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The Survivor Lap kicks off the 24-hour Relay for Life, which starts at 10 a.m. Saturday.

# Cancer: Houle excited to take part in Relay for Life

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 “She called me back and said, ‘Uh, we have a problem. You have acute kidney failure,’” Houle recalled. Test after test led her to a kidney specialist, and finally to the oncology department. That’s when she finally heard the name of the cancer that her mother had died from. Multiple myeloma is not hereditary, Houle said, and typically affects old, white, overweight males, she said. Doctors were surprised to find the disease in her. After chemotherapy, a stem cell transplant, and years of fighting, Houle is in

remission. She still gets her blood work done regularly, but doctors call the break from chemo a “holiday,” she said. Houle had a support team, or as she calls it, her stomping team, but has never participated in Relay For Life. She said she looks forward to attending her first Survivor Lap at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, followed up with sharing her story with other survivors in the Survivor’s Tent. Hers is a story of hope and fighting and living — not taking anything for granted — a message mirrored in each Relay event.

This year’s theme is “May the Cure Be With You.” While Relay organizers keep the event upbeat and focused on the positive, the reality of the battle is strong. At 10 p.m. on Saturday, paper lanterns called Luminaria will line the track, lighting up the night with names of those who are fighting, those who have won, or those who have lost the battle with cancer. A member from each team walks the track throughout the 24 hours because, as anyone who has participated in Relay knows, “Cancer doesn’t sleep, and neither do we.”

# Committee approves budget

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**POLK COUNTY** — The Polk County Budget Committee approved the county’s 2016-17 budget on May 25, with a few changes, including grant funding for a joint program between the Sheriff’s Office and Behavioral Health. Funding would pay for a “mobile crisis team,” a sheriff’s deputy and crisis counselor, to work shifts. The grant also pays for a second team working in West Salem. Teams will respond to calls involving someone suffering from a mental health crisis in an effort to get that person help faster and avoid unnecessary trips Polk County Jail. “Taking them to our jail isn’t always the answer,” said Polk County Administrator Greg Hansen. He said with the program in place, more problems can be address in the field. “I think it’s going to be better for all involved,” Hansen said.

Teams will be on the road as soon as possible, he said. Behavioral health was able to secure the \$750,000 grant, which will keep the teams on the road for 18 months. This year, \$500,000 was budgeted to pay for the extra staff. Other changes include \$72,000 added to health services to add a contracted counselor to be split between Dallas and Central school districts. The final change was a \$1 million increase to behavioral health’s beginning fund balance. Total changes (\$1,667,000) bring the county’s total budget to about \$66 million. The committee approved a 31.96 cents per \$1,000 rate on the public safety levy, less than the 45 cents per \$1,000 approved by voters. The lower rate was due to revenue from federal timber payments to counties slated for the 2016-17 fiscal year, presumably the last of those payments without Congressional action. “We offset like we said we would,” Commissioner Mike Ainsworth said.

# Lotto: Dallas was slated to receive \$17,000

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 McClure said the situation comes with concerns that amount to more than money. “The money is already allocated in the budget to go to the cities this year and they decided not (to send it),” he said. “We’re a bit perplexed.” Monmouth’s distribution, \$11,000 last year, was used to help pay for Economic Development Direc-

tor Mark Fancey. “It’s not big money or anything; it was definitely helpful,” McClure said. Dallas was slated to receive \$17,000, part of which was already spent by the time the city found out it wasn’t coming. “We end up having to try to take those expenditures and having to find other funding sources in an already tight budget,” Foggin said. “If we were

anticipating this early on, we could have planned for it.” Foggin said he took his concerns to Pope and was told to send an invoice for the amount. He did that and was asked to fill out the grant application, which he did, saying he didn’t mind going through the extra step. “In the scheme of things it’s not a lot of money,” Foggin said.

# POLK COUNTY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

## DALLAS

**Calvary Chapel Dallas** Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. [www.calvarydallas.com](http://www.calvarydallas.com) Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God’s family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

**Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings** - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash & Stump St.) Pastor Travis Clemons, 541-671-0375. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and get acquainted with our Pastor and his wife Christina. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

**Church of Christ** - 691 N.E. Kings Valley Hwy. Sunday Class 9:30 A.M. Worship Service 10:30 A.M. Sunday Afternoon Service 2:00 P.M. Thursday evening Bible Study 7:00 P.M. We follow the New Testament Plan of Salvation in becoming a Christian and the Pattern of the N. T. Church. We would be glad to study the Bible with you and answer any of your questions. We would like to present a very helpful one hour overview of the Bible. Call 503-831-4886.

