

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@unitedmethodistas-toria.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.

Calvary Episcopal Church

SEASIDE — Calvary Episcopal Church, 503 N. Holladay Drive, presents "Music for Meditation" during Lent by pianist Susan Buehler from noon to 12:30 p.m. Friday. The public is welcome.

Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship

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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, and air machines are in use.

The weekly music series "Fridays in Lent" begins Friday from noon to 1 p.m., with contemplative listening and walking the Stations of the Cross. The musician is Laurie Drage, playing the 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/3rckrMd

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-cusa.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 skergeykakorin@gmail.com or go to orthodoxastoria.org

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

During Lent, Stations of the Cross on Fridays is at 3 p.m. at the St. Francis de Sales Mission, 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond, and at 6 p.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave.

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

Washington State Parks offers free days

ILWACO, Wash. — Two free days are being offered by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission: On March 19, in recognition of Washington State Parks' birthday, and on April 22, in celebration of Earth Day.

This means visitors to state parks will not need a Discover Pass for a day-use visit on those days. The Discover Pass is required to access lands managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources. For information, go to parks.wa.gov

Sale to benefit animal shelter set for Saturday

WARRENTON — Clatsop Animal Assistance, the nonprofit partner of the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, is holding a sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pacific Grange, 90475 U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton. All of the proceeds will benefit the shelter.

Volunteers will be selling a wide variety of beds, toys, collars, leashes, kennels, clothes and treats, and will be available to answer any questions about adoptable animals and volunteer opportunities at the shelter.

Health and wellness programs offered

NorthWest Senior and Disability Services offers health and wellness programs that help people stay healthy, improve health or manage a health condition.

These programs include: Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance; the National Diabetes Prevention Program; and Stanford's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program.

The HOPE Senior Peer Mentor Program is also available for those who are 50 or older and wish to gain more effective coping skills to help manage mild to moderate depression and anxiety caused by life or isolation; chronic illness, a disability or end-of-life concerns; family problems, caregiving stress or loss; and difficulty adjusting to change or constant worry.

For information, contact the NorthWest Senior and Disability Services Aging and Disability Resource Connection at 866-206-4799.

Job Corps completes four service projects

The Tongue Point Job Corps Center provided several pounds of food, blankets, coats, socks and a check for \$500 to Filling Empty Bellies, as well as blankets and comforters to the Astoria Warming Center.

This was the last of four service projects the center spearheaded in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Management & Training Corp.

The first service project involved partnering with Lucy's Books to collect and donate a new book to every Lewis & Clark Elementary School student; the second project was hosting a recycling event for bottles and cans, raising over \$5,000 for Columbia Senior Diners; and the third project involved raising and donating \$1,000 to Clatsop County Court Appointed Special Advocates.

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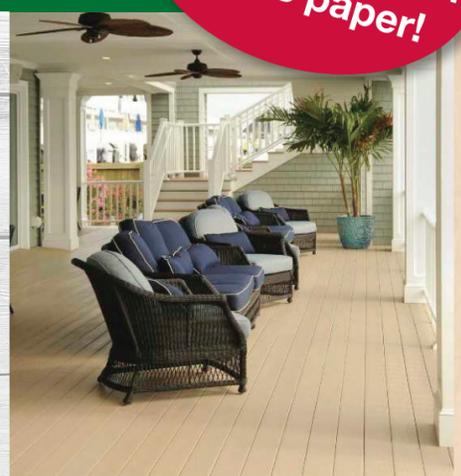


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