

KOINONIA

HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SEPTEMBER
2026**

PASTOR MESSAGE

**SABBATH SUNDAY
BREAKFAST**

**SERMON SERIES
TREASURE**

**BBQ AND
CONFIRMATION**



Photo by: Rachel Guevara

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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PASTOR MESSAGE

Rev. Rachel Guevara

There are a few Christian mystics who wrote about the uniqueness of how God created us, making us in the image of God, almost like diamonds. This was one of the ideas behind Teresa of Avila's, *The Interior Castle*. She spoke of the soul like a castle, formed of diamonds.

What I love about this image is it gets at the blessing and gift of being created in God's image. In September, I'll begin a three-part sermon series called "Treasure," where we'll appreciate "this treasure in clay jars" (2 Corinthians 4:6-7), learn to guard that treasure, and then consider the outcome of what we have with God through Jesus Christ.

Confirmation, Youth Ministry, and Children's Ministry

What good reminders for us as we begin another school year! On September 20th, in worship, we celebrate Confirmation Sunday, confirming five students and baptizing two! Thanks be to God! What a day of celebration for Hillsboro Presbyterian Church! Please bring cards for these students if you are inclined: Ben Appel, Jason Appel, Olivia Dolan, Sophie Dolan, and Samuel Stramel. This is also the day of our congregation BBQ.

You'll also notice "children's time" - while we have continued to have this during our services - has expanded to our fellowship time this fall! Kids are always welcome in our services, in our nursery, and now to play and participate in activities following the service, generally following the theme of the day. Special thanks to Todd Guevara and Nancy Johnson for their help, to all who assist with children's time, and to Olivia Dolan for cleaning up our "blue room" and nursery. Children's activity bags are also available during worship (thank you, Nancy!). Stay tuned for more from children's ministry, and if you want to help with this ministry, please reach out to me. We will pray for our students returning to school during worship on August 30th.

A final thank you to our volunteer youth team, as we shift our model for youth group for this coming school year. We could not have re-started youth group without your prayers and the assistance of Jill Appel, Jason Bradley, Aimee Dolan, Todd Guevara, and Pastor Tracie Bullis at Old Scotch Church. What a fun year! You'll read in this Koinonia that our model has shifted for these kids for the next few months; our guys will be meeting with Todd for pizza, Bible study, discussion, and there's a rumor of Top Golf, as well. See the article about "Rooted" in this Koinonia. This group is for young men (and if you're not sure if you're young enough, see Todd!). More information is to come for other youth gatherings; please see me with questions. I am so grateful for the gift of the rhythm of worship and fellowship together; we are learning, we are growing, and we are celebrating this precious life we are all given by our Almighty God. See you in worship.

In Christ,
Pastor Rachel

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Sabbath Breakfast Sunday, Labor Day Weekend

You may have heard of having "Breakfast Church" before, or maybe breakfast continues to somehow be a special part of your Sunday mornings. Christians have always gathered around food and mealtime (including good Presbyterians!). Why should we be surprised, as God has a way of speaking to us gathered around tables ... remember the tradition of Passover? What about our celebration of the Lord's Supper?

On Sunday, September 6th, we will not be meeting in the sanctuary. Instead, our worship will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. This time of worship will also include breakfast, but it is a scaled down version from our standard potlucks. No, you do not need to bring a thing!

This Sabbath Breakfast Sunday is to remember the Table of Rest we are called to ... As Pastor Rachel has shared with us, "The busiest church is not the most successful church!" God moves in quiet places too and so often at a much slower pace than we have created with our church life.

So, take a day to come to Sunday worship, to find rest, to worship around tables with family and friends, without all the extra things we do on Sunday mornings. Those of you who normally volunteer to run slides and sound, play in the band, care for the nursery, and much more, you have the day off!

This is a Sabbath from work, from worry and anxiety, and from the rush.

