

New Hope gears up for Easter EGGstravaganza

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A petting zoo, pony rides, crafts, face painting, game booths, bouncy houses and more are planned during New Hope Community Church's Easter EGGstravaganza.

The free event is Saturday, April 4 beginning at 10 a.m. at the church, located at 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston.

Also, food will be available, including popcorn, cotton candy and hot dogs. In addition, there will be a raffle, buggy rides and karaoke.

The public is encouraged to bring their kids and enjoy the family fun event. Children will be able to collect eggs as they participate in activities.

For more information, call 541-567-8441 or visit www.newhopeon395.com.

Irish meal, music serves as Catholic youth fundraiser

PENDLETON — A traditional Irish dinner and music by John Doherty & the Irish Singers will serve as a fundraiser to help local Catholic youth attend World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland.

Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, salad and trifle for dessert will be served Sunday from 5-7 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 for a family. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

For more information, call Jacquie Hitzman at 541-969-9333.

Nazarene church hosts Diaper Dash

HERMISTON — In an effort to provide diapers to needy parents, an event is planned at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene.

To enter the Diaper Dash, people are asked to donate at least one package of diapers. The event is Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. for younger runners and walkers and 9 a.m. for youths and adults. The starting and ending point is the church, located at 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

Melody Kinswa reports 100 people have already signed up for the event, but more are welcome.

The diapers will be distributed to those in need. For more information, call 541-567-3677.

Philly buses ordered to accept ads featuring Hitler

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia's transit system has been ordered to accept provocative ads that include a 1941 photograph of Adolf Hitler with a former Arab leader after a federal judge ruled in favor of a pro-Israel group's free-speech lawsuit.

The proposed bus ads carry a tagline saying: "Jew Hated: It's in the Quran."

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority believes the ads violate "minimal civility standards" and will consider an appeal. The Philadelphia Inquirer first reported on Wednesday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Mitchell Goldberg.

The ad in question features a photograph of a 1941 meeting between Adolf Hitler and



Tuesday Bible study continues

PENDLETON — Various topics are tackled during a Bible study lead by Rev. Jim Pierce.

The study is held each Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

For more information, call the church at 541-276-2612.

The East Oregonian is seeking information about community Easter events. Whether it's an egg hunt, special breakfast or worship service — if it's open to the public — send details, including the time, date, place and cost, if applicable, to community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

EO file photo
Gus, a 2-year-old pot bellied pig, gets some attention from kids during the 2014 Easter EGGstravaganza at New Hope Community Church in Hermiston.

Pope finds praise, dissent after 2 years

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis marks his second anniversary Friday riding a wave of popularity that has reinvigorated the Catholic Church in ways not seen since the days of St. John Paul II. He's also entering a challenging third year, facing dissent from within on everything from financial reform to family issues.

Is the honeymoon over?

According to the Pew Research Center, not by a long shot, at least as far as ordinary faithful are concerned: Nine out of 10 U.S. Catholics have a favorable view of Francis, including six in 10 who have a "very favorable" view. Those are rankings not seen since John Paul's rock star days. And they trump the favorability ratings for Pope Benedict XVI even among more orthodox, church-going Catholics.

"Two years after his election, Francis has made the face of the papacy irreversible," Italian Vatican analyst Marco Politi wrote recently. "Returning to a doctrinaire, absolute monarch, icon-pope will never be possible, without a dramatic loss in contact with contemporary society, believers and nonbelievers alike."

Yet opposition abounds, most vocally among commentators but also some cardinals and bishops: Traditionalist Catholics have been joined by more mainstream conservatives who cringe at his mercy-over-morals priorities and apparent willingness to entertain pastoral approaches that might not follow Rome's rulebook.

And two years on, he's still an impossible-to-label pontiff, a social justice-minded Jesuit who firmly upholds church doctrine on abortion, but willingly counsels transgender couples. He calls himself a faithful son of the church but dismisses theologians as obstacles to evangelization.

Francis was elected on a mandate to bring order and financial transparency to the Vatican administration after years of mismanagement and scandal. Tangible results have been achieved and more are on the horizon.

Francis gave Australian Cardinal George Pell, head of the new Secretariat for the Economy, broad powers to exercise "economic control and vigilance" over all Vatican departments, which have long operated as individual fiefdoms in both operations and budget.

Pell took that mandate and ran with it, reportedly seeking to bring management of some Vatican assets — including its vast real estate holdings — under his belt.



AP photo by Gregorio Borgia
Pope Francis kisses a baby as he arrives Wednesday for his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Worship with us!

