

1530 Mt. Hood Avenue, Woodburn, Oregon

2020 Church News

Hoodview Church of God exists to LOVE God and GROW as disciples who GO in God's love to bless our community and world.



From the Pastor

It's easy to blur our days during this time of "social distancing," making us feel like it will go on forever. Instead of using the term "new normal" to describe our times, a more apt descriptor may be "next normal," as more changes are ahead. What can we do during these uncertain times?

Be safe. Wash your hands. Wear a mask when appropriate. Be careful about what you touch or who you touch. You know the drill. But we don't need to live in fear. Remember that God is with us. Walk in His presence and power.

Be a good neighbor. You are the Lord's representative during good times and during times of uncertainty. When people look at you, do they see Jesus? What did Jesus do? He loved others, so love your neighbors. Reach out to them and serve them as Christ leads.

Contact three people each week. During this time of "social distancing," we need more than ever to strengthen our "social connection." Scripture describes the church as a family and a body. We really do need one another. Reach out and let someone know you care about them and support them.

Depend on the Lord. During this time of lightened schedules (at least for some of us), use the time to dwell in the Lord's presence. He loves it when His people worship Him and spend time with Him!

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Wash your hands ... and purify your hearts" (James 4:8).



While we may not be able to worship in person on Mother's Day this year, we still want to express our gratitude for the gift of mothers. Many of our moms have passed away but we are thankful for their godly influence. Others may be

blessed to still have their moms. Be sure to reach out and express your love and appreciation to her this month! Happy Mother's Day!

Church Online Game Night Fridays at 6:30PM on Zoom

Join us online for this weekly time of fun and games! Zoom Meeting ID: 828 0903 5400; Password: 580788





WORSHIP OPTIONS

Until we are able to once again safely meet together in person, we will continue to only offer online and DVD options:

FACEBOOK: View the service either LIFE or on demand on the church's Facebook page. "Like" the page to see updates.

WEBSITE: Links to all services are available on our website: www.hoodview.church

DVD: Request a DVD from the church office. Available each week.

WAYS TO GIVE

GIVE ONLINE:

www.hoodview.church Click on the "Giving" tab

BY MAIL: PO Box 606

Woodburn OR 97071

(Our physical address does not receive mail!)

DROP OFF donations through the mail slot next to the office door.



PICK UP: Call the church office (503-981-1660) and we can make arrangements to pick up your donation, if needed.

Faith Promise Devotional Resource Help Needed

We support missions through our general budget and through Faith Promise, an annual giving emphasis in which church members direct dollars to missions that God provides through unexpected ways or even through planned giving. During the month of October each year, we introduce the new theme for the next year along with proposed missionaries and projects that we hope to support. As a way to help prepare our hearts this year during the lead up to the introduction of the new Faith Promise emphasis, we will provide a 21-day devotional guide written by our church members. We need your help! We hope to have 21 different church members write one devotional. We will provide samples and format requirements. Start thinking now about contributing a devotional. Contact the church office for more information.



Faith Promise Update: "2020: Catch the Vision"

Our vision as a church is not just to "love" and "grow," but it also is "go" and share God's love around our community and world—and Faith Promise is a big part of our strategy. Thank you for your continued support of our missionaries. So far this year we have received \$5,724 for Faith Promise. Remember to note "Faith Promise" on your gift.

Meet Our New Missionaries: Daniel & Christy Kihm

We are excited to introduce **Daniel & Christy Kihm** to the Hoodview congregation as the newest missionary team that we help support through our general budget (not Faith Promise). The Kihms are based in Hungary and serve as members of the Three Worlds Team with Church of God Global Strategy. They work alongside congregations and emerging leaders throughout the region of Europe and the Middle East. They are focused on training and supporting emerging leaders and serving in ministry alongside



Church of God congregations in Hungary, the Netherlands, Italy, and throughout Europe and the Middle East. They also facilitate Europe X, a Church of God network and platform for training and encouraging church planters across the region. The Kihms also have a daughter, Sofie.

We begin supporting the Kihms this month due to the change in ministry assignment of Ken & Keli Oldham, former missionaries to the Middle East. Our annual financial support of the Kihms will be \$4,800. Due to these changes in our support team, we also are able to increase the monthly financial support we give on behalf of **Bobby & Jenny Mihsill**, missionaries to Cote d'Ivoire (the former Ivory Coast in Africa), giving them \$4,800 a year as well. We are happy to report that the Mihsills safely made it to Indiana this past month. They were encouraged to relocate to the states due to the worldwide reach of the COVID-19 pandemic. They will spend a year in the U.S. as they meet with churches who support them. They will visit Woodburn next spring.

Support Life

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, mothers and babies, fathers and families are facing unprecedented frightening financial times and are looking for HOPE and HELP. Pregnancy Care Centers offer support during this

season of the unknown. This month you can help support this life-saving ministry in two different ways:

Baby Bottle Boomerang – Instead of filling up a physical baby bottle, save up your money and give a financial gift by Father's Day. We support this fundraiser annually from Mother's Day through Father's Day.

Virtual Walk for Life – Due to "social distancing" restrictions, this annual Walk for Life will be held "virtually" in different neighborhoods in our community. You can join the Hoodview Church of God "Walk for Life" team by signing up at https://pccnwv.org/events/, or you can support our team by going to https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=4897934.



