



The Carillon

Happy New Year 2023

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

Dear Church,

I hope everyone had a good holiday season. This time of year, with our wet winter, I know it can seem a little bleak. The bleakness of midwinter is a gift for each of us to take the time to intentionally reflect on our world, our faith, and how we are all called by God. I recently came across a lovely prayer called "Midwinter Prayer" by Anglican priest Rachel Mann. I have included it below. It calls us even in the midst of midwinter to give thanks to God for the world, and the cycle of life. Creation needs hibernation time to rest and store up energy for spring to come. The cycle of the seasons calls us to pause and move in our own faith. Sometimes we find ourselves in a season of fall or winter in our faith life, where it can be changing, and hibernation/rest is needed. The season of winter is a gift in our faith life because it calls us to recenter and reflect.

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**115th Annual Meeting will be held
on February 5th at 11:00am
after worship service.**

Taking time for reflection is vital, because it allows space for one to reassess and listen to how God might be pulling your heart in a different way. Please take the time pause in this midwinter and at the beginning of 2023. Please, take the time to reflect on how God is calling you. How is God calling you to give thanks for the blessings in your life? How is the light of God shining, even dimly, in your life toward hope and care? How can you give of your time, talent, or treasure? We have many wonderful opportunities at Saron-1st to help and get involved. Please take this time to intentionally reflect and see, through prayer, how God might be calling you.

Peace, Pastor Michelle

Midwinter Prayer

God of all creation

of bare forest and low northern skies

of paths unknown and never to be taken

of bramble, sparrow and damp, dark earth

we thank you for loss, for the breaking of the dimming year

we thank you for light, even in its seeming midwinter failing

we thank you for life, for its hope and resistance,

like a seed dying and living.





Gospel Garden

After harvesting over 600 pounds of food for the Hoquiam Food Bank, we have wrapped up for the season. We planted ½ bed of garlic for our “winter crop” as a first this year. There will be a meeting in February to plan for summer 2023 in our beautiful Gospel Garden!

Union Gospel Mission Dinner

January 16th – Team 3

If you are interested in joining the team(s), please contact the office.

Harbor Bounty

In partnership with Librairie Gourmand, our next cooking class and meals for folks who need a little extra help with food costs will be happening on January 30th 2023, from 5:30p-7:30p. There are sign-up sheets available. Contact the office with questions or if you want to volunteer or even participate.



Get A Life

(Al-Anon Family Group)

holds hybrid meetings at The Rose Center (210 K Street, Hoquiam) twice a week. Their meetings are open to everyone.

Mondays at 6pm-7pm

Wednesdays at 7pm-8pm

Socks & Hygiene Goods Drive

We are always collecting for our neighbors. 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. If you can't make it into the office, please call us.

Thank you for your generous hearts!



Ministries

Coffee Hour

You are invited to join us for our weekly Coffee Fellowship gathering each Wednesday at 10am in the Fireside Room at Saron.

Care and Community Team

Please watch the Rose Blast for information on the next team meeting. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Pastor Michelle or the office.

Martha Circle

The next meeting of Martha Circle will be at 1pm on Thursday, February 2nd. Your hostesses will be Joyce Easton & Val Rhodes.

Bible Study

Held after Coffee Fellowship on Wednesdays starting January 11th, from 11:30am-12:30pm. Join us for education and fellowship. Classes will be offered on January 11th and 25th and then through the month of February studying the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held in the choir room of Saron every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Join in to make some joyful noise!

L[^]3+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The next meeting is Thursday, January 19th, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. Bring books to trade if you would like. Hope to see you there!

Quilting

Quilting resumes on Thursday, January 26th at 9:00am until Noon. The Quilters meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. All are welcome to assist in this beautiful endeavor that brings warmth around the world. Any questions, please call JoAnn Ray at 360-532-6746.



