

BRIEFLY

Special service features singing of hymns

HERMISTON — An evening of fellowship includes the singing of old hymns.

The old-fashioned Hymn Sing is Sunday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. There is no admission charge for the informal service.

For more information, contact Chris Finley at johnchris_1@msn.com or 541-571-2516.

Christian church announces Friendship Dinner

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Milton-Freewater First Christian Church is celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a Friendship Dinner.

Everyone is invited to attend the meal, which will follow the regular worship service on Sunday, March 15. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share — corn beef and cabbage will be provided.

The Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Also, people are encouraged to arrive earlier for Bible classes at 9:30 a.m.

For more informa-

tion, call the church office Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon at 541-938-3854.

Muddy Frogs postpone dance lessons

MILTON-FREEWATER — Due to concerns about coronavirus, the Muddy Frogs Square Dance Club is postponing its upcoming modern western square dance and international folk dance lessons.

The club hosts lessons and dances at the Milton-Freewater Community Building. For more information, contact Merri Anne Huber at merrianneh@charter.net or 541-861-9055.

Haas cancels Pendleton events

PENDLETON — The Umatilla County Democratic Party recently received word that Sen. Mark Haas is canceling his planned appearances in Pendleton next week.

Sue Peterson said Haas, who is a Democratic candidate for Oregon secretary of state, has current obligations that require him to be in Salem for the Oregon legislative session. For more information, contact Peterson at bikerchick49@hotmail.com or 541-377-0752.

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U.S. worshippers grapple with virus burdens

By DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — A rising number of churches across the United States are making changes in response to the coronavirus outbreak, including a decision by numerous Catholic dioceses to suspend the serving of wine during Communion.

Thus far, there's been no indication of any widespread cancellations of worship services. However, Jamie Aten, a psychologist who is executive director of the Humanitarian Disaster Institute at Wheaton College, said it would be wise for faith leaders to start preparing for that eventuality.

"Some faith communities already stream services or communicate with each other over social media," Aten noted. "Though there aren't any perfect solutions and such discussions can be difficult to have, it's better to have them now and not later."

Among the Catholic bishops ordering changes was Archbishop Paul Etienne of Seattle, whose region is the worst hit in the U.S. The Washington state health department has confirmed more than 30 cases of the coronavirus in the Seattle area, and at least 10 deaths.

In a letter to parish leaders, Etienne said wine



AP Photo/Rafael Yaghoobzadeh

A priest prepares to give the Holy Communion to faithful during a Mass celebrated at Saint Francois Xavier church in Paris, France, on March 1, 2020. The archbishop of Paris is asking all of the French capital's parish priests to change the way they administer communion to counter the spread of the coronavirus. The Paris diocese said in a statement that a Paris priest tested positive for the virus after returning from Italy.

should not be distributed during Communion until further notice, and churchgoers should receive the Communion wafer in their hand, not on their tongue.

The archbishop urged Catholics to stay home from Mass if they are sick; to practice good hygiene, including frequent hand washing; and to avoid hand-to-hand contact during moments in the church service when churchgoers traditionally shake hands with those near them in the pews.

Many other dioceses around the U.S. are taking similar steps — even in areas, such as Pittsburgh,

where no cases of coronavirus have been confirmed. Among the many dioceses and archdioceses making the changes were those in Atlanta, Boston, Joliet, Illinois, San Antonio and Newark and Paterson, New Jersey.

In Chicago, the Catholic archdiocese not only suspended the serving of Communion wine from a chalice, it also ordered priests, deacons and other personnel to wash their hands before Mass and use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Communion.

"Assure the faithful that if they are sick or are expe-

riencing symptoms of sickness, they are not obliged to attend Mass, and even that out of charity they ought not to attend," the archdiocese told its priests.

Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico, was among the bishops ordering that the Communion wafer be placed in the recipient's hand, not on the tongue, for the time being.

"How we receive, while very personal to the individual communicant, is not crucial," Wester wrote on the diocese website. "Receiving Communion in the hand is every bit as respectful as receiving on the tongue."

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has shared with its member bishops some suggested steps that could be taken in response to the outbreak, but it has left it up to individual bishops to decide if and how to implement those steps. Some dioceses said they would leave some decisions to the discretion of their parish priests.

The virus outbreak was prompting changes in many other faiths as well — in the U.S. and around the world.

Saudi Arabia on Wednesday banned its citizens and other residents of the kingdom from performing the pilgrimage in Mecca, while Iran canceled Friday prayers in major cities.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

PENDLETON KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Pendleton Early Learning Center, 455 S.W. 13th St., Pendleton. Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020, to enroll. Parents/guardians must bring child's Social Security card, immunization records and birth certificate. Registration forms available online at <https://pelc.pendleton.k12.or.us/kindeergarten-registration> or at the school. (Lori Hale 541-966-3300)

FREE FIRST FRIDAY, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. Free admission all day. (541-966-9748)

FREE FRIDAY LUNCH, 12 p.m., Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. Everyone welcome.

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, 12 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. This year's theme is "Rise! Take your mat and walk!" from John 5:2-9a. Prayer and music gathering honors the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe and supports the needs of their community and

around the world. (Alice Hepburn 541-276-7681)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

VFW BINGO, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 7-10 a.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Costs \$6.50 for average breakfast. (Rosalie Emerson 541-449-1332)

FREE FOR ALL, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free art classes for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

FREE FIRST SATURDAY, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Heritage Station Museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Free admission the first Saturday of the month. Everyone welcome. (Shannon Gruenhagen 541-276-0012)

GIRL SCOUTS SALE DAY, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Umatilla Museum, 911 Sixth St., Umatilla. Girl Scouts will have cookies on hand for sale, and attendees can also view the history of Umatilla. Free admission. (Judy Simmons 541-626-2099)

YARN CLUB, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Pub-

lic Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

SATURDAY CRAFTS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Drop-in craft activities for kids of all ages. Free. (Janet Torres 541-567-2882)

SATURDAY SPIN-IN, 1-4 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. For spinners, knitters, weavers, felters, fiber enthusiasts and folks who are just fiber-curious. Drop-ins welcome. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

OLDIES NIGHT: JEFFERSON AIRPLANE, 7-10 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Music from the 1960s-70s supergroup including "White Rabbit" "We Built This City," "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now" and more. Free. (Bob Jones 541-938-7028)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12:30-1 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100)

HYMN SING, 5:30-6:30 p.m., First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Sing

the old hymns with old and new friends. Free. (Chris Finley 541-571-2516)

MONDAY, MARCH 9

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. All teens welcome. Snacks will be provided. (541-567-2882)

ART STUDIO, 4-5:30 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free class for ages 0-12 to develop skills and encourage art exploration. (Kate Brizendine 541-278-9201)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

CONVERSATIONS WITH FUNDERS AND PARTNERS, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free grant application writing workshop (registration required <https://fs22.forms.site.com/TravelOregon/69dud-71bct/index.html>) at 9 a.m. followed by lunch and speakers from the Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage, Travel Oregon and others from 1-4 p.m. All cultural nonprofit organizations are welcome to attend. (Aili Schreiner 503-986-0089)

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