

RELIGION BRIEFS

Easter service

An Easter sunrise community service will be held at 7 a.m. Sunday at the Astoria Column. Several churches will be taking part in the service. If the weather is poor, the service will be at the Hilltop Church of the Nazarene, 725 Niagara Ave. The public is welcome.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Speakers are Peggy Coreson and Rick Knier; the topic is "Thoughts on Charity."

After the social hour in the Green Room, the regular discussion group holds an open discussion with no particular topic.

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

Religious Society of Friends

ILWACO, Wash. — 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

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, email info@cgifellowship.org or call 916-307-9790.

St. Catherine Episcopal

NEHALEM — St. Catherine Episcopal Church, 36335 U.S. Highway 101 in Nehalem, holds a Labyrinth walk from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome. For

information, go to saintcatherineoregoncoast.org

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.

Ecumenical Evening Prayer Service

In observance of the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's death Jr., a communitywide ecumenical evening prayer service is being held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave. All are welcome. The North Coast Chorale and soloist Bereniece Jones-Centeno will sing at the service, with piano accompanist Vincent Centeno. For information, contact Janet Weidman at 503-741-0345.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

At St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave., there is an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Ages 2 to 6 meet at the grotto on the west side of the church, and ages 7 to 11 meet at the park on Grand Avenue, across from the Star of the Sea auditorium.

The St. Francis de Sales Catholic Mission at 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond is holding an Easter service.

For the first time at St. Francis de Sales, a 6:30 a.m. Mass is being held on Easter Sunday, celebrated by Rev. William D. Oruko. The regularly scheduled 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass is canceled.

For information, go to stmaryastoria.com

St. Brendan the Navigator Orthodox Mission

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Easter Egg Hunt set for Saturday

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A traditional Easter Egg Hunt is being held at noon Saturday at Tapiola Park, off West Marine Drive. Games, clowns and entertainment begin at 11 a.m.

The Astoria Rotary Club, Elks Lodge No. 180, Astoria Moose Lodge, Boy Scouts of America, Community Emer-

gency Response Team (CERT), Sunset Amateur Radio Club and several other organizations, expect 1,500 children and families to participate. This event is also made possible by the logistical support of the Astoria Parks and Recreation, police and fire departments, and the financial support of many local businesses.

Orthodox Mission holds Vespers, beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, at the Sollars' home. A potluck Lenten meal follows the service. The main course is a Greek-style lentil soup. Suggested food items to bring include salad, rolls, dessert, finger foods and drinks. Call 503-298-1824 for the address and directions.

On Sunday, Matins begin at 8:30 a.m., and Liturgy begins at 10 a.m., at the St. Frances de Sales Mission, 857 Fifth Ave. in Hammond, led Rev. Kevin Lien. Vespers, Matins and Liturgy are held the first Sunday of each month. For information, call 503-467-8360.

Typica Services and Vespers are held the third weekend of each month. For information, call 503-298-1824.

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., holds a Stations of the Cross Walk at 12:10 p.m. today, and a Good Friday Liturgy at 7 p.m., with music provided for both services by Vincent Centeno.

The Holy Saturday Liturgy is at noon Saturday.

This is the 132nd Easter Sunday in this church building; the first was held on April 25, 1886. Easter Day services are at 8 and 10 a.m. A special cross will be out for children to flower with blooms brought from home gardens. Those attending are urged to bring

Hall. Contact the church office if interested.

Fellowship Hall is the site of the Second Saturdays Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 14. Arts, crafts and specialty food are offered. Attendance is free.

For information, call the church office at 503-325-1702, or email pastorbill@fpcastoria.org. Recordings of each of Rev. Van Nostran's sermons are available at fpcastoria.org

Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., celebrates Easter starting at 9 a.m. with a breakfast, served by the men of the church.

A special Sunday school time for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. There is singing, a story time, an activity and an egg hunt.

The worship service begins at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Astoria First United Methodist

Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave., holds an Easter Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. There is music, and the congregation can place flowers on the cross. Pastor Carol Prichard's sermon is "Hope Rising." All are welcome.

For information, contact the church office at 503-325-5454.

Astoria Church of Christ

Ken Tipps will speak about the resurrection on Easter Sunday at the Astoria Church of Christ, 692 12th St. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The church will hold its seventh annual after-Easter community singalong at 3 p.m. April 7.

First Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Astoria, 349 Seventh St., hosts a free Easter Breakfast from 8:45 to 10 a.m. Easter services include Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Worship beginning at 10:45 a.m. For information, call the church office at 503-325-1761.

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