

The Carillon Newsletter December 2021



Dear Church,

This is a strange time in the world with so many unknowns, division, pain, and here we are in the holiday season. So, let's be real and honest with ourselves... Are you struggling this holiday season? It is totally OK if you are. Please give yourself and others some grace if you can't live up to the expectations you set. If you are sad, because you can't see family or friends or miss the loved ones who have died it is OK. God meets us and walks with us in our pain and our struggles.

During this season of Advent and Christmas when we wait for the arrival of Jesus it can bring up so many emotions, especially during times such as this in 2021. The last 2 years have been emotionally exhausting for the world, and even in the midst of it all...God is with us.

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. -Isaiah 7:14

The word Immanuel in Hebrew translates as God is with us. During this season of waiting God is promising us that the Messiah/Jesus shows up and walks with us. That is the promise of Advent - that we are not alone in the midst of all this mourning, pain, and suffering. God is present. God is here! God is present with us in the world.

*Welcoming all to
a faith
community of
service and love.*

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I cannot promise you this holiday season will be perfect and amazing like the “good old pre-pandemic days” but what I can say is this as your pastor: God promised to love the world and God does. God loves you just as you are. We see God’s love in the fulfillment of that promise...the birth of Jesus...our Emmanuel. God is with us.

I want to encourage all of you to show up at church for worship or to tune in online, because we all need to be reminded what this time of year is really about...Jesus. Come to church, because even if you feel broken you will be met with love and kindness and a message of hope. God meets us right where we are-- in our messed-up world and speaks a word of love and hope for all. God is the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not and will not ever overcome it.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle



Donations of Toys and Cash for Gift Cards

This year we will be supporting families directly in Hoquiam via the school district and other resources with gift cards. Please make your donations by December 15th so we can get the cards and get it to the families in time for Christmas shopping. We will also take any toy donations for Toys for Tots that is working on distribution of the toys for Grays Harbor and Thurston County. They try to keep everything local. We are bringing the items to *Barene DenAdel* in Aberdeen, as they are serving as a collecting site. Please get the items to Saron @ 708 8th Street in Hoquiam by December 19.

Holiday Dinner

Church members are invited to join the Holiday Dinner this year on December 12th, following worship service. We need hosts for each of the tables and can accommodate approximately 60 people for this meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office as soon as possible so planning can get underway. Contact the office with questions.

WORSHIP NOTES

Dear Church,

We ask that you all sign in for worship on Sundays to have a list of those in attendance just in case someone tests positive with COVID-19. If you do test positive with COVID, please contact me directly as soon as possible, so that we can notify those who were present in our building. Your identity will be kept confidential. I will be the only person who knows.

Peace, Pastor Michelle.

Coffee Hour Fellowship

In-person coffee fellowship after Worship on Sundays in Anderson Hall. Chairs have been properly spaced & fans with HEPA filters have been put in place. Please do not add chairs or move tables around. Sign up to host on the sign-up sheet in Anderson Hall.



Blue Christmas

Please join us for a peaceful service of remembrance, comfort, and hope for those who struggle during this Christmas season. Join us for calming music, prayer, and a message of hope. It will be in-person (masks required) and streaming online on our Facebook page.

Christmas Eve Worship

This year we will be having 2 Christmas Eve Services - at 4pm and 6:30pm. We will require reservations (for in-person) due to the number of people who come from out of town for the holidays. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in Anderson Hall or by calling or emailing the office. There will be special music, candle lighting, and communion. Thank you for wearing your mask. There will be no fellowship time following the service.



Socks & Hygiene Goods Drive

Chaplains on the Harbor has opened their cold weather shelter in Westport, and we are collecting items for this mission. Specific needs are new socks & gloves, hygiene items, and hand & toe warmers. Hygiene items include soap, shampoo, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sunscreen/sunblock, lip balm, & masks We also collect pet food (we split up bags into baggies, feel free to donate a large bag). Protein bars, granola bars, instant coffee and hot chocolate are always welcome. Please bring any donations to the office during office hours. We will be looking for other donation spots, so if you can't make it into the office, please call us. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Tuesday Servant Mornings

Now that the community garden is done for the winter the staff and members will be doing Tuesday Servant Mornings from 9am-12pm. This will consist of working on The Rose Center, cleaning the church (Saron and The Rose Center), dropping off donation items to places and groups locally, organizing our winter sock/glove/hygiene drive and more. Do you have an hour to spare? Please contact the church office and we can get you plugged in. **WE NEED THE HELP.** If these hours do not work for you, we can get you signed up at other times to help.