We will not be live streaming on September 6th; the nursery will also be closed. Children are welcome to join in our easy going pace. See you then!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September

Sun 6th Rev. Rachel Guevara
Table of Rest
John 21:9-14

Sun 13th Rev. Rachel Guevara
Treasure: In a Clay Jar
Jeremiah 18:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Sun 20th Rev. Rachel Guevara
Treasure: What Comes Next
2 Kings 20:12-19
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sun 27th Rev. Rachel Guevara
Treasure: Inside Out
Proverbs 4:20-27
Luke 6:43-45



Treasure:
In a *Clay Jar*
What Comes *Next*
Inside Out

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

by Elaine Baker

Fall is my favorite season. It's a time when I feel energized for new projects. By late August I miss our rainy Oregon days and long for cool mornings with a cup of coffee. As we prepare for leaves turning and cloudier skies, here are the upcoming events at HPC:

- September 20: Sunday Barbeque and Potluck: In celebration of confirmation students and new members. Fellowship provides the meats and buns, y'all bring your favorite BBQ sides. We will gather after worship.
- October 4: World Communion Sunday: Bring your favorite breakfast-y sweet breads from your heritage or another to be shared during fellowship time...muffins, scones and the like. If you are looking to try something new, consider healthier options and options for those with dietary restrictions.
- November (date and time TBD): Chili Cook-Off. Cook up your favorite or try a new recipe to vie for the coveted HPC Chili Spoon. Sides are welcome too - cornbread, crackers, bread or salad.

Thanks to all those who quietly and faithfully make the coffee first thing, turn on the dishwasher, put away tables and chairs, bake goodies, and do all of the tasks which make fellowship happen each Sunday. A special thanks to Nancy Johnson who makes certain we have what we need and when.



BIBLE STUDY

by Rick Harrison

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Beginning September 20th, the Sunday morning Bible Study will be taking on a study of the book of Revelation. The Study Series will be called: The Revelation - Seven Blessings for Seven Churches.

If you have had interest in this great and marvelous Revelation (a Revealing), 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. The true "Revealing" of the Revelation has been characteristically manipulated by emergent sects of both Protestant and Catholic origin.

No fear, no radical interpretations, and without over-zealous interpretations and prophecy. The approach proposed, with God's gracious help, looks to Revelation to teach us to live the present time as a favorable moment to 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.

Meal Packing Event

HPC, Old Scotch, and Bethany Presbyterian churches are coming together to pack **20,000 meals**.

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability



At Bethany Presbyterian Church

Men's Group Food and Fellowship

Saturday, September 19th at 9am



MISSIONS

by Sue Dever

Mission Commission Report for September 2026

July and August were Active Giving Months!

Warm Springs/Bench Fire Update

In partnership with the PC(USA), we continue to support communities affected by the Warm Springs and Bench Creek fires.

- **Monetary Donations:** At this point, financial gifts are the most helpful response. Funds will be distributed weekly to the appropriate local leaders and organizations for immediate and emerging community needs. [CLICK HERE](#) to make a donation. Pro Tip: Top right-hand side of the homepage.
- **Supplies Needed:** Baby formula, diapers, and wipes, as well as cleaning supplies and other essential household items. Donated items can be dropped off at HPC or Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Drop-Off Site: Bethany Presbyterian Church
15505 NW Springville Rd., Portland, OR 97229
Church Office: 503-645-1166

Drop-Off Times: Mon-Thurs. 9am-1pm; Friday 10a-12noon
Sunday mornings as well before and after church

Back-to-School Supplies including Backpacks just keep coming in. Our last Collection Date is Sunday, August 23. Help kids start the school year with confidence!

Northwest Children's Outreach Drive was AMAZING!! We collected All Kinds of Hygiene products for school-age children! Everything from soap to towels, toothpaste to razors, deodorant to combs and hairbrushes. We delivered multiple boxes and bags of items to NWCO on Monday, August 10.

