RELIGION BRIEFS

Crossroads Community

SVENSEN — Crossroads Community Church, a Friends Fellowship, at 40618 Old Highway 30, is holding a Free Family Film Friday at 6:45 p.m. Come enjoy a film and fellowship. All are welcome. For information, call Shawn Leonard, pastor, at 503-949-5033.

'Compassion in Action'

SEASIDE — Spiritual Communities in Partnership and Providence Seaside Hospital are sponsoring a community conversation on "Compassion in Action" from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Providence Seaside Hospital Education Center, 725 S. Wahanna Road. The discussion is moderated by Seth Tichenor, co-host of Philosopharians. Light refreshments follow. For information, call 503-738-0200.

Items featured at the Calvary Episcopal Church's annual Holiday Bazaar, which takes place Friday and Saturday.

Calvary Episcopal

SEASIDE — Calvary Episcopal Church, 503 N. Holladay Drive in Seaside, holds its annual Holiday Bazaar this weekend, starting from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, when dessert and beverages are available.

The doors reopen from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, with lunch available for purchase from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring shrimp chowder or soup with bread, hot dogs and a variety of pies and beverages.

The event features homemade baked goods and candy, including cookies, breads, fudge, fruit cakes, as well as soup mixes, jam and other gourmet items. In addition, the bazaar offers kitchen items, home decor for holiday entertaining and gift-giving, gift bags, stained glass pieces, vintage linens and a "gently used" table.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at $1 each, or six for $5, for a Christmas quilt created by Judy Woodmansee of Seaside. The winner need not be present for the drawing.

Community support of the bazaar enables donations to numerous charities in Clatsop County, in addition to special church projects. For information, call 503-738-5773.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meets at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. The Rev. Carol McKinley is the speaker. Religious education is available during the service. McKinley is a community minister affiliated with the Olympia, Washington, UU Congregation, where she coordinates its Faith in Action ministry. She is a member of the Pacific Northwest UU Association District Board and the district's Healthy Congregations team, and is also the 2019 recipient of the Evan Ferber Peacemaker Leadership Award.

The monthly potluck lunch at the Masonic Temple, 1572 Franklin Ave., follows the service. All are welcome.

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., holds its annual Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It features original art by local artists, vintage and holiday items and decor, cookbooks, baked goods and more. Soup for lunch is available.

Following the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service, there is a reception for the new John Wecker art exhibit, which hangs in the Parish Hall, and can be seen weekday and Sunday mornings until Dec. 20.

A Soup-Supper meal is offered at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall, free of charge. Those willing to help should come at 3 p.m. or 5 p.m. to help clean up.

There is a Taizé Prayer & Song service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, with the theme of "Peace." All are welcome.

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

Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church is offering transportation from Emerald Heights to its Sunday school, which features music and learning from the Bible in classes for all ages.

The church van picks up at the bus stop on Nimitz Drive and McCain Road at 9:05 a.m. each Sunday morning, and returns to the bus stop at 10:50 a.m.

For information, go to bethanyfree.com or call 503-325-2925.

First Lutheran

The theme of the Sunday worship service at 8:30 and 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., is "Breaking Down Walls," relating to both Veterans Day and the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

An adult forum and Sunday school for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Al-Anon (Astoria) — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St.;12 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. For information, call 503-325-1087.

Al-Anon (Clatskanie) — 7 p.m. Monday, Faith Lutheran Church, 1010 N.E. Fifth St., Clatskanie. For information, call 503-728-3351.

Al-Anon (Nehalem) — 7 p.m. Monday, Riverbend Room, North County Recreation District, 36155 Ninth St. For information, call 503-368-8255.

Al-Anon (Seaside) — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, call 503-810-5196 for information.

Astoria DAR members donate memory mats

Astoria Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution created memory mats for use by residents at Clatsop Care Center. Pictured, from left, members Sue Glen, Chairwoman Doris Rademacher-Dramov and Sandy Fuller presented 32 mats to Clatsop Care Center Activities Director Heidi Torres on Oct. 28. Additional mats made by members will be given to memory care residences in the Portland area.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dedication ceremony set at Prairie Cemetery

KNAPPA — The Knappa Prairie Cemetery Association invites the public to attend a dedication ceremony of the new Veterans Memorial at 11 a.m. Monday, Veterans Day, at the cemetery, 92892 Knappa Dock Road.

There will be a color guard, Scout Troop No. 507 and speakers to honor local veterans. Prairie Cemetery Association Board members will be present to assist and answer questions. The ceremony will proceed rain or shine. Refreshments and a social time will follow the ceremony.

Enjoy free days at Washington state parks

ILWACO, Wash. — The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission offers its two final free days of the year on Nov. 11 and 29. On these free days, day-use visitors will not need a Discover Pass for vehicle access.

The Discover Pass is required to access lands managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources. For information, go to parks.state.wa.us

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Essay winners promise to vote

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Three teenagers are winners of an essay contest for high school students in Clatsop County and Pacific County, Washington. Indivisible North Coast Oregon and the American Association of University Women, Astoria branch, sponsored the contest, whose theme was, "I Will Always Vote."

Tristan Trudell won the $250 first place prize, declaring that "A vote is a voice, and with a voice, one has the power to enact change." Trudell lives in Long Beach, Washington, and is a senior at Ilwaco High School.

Erik and Forrest Cooley, brothers from Warrenton who are home-schooled, won the second and third prizes, respectively, of $150 and $100. Erik is in the tenth grade, and Forrest is in the eleventh grade.

Erik Cooley

Forrest Cooley

Tristan Trudell

"All the essays showed that the students are passionate about staying informed, and that they understand the importance of participating in the democratic process," Indivisible North Coast Oregon member Eric Halperin, one of the contest's organizers, said.

The winning essays are posted at incoregon.org

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