

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

Interim Pastor Search *Hallelujah!*

After interviewing four excellent candidates, Session is very pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Brian C. Craker will begin his term as Interim Pastor at HPC on September 16th. His first Sunday preaching will be September 25th. Pastor Brian comes highly recommended and we are excited and thankful that he will be joining us. He has been hired at 3/4 time and, given his extensive experience as an interim, we are confident Pastor Brian that he will skillfully and enthusiastically guide us through this transitional period. He has, per his resume, "over 25 years of ministry experience, working in nearly every facet of ministry including head of staff, business administration, family, worship, missions and youth". He has worked as a Transitional/Interim Pastor within Cascades Presbytery since December, 2008. We found Pastor Brian to be engaging, enthusiastic, spiritually gifted and thoughtful and we're excited to begin this journey with him. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Brian and his family to HPC.

HPC Session

Rev. Dr. Brian Craker (pronounced Crā-kēr) has been involved in church ministry for 30 years, including serving as an Interim/Transitional Pastor for the Presbytery of the Cascades since 2008. This summer Brian finished his current assignment with Salem First Presbyterian and when he finishes his sabbatical, will joining HPC on September 16th as the Interim Pastor at ¾ time. Brian was born and raised in California, before moving to Portland in 1996. His love for the Pacific Northwest kept him close by for his seminary and Doctorate of Ministry degrees at George Fox University. Brian met his wife Alison at their home church of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, and they have been married for 25 years. They have been blessed with two "miracle" sons, Tyler (14) and Casey (11). Alison



and the boys are heavily involved at their home church, including teaching, leading music, missions and deacons, but will drop by to visit from time to time at whatever church Brian is serving. Brian's hobbies and interests include sports, working with the latest technology, travel, DJ'ing parties and weddings with his brother-in-law Chris, and most of all, having fun with his boys. Brian's favorite Biblical passage is Psalm 23. "My life's journey has not always been an easy one, and I've had to suffer through a number of family losses during my life. One of the reasons that my faith in the Lord is so strong is because I have experienced the Lord walking with me through those valleys of the 'shadow of death.' I've experienced that divine comfort that only the Lord can provide, through the Holy Spirit and through God's people in the Church. My life and my ministry have been so richly blessed...truly 'my cup runs over.' It has shaped how I view my life and the ministry God has called me to, as well as my desire to serve as the hands and feet of Christ."

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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

Sara McVean	1	Nona Scott	7	Sandy McFerran	18
Mackenzie McVean	2	Joanna Swanson	9	Kimi Dahl	23
Morgan McVean	2	Susan Mellema	13	Barb Rauscher	26
Chris Wesley	4	April Jones	17	Steve Dever	28
Amber McVean	6	Dave Thomas	17	David Westerfield	30

