

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.

Bethany Free Lutheran Church

On Sundays at Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., and the service is at 11 a.m. "Glad Tidings" is at 8:40 a.m. on KAST 1370 AM.

On Mondays, confirmation is at 6 p.m.; Brown Bags is at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays; and the Bethany Sewing Mission is at 10 a.m. Thursdays. The Women's Missionary Federation meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

For information, go to bethany-free.com or call 503-325-2925.

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 livestreamed 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 livestreamed. Masks are required, as is social distancing, and air machines are in use.

On Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, there are two services, at noon and 7 p.m., both with the Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes. Ashes are also available at curbside.

On Fridays in Lent, a Sacred Space meditation takes place from noon to 1 p.m., with contemplative music and optional, self-guided Stations of the Cross walk, starting March 4, and running through April 15. Different musicians are featured, the first being Ray Utterback, playing the organ and piano.

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 2 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/3rekrMd

Wednesday Bible study is at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., with noon-time prayers following the first session, at 565 12th St. For Bible study Zoom links, email the church office.

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-pcusa.org

St. Brendon the Navigator Orthodox Church

St. Brendan the Navigator Orthodox Church, 820 Alameda Ave., holds Catechism at 3:30 p.m. Saturday; Great Vespers is at 5 p.m. A light potluck follows.

On Sunday, Matins are at 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy is at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck meal.

Masks must be worn at all times unless there is a medical reason. For questions, contact Rev. Sergey Kakorin at 360-904-7794 or skergeyakakorin@gmail.com or go to orthodoxastoria.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

Exercise program for seniors offered

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NorthWest Senior & Disabilities Services is offering an in-home Otago Exercise Program for seniors, designed to improve strength and balance and to prevent falls, that also includes a home-safety check and a medication review. Seniors can participate for up to a year at no cost.

The program is designed for those who are: age 80 or older, or 65 or older with two or more chronic conditions; having falls

or problems with balance and/or strength; and living at home, in assisted living or in an adult foster home.

For information, call 866-206-4799 or 503-304-3421 or email otago.program@nwsds.org

NorthWest Senior & Disabilities Services also offers Options Counseling, which addresses in-depth questions about long-term care, decision making and resources in this area. For information, contact Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202.

Volunteers needed for brush clearing

The Astorian

WARRENTON — The Clatsop County Master Gardeners Association is hosting two work days to clear Scotch broom at Ocean View Cemetery, 575 S.W. 18th St.: Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There is ample parking, and the ground is level and not difficult for walking. The Scotch

broom is to be cut at the ground and dropped there. No power tools are allowed. The city will provide liability forms to sign at the cemetery.

It is suggested that participants bring a mask, but social distancing should be reasonably easy to maintain outdoors. Also, volunteers should dress for the weather, wear sensible shoes and bring sturdy garden clippers. Snacks will be provided.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Al-Anon (Astoria) — For information, call 503-325-1087.

Al-Anon (Seaside) — For information, call 503-810-5196.

Al-Anon (Nehalem) — For information, call 503-368-8255.

Al-Anon (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-842-5094 or 503-730-5863.

Al-Anon (Clatskanie) — For information, call 503-728-3351.

Al-Anon Family Groups information — Oregon Area Al-Anon website, oregonal-anon.org

Alateen (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-730-5863.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting in Clatsop County, call 971-601-9220, in Tillamook County, call 503-739-4856, or go to aa-oregon.org

Celebrate Recovery — Faith-based 12-step recovery from hurts,

habits and hang ups. For information, call 503-738-7453.

Sexual Purity Recovery Group — Part of the Pure Life Alliance (purelifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voicemail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

Narcotics Anonymous — For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the helpline at 503-717-3702, or go to na.org

Overeaters Anonymous (Astoria) — For information, call 425-287-0806.

Overeaters Anonymous (Seaside) — For information, call 503-738-0307.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) (Astoria) — For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-298-9058.

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