

RELIGION BRIEFS

Anchor Baptist Church

The congregation meets at the Astoria Christian Church, 1151 Harrison Ave. On Sundays, the service starts at 1 p.m.; Bible study is at 7 p.m. Thursdays. For information, email anchorbaptistastoria@gmail.com

Astoria Christian Church

For service information and updates, go to astoriachristian.org or bit.ly/AstoriaChristian, call 503-325-2591 or email AstoriaChristian@gmail.com

Astoria First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, 349 Seventh St., holds a worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. The service is also broadcast at fb.me/astoriafirstbaptist

Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. There is no child care, but children are encouraged to join the service. For information, call the church office at 503-325-1761.

The church is holding a basement sale beginning Friday at noon until 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church has toys, clothes, kitchen items, books, furniture and other items.

Astoria First United Methodist Church

Open for worship on Sundays at 11:30 a.m., 1076 Franklin Ave. Masks are required. For livestream service information, email the church office at office@unitedmethodistastoria.org or call 503-325-5454.

Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship

Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship holds a service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, via Zoom, which is open to all belief systems, including the spiritual but not religious. For information, go to cgifellowship.org. For the Zoom link, email info@cgifellowship.org

Grace Episcopal Church

For updates, food pantry hours and in-person and livestream service information, call the church at 503-325-4691, email graceastoria4691@gmail.com or go to graceastoria.org or fb.me/Grace Astoria. Masks and social distancing are practiced. Vaccination is encouraged.

Oregon's new Episcopal bishop

will visit the church on St. Francis Sunday on Sunday at 10 a.m. The Right Reverend Diana Akiyama will preside over the "Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector," celebrating the commitment of this 156 year old congregation and its 20th rector, the Reverend Carren Sheldon; followed by the annual blessing of the animals. The service will be live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube. The blessing of the animals begins at 11 a.m. outside the church weather permitting. Friendly animals are welcome (leashed, crated, or stuffed) to receive a blessing.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

A Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service is being held via Zoom at noon on Sunday. For Zoom information, go to pacuuf.org

Peace First Lutheran

Peace First Lutheran Church holds Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. at 725 33rd St. The 8:30 a.m. service is also streamed live at bit.ly/3rckrMd

Church office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 503-325-6252, email office@peacefirstlutheran.com or go to peacefirstlutheran.com

Pioneer Presbyterian Church

WARRENTON — For service information, call the church at 503-861-2421 or go to pioneerchurchp-cusa.org

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

For information about the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry hours, and service and livestreaming information at both the Astoria church and Hammond mission, call 503-325-3671, email office@stmaryastoria.com or go to stmaryastoria.com

Cannon Beach Community

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., will hold a monthly hymn sing on Sunday at 4 p.m. It will be led by Dr. John Buchler, accompanied by Dr. Susan Buehler on a Steinway Grand Piano or organ. This event is free and open to the public. Masks are recommended. For service information, visit beachcommunity.org

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Seaside AAUW gets funds from Pacific Power

A Pacific Power grant will provide \$6,000 to the Seaside AAUW Scholarship Foundation in scholarship funds for women seeking further education.

PacificCorp Foundation, a non-profit arm of Pacific Power, is donating \$630,000 in new grant funding across six states it serves to support education and science, technology, engineering, the arts and math learning projects.

Some of the grants will also go to help community organizations continuing to respond to pandemic-related needs. This latest round of funding is one of the four grant cycles offered by the foundation annually.

As part of this latest funding, Seaside AAUW Scholarship Foundation was awarded \$6,000 in grants to support scholarships and promote educational opportunities for women. From the grants, \$4,000 will be used to support scholarships for women returning to school after a five-year absence and \$2,000 will be used to provide scholarships for first generation college students.

Applications for returning students after an absence are open now through the organization's website.

Scholarships for first generation students will be open in spring 2022 at Warrenton and Seaside high schools through each school's counseling office.

Local foster youth benefit from senior project

Three Astoria High School seniors recently partnered with a Department of Human Services worker to develop a swimming lesson program for local kids in foster care at the Astoria Aquatic Center as part of their senior project.

The trio is made up of lifelong swimmers Stephen Ero, Lexi Reibold and Phelan Dopp.

"We wanted to give underprivileged kids the chance to learn something unique," Ero said.

"These kids came to us with varying skill levels, and it was gratifying to see them improve with the lessons. I'd love to see this program continue next summer."

The project received financial support from the Astoria Parks, Recreation and Community Foundation. The foundation provides scholarship cards to local nonprofits who distribute them to clients who wish to use the aquatic center but lack the funds to purchase a drop-in or monthly pass.

"We've partnered with the city for years to support access for youth, families and seniors to recreational activities that contribute to their health," said Kassia Nye, the president of the foundation. "After a moving proposal from Stephen about the low number of foster youth knowing how to swim, we were glad to provide financial support for the project."

For more information, visit astoriaparksfoundation.com

City, fire department hold Fire Prevention Week

This year's Fire Prevention Week will be held Sunday through Oct. 9.

The Astoria Fire Department will focus on spreading this year's fire safety message "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."

This year's theme focuses on educating children and adults about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, their necessity, and how the sounds they make help save lives.

The Astoria Fire Department will hold an open house at Astoria Fire Station #1, 555 30th Street, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. There will be games for kids, fire truck tours, a prize raffle and fire prevention and fire safety information. Astoria Fire Department members will also be available to answer questions.

The Astoria Fire Department has also announced the hiring of Brian McCarthy, who will serve as fire marshal and emergency manager. He comes to the department with more than 20 years of fire service experience. He will oversee all fire prevention efforts. As the

emergency manager, McCarthy will ensure that the community is prepared for emergencies through planning and education.

For information, call the Astoria Fire Department at 503-325-2345.

Geologist to speak on earthquake and tsunami awareness

Geologist and Seaside City Councilor Tom Horning will speak on "Preparing for Tsunamis: How Soon and How Big?" at 7 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Horning will talk about the geology of the Cascadia Subduction Zone as well as how often earthquakes and tsunamis happen and what you can do to be better prepared. The event, for those 15 and older, is free and is hosted by the Seaside's Community Emergency Response Team. A Q & A will follow the presentation.

There will be maps and materials to take home as well as an example of an easy-to-assemble grab and go bag. Additionally, the STARS Amateur Ham Radio Club will be on hand to display Ham radio capabilities.

Danish Society holds meeting

The Lower Columbia Danish Society will meet virtually via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Oct. 7.

Members will be watching a documentary about the Reykjavik School of Housewives in Iceland prior to the meeting, a school that has been teaching domestic skills to young women for decades. They will discuss the film with one of the society's members who will share her similar experience while living in Iceland during 1962 to 1963.

For the Zoom link, visit lowercolumbiadanes.org, email lowercolumbiadanes@gmail.com or call 503-325-2612.

You do not have to be Danish or speak Danish to join in, you only need to have an interest in Danish and Nordic heritage, culture and traditions.

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