

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, and air machines are in use.

The weekly music series "Fridays in Lent" is on Friday from noon to 1 p.m., with contemplative listening and walking the Stations of the Cross. The musicians are Denise Reed on piano and Mike Wood on cello.

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-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 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

Trail Ambassador volunteers needed

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The Trail Ambassador season kicks off on April 23, the day after Earth Day.

Trailkeepers of Oregon is seeking friendly, professional, outgoing individuals to volunteer as Trail Ambassadors, people who enjoy informing and helping others and possess knowledge of

North Coast trails and beaches. They will be placed at some of the busiest trailheads and beach accesses on the North Oregon Coast.

Before signing up, volunteers are required to take an online training. For Trail Ambassador program details, and to sign up to volunteer, go to trailkeepersforever.org/trailambassadors

Volunteers, leaders needed for SOLVE spring cleanup

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Volunteer registration is open for SOLVE's Oregon spring cleanup on April 23.

Thousands of volunteers are needed to remove marine debris, litter and invasive species from Oregon's beaches, parks, neighborhoods and natural spaces. SOLVE is also accepting applications to become an Oregon spring cleanup event leader.

SOLVE's Oregon spring cleanup is comprised of a network of community leaders and partner organizations who col-

laborate with SOLVE to host volunteer projects in their own local communities.

If you know of a natural area or neighborhood that could benefit from a volunteer litter cleanup or habitat restoration event, get in touch with SOLVE, which provides free cleanup supplies, a tool library, small grants, project planning assistance and more to anyone who wants to make a positive difference in their community.

For information about becoming an event leader, and to sign up for an existing volunteer project, go to solveoregon.org

4-H members win at presentations competition

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On March 7, at the 4-H Presentations Competition, members gave their presentations or demonstrations in front of a judge, parents and other 4-H members.

Those in grades four through six talked for 3 to 10 minutes on a particular subject, and those members in grades seven through 12 were required to talk for 10 to 15 minutes. Members also gave impromptu speeches where they received a topic, planned for a few minutes, then presented.

The top winners were: Junior Illustrated Talk champion, Amelia Hockett; Junior Illustrated Talk reserve champion, Junior Impromptu Speech champion and Overall Junior Division champion, Joyana Bellingham; Intermediate Impromptu champion, Katrina Phillips; Intermediate Impromptu reserve champion, Titus Cano; and Senior Demonstration Champion, Matthew Cano.

For information about 4-H membership or leadership, call the Clatsop County Oregon State University Extension Office at 503-325-8573.

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