

# Weekly news & updates for St. Paul's

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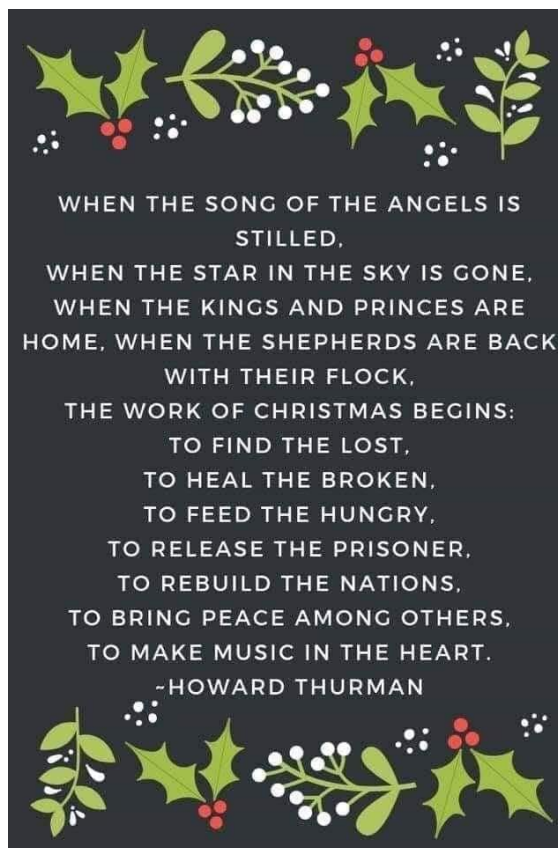
## Upcoming Events for the week

- **January 12 - Noon Day Chapel**  
601 Union St.
- **January 16 - 8 a.m. Sunday Morning Eucharist at St. Paul's**
- **January 16 - Sunday Forum 9 a.m. in-person and Zoom offered**
- **January 16 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Eucharist, in-person and Zoom offered.**
- **February 13 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Eucharist. Alan Alford and Sally will share in their marriage vows.**
- **February 20 - Annual meeting follows the Worship Service**

*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's "Peril and Promise" Epiphany video. Tap on blue box to watch video.*

## Coffee hour suspended for the next 4 Sundays...

The Omicron virus is beginning to gain strength in Oregon, so once again it is important to keep everyone safe, therefore, Coffee Hour will be suspended for the next 4 weeks. We will all miss not taking part in Coffee Hour, but if we have learned one thing during the pandemic, it



## Emmanuel

You have been given the light and life and love of Jesus to transform your own darkness and the darkness of the world in which you live. In your touch, your words, your presence, you have been given power by Jesus. God Emmanuel is with you. Jesus abides with you. That's his promise, always, even to the end of the world.

**-Br. Curtis Almquist**

*Submitted by Gretchen Kimsey*

is this, "We must be diligent and flexible to keep everyone safe." Let's hope by February, our Coffee Hour can be resumed.

Please take extra caution in remaining six feet apart in the sanctuary as you visit with people prior and following the service. We can do this **AGAIN**, because we care for each other.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
"Building Bridges to the Beloved Community" **Monday,**  
**January 17, 2022**  
at **Riverside Community Church**

***Hood River film***

Watch the film *Hood River* in advance. It focuses on the lives of members of the 2018 Hood River Valley High School Men's Soccer Team, and their Coach Jaime Rivera. You can watch it on Apple TV, HBO Max, or Amazon Prime.

**3:30 to 5:00pm - "Ask a Lawyer" Workshop with Attorney MariRuth Petzing**

Bring your questions about immigration, work, housing or any other legal issue for general legal advice. This workshop will be in Spanish with English interpretation. Masks and social distancing required. River View Room at Riverside Community Church.

**6:00 to 7:00pm - Community Celebration**

Join us for an evening of music and storytelling, featuring Coach Jaime Rivera as the keynote speaker. You can access the event at [tinyurl.com/ctsfj5m5](https://tinyurl.com/ctsfj5m5).

**All are invited!**

# Back Pack program resumes again

Hello,

Our weekend food program is back and going pretty smoothly. There always glitches, the unexpected and the wonder of the program. Thank you to all the schools that work hard to find the kids that need supplemental food over the weekend. A huge thank you to the great staff at Columbia Gorge Food Bank. They work hard to fill our requests, try to find what we need and always have time for us. We appreciate them so much.



Of course we have needs. We wouldn't be who we are if we didn't always ask you for something. But we have always been able to count on you and YOU make this program work. We need the regular stuff – crackers in sleeves, individual snacks, ramen, and instant oatmeal. These are items we cannot get except through donations. Right now we are packing 167 bags but I expect that number to go up this next month.

We also need your volunteer time. We understand your reluctance in light of the continuous Covid outbreaks. We only want vaccinated and boosted for the safety of all and we only want 4 volunteers at a time. We ask that you wear a mask at all times and we will do the same. We can do this!!! Groups are best.

Last, we need monetary donations. We have to provide bags to pack the food. We can't reuse bags. We have to buy what we don't get donated. We have to purchase food from the food bank. It is a greatly reduced cost but they provide the majority of food for the program. You can make out checks to FUMC-Backpack Prog, mail or drop off at 503 E. 11<sup>th</sup>, The Dalles. You can donate through PayPal on the church website and be sure to mark it for the Backpack program.