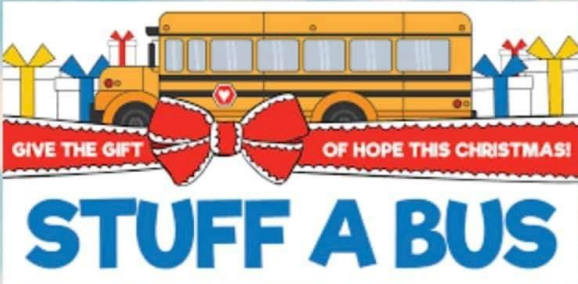


3rd & K Food Giveaway

On *Thursday, November 4th*, we were involved with another large food box giveaway that was put together by the Grays Harbor Food Security Network. 200 boxes of food that were donated by Cascadia Foods and Meadowsweet Farms were handed out from the yard of The Rose Center. We are proud to be a part of eradicating hunger. Let Teri know if you want to help with the next one.

Youth Group Caroling and Collecting

On Monday, December 20th from 3-6:30pm the youth group will be caroling outside, collecting nonperishable foods for the Hoquiam Food Bank, and coming back to church for a masked Christmas party. We are asking households located in the Hoquiam/Aberdeen to sign up via the office to have the youth come to their homes to sing and collect the food donations. There will be a limited number (15) of houses, so please sign up no later than December 15th, because we have to plan out the driving route (team up with close neighbors if you can). If you would like to just donate food and bring it to the church any time this month before December 21st, we would love that too!



STUFF A BUS

ALL ITEMS WILL BENEFIT MCKINNEY VENTO PROGRAMS OF ABERDEEN & HOQUIAM
December 6-10

Travel size blankets, Gloves of all sizes, deodorant (male and female), water bottles, headphones, sweats and leggings size 10/12- XXL adult, quick/easy prep food,, crackers and chips, shelf stable food, pop it toys, card games, stuffed animals, things that will fit in backpacks, small toys, coloring pens/ pencils, sketch books, Coats

PSE of Aberdeen & Hoquiam are sponsoring a stuff the bus event the week of December 6-10 from 5-7. Find our bus at the following locations

- December 6th- YMCA
- December 7th-Swansons Hoquiam
- December 8th- Olympic Stadium
- December 9th-Tractor Supply parking lot
- December 10th-Pud 5:30

Items can also be dropped off at Aberdeen High School or Hoquiam Middle School

More info nelledge@hoquiam, cray@hoquiam.net or sboone@asd5.org

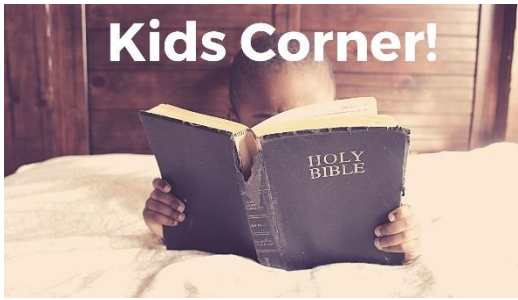
If you need help this Christmas:
The Moore Wright Group
Gift of Hope
Christmas Assistance

The Moore Wright Group Gift of Hope Registration is now open for families in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties in Washington State.

At this time, we only have 1,500 slots available, we are looking for more gifts to expand our numbers but at this time this is where we are in terms of number of families we can service.

Registration is open on November 26, 2021, at 12 noon until all slots are filled

Direct Link to register is here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gift-of-hope-christmas-distribution-registration-210819435607>



Kids' Corner

Join us on *Thursdays at 4pm* on the church Facebook Page for Kids' Corner time. During the pandemic Kids' Corner is a way for us to do Sunday School and Children's Message from our homes.



Martha Circle

Next meeting is a **potluck** on *December 2nd* at *12pm* at Saron.



Coffee Hour

You are invited to join us for our weekly Coffee Fellowship gathering each *Wednesday at 10am* in the Fireside Room (moved into Anderson Hall if numbers are large). The tables and chairs have been spaced per guidelines, please do not move or add any chairs and keep your mask on until you are seated.

Union Gospel Mission Dinner

December 20th – Team 2
If you are interested in joining the team(s), please contact the office.

Community Garden

During the summer of 2021, the Community Garden Crew successfully harvested and donated 460 pounds of fresh healthy vegetables to the Hoquiam Food Bank to help in the eradication of hunger. If you would like to join the Garden Crew, please contact the office. Planning for next year has already started and there are big things happening! We will be growing our own starts and putting in a fence and possibly irrigation system. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this ministry, please label it "Community Garden".



Quilters

The next Quilting Group is
*December 9th from 9:00am until
12:00pm.* Any questions, please
call JoAnn Ray @ 360-532-6746.



Get A Life (Al-Anon Family Group)

holds hybrid meetings at The Rose Center twice a week.
Their meetings are open to everyone.

