

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 bethanyfree.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 musician is Jennifer Goodenberger on 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 pioneerchurchpcusa.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

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

WEDDING

Monsantofilis — Emmons



Monica Monsantofilis, of Astoria, exchanged wedding vows with Stuart Emmons, also of Astoria, on March 5 on the beach at Gearhart. The groom's parents are the late William Stuart and Clare Austin Emmons.

The bride was given in marriage by her son, Joseph J. Lennox. U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. John Jacob Briggs performed the ceremony. Music was provided by the ocean.

Matron of honor was Courtney Monsantofilis, of San Francisco. Best man was Will Emmons, of Washington, D.C.

The bride attended Scappoose High School, Eastern Washington University and King's College in London. She is a region specialist in preventive dentistry.

The groom, an architect, graduated from The Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in 1973, from

Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1986, and from Harvard University with a master's degree in architecture in 1988.

A reception was held in Gearhart. The couple will reside in Astoria.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

State Fish and Wildlife announces art contest

Artists are invited to compete in one or all three of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2023 stamp art competitions.

The Habitat Conservation Stamp entries must feature an eligible species from the Oregon Conservation Strategy; the Waterfowl Stamp Contest must feature the greater scaup; and the Upland Game Bird Stamp Contest must feature the mountain quail. All three category entries must be depicted in their natural habitat.

The winning artist in each contest receives a \$2,000 award and the artwork is used to produce collector's stamps and other promotional items, with sale proceeds benefiting Oregon's fish, wildlife and their habitats.

Entries will be accepted between Aug. 26 and up to 5 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR., 97302. Entries can be mailed or hand delivered.

For information and contest rules, go to bit.ly/36aUNvt

Marine safety instructor training offered

The Alaska Marine Safety Education Association is holding a marine safety instructor training from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 23 to May 27 at the Clatsop Community College Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station, 6550 Liberty Lane.

The course includes: methods of marine safety instruction; emergency procedures; risk assessment; how to conduct effective drills; cold-water survival skills; man overboard recovery; firefighting; life rafts; abandon ship procedures; helicopter rescue; flares, maydays and other emergency signals; personal flotation devices; flooding control; conducting safety orientations; cross-cultural communication; and in-the-water skills.

The cost is \$995 for tuition and books; scholarships are available for qualified commercial fishermen. For information, and to register, go to amsea.org

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