We appreciate all of you. I hope you know that.

May God Bless all of you,

Glenis, Silvia, Lynette and Lori

P.S. We are at the pantry most every Tuesday afternoon around 2-3 p.m., unloading the truck and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m., packing bags. We are available to receive you donations at those times.

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## NORTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

### **Give the gift of warmth ... Wasco County Medical Reserve Corps Blanket Drive - Jan. 15 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Wasco County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is hosting its 9th Annual Blanket Drive Saturday, Jan. 15, at the former Chronicle building at Third and Federal in downtown The Dalles, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All items collected will be donated to The Warming Place in The Dalles, which distributes them

to those in need. Donors can simply pull up to the curb to drop off their items, and volunteers will be outside the building to collect them. Look for the MRC signs!

In addition to warm blankets and socks, the Warming Place is also looking for sleeping bags, tarps, tents, warm coats, hats, gloves and travel-size soap and shampoo. We ask that all items be new or gently used (and washed) and in good condition.

All donors are asked to wear a mask and minimize contact when dropping off donations. To minimize the number of contacts at the drop-off site, please consider collecting donated items from your family and friends and having one person make the drop-off.

For drop-offs, please pull up to the curb on E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., just before the intersection with Federal Street in downtown The Dalles. The site is across the street from Columbia Bank. This is a one-day only event!

(For more information about this blanket drive or the Medical Reserve Corps, please contact Tanya Wray at [tanyaw@ncphd.org](mailto:tanyaw@ncphd.org), or call 541-506-2631 or see the Wasco Co. MRC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wasco-County-Medical-Reserve-Corps/230659080405837>.)

**Shellie Campbell, Director**

North Central Public Health District

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## **Kiva loan of \$275 helps a member buy maize seeds and fertilizer**

Pictured is Hellen, often described as an extremely hardworking individual. She is 32 years old and, as a group leader, she is representing her group of 13 farmers in Alego District, Kenya.

Hellen is returning this season to work with One Acre Fund again as this means that she is able to have access to quality training and acquire new farming methods, which is why she decided to join in the first place.

Hellen says that she is happy to have made that decision because, since she first joined in 2020, she has been able to consistently feed her family, which has improved her day-to-day life significantly. Hellen will use the profits from this season to send her children to school.

The group will use this loan to purchase seeds and fertilizer to plant a total of four acres.

In this group: Hellen, Josephine, Mary, Mildren, Maxwel, Phoebe, Pamela, Evans, Geoffrey, Caroline, Joyce, Angelina, Magdaline A



### **Why this loan is special?**

This loan is special because it supports smallholder farmers to purchase seeds and solar

## Looking for drivers to bring people to church on Sunday



There is a sign-up list in the coffee hour bulletin board area, just under the coffee hour sign-up sheet, where you can schedule a time to pick-up 2 people. If you can drive, and can transfer a walker into your trunk, then St. Paul's needs your help. Please call Fiona, the church secretary to be placed on the list to drive, 541-296-9587.

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## January Birthdays

- 11** Jim Foster
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- 18** Nancy Ramsey
- 20** Wanda Hildebrand
- 24** Colleen Schafroth



A bittersweet moment when a signpost dies and its spirit leaves its body

Submitted by Julie Reynolds

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For yo prayers ...

Glenis Schreffler and family, Christi McCarren, Megan and Hayden (sister and family of Kim McCullough), Heidi (John and Diane Adam's granddaughter), Peggy Davis, Skip & Carol Fisher, Bobbi Green, Dale Newton, Ruth Welle (Carol Yakish's sister), John Davis, Lee Keifer, Melanie from Ascension, Mary who is suffering from ALS (a friend of Amy McIlvenna), Steve and Colleen Schafroth, Abby Sue (Carolyn Thomas's niece), Mike Nagle as he heals from shoulder surgery, Michael Hayes (Gretchen Kimsey's nephew suffering from colon cancer), Peter Russell (Jeanie Senior's nephew), Elen Thomas (Carolyn Thomas' granddaughter), Evelyn Nultemeier (Georgia Giacobbe's sister), Ken Schlieff, Harrison Richter, Pat Peickert at the death of her grand son, Christi McCarren, daughter Megan and grand daughter, Hayden, and relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country, and our Nation.

The Jeff Krier family as they grieve his death; the Carolyn Thomas family as they grieve the loss of Griff Thomas; Deb Hucke and the Hucke family as they grieve the loss of Ross, and give Jan Newson comfort as she grieves the death of her son, Jeffrey Miller, and Mary Ellen, Laura and Carly Lowe as they grieve the loss of Cary, and the Kimsey family as they grieve the death of Andrew Larive.

**For the departed:** Jeff Krier, Griff Thomas, Betty Hartmann, The Rev. Larry Ferguson, Oscar Martinez, Helen Kochel, Ross Hucke, John Ringlbauer, Jeffrey Miller, Alice (John Langfeldt's sister), Stewart (Kimsey's cousin), Cary Lowe, John Hilderbrand, and Andrew Larive. *01 10 21*

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*To submit articles or pictures for the weekly newsletter, please submit them by Friday. Some articles may be held over for the following issue due to immediacy and space. Your articles keep us smiling and feeling like a community. Thank you, Marilyn*

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