Food Collection continues...a can or box of food at a time. You are faithful stewards in our Mission to help others! Our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank warmly greets our donations every time... YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Opportunities for Action **Please mark your calendars!**

Saturday, October 3: RISE AGAINST HUNGER!! Members of HPC and Old Scotch Church will meet at Bethany Presbyterian Church. This is a 1-Day, 3-hour event. We'll be partnering to package 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Sign-up is required. Details to follow.

Saturday, October 24: HPC Craft Fair & Bake Sale supports Village of Hope!! Contact Sue Dever or Nancy Johnson if you are interested in participating. We still have space open! 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!

HPC gives 10% of our Undesignated Income to Missions!

PROPERTY

by Steve Dever

HPC Property Project Status - September 2026

Sanctuary Upper Window leaks

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

Kitchen Dishwasher Replacement.

The New Dishwasher is installed and running.

The final cost was \$6,664.85

Thank you for the \$7000 in donations for this project.



Building Shingled roof replacement

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

We have asked Alliance Consulting, the company that we used for the Flat roof replacement.

- To provide a re-roofing spec.
- To provide suggestions for Roofing contractors and help getting bids.
- To help us select a roofing contractor.

Dead Tree Removal

The Red Oak tree on the left side of the entrance to the parking lot was dying and would be completely dead in a couple of years.

The tree was removed by a previously used Contractor, Quality Tree Service, at a cost of \$1025.

Thank You for the anonymous \$1000 donation for this project.

The price included: Remove Dying Tree, Grind the stump, remove the small volunteer cedar tree(next to the dying tree), and removal of all debris,.

The stump grinding debris was left to fill the hole.

Before



After



SACRED STEWARDS

by Rick Harrison

It is actually fun to report on how well our church is doing regarding it's faithfulness in financial management and the gracious giving by the members and contributors at HPC. In July, the Financial Review Committee assembled to work through Financial Review (similar, but not the same as an audit), the Committee looked across several criteria as suggested by Presbytery. We used a Presbytery questionnaire to help us walk through the process. The committee looked at procedures and actions and reports from the previous year, 2025.

I want to thank Jacquie Harrison, Sonya Baker, Cindy Thomas, Dave Wesley, and Gary Gale for the hard work in walking through this process. This was a successful endeavor. I am very proud of this church and the commitment to responsibility in finances. There is a lot to report, so I will leave it that you can contact me or any of the folks mentioned above and we can provide whatever information you request that does not violate individual privacy.

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP

ROOTED: A New Group for Teens and Young Men

This fall, we're excited to introduce ROOTED, a new group for teens and young men!

ROOTED will be a place to build friendships, grow in faith, ask questions, and explore what it means to follow Christ in everyday life. Whether you've been part of the church for years or are just getting connected, there's a place for you.

We'll gather on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m., immediately following worship. Our time together will include conversation, fellowship, and opportunities to grow together in faith.

We hope ROOTED will become a place where young men can encourage one another, build lasting friendships, and grow stronger in their relationship with God.

Mark your calendar and come check out ROOTED Sunday, September 27th!



WORSHIP

by Nona Scott

As I reflect on the summer, I find I am so ever thankful for our Pastor who has provided thought provoking sermons each week and continued to support us all with grace and peace. I'm also thankful for the congregation that continues to be faithful in attendance. I'm thankful for the Praise Band that never takes a Sunday break and I'm thankful for our church keyboardist who is faithfully providing music wherever we need it. Now we welcome the fall with new a new Sermon Series, the choir is starting up, new classes and hopefully welcoming back those who have had many summer adventures to share.

ANNOUNCEMENT Laura Cunard was recently announced as our new choir director. We have all known her as our church keyboardist for the past several years. What you may not know is that she is an accomplished vocalist who performs both on the keyboard and vocally throughout the region. She also teaches both voice and piano, is an adjunct vocal jazz teacher at Portland State and serves as a clinician at various music workshops. WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE HER!

ANNOUNCEMENT 2 : **CHOIR WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6:45 PM IN THE SANCTUARY.** If you have ever considered joining the choir, this is the time. New season, new director and new opportunities.