**Dallas Alliance Church** - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email [office@dallasalliance.org](mailto:office@dallasalliance.org), Lead Pastor Jim Jamieson; and Youth/Children’s Pastor Lance Baker; Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m., Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: [dallasalliance.org](http://dallasalliance.org).

**Dallas Church** - PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 10am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families & children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. [www.dallaschurch.org](http://www.dallaschurch.org)

**Dallas Foursquare Church**—Located at 976 SW Hayter St. on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Worship Service: Sundays at 10am. Youth Group: Sundays 6pm to 8pm. Pastor: Darrin Hausler. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or you can visit us online at [dallasfour.com](http://dallasfour.com).

**Dallas Presbyterian Church** invites you: Warm, spirit-filled fellowship with traditional Sunday worship 10:30 am, engaging discussion study groups, prayer “chain” and a loving spirit.—Adult Sunday School 9 am, men’s breakfasts Tuesdays at 7 am, women’s groups, needle crafts group and Indoor Play Park (for children with accompanying parent). Sensitivity to older adult accessibility and needs. 789 SW Levens, Dallas. 623-3397 [dalpreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:dalpreschurch@gmail.com).

**Evangelical Bible Church** - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ens. Sunday: Worship \*8:00 a.m.; \*10:45 a.m.; \*6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS \*9:00 a.m.; Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies \*9:00 a.m. & \*7:00 p.m. (women); Thursday Group Bible Study 2:00 p.m. \*Nurs-

ery care provided.

**Faith Evangelical Free Church** - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Interim Pastor Dennis Beatty, Associate Pastor Ed Suter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Ministry of Children & Family Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about other meetings. [www.faithfreechurch.org](http://www.faithfreechurch.org)

**First Baptist Church** - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; [www.gofbc.org](http://www.gofbc.org); Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri. 10 am - 2:30 pm; Pastor Rick Bratton 503-551-9561; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

**First Christian Church** - Joyfully Worshipping & Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. “Live Wire Worship” with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men’s Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women’s Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

**Grace Community Church** - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Student Ministries-Ben Potloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided for 0 - 2 year olds during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at [www.graceindallas.org](http://www.graceindallas.org). All are welcome!

**Living Hope City Church** - 180 SE Mill St., Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. [www.living-hopecitychurch.org](http://www.living-hopecitychurch.org) Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890.

**Living Word Faith Fellowship** - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Children’s Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men’s fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy’s Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Michael Van Dyke in charge of men’s fellowship. Call for additional information. Website: [www.proclaimhim.org](http://www.proclaimhim.org)

**Salt Creek Baptist Church** - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior pastor David Curtis. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Senior High and Middle School Youth at 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at [www.saltcreekchurch.org](http://www.saltcreekchurch.org).

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday: 9:30 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church** - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: [stthomasdallasor@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdallasor@gmail.com) [www.stthomasdallasor.org](http://www.stthomasdallasor.org) 10 AM worship with Holy Eucharist. Father Fred Heard. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. The church has formally adopted a policy of welcoming and fully affirming individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). The new policy formalizes and expands on the church’s longstanding tradition of radical hospitality towards all people regardless of race or ethnicity, marital status, disability or socio-economic status. St. Thomas Wel-

comes you—please join us.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Pastor - David Pederson. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each month. [www.dallastlc.org](http://www.dallastlc.org). Catch us on Facebook.

**United Methodist Church** - A church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors. 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Rev. J. Quinton Kimbrow, Minister. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday School for Adults & Youth, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children during worship service. Child-care available. Handicap access. All are welcome! Email: [dallasumc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:dallasumc@qwestoffice.net) Website: [www.sites.umcdallas.com](http://www.sites.umcdallas.com)

**Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God)** - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Associate Pastor: Ted Gibson; Children’s Director: Crystal Barker; Youth Director: Kirk Bathke. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at [www.valleylifecenter.com](http://www.valleylifecenter.com)

## FALLS CITY

**Falls City Christian Church** 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; [www.fallsctcitycc.com](http://www.fallsctcitycc.com)

**Falls City United Methodist Church** - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 am. All denominations are welcome. [www.fallsctcityumc.org](http://www.fallsctcityumc.org)

**Mountain Gospel Fellowship** - 303 N. Main, Falls City, 503-787-8037. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m., Wed. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Everyone welcome just as you are. Join Us!

