

Weekly news & updates for St. Paul's

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Upcoming Events for the week

- January 26 - NOON DAY Prayer at the Chapel -605 Union
- January 30 - No 8 a.m. Worship Service
- January 30 - Sunday Forum 9 a.m. by Zoom only
- January 30 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer, Only Zoom service offered
- January 30 - 3:30 p.m. Sacred Journey study begins - Zoom
- February 6 - 11:15 Vestry Meeting by Zoom
- February 13 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer. Alan Alford and Sally will share in their marriage vows. Coffee/wedding time following service.
- February 20 - Annual meeting follows the Worship Service

It is well with my soul by Vocal Point - BYU - Tap on blue box to listen



Contributed photo from Richard Rohr web site

SILENCE

Silence is that ever-faithful companion, a portal to constantly deeper connection with whatever is in front of you. That which is in front of you does not need to be big or important. It can be a stone. It can be a grasshopper. Anything can convert you once you surround it with this reverent silence that gives it significance, identity, singularity, importance, value, or what Duns Scotus called the “thisness” of everything. Scotus, building again on Francis’s love of animals and creatures— Brother Sun, Sister Moon—said that God does not create genus and species. God only creates this: this frog, this moment, this dog. And the fact that this dog is persisting and being in this moment means that God is choosing it and loving it right now or it would fall into oblivion. Wow, that is good! At least I think so.

—from the book **Silent Compassion: Finding God in Contemplation** by Richard Rohr

Sacred Journey series begins January 30th

January 30 (Session 6: Asian/Pacific)

February 13 (Session 7: Selective Access 1830s-1960s) [this session has more video than usual]

March 6 (Session 8: Divisions in Present Day White America)

March 20 (Session 9: Racism's Long Life)

April 3 (Session 10: Becoming Beloved Community)

Order Free COVID tests now

Hi all,

This website just went live today if you'd like to order four free COVID tests for your household: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Hope you are staying healthy and well!

-Lauren

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Share your heart with someone ...

Send a Valentine to someone in our parish. Please pay close attention to those living in assisted living, like John Langfeldt, and John and Wanda Hilderbrand, and Skip Fisher who resides at the Veterans Home. If you don't have a parish list, there are extra copies available at the church. You may know of other people who are currently living at assisted living facilities who

may be on lock down during the increase in virus cases. You may know people who just need a big physical 'hug' and a mailed valentine will help bring a smile to their face.

I mistakenly placed John Hilderbrand's name on the departed list when someone mentioned he had died in December, but the wonderful news is, he is doing well.

Share your heart this Valentine season, you can make someone's day very special by doing so.

Peace be with you, Marilyn+

Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit: Flourishing in a Time of Climate Crisis

January 30 @ 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. \$10 – \$25

OREGON INTERFAITH EARTH SUMMIT (VIRTUAL)

The ninth annual Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit will bring together people of faith and goodwill to learn, connect and develop a shared vision for creation justice. With the theme, “Flourishing in a Time of Climate Crisis,” the virtual event will include worship elements and feature plenary sessions from inspiring presenters and workshops focused on organizing, advocacy, activism and education. A key focus area will be on faith-based efforts in climate disaster preparedness and response. The plenary speakers will be **Karyn Bigelow and Avery Davis Lamb**, co-executive directors of **Creation Justice Ministries**.

SUNDAY, JAN. 30, 2022

From 1 to 4:30 p.m. via Zoom

- \$20 early registration (register by Jan. 29)
- \$25 general (after Jan. 29)
- \$10 student rate.

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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) and it's program Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL)

Public Service Announcement from North Central Public Health District

Shellie Campbell, Director

North Central Public Health District Changes to Makeup of NCPHD

North Central Public Health District was formed in 2009 by Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties to efficiently and economically bring a coordinated system of public health programs to the region.

The previous Wasco-Sherman Health Department was only getting the funding for one county, rather than two, said Bill Lennox, then a Wasco County commissioner in 2009 and currently a member of the NCPHD Board of Health.

Bringing in Gilliam County and forming the state's only three-county public health district brought full funding for three counties and more efficiencies, he said.

This month, the commissioners and judge on the Gilliam County Court voted to form their own county health department. The county will start its own health department on July 1, 2022.

Gilliam County Commissioner Pat Shannon, who is also on the Board of Health, said, “The health community in Gilliam County has felt like the miles involved have made it difficult to get the services we think we should be getting. A feasibility study was done and we've determined that we can provide those services more efficiently internally in the county.”

