elaine Baker
Sandy McFerran
Gary Gale

Missions
Stewardship
Education/Discipleship
Worship
Property
Fellowship/Events
Operations
Clerk of Session



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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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