

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H — Looking for 4-H leaders. For information, call Sandra Carlson at the Oregon State University Extension at 503-325-8573.

American Red Cross — Needs registration volunteers (donor ambassadors) in Clatsop County to provide customer service and enhance the blood donor experience. For information, call Angela Basurto at 503-528-5430.

Astoria Riverfront Trolley Association — 111 W. Marine Drive. Needs conductors/motormen to operate trolley and narrate points of interest. One or more three-hour shifts per month. For information, call the 503-325-6311.

Astoria Senior Center — 1111 Exchange St. To volunteer, call Larry Miller at 503-325-3231.

Astoria Veteran Van Drivers — Volunteer drivers needed for the Disabled American Veterans van for one or more trips per month. The van leaves Astoria at 7 a.m. for the Portland Veterans Administration Hospital and returns in the early afternoon. To volunteer, contact Dick Lang, Astoria DAV van coordinator, at 503-298-8757 or dicklang@charter.net. Drivers receive free breakfast and lunch vouchers for the hospital canteen on every trip.

Astoria Warming Center — 1076 Franklin Ave. Winter overnight emergency shelter for homeless persons needs volunteers for three-hour shifts from evening through the night to help with welcoming guests, serving dinner, cleaning the kitchen, monitoring the sleeping area overnight, and closing the shelter in the morning. Volunteers also needed for weekly litter patrols in the neighborhood. To volunteer, email astoriawarmingcenter@gmail.com

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce — 111 W. Marine Drive. Volunteers needed at the chamber and for events. For information, call 503-325-6311.

Camp Kiwanilong — A large variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call 503-861-2933 or go to campkiwanilong.org

Cannon Beach Academy — 3781 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for breakfast or lunch preparation and cleanup, reading groups, math groups, lunch/recess duty and housekeeping. Shifts are 1.25 hours or longer. For information, call 503-298-5245.

Caring Adults Developing Youth (CADY) Mentoring Program — 800 Exchange St., second floor. Needs mentors for youths ages 10 to 17 at risk of school failure. Time commitment: one year, about eight hours per month. For information, contact Laura Parker at 503-325-8601 or lparker@co.clatsop.or.us

Clatsop Care Center — Volunteers needed daily for all three meals to provide one-on-one assistance to dining dependent residents. Volunteers must participate in a 16-hour training program. For information, contact Mandy Branchley at 503-325-0313, ext. 209.

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank — Volunteers needed to help hand out fruits and vegetables at the weekly produce pantries for two hours on Thursdays, from April to October, in Seaside and Warrenton. Warehouse attendants are needed for food packing or processing, picking orders for agencies, light janitorial and housekeeping, or lawn and grounds maintenance. Three to four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. To volunteer, call 503-861-3663.

Clatsop County Public Works — 1101 Olney Ave. Adopt-A-Road volunteers needed to remove litter two times (minimum) per year for two years. Safety equipment and supplies provided. Volunteers must receive safety orientation. For information, call 503-325-8631.

Community Emergency Response Team — CERT volunteers needed for community events and disaster response with local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies. Training includes fire safety, first aid, traffic and crowd control, communications, damage survey, disaster planning and civic events within city limits. For information, contact CERT coordinator Kenny Hansen at khansen@astoria.or.us or leave a voicemail at 503-325-4411.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. The service is devoted to Christmas carols. Barbara Bate accompanies on the PAC concert grand piano. Children are welcome; there is a story and religious education class for them. Coffee and treats are served after the service.

