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Anchor Baptist Church will erect a tent off of W. Marine Drive to host an old-fashioned gospel tent meeting.

Gathering: Organizers to take precautions

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Kevin Byers, the pastor of Anchor Baptist, said they plan to take temperatures of all attendees and will require masks. Chairs will be placed in rows spaced 6 feet apart. The tent will be open on three sides.

"For those who feel comfortable visiting department stores, grocery stores or hardware stores, the tent meeting should be safer as we are not enclosed, open all day nor handling merchandise," he wrote in an email to The Astorian.

Mayor Bruce Jones said in a statement that he is aware some residents are concerned the tent meeting could be a "superspreader" event.

"While the city is maintaining heightened awareness of this event, if the organizers maintain compliance with the public health guidelines, it's a nonstory. If they don't, it's a story," he said. "But I owe them the benefit of the doubt until demonstrated otherwise."

Local government officials say they have been monitoring the event, but have little to no oversight.

Astoria officials issued a building permit for a tent organizers plan to erect at a vacant lot off of W. Marine Drive near Dairy Queen. They also approved a noise amplification permit, a standard permit required for public events that involve speakers, City Manager Brett Estes said.

"We do not have any regulatory ability with regards to the COVID-19 issues," he noted. "Those have not been granted by the state to the city or the county for this type of issue."

The church reached out to the Clatsop County Public Health Department, according to Michael McNickle, the public health director.

"If they follow the social distance guidelines and masking and follow the things we said, hopefully it will be a safe event," he said.

The county can regulate businesses like restaurants

or bars but not this type of event. If safety measures and state guidelines for gatherings are not followed, the state will handle any enforcement issues, said Monica Steele, the assistant county manager.

Anchor Baptist Church, which began holding Sunday services in April 2019, had considered canceling the event several times.

"Each time, the Lord provided in some way and peace continued to fill my heart," Byers wrote. "I believe our time on Earth is like a vapor which appears a short time and then vanishes. People are dying without the Lord Jesus Christ."

Byers hopes the tent meeting will be a way to share the Bible and his Christian beliefs with as many people as possible.

Postcards went out to residents this week inviting them to the tent meeting.

Bob Goldberg, a member of the North Coast Chorale, a group whose regular practices have been on hold because of the pandemic,

said he automatically tossed his into the recycling bin. But then he fished it back out.

He and his wife, a registered nurse at Columbia Memorial Hospital, do not object to the idea of the tent meeting, but they are concerned about the timing.

"Every single other event, big and small, has been canceled for the rest of the year," Goldberg said, adding, "Everything from a talk at Fort George to the North Coast Chorale rehearsing ... they've just all been canceled and then you hear something like this."

The number of coronavirus cases continues to rise in Oregon and coastal communities took drastic steps to reduce tourist traffic in the spring and early summer, he noted.

"Maybe," Goldberg said of the tent meeting, "this could be postponed."

Mill: Company is following federal guidelines, protocols

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Ward said the company is following federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, including extra cleaning protocols, social distancing, limiting workers in the mill, limiting the areas they can travel to and screening contractors.

Ward said the mill also has a COVID emergency team and a social distancing team, both of which include union employees. She said they meet virtually each day to discuss issues as they arise.

She said it has been a joint process between the union and company leadership to keep employees healthy and the mill in operation.

"We continue to work with our corporate health and safety team so that we have the latest protocols in place and best practices companywide to help prevent COVID-19 in our workplace," Ward said in an email.

"Right now we are

focused on our team members and reaching out to each team member to discuss this incident, their concerns and ask them to continue to take precautions to help us maintain a healthy and safe workplace."

The mill's manager, Jeremy Ness, notified employees about the case in a letter on Tuesday. Ness updated employees with another letter on Wednesday and offered additional information and guidance.

The case has not been recorded in Clatsop County.

"Our understanding is that the individual who tested positive is not a resident of Clatsop County, therefore we do not receive notification nor investigate or follow the case," the county said in an email. "If the county where the individual lives identifies contacts of the positive case that live in Clatsop County, then that county will notify us and we will monitor those contacts."

The Astoria community helped us find our dog, TJ.

Special thanks to the family who tried to help us when our scared dog ran off on Sunday, Erin Kellow at Ft. George, Tamra Taylor, Clatsop County Animal Control, Astoria Police, everyone who shared our message on Facebook, and an extra special thanks to all the folks at The Paramount Drug Store who looked after TJ until we got there. The selflessness of the Astoria community warms our hearts.

Love, The Bircks



Catherine Ann Trumbull 1934-2020

secretarial skills in service to The Lord, as she was the Church Secretary at Wright Memorial UMC in Newark for many years. Cathy also had a beautiful soprano voice and sang in the church choir in Newark, and at her new church "Home" at Seaside UMC, until failing health prevented it. Immediately after retiring, Cathy and Bob realized their goal of returning to the Pacific Northwest by purchasing their retirement home in Seaside, on Northern Oregon Coast, to live out the rest of their days on the beach!