Lastly, I want to address the issue of hymnals in the sanctuary. A few months ago, because we had so few copies, we removed the Purple Hymnal. Almost all the hymns we sing are in the Green Hymnal, of which there is an ample supply. As you have now found out, occasionally we find a hymn in the Purple Hymnal that is a perfect fit for a particular Sunday's sermon. When this happens, Laura uses the Purple Hymnal and the rest of us have the words on the slides. Glitches happen and we are working diligently to make sure that doesn't happen in the future. I don't want to lose the ability to find the perfect music for our Sunday Service because we sometimes get the wrong page number. Please bear with us.



DEACONS BEACON

by Tammy McVean

Spiritual traits of a Deacon

A Biblical Background of Deacons (Part 2)

This excerpt comes from a section of the Biblical Background from www.thepresbyterianleader.com Participant Handout "Serving as Deacon"



DEACONS
LEADING THROUGH SERVING
WHO'S YOUR DEACON?

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

"Throughout the New Testament service to God (diakonia) is considered to be a central characteristic of those dedicated to being Jesus' disciples. Paul indicates that beyond the fact that Stephen was one of the first deacons his whole family "devoted themselves to the service of the saints" (1 Corinthians 16:15). For the early Christians several spiritual traits were all about together; service, love, faith, and patient endurance (Revelations 2:19). As Paul puts it in a well-known passage in 1 Corinthians 12: 1-31, "There are a varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the

same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but the same God who activates all of them in everyone: The different gifts (charismata) services (diakonein), and action items (energemata) all provide energy, enthusiasm, and power for the church "for the common good."



Agape
GRIEF GROUP

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month

If you would like to be apart of this group please register in the church office.

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.



HPC has been established as a recipient for eligible bottle and can redemption! Bags are in the church office. If you would like your bottle return deposit to come to HPC: bottles and cans in the blue bag in the kitchen.

Two Ways to Give:

One: Talk to a customer service agent when dropping off cans and bottles.

Two: Transfer funds to HPC within your bottle drop account here:
<https://www.bottledropcenters.com/fundraiser/hillsboro-presbyterian-church/>



Charities We Support

Regular Giving
HPC gives 10% of undesignated income to missions.

VILLAGE OF HOPE UGANDA | **PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT WASHINGTON COUNTY** | **American Red Cross**

HOME PLATE Youth Services | **NORTHWEST CHILDREN'S OUTREACH** | **Rise AGAINST HUNGER** | **MEDICAL TEAMS International**



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.

September

HPC Calendar - 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 First Day of Preschool	2	3 Agape Grief Group 1:30	4	5
6 9am Bible Study 10am Worship Communion 1-5pm IJC	7 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	8 4:30 Praise Team	9 6:45 pm Choir	10 8pm AA	11 6-8pm IJC	12
13 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 11:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	14 1:30-6pm Blood Drive 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	15 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 7 pm Session	16 6:45 pm Choir	17 Agape Grief Group 1:30 8pm AA	18 6-8pm IJC	19 Men's Breakfast 9am
20 9am Bible Study 10am Worship BBQ Confirmation Service 1-2pm IJC	21 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	22 4:30 Praise Team	23 6:45 pm Choir Preschool Evening Event 7pm	24 8pm AA	25 Wedding rehearsal	26 Wedding
27 9am Bible Study 10am Worship ROOTED Group 11:30 1-2pm IJC	28 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	29 4:30 Praise Team	30 6:45 pm Choir			



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18 9am Bible Study 10am Worship Lunch Group 1-2pm IJC	19 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	20 1pm Ladies Bunko 4:30 Praise Team 7 pm Session	21 6:45 pm Choir	22 8pm AA	23 Craft Fair Setup 3-5pm 6-8pm IJC	24 Craft Fair
25 9am Bible Study 10am Worship ROOTED Group 11:30 1-2pm IJC	26 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	27 4:30 Praise Team	28 6:45 pm Choir	29	30	31

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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