For information, call 503-325-5225, email pacuuf@gmail.com, or go to pacuuf.org

Common Ground Interspiritual

A Celebration of Spirit, sponsored by Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship, meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Wesley Room at the Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. Use the 11th Street building entrance. This morning gathering is not defined by any particular belief system, and is intended for the "spiritual but not religious," as well as those who draw from more than one faith tradition. For information, go to cgifellowship.org

Religious Society of Friends

ILWACO, Washington — The Lower Columbia Quakers, also known as the Religious Society of Friends, meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Ilwaco Community Center, 158 First Ave. N. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, go to lowercolumbiaquakers.org

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church of Astoria, 1103 Grand Ave., presents "Lessons and Carols" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Christmas Eve. The audience is involved with the presentation, as a carol is sung after the reading of each paragraph of the Christmas Story, closing with "Silent Night" performed by candlelight. Music includes hand bells, a performance by Three Wise Women (Kim Angelis, Jennifer Goodenberger and Shelley Loring), and a solo by Phil Keim. Rev.

Port employees donate \$1,000 to CCA



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Clatsop Community Action received \$1,000 from a fundraiser by Port of Astoria employees. From left, CCA Board Member Rickki Jo Parris, Port Executive Director Jim Knight, Port Commission President Frank Spence, CCA Executive Director Elaine Bruce and CCA Board President Jack Ficken.

Bill Van Nostran's sermon topic is "Jesus Christ is Coming to Town."

For information, call 503-325-1702, email pastorbill@fpcastoria.org or go to fpcastoria.org

First Lutheran

Christmas Eve Services take place at 10 a.m., 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. A Christmas Day worship service is at 10 a.m. Monday.

For information, call the church at 503-325-6252, email fpcastoria@gmail.com or go to astoriafirstlutheran.com

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., celebrated the end of Advent with a single 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist service on Sunday. The children of Grace present a Christmas pageant during this service.

There are two Christmas Eve services on Sunday. The Family Christmas Eve service is at 4:30 p.m. Crèche figures

are used to tell the Nativity Story, and there are Christmas carols and the Holy Eucharist. The second service is preceded by a time of carol singing with the choir at 10:30 p.m.; the Midnight Service begins at 11 p.m. and also features the choir and Holy Eucharist.

On Monday, Christmas Day, a Morning Prayer service is at 10 a.m.

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

Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., holds a worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday.

The birth of Jesus is celebrated with a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 10 p.m. Sunday, and a Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. Monday. Both services include singing Christmas carols and music. The public is welcome.

Astoria United Methodist

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Church, 1076 Franklin Ave., holds an intergenerational Christmas Eve Morning Service at 11 a.m. Sunday, with traditional Christmas music offerings including a young pianist solo, a violin and recorder duet, and a medley using organ, piano and clarinet. There are also Christmas carols, an in-service craft table for children and refreshments after the service.

For information, go to astoriamethodistchurch.org

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Sunday, is celebrated at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., at 10 a.m. The Christmas Eve services with Holy Communion and special music include a family service at 5 p.m., and a candlelight service at 10 p.m.

On Christmas Day, Monday, there is a worship service with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

For nine days before Christmas, Dec. 15 to 23, the Hispanic community gathers each night at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church for a Posada, a remembering of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. The gathering begins with a rosary at the church, then moves to the St. Mary, Star of the Sea School auditorium for music, food and entertainment for the children. All are welcome.

On Sunday, the schedule is as follows: Morning Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., and a Bilingual Mass at 1 p.m., at St. Mary, Star of the Sea; a Nativity Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales, 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond; a Children and Family Mass at 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea; and a Midnight Nativity Mass at St. Mary, Star of the Sea.

On Christmas Day, Monday, a Bilingual Mass is at 10 a.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea.