Mondays at 6pm-7pm

Wednesdays at 7pm-8pm

Get A Life Al-Anon Family Group

<https://www.southpugetsoundal-anon.org/>

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization, or institution; does not engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. There are no dues for membership.

Al-Anon is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic.



L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The next meeting is *Thursday, December
16th at 1:00pm* at Saron in the Fireside
Room. Our current read is *Eleanor
Oliphant is Completely Fine.*
Bring books to trade if you would like.
Hope to see you there!

FUNDRAISERS

Our current priority fundraiser “Save the Steeple” does not officially kick off until 2022, but we are still collecting funds for this immense project. Below you can find opportunities to shop for the holidays all the while supporting the biggest project this church has seen in years.

Joyce's Jellies & Jams

We have Blackberry Jam currently available at the office for \$7 and Blackberry Wine Jelly available for \$5-\$10, handmade by Joyce Easton.

Wide mouth jars and small rings are needed by Joyce if you have any to donate.

All proceeds go to ***Save the Steeple.***



Gospel Garden Herbs

We have jars of Rosemary and Ground Sage for sale at \$10 each through the office. These herbs were lovingly grown this last summer at the Community Garden at The Rose Center and carefully bottled by LouJean. They will make excellent gifts for the holiday season. All proceeds go to ***Save the Steeple.***

SERRV & Earn Program

Shop for the holidays and support hard working folks around the world making their beautiful handicrafts by going to serrv.org?a=saronfirst. Please make sure that the orange banner at the top of the website says that “20% of your online order today will be donated to Saron Lutheran/First Presbyterian Church” and all proceeds will benefit ***Save the Steeple.*** Check the free shipping offer below!

Your purchase makes a difference

Thanks to reliable incomes, parents are able to send their children to school and feed them nutritious meals.

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Your purchase makes a difference

A fair trade nonprofit since 1949, SERRV International partners with small-scale artisans & farmers in rural and urban communities around the world.

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PRAYER PAGES



Advent Prayer by *Henri J.M. Nouwen*

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Christmas Eve Prayer by *Robert Louis Stevenson*

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,

that we may share in the song of the angels,

the gladness of the shepherds,

and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate

and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,

and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,

and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,

forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Blue Christmas Prayer by Jeff Nelson

Around us, O God, the singing can be heard: 'Joy to the world...let heaven and nature sing.' This season is to be one of hope eases our minds, when peace soothes our hearts, when love warms our souls, and when joy comes each morning.

But there are many who do not feel this joy. Some might try, others have given up trying. 'Where is this joy for us?' they ask. The world has found joy but some feel as if it has passed them by. Our minds are not at ease...we feel too much doubt. Our hearts are not at peace...there is too much to do. Our souls are not warmed...the chill of death is too troubling. Where, O God, can joy be found? We ask this as we come before you in prayer, opening ourselves to the possibility that hope, peace, joy, and love might still come to us.

We pray for the lonely, that they might find comfort in another's touch.
We pray for the downtrodden, that they might find relief from their burdens.
We pray for those wrestling with depression, that a light of calm might bring them peace.
We pray for those dealing with stress, that they might find the courage to let go.
We pray for the grief-stricken, that they might experience the newness of life that you bring.

May joy come to the world, O God, and may we grasp some of that. We do not pray for joy that is temporary or fleeting, but a joy that runs deep and sustains us even in moments of despair. We seek this joy in a season that can be less than joyful. O God, hear our prayer.

We wait for Emanuel, God With Us, to come into our hearts once again. May we experience your love in new ways as we in turn love each other. We pray this in the name of the One who is to come. Amen.

An Advent Prayer- From "Advent: A Season for All Generations"

Today we pray: All-creating God, we thank you for the gift of traditions and festivities that help us remember the deeper meanings of the holy season of Advent. We pray that you replace our anxieties with the calm and the strength of your Holy Spirit. Fill us with energy, O Spirit, to do those things which you would have us do, and teach us to watch well, O God, for the One whose second come we await, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Mary's Song of Praise from Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.' Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

***The family of Joan Kowalski, Pastor Pam Hunter and family,
Stephanie Anderson, Kayla and her family, Marianne Larson, Kiyari,
Lisa Chappell, Chari Allen, Julie Wells, Sarah Rhodes, Vicki Mitchell,
Rose Hirschler, Marlon (Mick) Shofner, Barbara Connolly, Carol, Roger,
Kenny, Jamey, Ona Karnath, Jennifer Shelly, Ronnie Hicks,
The Trusty Family, Leif Tangvald, Brad, Young Lee, Jane Bacon,
Val Rhodes, Marge Dahlstrom, Pastor Alan Carlson, Breanna & Trey,
Taylor Julian, Nathan, Floyd Hazelquist and his family, Vada Kohn,
Cynthia Leedum, Stan and Bonnie, Dana Larson, Carol, Christopher Judd,
Karyn Elayne Turner, Gus Schmidt, Michael Fleming, Steven McFail,
Brendan, Gary Evans, Doris Rosenbach, Tom Petrich, Connie McCroskey,
Mackenzie Murray, Wayne Carter***