NCPHD provides environmental health services, WIC, home visiting, women's health services, communicable disease intervention, including COVID case investigation, testing, and vaccination, tobacco prevention, and emergency preparedness, among other programs in Wasco, Sherman

and Gilliam County.

Kathy Schwartz, a Wasco County commissioner and chair of the Board of Health, said the Oregon Health Authority would be “working with Gilliam County to move forward with developing their programs and holding them accountable on getting full public health services to their residents.”

She said, “It’s understandable that geographic distance is always a perceived challenge when you have regional services. But given that, I think we have provided a phenomenal service throughout our history together, and especially now during the pandemic.”

NCPHD Director Shellie Campbell said, “We’re very proud of the work we’ve done in Gilliam County. We support them moving forward to establish their own health department. We want them to be successful, and we certainly want the people in the community served.”



Mid-Columbia Community Action Council asks for help

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The Dalles, Oregon - Every year, our community conducts a Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of people experiencing houselessness or housing insecurity. Houseless community members are given a simple, short survey with questions about situations contributing to houselessness and the length of time they have been houseless. The PIT Count plays a critical role in determining the level of state and federal funding communities receive to address houselessness. It also provides us with key insight into the needs of those impacted by houselessness in our community.

“The PIT Count is important in helping us identify how houselessness is affecting our communities and what the disproportionate impacts are on specific populations,” said Kenny LaPoint, Executive Director of Mid-Columbia Community Action Council. “By understanding these impacts, we can work to build a system that best addresses the needs of our most vulnerable community members.”

This year's Point in Time Count for Wasco, Hood River, and Sherman Counties is scheduled to take place from January 24- January 28, 2022. Service providers and volunteers will travel throughout the three county region, conduct phone interviews, and administer surveys from community sites throughout the week. Houseless community members can be counted and receive food and basic supplies at the following community sites during the following times:

The Dalles
Mid-Columbia Community Action Council
312 E. 4th St.
January 24, 25, 26 from 9am-1pm

Hood River
Hood River Alliance Church
2650 Montello Ave.
January 26, 27 from 9am-1pm

*To ensure the safety of the community, all staff, volunteers, and those being counted are required to wear face coverings and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

MCCAC is the Community Action Agency serving Hood River, Wasco and Sherman Counties. MCCAC's mission is to build a better future for our community through partnership and equity-centered programs that prevent and eliminate poverty and houselessness.



ORIGINAL WASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE - 1859

ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE REGIONAL HISTORY FORUM SERIES FOR 2022

Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. each Saturday in February.
COVID precautions = no gatherings at the 1859 Courthouse.

Join programs via Zoom: <http://OWCCZoomLink.info>

(To attend by phone, leave a message at 541 296-4798 and we'll call back with directions)

Saturday, February 5

'Finding David Douglas' — an Environmentalist Before His Time
Lois Leonard capped a distinguished career in the field of public history and museums by directing and producing this video. It's a compelling tale of adventure and discovery following the intrepid 19th century Scots botanist/explorer from his native Scotland to North America and beyond.

Saturday, February 12

The Pineapple War: Labor Action in The Dalles

*Those who read local newspapers or listen to local radio know **Rodger Nichols**. Our local historian and member of the Courthouse board tells of the time The Dalles made national headlines. A 1949 longshoreman strike in Hawaii led to a riot in our fair city when a boatload of pineapples showed up!*

