

FAITH BRIEFLY

New Hope hosts gospel singing

HERMISTON — For those looking for uplifting music in the new year, New Hope Community Church is hosting an hour of gospel singing Sunday beginning at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1350 S. Highway 395 in Hermiston.

Refreshments will be served following the music. For more information, call Doug at 541-561-8327.

Pope tells young choristers that he sings like a donkey

VATICAN CITY (AP) — While Pope Francis has made no secret of his love of choirs, he has revealed why he may not always join in.

The pontiff told an audience of 6,000 young international choir singers Thursday that “I like to hear singing. But if I would sing, it would seem like a donkey.”

Francis took questions from the youths, telling them that his childhood aspiration was to become a butcher and acknowledging he sometimes gets angry — “but I don’t bite.”

The choristers’ organization, Pueri Cantores, has been holding its annual

meeting in Rome this week. Some members will participate in New Year’s Day Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica.

Company will offer world’s 1st kosher marijuana

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A New York company says it will soon offer the first certified kosher medical pot.

Vireo Health says its non-smokable medical cannabis products have been certified as conforming to the Jewish dietary law by the Orthodox Union.

Vireo says it’s the first time a medical cannabis product has been deemed kosher.

The Orthodox Union says it awarded certification after inspecting Vireo’s facilities to ensure the marijuana was grown and processed according to kosher standards. Those include, for example, insect-free plants.

Vireo says the certification will help the company serve patients among New York’s Jewish population, the nation’s largest.

Its program is slated to start next month and will serve patients in New York state with certain qualifying conditions.

HERMISTON Pursuit inspires Christians of all ages

Two-day conference includes nationally known speaker

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East Oregonian

Inspirational speakers and music are featured during a two-day faith-based conference at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church.

Pursuit Conference brings people from across the Pacific Northwest to worship and be inspired to spread the word about Jesus.

In its third year, the event was founded by Clayton Haight, worship pastor at the Hermiston church, and Brad and Brittany Saddler, who attended the Hermiston School of Urban Missions Bible College & Theological Seminary.

“Over the past three years, we have seen 1,500-plus attend this life-changing event and we believe this year is going to be bigger and better than ever,” Haight said.

Pursuit Conference 2016 is Friday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 16, with sessions at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston.

The special guests include nationally recognized speaker Robby Dawkins, a fifth-generation pastor who was born to missionary parents in Japan. Dawkins and wife Angie live in Illinois.

The charismatic pastor was called to the ministry before he even had a

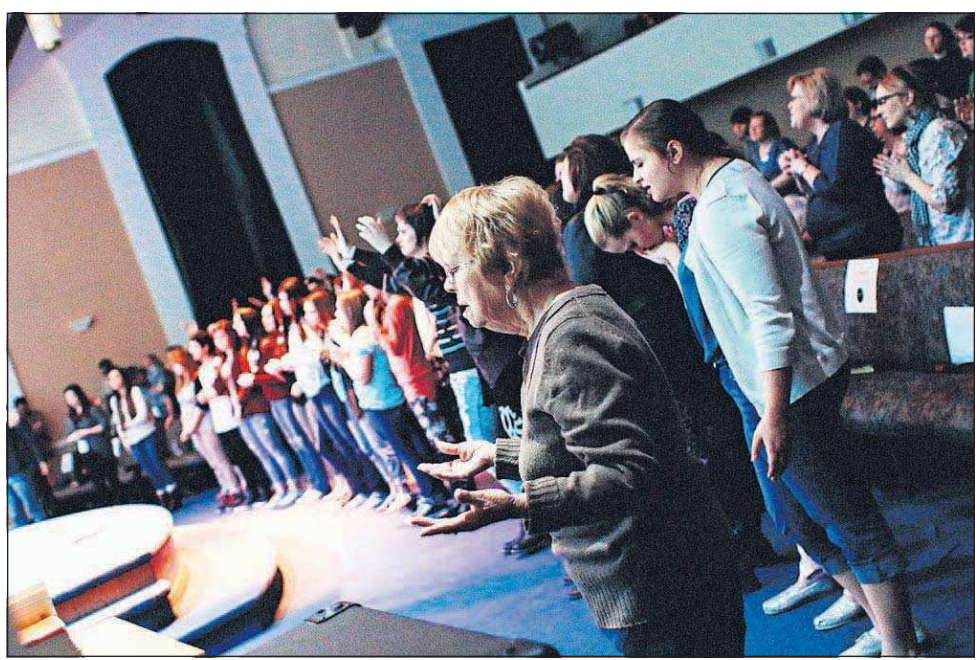


Photo contributed by Roy Bicknell
People are moved by the spirit of God during the 2015 Pursuit conference. The 2016 event is Jan. 15-16 at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church.

SUM Luncheon

A free luncheon is planned to provide information about the Hermiston School of Urban Missions Bible College & Theological Seminary.

Elsie Cook, vice president of operations of the Oakland, California-based school, is the special speaker.

The free meal is open to those 16 and older. It is Saturday, Jan. 16 at noon at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave.