***All people affected by COVID, Oppressed Persons Everywhere, Police
Officers & First Responders, Firefighters.***

***For all of those who we speak now or for whom we think of in our hearts
and minds***

December 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a Coffee Hour Fellowship at Saron 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC	2 12p Martha Circle potluck 4p Kids' Corner on Facebook	3	4
5 ADVENT 2 10a Worship	6 6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC	7 9a-12p Servant Tuesday	8 10a Coffee Hour Fellowship at Saron 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC	9 9a-12p Quilting 4p Kids' Corner on Facebook	10	11
12 ADVENT 3 10a Worship 11a-1p Holiday Dinner	13 6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC	14 9a-12p Servant Tuesday	15 10a Coffee Hour Fellowship at Saron 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC	16 1p L^3+P=(RIOT) @Saron 4p Kids' Corner on Facebook	17	18
19 ADVENT 4 10a Worship Council Meeting	20 3p Kids' Caroling and Collecting UGM Team 2 6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC	21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER 9a-12p Servant Tuesday 5:30p Blue Christmas	22 10a Coffee Hour Fellowship at Saron 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC	23 4p Kids' Corner on Facebook	24 4p & 6:30p Christmas Eve Service Office Closed thru 1/3→	25 CHRISTMAS DAY
26 CHRISTMAS 1 10a Worship	27 6-7p GAL AFG @ TRC Pastor on vacation thru 1/7→	28	29 7-8p GAL AFG @ TRC	30	31	

Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will
be December 19th.



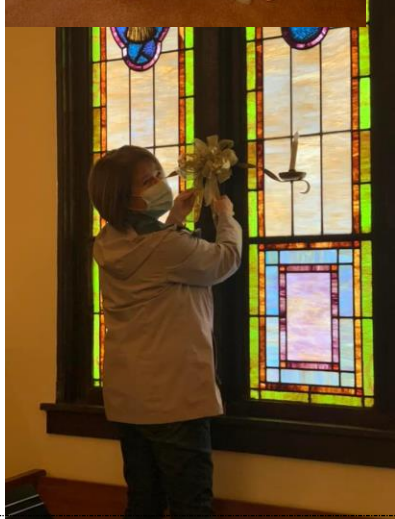
Assisting Minister Schedule

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in Anderson Hall. Help us help you!
Please sign up or let Pastor Michelle or Teri know if you can assist.



1-Dec	Jody Wayman	20-Dec	Karla Johnson
4-Dec	Shirley Ward	24-Dec	Tony Enzler
4-Dec	Jeanne Johnson	25-Dec	Joshua Gaddis
4-Dec	Becky Root	28-Dec	Richard Easton
8-Dec	Will Olson	28-Dec	Atticus Julian-Guzman
9-Dec	Troy George	29-Dec	Paula Boerner
11-Dec	Floyd Hazelquist	29-Dec	Sharal Patton
11-Dec	Mary Morris	30-Dec	Eric Shofner
13-Dec	Kramer Klein	31-Dec	Kristi Earley
17-Dec	Pat Morgan	31-Dec	Seth Gaddis
17-Dec	Ron Bacon		





Property Notes

Property Committee Report

After new leaking showed up, Mark and Howard courageously dealt with a manlift and caulked up the window as best as they could. This will hopefully prevent more damage. More work and more information forthcoming in the next few months.

The new online submission form is not working as hoped. It needs to be revamped and it will be sent out and put in the Rose Blast as well as the Carillon going forward.

Steeple Update

The Hoquiam Historical Commission has tabled our steeple project for now in hopes that they can walk alongside us in navigating historic preservation. Please keep us all in your prayers as we work with the commission and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Parsonage

There are a few issues that will be addressed in the near future.

The Rose Center

We are proudly hosting Al-Anon meetings, safe visitation space and lots of music. If you or your group needs a space, contact Teri in the office.

**Thank you for mailing in and dropping off
your contributions!**

**There is now an offering box at Worship on
Sundays.**

November Numbers:

Income: \$10,541

Expenses: \$11,549

Difference: (\$1,008)

Office Hours

Mon, Wed & Thu - 9a-1p
Servant Tuesdays - 9a-12p
(contact office for details
on Tuesdays)

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