<p>Adams Community Church Duane Geyer, Pastor 140 N. Main, Adams, OR 566-9457 Worship 9 am</p>	<p>GRACE AND MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOOR www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. 541-289-4535 Dot Hensley, President 164 E. Main St. Hermiston, Oregon 97838</p>	<p>St. Johns Episcopal Church All People Are Welcome Scripture, Tradition and Reason Family service 9am Sunday Gladys Ave & 7th Hermiston Fr. Dan Lediard, Priest. PH: 567-4672</p>	<p>Redeemer Episcopal Church 241 SE Second St. Pendleton (541)276-3809 www.pendletonepiscopal.org Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship Noon Wednesday Evening Prayer and Pot Luck 6:00 p.m. All Are Welcome</p>	
<p>Grace Baptist Church 555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497 Nursery provided for all services Sunday School - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM "Proclaiming God's word, growing in God's grace"</p>	<p>First Church of God "Love Is Spoken Here" 712 SW 27th Pendleton 541-276-1894 Early Service: 8:30 am Sunday School: 9:30 am Second Service: 10:30 am Wednesday Service (All Ages) 7 pm www.fcgpendleton.com</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -Presbyterian Church (USA)- 201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton Service of Worship - 10:00 am Children's Sunday School - 10:20 am Fellowship - 11:00 am www.pendletonpresbyterian.com Open Hearted...Open Minded</p>	<p>Come meet Jesus at PENDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH 3202 S.W. Nye Avenue, Pendleton, OR 541-276-7590 Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 AM Sunday Youth Group 6:00 PM Awana Kids Club Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM K - 6th Grade (Sept-May)</p>	
<p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Pastor Jon Jensen in Mission for Christ LCMC Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM Red Lion Hotel (Oregon Trail Room) www.faithpendleton.org</p>	<p>Living Word Christian Center Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM Sharon Miller, Pastor 401 Northgate • Pendleton 278-8082 www.livingwordcc.com</p>	<p>The Salvation Army Center for Worship & Service Sunday Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service 10:30 - Fellowship Bible Study 5:30 Family Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study COME AS YOU ARE 150 SE EMIGRANT (541)276-3369</p>	<p>Peace Lutheran Church 210 NW 9th, Pendleton ELCA Join us Sundays 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Class ~Come and be at Peace~ on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday</p>	
<p>Community Presbyterian Church 14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR 922-3250 Worship: 10 AM Sunday School at 11:30</p>	<p>Faith Center Church Worshipping God • Loving People 108 S. Main • 276-9569 Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Sr. Pastor, Ray O'Grady pendletonfaithcenter.org</p>	<p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) 215 N Main • Pendleton Ph:541-276-5358 Web: www.fccpendleton.org Join us for 10:40am Sunday Worship with Sunday School at 9:30am. Wednesday Fellowship Meal & Study Groups-Open to All Ages-at 5:15pm. Quality Nursery Care is Offered at No Charge.</p>	<p>New Hope Community Church Ministries for the entire family 1350 S Hwy 395, Hermiston Sunday Worship Services: 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Classes for kids during both! Call 567-8441 Servicios en Español</p>	
<p>CALL FOR ENTRIES Open Regional Exhibit at the Pendleton Center for the Arts \$1200 in cash awards furnished by BANNER BANK Drop off your best work Sat. April 4 Entry forms at PCA or pendletonarts.org</p>	<p>a place to belong Pendleton First INVITING ENRICHING INVOLVING EMPOWERING SUNDAY SERVICES AM Celebration-10:00am AM Kids Place -10:00am The Connection--6:00pm Groups for all ages: Adults, Children, Youth, & College Thursdays Celebrate Recovery-6:00pm Celebration Place-6:00pm Other Groups Available Weekly For more info visit WWW.PENDLETONFIRST.COM 1911 SE Court Ave 541-276-6417 Assembly of God Church</p>	<p>Seventh-Day Adventist Church Saturday Services Pendleton 1401 SW Goodwin Place 276-0882 Sabbath School 9:20 am Worship Service 10:45 am</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 352 SE 2nd St., Pendleton, OR Office 276-2616 New Pastor Dr. Jim Pierce Worship Service 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Broadcast KUMA 11:00 AM Childcare available Choir Practice Sundays 8:30 AM</p>	<p>PILOT ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH 585 SW Birch, Pilot Rock, OR 97868 (541) 443-2500 prbconline.blogspot.com Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:45 am Wednesday Services: Kids' Club: 6:00 pm Youth Group: 7:00 pm</p>

To share your worship times
call Amanda Jacobs
541-278-2683