

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. This is a "silent" (unprogrammed) worship group. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, call 503-895-7474.

Cannon Beach Community

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.

Our Saviour's Lutheran

SEASIDE — Our Saviour's Lutheran Church presents "Song, Scripture and Sacrament" from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Suzanne Elise Assisted Living, 101 Forest Drive. All are welcome.

For information, call the church at 503-738-6791.

Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., is holding a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 p.m. Thursday, with music, prayer and Holy Communion. The public is welcome.

For information, call the church at 503-325-2925.

First Baptist

A Maundy Thursday Ceremonial Passover Service is being held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, 349 Seventh St. To reserve a spot, RSVP by calling 503-325-1761.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, a

free Easter Breakfast is from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m., followed by an Easter Worship Service at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Astoria Bahá'ís

The Bahá'í community of Astoria is celebrating their New Year, known as Naw-Ruz, at 2 p.m. Sunday at the home of Tod and Betsy Jones, 200 West Irving Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

Naw-Ruz is commemorated on the first day of spring, the vernal equinox, and marks the end of a 19-day fast — abstaining from food and drink from sunrise to sunset every day — which is a period of reflection and spiritual reinvigoration.

Naw-Ruz (or Nowruz, one of its many other spellings) is one of the world's oldest secular holidays, and has been celebrated by people from diverse ethnic communities and religious backgrounds for thousands of years.

For information, call 503-325-1963 or go to www.astoriabahai.org

Warrenton United Methodist

WARRENTON — The Warrenton United Methodist Church, 679 N. Main Ave., celebrates Palm Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday with hosannas and (weather permitting) a procession with palm branches. At the conclusion of the service everyone extends the branch of friendship by enjoying brunch in fellowship hall.

Services during Holy Week include: Bible Study on Wednesday at 2 p.m.; and a Holy (Maundy) Thursday soup supper from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a Holy Communion worship service with music provided by the Astoria First Methodist Church choir. Check newspaper listings for community-wide Good Friday services.

WUMC offers off-street parking, easy access for the physically challenged, and activity packets for children. Call 503-861-0825 for information.

Astoria First United Methodist

The Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave., begins worship at 11 a.m. on Palm Sunday with choral music and a special Reader Theater presentation.

The Astoria and Warrenton Methodists will gather on Holy (Maundy) Thursday in the Warrenton UMC, 679 Main Ave., for a soup supper at 5 p.m. and Holy Communion services at 6 p.m. with inspirational music provided by the Astoria FUMC choir.

The Parking lot is across the street on 11th Street and Franklin Avenue. A ramp and door are available just west of the main entrance. For information, call 503-325-5454.

Grace Episcopal

Holy Week, the week commemorating the events that led up to Easter Sunday, begins at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., with Palm Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday. The palms and crosses are blessed before a procession, and parishioners take the parts in the reading of the story.

Anyone who is interested in learning how to fold palm fronds into palm crosses is invited to come at 10 a.m. Saturday. Also on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, church building and grounds are being cleaned in preparation for Easter. Lunch is served at noon.

At 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday there is an instructed "Christian Passover Meal" and a potluck featuring food from the Holy Land. A service follows, recalling the Last Supper and foot washing. The altar will be stripped, and will stay bare until Easter.

On Good Friday, March 25, The Stations of the Cross Liturgy and Procession begin at 12:10 p.m., featuring music with Jennifer Goodenberger (piano). The service at 7 p.m. features

the Youth Group presenting a Stations of the Cross Shadow Play.

The Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Word is read at noon March 26.

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

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

A Rummage and Bake Sale, sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America is being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday in the Star of the Sea School auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave. The event features new and used clothing, household items, toys and more.

Holy Week at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave., starts with Palm Sunday Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., and a Spanish Mass at 1 p.m.

On both Tuesday and Wednesday, Mass is at 8 a.m.

The service is at 7 p.m. Holy Thursday. Bring bells and prepare for foot washing.

On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are at noon at the St. Francis de Sales Mission, 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond. At 7 p.m., the Passion, Veneration of Cross and Communion Service are being held at St. Mary, Star of the Sea.

For information, call the church at 503) 325-3671 or go to www.stmaryastoria.com

Pioneer Presbyterian

WARRENTON — The Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way, is building its annual Daffodil Cross at the church, which is near Camp Rilea, starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. When finished, the cross is 40 feet tall and contains 5,000 blooms.

Anyone who wishes to help out is welcome. Wear gardening clothes and be prepared for inclement weather. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call 503-861-2421 or 503-861-8097.

'Better Breather's Club' in Seaside

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SEASIDE — Providence Seaside Hospital, in conjunction with the American Lung Association, is offering a monthly Better Breathers Club to senior members of the community who have difficulty breathing. Attendees will meet in the education center of the hospital from 1:30 to 3 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. There is no charge to attend, but registration is encouraged.

These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn ways to cope with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, pulmonary fibrosis and other respiratory issues while getting the support of others who share the same struggles.

The Better Breathers Club's monthly meetings will feature presentations on a variety of relevant topics including breathing techniques, exercise, medications, home healthcare, lung transplants, pollution, smoking and more. Caregivers are also welcome to attend.

Monthly meetings next Thursday. Other sessions are: April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

To register for one or more sessions, call 800-562-8964. Providence Seaside Hospital is located at 725 S. Wahanna Road.

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Roasted Pork Loin with Mushroom Gravy

Honey Glazed Ham

Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Glazed Baby Carrots

Scrambled Eggs & Fried Potatoes

Bacon & Sausage Links

Waffles

Biscuits & Gravy

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