Catherine was predeceased by her Husband of 58 years, Robert W. Trumbull, her parents, Catherine Ann Woodward & Walter Augustus Woodward, Sr.; Brothers Walter Jr., Earl, Wallace, & Paul; and Sisters Pearl and Marie.

She is survived by her 5 sons, David (Denise) Trumbull of Pittsburg, PA; William (Pamela) Trumbull of Newark, OH; Walter (David Muschamp) Trumbull of Seaside, OR; Robert Marco Boe Trumbull of Danbury, CT, and Jonathan Trumbull of Portland, OR.

4 Grandchildren, Ginger (Tom Holman) Rife of Heath, OH; Nathan (Ava) Trumbull of Orlando, FL; Ashley (Kyle) Miller of Fountain, CO; & Christopher (Taylor Cooperberg) Trumbull of West Park, OH.

8 Great-grandchildren, Brittany (Travis) Lester of Heath, OH; David (Kyrin) Rife of Heath, OH; Daniel (Sheila) Rife of Heath, OH; Hayden, Tryniti, Kaileb, & Rae Lynn Miller of Fountain, CO; & Camilla Trumbull of Orlando, FL.

6 Great-Great-Grandchildren, Boston, Dane & Lainey Lester; Braxton & Miah Rife, and Walker Lloyd Rife, all of Heath, OH.

Special Nieces and Nephews, Rosemary (Randy) Young of West Linn, OR; Kathleen (Tim) Tomasi of Portland, OR; Patrick (Tracy) Walsh of Swampscott, MA; Tommy (Diane) Walsh of Banks, OR; Molly Walsh O' Donnell of Portland, OR; and Dennis Jacobsen of Oro Valley, AZ.

The family is holding a private memorial service on July 14th in Seaside for immediate family only, followed by Catherine's interment on July 15th with her husband Robert at Willamette National Cemetery on Mt. Scott, overlooking South Portland. In light of current COVID concerns, the family asks that in lieu of attending services, friends of Cathy and the family may donate to the Seaside United Methodist Church in Cathy's name, or send sympathy arrangements through Mimi's Florist of Seaside Oregon. This should be done by July 13th, 2020 to be included for the service.



On July 3, 2020, Catherine Ann "Cathy" (Woodward) Trumbull passed from this earthly sphere into the Arms of Her Creator and Beloved Lord & Savior.

Cathy was born the second youngest of 7 children to Catherine Ann and Walter Augustus Woodward on November 16, 1934, in Baldwin, New York. There, she grew into the Beautiful and Loving person who was destined to become our Mother. That destiny was fulfilled on July 24, 1954, when she was married to her husband for life, our father, Robert William Trumbull, who went on to Heaven before her on August 22, 2012.

After marrying in 1954, Cathy and Bob lived in East Meadow, New York, and in May 1955, came the first of 5 Sons, David. In February 1958 came son #2, William. Then in 1959, Bob & Cathy packed up their young family and drove across the country to join his Mother and older Sister already living in Oregon. The family first made their home in Tigard, Oregon, a suburb of Portland, and in 1964 the family moved to a home on N.E. 17th Street in Portland. In 1962, son #3, Walter, was born, and in 1964, son #4, Robert came along. The Family was complete with the birth of Jonathan, son #5, in 1970. In 1970, the family moved to Keizer, OR, and in the fall of 1972, the Family moved once again, to Newark, Ohio, when Bob took a job at Newark High School. Cathy was a devoted Wife and Mother, ever involved in all the activities of each child. She was our Nurse, Den Mother, Tutor, Campaign Manager (When Dad ran for Congress in Oregon in the mid '60s), fixer of skinned knees and bruised egos. She always encouraged us and was our #1 Cheerleader. She rarely showed anger, and we never heard cross, or vulgar, words parse her lips. Cathy lived a decent and honorable life. She loved God, and she loved everyone unconditionally. She is loved deeply and will be missed greatly by all who knew her.

Cathy was highly skilled in the Secretarial Sciences. She was working as a secretary right out of High School. She met her future Husband when he applied for a job at the company she was working for. In the early 1960's the family moved into Portland, Oregon. There Cathy took a job as Executive Secretary to the President of Portland Engineering Company (PECO), and raised her growing family. Cathy wasn't just "another pretty face". She was intelligent, thoughtful, and athletic. She enjoyed the outdoors and participated with her husband, and son's David and Bill, in their Boy Scouting activities camping out frequently Spring to Fall, and on Wilderness treks into the Cascade Mountain Range. In the summer, there were always vacations to the Coast. After the move from Oregon, and once her youngest son, Jonny, entered school, Cathy took her skills to Denison University as Secretary to the Dean of Admissions. Her dedication to the Denison "Family" was borne out through her work ethic and ability to adapt and innovate. Always early for work and she rarely took a day off for any reason. In her later years of employment, Cathy was responsible for developing Denison's Student Recruitment Program known today as the Denison Alumni Recruiting Team (DART). She continued working at Denison until her retirement in the spring of 2000. Cathy also used her

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