

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/Astoria-Christian, 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.

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@unit-edmethodistastoria.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

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Sunday morning services and Sunday school at the Christian Science Church, 632 11th St., are held at 10 a.m.; enter on 11th Street.

Wednesday evening testi-

mony meetings are at 7 p.m. Those wishing to attend by phone can get details by calling 971-320-0294.

The Reading Room hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, except holidays; enter on Franklin Avenue.

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

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

A Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service is being held via Zoom at noon 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 8:30am service is also streamed live at bit.ly/3rckrMd

Wednesday Bible Study is at 10:30 a.m., with noon-time prayers following, at 565 12th St.

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 pioneerchurchpcusa.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 or bit.ly/stmaryastoria

COMMUNITY NOTES

FRIDAY

Senior Lunch To Go — Pick up a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Drive up to Avenue B to pick up at back door. For information, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202; for new Meals on Wheels inquiries, call 503-304-3420.

Columbia Senior Diners — Full Meals \$6: Delivered to seniors or pickup available at the Astoria Senior Center kitchen door, 1111 Exchange St. For information, or meal delivery, call 503-325-9693 before 10 a.m.

Seaside Bridge Club — Players need proof of vaccination and a partner; for

information, or to request a partner, call 503-325-0029.

MONDAY

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Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — For information, go to AstoriaRotary.org

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroading Club — Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

Astoria Toastmasters — For information, go to 775.toastmastersclubs.org or call Christa Svensson at 206-790-2869.

TUESDAY

Stewardship Quilting Group — Donations of material always appreciated. For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

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Seaside Elks hold fundraiser, prepare food boxes

SEASIDE — All are welcome to attend a tamale dinner fundraiser Oct. 23 at the Seaside Elks Lodge, 324 Avenue A. The doors open at 5 p.m., and the cost is \$15.

The event includes a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and root beer floats by Cub Scout Pack 540. Call the lodge at 503-738-6651 or stop by to make a reservation. Items for the silent auction are needed; to donate, call Joy Cruz at 503-440-0675.

The Seaside Elks Lodge is also preparing 150 food boxes for needy families and seniors at Thanksgiving. Help support this program by donating canned or boxed food to the Elks Lodge, which is open daily after 4 p.m., and Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. To apply for a box, call the lodge or email seasideelks@gmail.com

Scandinavian association receives grant for Nordic park

SALEM — The Oregon Cultural Trust marks its 20th anniversary by announcing \$3,709,852 in grant awards to 140 cultural organizations across the state.

Made possible by Oregonians who invested a record \$5.2 million in the

cultural tax credit in 2020, this year's awards bring the cumulative total of grants to more than \$36 million since 2001.

Among the organizations receiving a grant is the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association, which received \$8,729 for the construction of the Arrival Plaza at the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park. The plaza meets a need in the city's master plan for more gathering space.

For information, go to CulturalTrust.org

Babysitting classes offered

Oregon State University Extension is offering free virtual babysitting classes to youth ages 10 and up. The training is designed to train youth in baby and toddler care, healthy snacks, business tips, age appropriate games, first aid and safety.

The one-hour classes in the first series are on Nov. 1, 2, 8 and 9; the second series is being offered Feb. 1, 3, 8 and 10. The time slots are from 4 to 5 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. each day. Youth who attend all four sessions in a series will get a certificate of completion.

Register by Oct. 21 for the November series at beav.es/UcN. For questions or information, email sandra.carlson@oregonstate.edu or call 360-942-9763.

Emerald Heights holds Boo Bash

Emerald Heights Apartments will host a Boo Bash from 4 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 30.

The event is free. There will be no-contact trick-or-treating, games, prizes and a costume contest.

For the first hour of the event, free school supplies will be given away.

Wedding: Shamizadeh — Weidman

Soja Shamizadeh, of Munich, exchanged wedding vows with Matthew Weidman, also of Munich, on Sept. 3, 2021, at the courthouse/town hall in Miesbach, Germany. He is the son of Peter and Janet Weidman, of Astoria.

The bride is a dermatologist and has a dermatology practice in Munich.

The groom has a Ph.D. in laser optics, and is employed by the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics.

The couple, who will continue to reside in Munich, honeymooned in Italy.

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Soja Shamizadeh and Matthew Weidman

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