Anniversaries

Thad & Laura MacMillan	5
Brian & Nancy Johnson	12



Saturday, October 22

9:00am to 3:00pm

CRAFT FAIR 2022

**CRAFTERS/Helpers
WANTED!!
Contact Sue Dever**

**Bake Sale
Contact Jill Cessna**

Benefiting Village of Hope Uganda



Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 4th Communion

Speaker: Rev. Brain Reeves

Sunday, September 11th

Speaker: Rev. Shela Sullivan

Sunday, September 18th

Speaker: Dr. Christine Macfarlane

Sunday, September 25th

Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 2nd
World Communion Day

Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, October 9th

Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, October 16th

Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, October 23rd

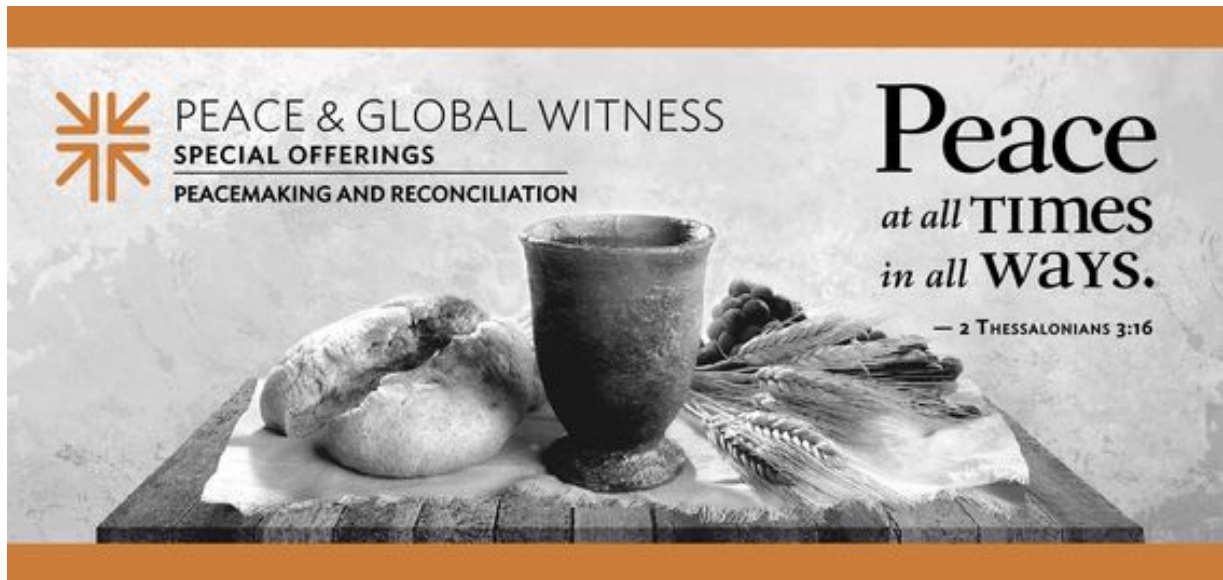
Rev. Dr. Brian Craker

Sunday, October 30th

Service Sunday

Missions

by Jill Appel



Peace and Global Witness Special Offering September 4 - October 2, 2022

The Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages us to share Christ's peace with one another. It encourages us to spread peace beyond our doors, beyond our community, and across boundaries. Together we build God's house where everyone is welcome. We build a house where everyone can find compassion, peace, and justice.

25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this Offering will go to our mid council, joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.

Thank you everyone for supporting our foster kid's duffle bags and school supply drive. With Love in Tigard, was able to help lots of foster kids in the area from our congregations' wonderful donations. KGW will be handing out 15 backpacks and enough supplies to fill about 25 backpacks to kids in Hillsboro from our donations. It's wonderful to see God's love for kids in our church.

This fall we have some wonderful volunteer opportunities. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for the Oregon Food Bank and Northwest Children's Outreach. There are 3 different days for the food bank. The food bank requires lifting of at least 5 pounds and standing on your feet for a few hours. Northwest Children's Outreach does not require any heavy lifting. You will be standing and walking around and can leave anytime. There will be more volunteer opportunities coming from Blanchet House and other wonderful organizations, stay tuned.



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

Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale



In my most recent daily devotion, the author talks about forgetting to ask Jesus to come with her on her errands on a Tuesday. And it prompted her to realize that there are times when she only acknowledged Him where she expected to see Him and where other people expected her to see Him. So, she named it Tuesdays with Jesus (yep, the reader in me correlates it to the book Tuesdays with Morrie).

I think we all, at some time or another, look for Jesus only where we are expected to see Him – in the pews at church, in fellowship, in a Bible study.

This devotion was a great reminder to me that I need to take Jesus everywhere I go. I need to invite Him into my conversations; I need to allow Him to lead me in a different way than I planned to go (stepping out of my comfort zone); and I really need to let Jesus speak to me, which means I need to listen.

I hope we all find our own “Tuesdays with Jesus” and take Him everywhere.

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.

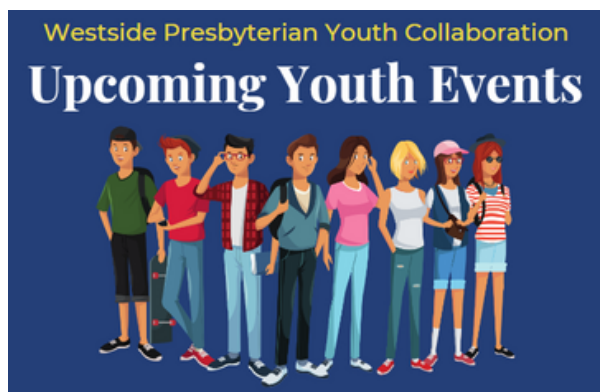
3. You can use our online giving “Vanco” and set up a regular payment with your credit card or with your bank account.

4. You may set up an automatic RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) or other automatic payment from your retirement account.

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.



- **Saturday, September 10**, 9am-11pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church. A Day of Service and Fun! Students can choose to attend all or just part of the day.
- **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

Family & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

Hello HPC! With the exciting news of our new interim pastor we want to encourage everyone to attend service and coffee hour on September 25th when we will be welcoming Pastor Brian in typical HPC fashion - with cake! We look forward to seeing you there.