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Lary Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon-3pm.

## INDEPENDENCE

**Buena Vista Community Church** - 11355 Church St., Buena Vista. Independence. Pastor Larry Lyon. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Cornerstone Church of God** - 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Nursery available.

**First Baptist Church** - A warm, friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. **Sundays:** Worship Service 11 am **Wednesdays:** AWANA 7 pm (during the school year). **Thursdays:** Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. *First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at [www.independencfirstbaptist.com](http://www.independencfirstbaptist.com)*

**St. Patrick Parish, Catholic** - 1275 E St., Independence. 503-838-5801. Father Henry Guillen Vega Masses Sat., vigil 5 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish); Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 9am, Saturday 7 p.m. (Spanish). Evergreen Nursing Home; Holy Days 9 a.m. (Eng) & 7 p.m. (Eng/Span). Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Religious Education: RCIA Mon 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Mid-High & High School Grades Mon 7:00-8:30p.m.; Grades 1-4 Tues. 7:00-8:30 p.m. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sun. 5:00 p.m. at 315 N. Knox St., Monmouth followed by a social hour.

## MONMOUTH

**Christ The King Christian Church** - Meets at 959 Church St. W., Monmouth 7:00 pm Saturday Night. Christ The King Christian Church is a conservative, contemporary, charismatic Biblical Church. At Christ the King we learn: the truths of the Bible, how to live Biblical truths, how to please God, and how to be a blessing to all people. Come and join us as we learn and grow together. Everyone is welcome. Wally Wildman, senior pastor. For more information call 503-623-2262. [www.ctkmonmouth.com](http://www.ctkmonmouth.com)

**Christ’s Church Methodist & Presbyterian United** - Come care and share with us. 412 Clay Street West, Monmouth, 503-838-1724. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Worship Service 11 a.m. Call for information on small groups.

**Church of Christ** - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church** - 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the “S” curve). School Year Schedule thru June 5: Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Summer Schedule begins June 12: Adult Bible Class 8:15 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. [www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org](http://www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org); 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

**Monmouth Christian Church** - (503) 838-1145; [www.mymcc.cc](http://www.mymcc.cc). Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer. Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Aaron Barnhart & Mary Weinbender. Sunday Service: 10am in Monmouth (959 Church St.), 11am in Independence (301 S. Main St.); Children’s programming from birth to 5th grades every Sunday. Questions? email [info@mymcc.cc](mailto:info@mymcc.cc). Join us this Sunday in person or LIVE online at [www.mymcc.cc](http://www.mymcc.cc).

**New LIFE Ministries - we’re growing in Polk County!** CHILDREN’S CHURCH NOW AVAILABLE! We are a God-loving, Bible-believing, non-denominational church body. This church is a little different, in that it’s not just a church service, but is all about being a “service church”. We strive to seek out and serve the needs of the community. It is our hope that God will use us to make a difference. Come join us! We meet at Henry Hill School 750 S. 5th St. in Independence every Sunday morning at 10:00-11:00 am. Our minister is Marion Seick. Feel free to call us at (503) 871-5207. Please come visit and worship with us this Sunday!"

**Praise Assembly** 189 Monmouth Ave S., Monmouth (locations in McMinnville and Willamina as well). Our English worship gathering is 11 am on Sundays, followed by a Spanish service at 2 pm. Kid’s church available for 12 and under. Youth group meets at 9:30 Sunday morning. Other ministries include: Celebrate Recovery (Tues, 7 pm), College Bible study (Wed, 7 pm), and Spanish Bible study (Thurs, 7 pm). Please check our website for the most up-to-date information, [www.praiseonline.net](http://www.praiseonline.net), or call us at 503-837-0300.

**St. Hilda’s Episcopal Church** 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, [sthildaschurch.org](http://sthildaschurch.org) Sunday Eucharist - 10:00 am followed by Fellowship. Children’s Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 am. Wednesday Worship at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Nursery care provided. Call for periodic small groups and celebrations. All are welcome!

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