

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

Pastor Search

WRITTEN BY : THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE



It's the time of year for graduations. If you don't have someone graduating in your own family, most likely you know a graduate. We start young with pre-school graduations, including promotions along the way, up to the highest of post-graduate degrees. I remember an article highlighting the fact that graduations are called "commencement exercises." The author suggested some helpful ways to view those terms. This is a valuable lesson not only for graduates, but for us all, especially

as we shift into a new season of life for HPC and for me in retirement. Webster's first definition of "commencement" is: *-an act, instance, or time of commencing (to have or make a beginning).* The second definition is the ceremony for conferring degrees.

Why is it that we use the second definition for graduation events while not referring to the first definition? More specifically, that first definition is a better description of what graduation is all about. The reality is that where one thing ends another begins (commences). To graduate is the commencing of something new.

In the church this year June begins with the celebration of Pentecost. For the Jews, this was a remembrance and celebration to commemorate the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai during the exodus. The commencing of something new as they headed into the wilderness to become God's people in a new way. Following Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the awesome presence of the Spirit in wind and fire came upon the disciples. The event recalls when God's presence was known at creation, the exodus, covenant commitments, water crossings and other theophany events.

The commencement on Pentecost launched the followers of Jesus into a new day. On June 5 HPC celebrates a commencement and is launched into a new day. I'm certain that the disciples were unclear what it all meant at the time, but as they lived into the Spirit's presence they formed a community that extends all the way to us today. How it happened is because of the way it started.

Look at the way Luke tells the story at the beginning of Acts 2:

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. When they were all together in one place the wind of the Spirit filled the whole house; all had a tongue of fire above each head; all are filled with the Spirit; all speak in the languages of the people of diverse cultures around them. It all started when they were "all together in one place." What does it mean for all to be together in one place? What might the Spirit desire to do if you were all together in one place?

Being "all together in one place" can mean many things. It's not easy. Most of us can't even get our families together in one place.

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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

<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>	
Gary Redmond	11	Gabby Fritz	3
Betty Grissett	12	Ben Appel	4
Presley Bledsoe	13	Gary Jones	15
Cheryl Wisdom	16	Jason Bradley	18
Sonya Baker	18	James Sabo	19
David Gonnason	19	Wayne Floch	22
N.J. Smith	31	Kevin Williams	24
		Greta Schindler	26

Anniversaries

<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>	
Gary & Linda Redmond	2	Dale & Sandy Fulk	3
		Gary & Crystal Jones	3
		Bill & Joanna Swanson	3
		Bob & Allein Dehaan	14
		Mike & Jill Appel	16
		Keith & Jackie Upton	16
		Bill & Molly McCall	18
		John & Sandy McFerran	20



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, July 3rd

Speaker: Shela Sullivan

Sunday, 10th Communion

Speaker: Shela Sullivan

Sunday, July 17th

Speaker: Shela Sullivan

Sunday, July 24th

Speaker: Shela Sullivan

Sunday, July 31st

Service Sunday: Getting foster kids out of trash bags and into duffle bags. We will decorating duffle bags, making luggage tags, and packing the bags.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 7th Communion

Sunday, August 14th

Sunday, August 21st

Sunday, August 28th

Sunday, September 4th



Family & Fellowship

by Joanie Loepp

A big thank you to everyone for helping make the Stebe's farewell gathering a success. As always at HPC, the potluck dishes were awesome! It's wonderful to see the fellowship of HPC in full bloom as it was that day

We had a nice turnout for the Hops game on June 24th. The Hops weren't at their best, but it was fun to watch a game and fireworks on a warm June evening.

July 31st is a Service Sunday (see Missions Report) and we'll round out the morning with a BBQ on the patio. Please join us in working on a special service project followed by food and fellowship. We'll be looking for a grill master or two and some picnic side dishes. Details will follow via email.

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



Education

by Jenny Sabo

This summer, monthly youth activities will continue. Laura is organizing a water day at HPC on July 13th. The months youth event will be bowling on July 24th.

The August event will be geocaching and a back to school celebration, details to follow.

Renovations of the quiet room are still in the works to be completed this summer.

Education co-mission will resume monthly meetings in August. Please contact Jenny if you are interesting in joining.

*Contact Jenny Sabo with questions
and to get involved!*

EducationElder@hillsboropres.org

- July 18th, water day
- July 24th, youth event
- August youth event, details to follow



*Be on the lookout for upcoming
announcements!*

FamilyMinistry@hillsboropres.org

Monthly Missions

by Jill Appel

INVESTING IN OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalms 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

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



Mission Commission

by Jill Appel

July Service Sunday Mission Project Helping Foster Kids

- Collecting items for foster kids
- Decorating duffel bags
- Making luggage tags

We are collecting items for children in foster care this June and July. On Sunday, July 31, Service Sunday, we will put together comfort bags. Kids in foster care often carry the few items they have in a trash bag. Help eliminate trash bags with a duffel bag full of comfort items.

Donations for foster care children: All items should be new or "like-new condition" which means no stains, holes or tears, and zippers and buttons are in in working order. Please no mention of mom/dad/sister/brother/specific camps/ school or sports uniforms.

Duffel bags: We already have all the duffel bags we need. Please help us fill these bags with these comfort items

- Blankets: twin size
- Toiletry Care Items: shampoo, conditioner, Kleenex, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush
- Socks and underwear: up to size 8
- Pajamas: newborn up to size 8
- New books: deepest needs are board books and character books (like Paw Patrol, PJ Masks, and Frozen)
- Clothing: sizes newborn to youth 8
 - Deepest need: sizes 18 months to 8 years
- New shoes: up to size 3 youth (Fred Meyer's clearance aisle is a great place to find shoes.)
- New stuffed animals (all stuffed animals need to be new)
- Diapers and wipes

**Want to be MORE hands-on? Here are a few organizations that help foster children. Project 48 www.project48.co/
Project Lemonade www.projectlemonadepdx.org/ With Love www.withloveoregon.org/**

Sacred Stewards

by Dana Gale

I spoke in church about our finances. We are a very giving church family. When asked to give to help repair the roof or the air-conditioning people were super generous, and we were able to cover the cost.

