

## 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.

**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

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

A Thanksgiving day service is being held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Christian Science Church, 632 11th St. All are welcome.

Sunday morning services and Sunday school are held at 10 a.m.; enter on 11th Street.

Wednesday evening testimony 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

**Olney Community Church**

The non-denominational Olney Community Church, 89351 Oregon Highway 202, meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday for breakfast. Sunday school is at 10 a.m., and the worship service is at 11 a.m. All are welcome. A Wednesday prayer meeting is at 3 p.m. For information, call the church at 503-325-3394, or Ed Hortsch, pastor, at 503-791-4475.

**Pacific Unitarian Universalist**

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds a service via Zoom at noon on Sundays. For Zoom information, go to pacuuf.org

**Peace First Lutheran**

Peace First Lutheran Church is holding a Thanksgiving Day service 10 a.m. at 725 33rd St.

Sunday services are 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

Wednesday Bible Study is at 10:30 a.m., followed by midweek Advent prayer, at 565 12th St.

Soup suppers are at 6 p.m. Wednesday, followed by Advent services at 7 p.m., at 725 33rd St.

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

**Pioneer Presbyterian Church**

WARRENTON — For service information, call the church at 503-861-2421 or go to pioneerchurch-pusa.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



One of the photographs Astoria photographer Roger Dorband donated to the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art.

## Dorband donates photos to art museum

The Astorian

Astoria photographer Roger Dorband was featured in the University of Oregon magazine Oregon Quarterly for donating photographs from two book collaborations with the late award-winning author and part-time Cannon Beach resident Ursula K. Le Guin — “Blue Moon over Thurman Street” and “Out here: Poems and Images from Steens Mountain Country” — to the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art.

The photographer found inspiration for some of the photographs in Oregon’s high desert landscape: “Though I have returned many times, each morning when I awaken there, I look out on the land with a distinct sensation that I’m seeing it for the first time,” Dorband said.

Dorband also donated materials and photographs from both books to the University of Oregon Libraries Special Collections and University Archives, which hold Le Guin’s papers.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Nerenberg promoted to lieutenant colonel

The Office of the Secretary of the Air Force has announced the promotion of Maj. Michael D. Nerenberg to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Nerenberg just completed his 15th year of active duty service as a nuclear weapons expert, and is currently working a special duty assignment in Washington, D.C.



Lt. Col. Michael D. Nerenberg

Educated in Astoria, he is a graduate of Astoria High School, where he was a member of the 1998 state champion boys basketball team.

Nerenberg subsequently completed Air Force Reserve Officers’ Training Corps at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where he rose to the rank of the senior cadet colonel, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

He is the son of Bill and Jan Nerenberg, of Astoria.

## State parks department waives day-use parking fees Friday

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is waiving day-use parking fees Friday in the 25 state parks that charge a parking fee, including Fort Stevens, Ecola, Nehalem Bay

and Cape Lookout state parks.

The parking waiver applies from open to close at the 25 parks that charge a \$5 daily parking fee. A list of the parks requiring day-use parking permits is at stateparks.oregon.gov

## Windermere collecting winter clothes

Now through Dec. 17, Windermere Real Estate brokers are collecting winter necessities for community members in need during Windermere’s annual Share the Warmth campaign.

In the Astoria area, the donations will benefit Filling Empty Bellies. The organization is specifically asking for coats, blankets, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for adults (sizes S to XL) and children (all sizes).

Those who want to help can stop by participating offices to drop off donations. The Windermere office in Astoria, at 175 14th St., Suite 120, is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A list of all drop-off locations is at helpsharethewarmth.com

## Danish society holds meeting

The Lower Columbia Danish Society meets virtually via Zoom from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Dec 2. The public is welcome.

Members will discuss their Nordic Christmas traditions and make a paper Danish Christmas tree ornament.

Being or speaking Danish not required; only an interest in Danish heritage, culture and traditions

is needed.

For Zoom information, go to lowercolumbiadanes.org or call 503-325-2612.

## Astoria Fire Department holds food parade

The 33rd annual Astoria Fire Department Holiday Food Parade takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6, 7 and 8.

The fire engines, decorated with lights and playing holiday music, will be parading through neighborhoods to pick up nonperishable food items and donations for needy families this holiday season. Santa and Bob the Elf will be riding along.

Residents are asked to fill a bag with nonperishable food items and leave it at the curb, or have it visible when the fire engines come through the neighborhood.

The parade will start Dec. 6 in Emerald Heights, then go to the Alderbrook area, and finish after covering Uppertown from 37th Street and Duane Avenue to 31st Street and Marine Drive.

On Dec. 7, pick up will cover the North Slope area, starting and ending at Eighth Street and Franklin Avenue. On Dec. 8, the parade will start at Columbia Avenue and cover the South Slope, ending at Ninth Street and Niagara Avenue.

Bags of nonperishable food and donations are also being accepted at the Astoria Fire Department, 555 30th St.

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