PRAYER PAGE

A Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany By Cameron Bellm

I wonder sometimes
If one of the stars that lit Abraham's night
Was the one that led the Magi to Jesus.
A dark canvas speckled by the most generous brush—
What an improbable promise to an old man.
But our God has never been daunted by the unlikely, the impossible.
What a sight for the Magi, too,
A baby resting on hay, his cries mingled with braying and bleating.
I like to think they heard in those everyday sounds a holy chorus,
Saw in that noisy tableau a Creator serenaded by His creation,
All of it embodied, enfleshed—
All of it good.
And when we've left our gifts for this implausible King,
May we, like the Magi, go home by another way—
Having encountered the holy,
May we protect it, guard it,
Trail its light behind us wherever we go.
A sacred arc transposed from heaven to earth,
May we ourselves become the star,
Leading the way to Emmanuel.
Amen.

In the Midst of Winter By Cal Wick

Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us
of the warmth of your love.
In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk
arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.
In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth,
when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak
remind us that Easter is but a short time away.
And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter,
reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the
warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness
of our soul.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

*The family of Cam Reeves,
The family of Vicki Dick,
The family of Alivia Green, Don Frick,
Maggie Larson, Nita Cross, Dean,
Lauren, Judy Brady,
Pastor Sonja Selboe, Marge Douglas,
Jane Bacon, Nathan, Jeannette Bruun,
Ruth Hamilton, Shirley Ward,
Sophie Nicholson, Beverly Carson,
Marge Salstrom, Taylor Julian,
Stephanie, Marie Ask, Barbara Bevans,
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Barbara Roberts, Melissa Murray, Pastor Linda Milks, Josh,
Marianne Larson, Kiyari, Lisa Chappell, Chari Allen, Rose Hirschler,
Ona Karnath, Jennifer Shelly, Brad, Young Lee, Val Rhodes,
Marge Dahlstrom, Pastor Alan Carlson*

New Celtic Blessing

I lay my head to rest,
and in doing so,
lay at your feet
the faces I have seen,
the voices I have heard,
the words I have spoken,
the hands I have shaken,
the service I have given,
the joys I have shared,
the sorrows revealed,
I lay them at your feet,
and in doing so
lay my head to rest. Amen.

We also pray for those who are victims of war and violence, teachers and students, healthcare workers, first responders, police officers, fire fighters, oppressed & vulnerable persons, and persons affected by COVID.

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

JANUARY @ Saron

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NEW YEARS DAY 1 CHRISTMAS 10a Worship Fellowship	Office Closed	Teri back	10a Coffee Hour	PM back	EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 10a Worship Fellowship - Birthdays Sunday School 11a Council Meeting		11a Property Meeting at Saron with Harbor Architects	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study	6p Homemakers		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2 EPIPHANY 10a Worship Fellowship Sunday School	MLK JR DAY Office Closed UGM Team 3 PM - Bishop's Convocation	PM - Bishop's Convocation	10a Coffee Hour PM - Bishop's Convocation	1p L^3+P=(RIOT)		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
3 EPIPHANY 10a Worship Fellowship Sunday School			10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Bible Study	9a-12p Quilting	Confirmation Retreat @ TRC	Confirmation Retreat @ TRC
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JANUARY @ The Rose Center

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Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be January 8, 2023, after worship service.

Assisting Minister Schedule

We have created an Assisting Minister binder that is available for you to sign up to assist at worship service and fellowship on Sundays. This binder should be available in the sanctuary as well as in Anderson Hall after services and then on Wednesdays during coffee hour and bible study. Contact Teri if you have questions. An abbreviated "job description" is available in the front of the binder. Training is also available if that would be helpful.



Birthday Celebrations

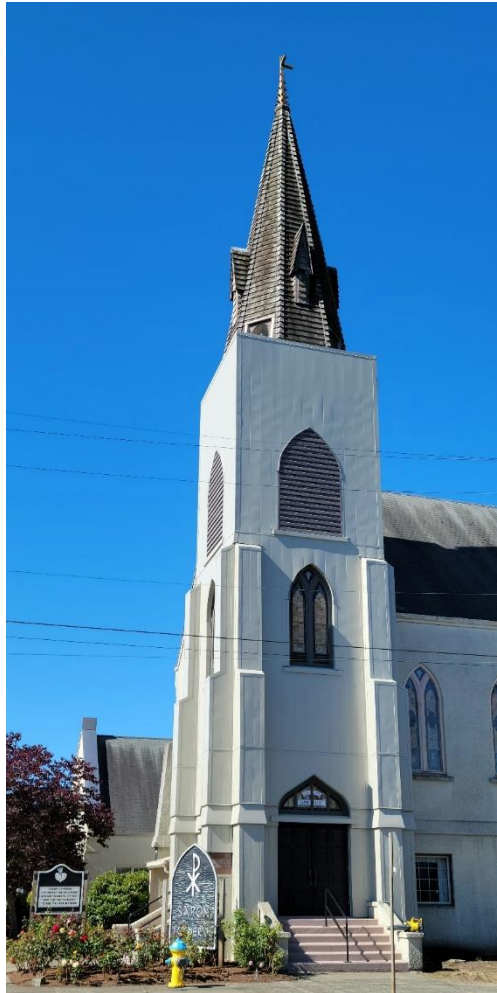
The first Sunday of each month's fellowship coffee hour will be dedicated to celebrating the birthdays of that month.

