

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

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 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

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., holds Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m. The later service is also live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Morning prayer services are daily at 8 a.m., and an evening prayer service is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, also live streamed. Masks are required, and air machines are in use.

The food pantry is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Church office hours are from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. For information, go to graceastoria.org, call 503-325-5107 or email graceastoria4691@gmail.com

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 now meets in person at noon Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 1103 Grand Ave. The sanctuary entrance is on 11th Street between Grand and Harrison avenues. The service is also held via Zoom; for 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/3rcrMd. 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 pioneerchurch-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 or bit.ly/stmaryastoria

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Drivers needed for veterans' van

Every weekday at 7 a.m., the Disabled American Veterans van departs from the parking lot on Marine Drive just west of Burger King with veterans who have medical appointments at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Local veterans depend on this transportation for medical treatment they otherwise would not receive. Many are treated for life-threatening conditions, and have no other way to see their physicians.

This service is provided by volunteers who deliver the veterans to their appointments, then return to Astoria when all the veterans have finished their appointments.

Additional drivers are needed to continue providing uninterrupted service. Volunteers drive one or two days a month; for their commitment, they earn a free physical examination and breakfast and lunch in the hospital cafeteria.

For information, and to volunteer, call Judy Ronis at 971-704-1965.

Diabetes prevention program offered

Columbia Memorial Hospital's Diabetes Prevention Program starts Jan. 25, and runs weekly on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. This lifestyle-change program is offered in-person at the hospital's Columbia Center, 2021 Marine

Drive, in the Coho Room on the second floor.

This program, federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-recognized and based on research, is focused on healthy eating and physical activity.

To be eligible for this program you: have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes based on a blood test completed in the last year; are a woman, and have been diagnosed with gestational diabetes during pregnancy; or you have a positive screening for pre-diabetes based on the CDC pre-diabetes screening test.

For questions, contact Arna Vanebo Pyle at 503-338-7592. Information can also be found at columbiamemorial.org/dpp — *The Astorian*

COMMUNITY NOTES

FRIDAY

Senior Lunch To Go — Pick up a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Drive up to Avenue B to pick up at back door. For information, call Suzanne Bjarranson 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.

Better Breathers Club — Sessions offer support, ways and techniques to cope with COPD, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis and other respiratory issues. Caregivers also welcome. For information, call 800-562-8964.

MONDAY

Senior Lunch To Go — Pick up a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Ave-

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

Pinochle Group — Looking for players. For information, call 503-869-2390.

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

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad 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 mate-

rial always appreciated. For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

Do Nothing Club — Men's group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

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Astoria-Warrenton Bridge Club — Players need proof of vaccination and a partner; for information, or to request a partner, call 503-325-0029.

Astoria Lions Club — Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Astoria Kiwanis Club — For information, call Frank Spence at 503-325-2365 or Susan Brooks at 503-791-3026.

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