*Feel lead to volunteer? Contact
Joanie Loepp at*
FellowshipElder@hillsboropres.org

Deacons Beacon

by Keith Upton

Hi all It has been awhile since our last article so I thought it was time to touch base. We continue to have our monthly meeting discussing all of you and making sure you as a congregation have been contacted and taken care of. I thought this picture of the light house appropriate. Jesus said in the Gospel of John, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). This passage can then be connected to the traditional image of the Church as a ship, making Jesus the light on the lighthouse, guiding the Church forward. As the light rotates it is shining on each and every one of you. The Deacons of HPC are here to serve Christ and the Lord's people. It is our desire to show love, kindness and compassion to each member of the congregation, therefore, whatever support you require please contact us and provide us the opportunity to serve you. As you might have heard we are very close to getting an interim pastor. I would encourage those that feel comfortable about coming to church to do so and support our interim pastor when they arrive. Blessings on all of you and we pray you are staying safe and healthy.



Clerks 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 August 7th.
- Updated COVID procedures – stay the course.
- Worship committee is organizing for August/ September: August 28th – Brian Reeves, September 4th – Brian Reeves, September 11th – Shela Sullivan, September 18th – Chris Macfarlane.
- Interim Pastor search – Rev. Dr. Brian C. Craker has formally accepted the position of Interim Pastor at HPC (3/4 time). He will start work on September 16th and his first Sunday preaching will be September 25th.
- Office assistant progress – A candidate has been offered the position. An employment contract is being created by personnel.
- Visioning Committee report is completed. Doing final tweaks. They will pass it to session for review. Final report will be released after interim pastor in place.
- A ton of school supplies were collected and donated to the School Supply Drive. September will offer a volunteer opportunity at the Oregon Food Bank. October will be a service Sunday month possibly working with the Hillsboro Online Academy
- Youth Collective meeting monthly. This is a Presbyterian collaborative youth group between Bethany, Old Scotch Church, Orenco and HPC. Each church will invite all youth to various events.
- Education committee working on cleaning up the quiet room.
- October we will look to do Trunk or Treat for Halloween. November we will schedule our Chili Cookoff. Planning some more after-service videos.
- Building use request: Brian and Babbette Reeves (trauma therapist) would like to rent church space. They have the proper insurance and information to move forward. Start a 6-month trial rental period in half of the youth room to Babbette Reeves. Rental agreement is pending determination of rental fee.
- Nominating Committee has a list of elder nominees. Still working on finding Deacon nominees. Committee has 5 nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee. Congregational meeting to be held in November to elect elders, deacons, and PNC.
- Stay safe and healthy.



Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,
Gary Gale Clerk of Session

Bible Trivia

1. How many times did God call out to young Samuel in the night as he was lying down in the house of the Lord?
2. What was Aaron doing while Moses was up getting the 10 Commandments?

Answers can be found in your Bible.

1. Samuel 3:3-10
2. Exodus 32:2-4

Joke of the Month



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

American Red Cross



August Drive Results
Goal: 18
Units Collected: 22!!
66 Lives Potentially Saved!



Our upcoming blood drive is:

- ▶ Wednesday, September 7th
1:30-6:00
- ▶ Monday, September 26th
1:30-6:00

For an appointment please visit:
Redcrossblood.org
or
Call 1-800-RED-CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)



HPC Calendar - 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8pm AA	2 6-8pm IJC	3
4 10am Worship (Live Stream) 1-2pm IJC	5 Labor Day 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	6 4:30 Praise Team 	7  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm	8 8pm AA	9 6-8pm IJC	10 9am-11pm Youth Activity @Bethany Presbyterian A Day of Service & Fun 
11 10am Worship (Live Stream) Communion 1-2pm IJC	12 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	13 4:30 Praise Team	14 12pm Operations	15 8pm AA	16 6-8pm IJC	17
18 10am Worship (Live Stream) 11:30-12:30 Deacons' 1-2pm IJC	19 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	20 4:30 Praise Team 7pm Session Mtg	21	22 <i>Welcome Fall</i> 8pm AA	23 6-8pm IJC	24
25 10am Worship (Live Stream) 1-2pm IJC	26  Blood Drive 1:30-6pm 6-8pm IJC 8pm AA	27 4:30 Praise Team	28	29 8pm AA	30 6-8pm IJC	

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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