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- 4th ~ Diana Petrich
- 11th ~ Tom Rowley
- 12th ~ Brett Pelan
- 12th ~ Myka Wayman
- 14th ~ Tim Pelan, Jr.
- 16th ~ Gretchen Klein
- 18th ~ Mark Johnson
- 18th ~ Sarah Leigh Blomgren
- 18th ~ Judy Brady
- 20th ~ Del Pelan
- 21st ~ Sarah Rhodes
- 22nd ~ Dave Smith
- 25th ~ Barbara Royal
- 28th ~ Vada Kohn
- 29th ~ Tamara McCarthy
- 30th ~ Donna Pelan
- 31st ~ Nancy Rowley

Save Saron Capital Campaign

The Steeple is complete, and we are looking forward to managing the rest of the water intrusion damage once we are sure there are no more leaks. The Save Saron campaign will resume, and we are still accepting donations for this incredibly worthy cause. See the following page for ways to donate.



Supporting Saron-1st

Donate directly via PayPal

Visit our website sarongraysharbor.org and click the donate button or follow the link below.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=HJLL4ZTG68TD6



Goods for Sale

Gospel Garden Herbs, Joyce's Jams & Jellies, Sharal's Scrubbies, Rick's Pepper Jelly & Rick's Relish are available to purchase to benefit Save Saron.

John Rhodes' Book

Our very own John Rhodes, Author, has graciously set out some of his books for sale in Anderson Hall and has pledged 15% of the sales made here at Saron will go towards the Save Saron fund. Contact the office if you are interested.

Amazon Smile

We are set up with the Amazon Smile program! If you are going to shop on Amazon, sign in to [here](#) to allow a percentage to go towards your favorite charity - Saron-1st!



SERRV International

Thank you for supporting Saron-1st this spring by shopping fair trade at SERRV International!

Shop from

<https://www.serrv.org/?a=saronfirst>

and we'll earn 20% for our nonprofit. We think you'll love this great deal and the beautiful products SERRV has to offer. All proceeds benefit Save Saron fund.

Thrivent

Thrivent, a Lutheran-founded, not-for-profit financial services organization, has programs in place to assist with special congregation projects or help you designate funds. If you have a Thrivent account and you'd like to consider gifting to your church through their programs, contact your Thrivent representative.

Property Notes

Property Committee

Property Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 7th @ 6pm

Property Issues?

There is a Property Maintenance binder and a corresponding clipboard on the literature table in Moller Hall. The clipboard will contain forms that you can fill out with maintenance requests. We are asking you to put as much detail as you can about your request on the form as well as your name, phone number and date requested. The forms will be reviewed, and it will be noted when the work has been worked on or completed. We are going to work on having the form available online in the Carillon and Rose Blast with a link to fill it out and send it back electronically. We are hoping this will make a better trail for maintenance needed and completed, from here out. Also, for those that are looking for something to do and want to help at the church, you will be able to look in the book and see if there is a task that you would be willing to take on, complete the task and sign and date the form. This will hopefully make things easier for everyone moving forward.

The Rose Center

We are proudly hosting Al-Anon meetings, safe visitation space, some catering/baking, celebrations of life, and lots of music. Our retreat space is coming together with beds, desks and even some artwork.

Our wish list for the items we need can be viewed and purchased from this link: <https://a.co/3BLKTVD>

Please feel free to share this link.

Contact the office with questions.

If you or your group needs a space, contact Teri in the office.

Office Hours

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

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