

RELIGION BRIEFS

Society of Friends

SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Lower Columbia Worship Group of the Society of Friends (Quaker) meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Peninsula Church Center Fireside Room (south building), 5000 N Place, in Seaview. This is a "silent" (unprogrammed) worship group. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, call 503-895-7474.

Community Church

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., holds an Evensong service at 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Evensong features Wes Warhmund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection.

For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

Interfaith Partnership

SEASIDE — The South County Interfaith Partnership meets at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Pig 'N Pancake, 323 Broad-

way in Seaside, to foster better understanding among faith practitioners and to nurture one another in spirit. All faiths are welcome. For information, call Ann Souvenir at 503-738-0200.

Great Vow

CLATSKANIE — The Great Vow Zen Monastery, located at 79640 Quincy-Mayger Road in Clatskanie, is holding a Roaring Stillness Weekend Retreat, led by Adam Jogen Salzberg, from 5 p.m. Oct. 30 to 1 p.m. Nov. 1.

During this lively weekend meditation intensive, the toning of sacred syllables is combined with silent periods of sitting meditation.

The cost is \$150 (\$120 for Zen Community of Oregon; a \$75 reduced rate available to those in need) plus donation.

For details, call 503-728-0654 or email registrar@greatvow.org. Register online at www.zendust.org/calendar

St. Mary Star of the Sea

On Sunday, St. Mary Star

of the Sea Parish is honoring World Mission Sunday. There will be an offering to help support seminarians going to the mission field, as well as clinics, orphanages and schools in over 1,150 mission dioceses, mostly in Africa and Asia.

Court 151 of Catholic Daughters of America are holding a Musicfest and Silent Auction Fundraiser Nov. 21. The proceeds will be split between the St. Vincent de Paul food bank and the Pregnancy Resource Center. Donations of a wide variety of auction items are needed for the event, ranging from vacation trips to artwork, toys and camping gear. No gift is too small, as many items can be put together to make auction baskets. For details, call 503-458-6825 or 503-325-9775.

Seventh-day Adventist

The Astoria Seventh-day Adventist Church is presenting the 29th annual Christian Women's Retreat, "The Road Trip," live streamed from the Eagle Crest Resort, today through Sunday at the church,

300 Nehalem Ave. Saturday's sessions start at 9 a.m. and end at 7:45 p.m. Cheri Gatton will host Session No. 1, "Repurposing Your Baggage," followed by a worship service and lunch. Session No. 2 starts at 4 p.m., "Confronting the 'Y' in the Road" with Karen Peterson, followed by a light supper and a concert with Elise LeBlanc.

A pancake breakfast is being served at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, followed by a general session with Gober-Park. All are welcome, and there is no cost for this event. An RSVP would be appreciated by calling 503-325-0610 and leaving your name and phone number, and how many will be attending.

Peace Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St., is participating in "Bread for the World Sunday." The 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday will encourage engagement with government to protect child nutrition programs and other anti-poverty funding,

along with a special offering for ending hunger.

The Rev. Michael Keys, regional director of Evangelical Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is preaching and leading a forum about "Congregational Vitality" during the Fellowship Hour. The public is welcome. For information, call 503-325-3871.

Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship is holding a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, 820 Alameda Ave. The Rev. Tim Haley will deliver a sermon, "A Mindful Year."

Haley is a retired UU minister who served parishes in Hillsboro and Oregon City in Oregon, Reston, Virginia, and Port Townsend, Washington. In addition to his ministerial degree, he also has a master's degree in social work, and worked for 16 years in home health hospice.

Arlene LaMear is the lay leader, Bree and Otis Heavner and Bob and Emily Nelson are providing refreshments and

Nancy Logan is the greeter. For information, call 503-325-5225 or go to www.pacuuf.org

Grace Episcopal

The Consort of All Sorts presents "Music for Warm Nights," a benefit concert for the Astoria Warming Center, at 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

First Lutheran

Members and friends of First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., are invited to attend an uniquely different service at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, one that is filled with excitement and surprises, and an event that takes place that has never occurred here in the past. The congregation will be challenged to use their creativity as they work on ways to express their faith in the community and beyond.

For information, call 503-325-6252 or go to www.astoriafirstlutheran.com

Water fitness class on tap at college

Clatsop Community College will again offer "Aquanastics — Gentle Water Exercise" as part of its fall lineup of health-related classes.

This water fitness class is designed for cardio and strength training, yet gentle on the joints. Swimming is not required for the class, conducted in a 3- to 5-foot-deep heated pool. Beach balls and foam noodles are

provided free for class use and enjoyment. As an added bonus, students are given basic water health and safety tips, and will play some water games.

Aquanastics is held from 9 to 9:50 a.m. or 10 to 10:50 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Nov. 3 and running through Dec. 15. Only 12 students can attend each section. The cost is \$35.00.

The course is taught by Kathleen Hudson, an experienced instructor who holds several certifications in aqua aerobics. Classes are held at the KOA heated indoor pool at 1100 Ridge Road in Hammond and include hot showers, changing rooms and a hot tub.

Register at www.clatsopcc.edu/schedule by searching under Course Title, or call 503-338-2402.

Astorian hired as VP for Columbia Bank

Columbia Bank recently appointed Jan Jensen a vice president and commercial bank team lead. Based in Astoria, Jensen will manage and support the commercial banking team on the North Oregon Coast, helping cultivate business opportunities in Tillamook and Clatsop counties.

Jensen has almost 40 years of banking experience and close to 20 focused spe-

cifically on commercial banking. Prior to joining Columbia Bank, she worked at US Bank for more than 20 years as a commercial banking relationship manager. She also worked at West Coast Bank and TLC Federal Credit Union in Tillamook.

Jensen previously served as president for the American



Jan Jensen

Lung Association of Oregon, was a member of Kiwanis of Tillamook and the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County and has volunteered for Relay for Life. She is a native of Astoria, attending both Clatsop Community College and Portland Community College. She lives in Tillamook.

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