Over the past year or so, we have had members move, members go to heaven and members change churches. This has reduced our income. We are moving about \$3,400 a month from savings to pay the bills.

I'm asking that you think of the church finances as an ongoing, long-term project that needs your contribution.

There are many different ways for you to contribute:

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.

And if I've forgotten to say thank you for the gifts you give, I'm saying it now: Thank You!



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.



Clerks Corner

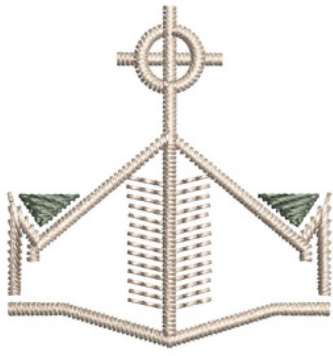
by Gary Gale

Here is the current update from the last session meeting:

- Live streaming and in-person Worship services continuing.
 - Communion observed in the sanctuary on June 5th.
 - Updated COVID procedures – stay the course. Observe social distancing.
 - Read thank you notes from Medical Teams International, Firm Foundation in Christ, Quiet Waters, Habitat for Humanity, and Salvation Army for our generosity.
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- Marlene Dunlap passed away on May 24, 2022.
 - Worship committee is organizing for July. Shela Sullivan scheduled to preach the 4 Sundays in July (5th Sunday is a Service Sunday). Will push back communion a week or 2 to allow Shela to adjust.
 - Pastor search – will reach out to Presbytery for interim pastor prospects. Nominating Committee is working to obtain nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee.
 - Office administrator hiring progress – job description and job posting completed. Job posted on Indeed. We have received a few requests. The hiring committee is reviewing the requests.
 - We are collecting items for foster children. On Sunday, July 31st, Service Sunday, we will put kits together for foster kids, paint designs on duffle bags, and make luggage tags for the foster kids.
 - In August we will collect school supplies for our service project.
 - HPC to apply for a Barnabas Grant for a new commercial dishwasher.
 - Session needs to provide oral and written communication updates to the congregation to keep everyone informed on interim search, financial status, office needs, etc.
 - We need to let the congregation know where we stand financially. Our church family is always willing to give more to a specific cause, however in this case, we need more than one-time giving.
 - Stay safe and healthy.

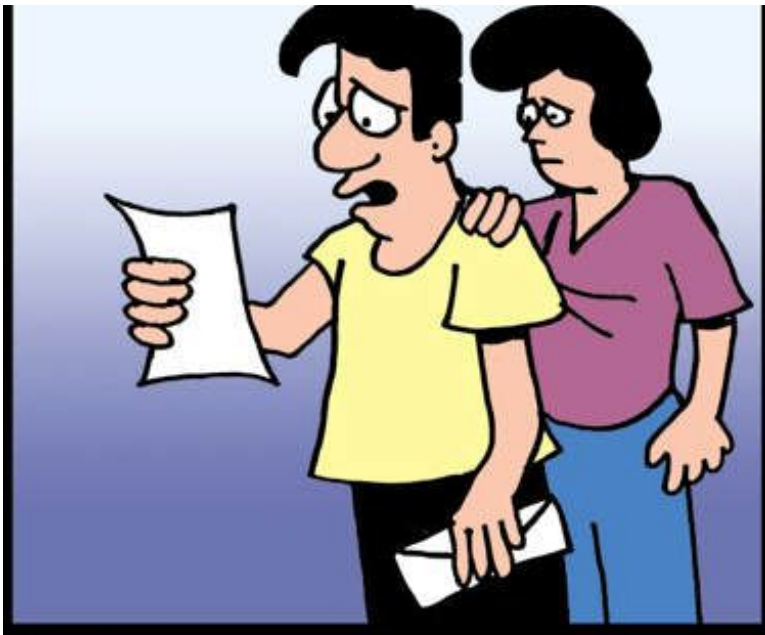
Session minutes are available in the church office.

Prayerfully,
Gary Gale Clerk of Session



HILLSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Joke of the Month



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

American Red Cross



June 27 Drive Results
Goal: 18
Units Collected: 22!!
66 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

Our upcoming blood drive is:

- ▶ Monday, July 25th
1:30-6:00
- ▶ Wednesday, August 3rd
1:30-6:00
- ▶ Monday, August 29th
1:30-6:00

For an appointment please visit:
Redcrossblood.org

or

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



HPC Calendar - 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6-8pm IJC	2
3 10am Worship (Live Stream) Shela Sullivan 1p-2p IJC	4 Independence Day 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	5 4:30pm Praise Team	6  1:30-6:00 Blood Drive	7 8pm AA	8 6-8pm IJC	9
10 10am Worship (Live Stream) Communion Shela Sullivan 1p-2p IJC	11 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	12 4:30pm Praise Team	13 12pm Operations Meeting	14 8pm AA	15 6-8pm IJC	16
17 10am Worship (Live Stream) Shela Sullivan Deacon Meeting 11:30-12:30 1p-2p IJC	18 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA	19 4:30pm Praise Team	20	21 8pm AA	22 6-8pm IJC	23
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31 Service Sunday  1p-2p IJC	 6p-8p IJC 8pm AA					



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PFamily Ministries Laura MacMillan
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: Mon—Thurs.; 9:30am-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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