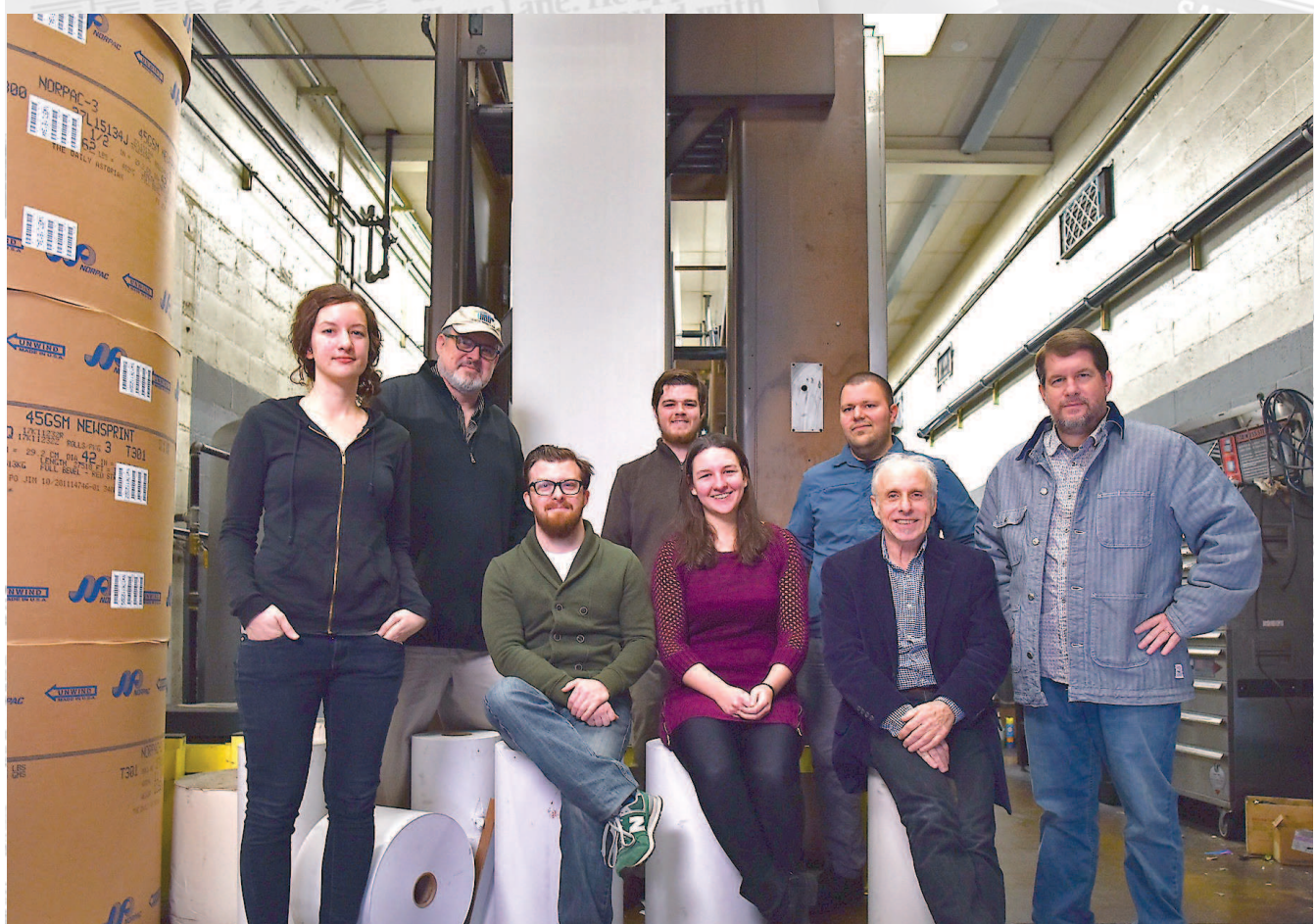
Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

From the newsroom of The Daily Astorian

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION

WISHING ALL THE BEST

DECEMBER 2017



The newsroom staff gathers in The Daily Astorian's press room

Front row, from left: Katie Frankowicz (reporter), Erick Bengel (features editor), Brenna Visser (reporter), R.J. Marx (South County editor) and Derrick DePledge (managing editor).

Back row, from left: Jim Van Nostrand (editor), and reporters Jack Heffernan and Edward Stratton. Not pictured: Colin Murphey (photographer), Gary Henley (sports reporter), Elleda Wilson (editorial assistant) and Rebecca Herren (South County office coordinator).

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