The Hermiston cohort, a fully accredited school, started in 2010 at the Living Faith Church, but moved to Assembly of God in its third year.

For more information or to RSVP for the luncheon, call 541-567-5831. For more about the Bible college, visit www.facebook.com/hermistonsum.

driver’s license, starting a children’s ministry at the age of 12, according to his biography at www.robbydawkins.com. His parents say that as a toddler he told people he would grow up to be a missionary.

“Robby Dawkins is a really big deal,” said Jacob

Looper, college advisor at Hermiston SUM. “People don’t want to miss this, it’s an all-around great event.”

Vladimir Savchuk, youth pastor at the Good News Church in Pasco, also will speak. He works with the Hungry Generation ministry. Savchuk, Looper

said, is a dynamic speaker that leads many kids to Christ.

Haight invites everyone to the all-ages event, including followers of Jesus and those who are simply curious about who God is.

There is no charge to attend and people are encouraged to “come as you are.”

“The school promotes and funds the event,” Looper said. “It’s really to reach out to our community to have a conference that is multi-generational.”

For more information about the conference, call the church at 541-567-5831.

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Trevor Hale via AP

Dubai fireworks explode while tower blazes

In this photo provided by Trevor Hale, smoke and flames pour out from a residential building as a fire runs up some 20 stories of the high rise in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Thursday. Fire engulfed the luxury building near the world’s tallest skyscraper as tens of thousands of people were gathering at its base for one of the world’s largest New Year’s fireworks displays.



Sven Hoppe/dpa via AP

German special police stand in front of the Munich main train station Dec. 31, after police warned of ‘imminent threat’ of terror attack and ordered two train stations to be cleared.

Police in Munich warn of ‘imminent threat’

BERLIN (AP) — Police in Munich warned of a “serious, imminent threat” by Islamist extremists wanting to commit a terror attack on New Year’s Eve and asked people to stay away from the city’s main train station and a second train station in the city’s Pasing neighborhood.

Police spokesman Werner Kraus told The Associated Press early Friday that “we have serious information and different tips about an imminent attack.”

“After evaluating the situation, we started evacuating the train stations and also asked partygoers to stay away from big crowds outside,” Kraus added.

Kraus said police had indications that the terror threat was connected to Islamist extremists, but he could not immediately give any further details.

The warning came about an hour before the city rang in the new year. Despite the police statement, thousands of people were on the streets of Munich at midnight to welcome the new year with fireworks.

German news agency dpa reported that both train stations were quickly evacuated and that trains were no longer stopping there.

Cities across Europe have been on edge since a terror attack in Paris in November killed 130 people.

A few days after the Paris attack, a soccer stadium in Hannover in central Germany was evacuated after a terror threat against a friendly match between Germany and the Netherlands.

The authorities never reported any findings of explosives or concrete attack plans.

Church DIRECTORY

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241 SE Second St. Pendleton
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www.pendletonepiscopal.org
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Wednesday Worship Noon
Wednesday Evening Prayer and Pot Luck 6:00 p.m.
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10:30 am Fellowship
11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Class
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Sunday Worship
10:30 am
Sr. Pastor, Ray O’Grady
pendletonfaithcenter.org

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston
Sunday Worship Services
English- Pastor Dave Andrus
9:00 & 10:45 am
Spanish- Pastor Genaro Loreda
9:00 & 10:15 am
Classes for kids during all services
For more information call
541-567-8441

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Saturday Services
Pendleton
1401 SW Goodwin Place
276-0882
Sabbath School 9:20 am
Worship Service 10:45 am

Community Presbyterian Church
14 Martin Drive,
Umatilla, OR
922-3250
Worship: 10 AM Sunday
School at 11:30

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

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Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM
Red Lion Hotel
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www.faithpendleton.org

First United Methodist Church
352 SE 2nd Street
Pendleton, OR
541-276-2616
Sunday Worship 9am
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/FUMCPendleton
Services are broadcast every Sunday on KUMA: 1290 AM @ 11am
Rev. Dr. Jim Pierce, pastor

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3202 SW Nye Ave Pendleton, OR
541-276-7590
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 AM
Sunday Youth Group 6:00 PM
Mon. Community Women’s Study 9:30 AM & 6 PM
Awana Kids Club (K-6th grade) Wed Men’s Study 6 PM
MOPS meeting the 1st Thur of the Month 6 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Pendleton
Service of Worship - 10:00 am
Children’s Sunday School - 10:20 am
Fellowship - 11:00 am
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FIRST SERVICE 8:30 AM
SECOND SERVICE 10:30 AM
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www.fcogpendleton.com

THE COUNTRY CHURCH
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32742 Diagonal RD
Hermiston OR 97838
Sunday School 10 am
Worship 7 am
Evening Service 7 pm
Bible Study Wednesdays 7 pm
Firestarter Youth Ministry (Ages 12-17)
Monday @ 6 pm

Living Word Christian Center
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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm
Youth Classes - Nursery-6th grade Sun & Wed
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