Saturday, February 19

John S. Woodruff: Hermit of the Cave

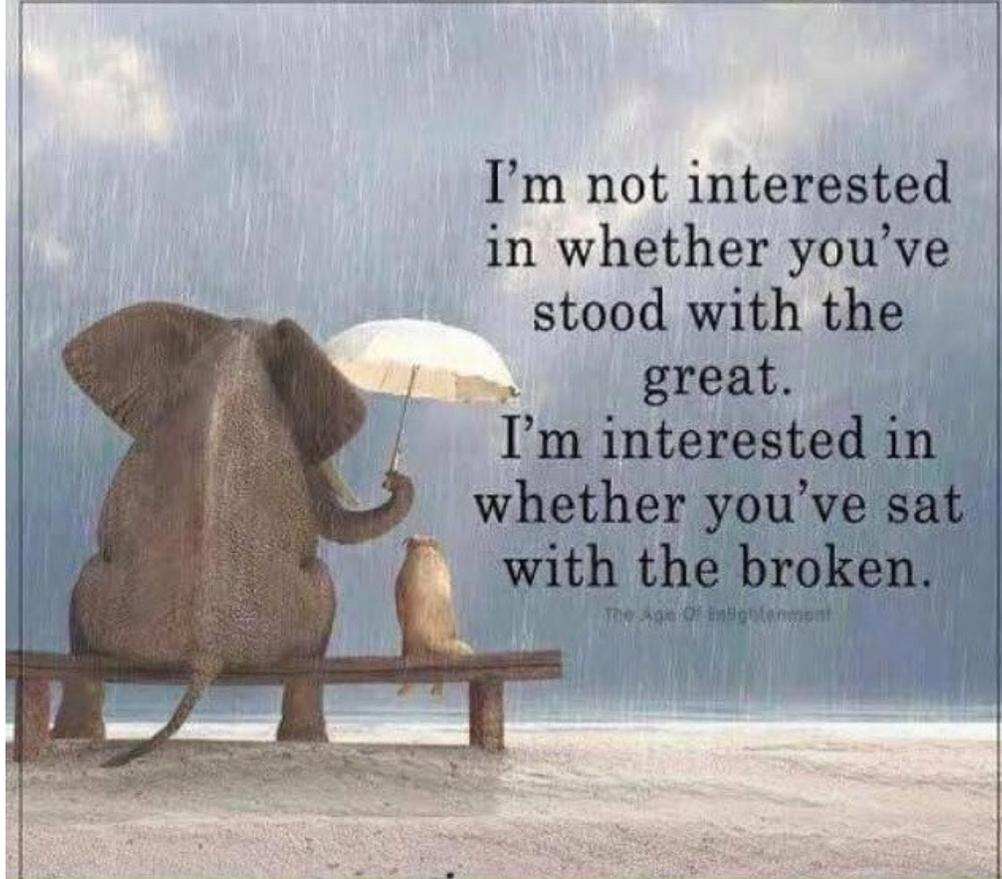
Georga Foster is president of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society and volunteers at the Discovery Center Library. There was a man who lived in a cave above the Catholic Cemetery in The Dalles. Over a century has passed and he still is a subject of conversation and speculation. Georga's program explores the life, family, and past of John Woodruff, the hermit of Hermit's Cave.

Saturday, February 26

Lorena Trickey: Oregon's World Champion Cowgirl

*Leaders of Crown Point Country Historical Society **Steve Lehl** and **Chuck Rollins** present the cowgirl honored in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. Lorena was born in a small town at the west end of the Gorge, became one of the great female competitors in the first Golden Age of rodeo, performed as a stunt double in Hollywood, stabbed one husband, then remarried and became a prospector and miner.*

Regional History Forum Programs, now in the series' 43rd year, are free; however, donations toward the operation of the Original Courthouse are gladly accepted. Send to P.O. Box 839, The Dalles.



January Birthdays

24 Colleen Schafroth

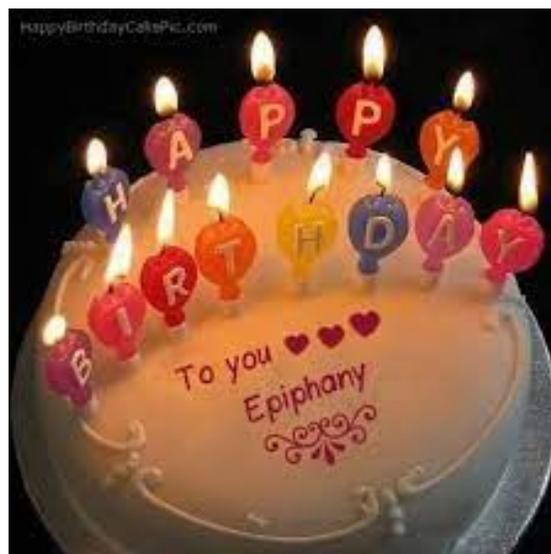
February Birthdays

14 Jan Newson

20 Janeal Booren

27 Ann Marie Woolsey

27 Amy McIlvenna



For your prayers ...

Bill Ketchum, Glenis Schreffler and family, Christi McCarren, Megan and Hayden (sister and family of Kim McCullough), Heidi (John and Diane Adam's granddaughter), Skip & Carol Fisher, Bobbi Green, Melanie from Ascension, Mary who is suffering from ALS (a friend of Amy McIlvenna), Steve and Colleen Schafroth, 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.

Deb Hucke and the Hucke family as they grieve the loss of Ross, and comfort for Jan Newson as

she grieves the death of her son, Jeffrey Miller, 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:

Jim Ramsey, Wanda Olsen, Ross Hucke, John Ringlbauer, Jeffrey Miller, Alice (John Langfeldt's sister), Cary Lowe, and Andrew Larive. *01 18 21*

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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