PRAYER OPPORTUNTIES



Stop & Pray—Daily at 11:00AM

Though we are currently physically separated, we can connect together through prayer. Every day at 11:00 a.m. wherever you are, you are encouraged to "stop and pray" for your church family and community.



Join your voice with millions of other believers on this annual Day of Prayer.

A Symphony of Solidarity

A Community Prayer Emphasis During the COVID-19 Pandemic

During this time of "stay at home" restrictions, our community faith leaders have adopted a daily prayer emphasis. You are encouraged to spend some time in prayer or in "solidarity" with others in our community. Here are some prayer or reflection prompts to use throughout the day, as your schedule permits.



Early Morning

A Time of Praise: Thank the Creator for who He is, recognizing that God is in control and not COVID-19.

- A Time of Thanksgiving: Thank God for what He is doing, such as healing those who are infected by the virus, keeping safe those who are on the "front lines" (health care workers and first responders), and for what God is doing in our families and lives as we face a new day of new possibilities.
- A Time of Respect: As we come together in unity as we all are experiencing this "new normal," take a moment to be thankful for health care workers, first responders, government leaders, teachers and others who are providing essential services in this time of uncertainty—as they are working hard in an ever changing environment. Our neighbors also are experiencing the same uncertainty that we are.

Midday

- A Time of Intercession: Bring your requests before God. As the pandemic progresses, more lives are affected in varying ways and fear may increase. New ways of doing things are being learned, including distance learning for our schools and students, families learning how to live together or apart, and pastors and church leaders are finding ways to minister to their church families. This list seems to change and grow each new day.
- A Time to Petition God: Lift your own needs to the Lord. Remember that God loves you and cares for you. In what ways is God leading you to be His hands and feet during this time of uncertainty? Listen for direction.
- A Time for Support: How can you support your neighbors and others during this time? In this time of "social distancing," we need more than ever to strengthen "social connection." You can make a difference!

Evening

- A Time to Cry Out: We are bombarded with a never-ending barrage of news. Spend some moments in quiet and cry out to God. You may feel overwhelmed with questions or unrest. These are normal feelings; they are real. Go to the One who can provide peace in the midst of the storm. Get real with God; He can handle your raw emotions. Share from your heart what you are experiencing as you spend time at the Lord's feet.
- A Time of Reflection: Spend time to look back on your day and reflect on all the good that has taken place, all the places where you were led and went. What things do you need to plan for tomorrow? Who can you encourage? Be grateful for another day that God brought you through.

Weekly Online Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 11:00AM

Pray with others on Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890447074

Meeting ID: 890 447 074



Weekly Online Coffee Hour

Join us for a weekly time of fellowship on Zoom this month:

Zoom Meeting ID: 873 2884 7599

Password: 665917

Zoom is an online video conference provider. You can utilize Zoom on your computer or smart device (phone or tablet). You can also dial in and simply talk and listen (call 253-215-8782 and enter the meeting ID information).



Financial Corner

Thank you to our church family for your faithful giving during this time of "virtual worship services." New giving routines have had to be learned, but our family has faithfully given during this time of "social distancing." April's giving total was the highest so far for 2020, which is a great blessing! We also have sought to reduce expenses in multiple areas due to our reduced on-site schedule. Here are the giving statistics for the year to date:

Monthly Average Needed: \$21,623 Year to Date Budget Needed: \$86,492 April General Budget Giving: \$24,905 Year to Date General Budget Giving: \$82,720



- 5—Steve & Cindy Kufeldt Celebrating 30 years!
- 12—Jeff & Debbie Hans Celebrating 36 years!
- 13—David & Jaime Adney *Celebrating 20 years!*
- 18—Alan & Dawn Jones *Celebrating 18 years!*
- 21—Dave & Kris Laurance Celebrating 9 years!
- 22—Billy & Jaime Hudson *Celebrating 16 years!*



Congratulations to **Brianna Femrite** on her graduation from North Marion High School!

Congratulations to **Emily Smatlak** for being awarded a Chick-fil-A scholarship for next year worth \$2,500!

Congratulations to **Beth Robertiello** for receiving a \$2,800 alumni association scholarship from Seattle Pacific University (Beth's mom, Tammi, is an alumnus of SPU).

Congratulations to **Hannah Johnson** for recently being named the "Volunteer Firefighter of the Year" for Woodburn F.D.!



- 3—Donna Johnson
- 10—Marty Shallenberger
- 11—Keturah Tipikin (1)
- 12—Amanda Carlson
- 22—Wayne Duden
- 22-Glen Hossler
- 25-Kay Brown
- 25—Connie Johnson
- 28-Mary Dunbar
- 29—Daniel Hardwick
- 30—Peggy Casto

David Dougherty Scholarship Fund

Each year we award scholarships to Hoodview Church students to assist them in their educational pursuits. These awards are made in honor of our former pastor, Dave Dougherty, who was passionate about helping our students. We are proud to announce several scholarship recipients for the 2020-2021 school year:

- **Emily Smatlak** \$2,000 scholarship to Anderson University (the school matches \$1,500 of that award, totaling \$3,500 in support). She will be a senior majoring in National Security and Psychology.
- **Erica Smatlak** \$2,000 scholarship to Anderson University (the school matches \$1,500 of that award, totaling \$3,500 in support). Erica is entering her sophomore year and is majoring in Social Work and Psychology.
- **Beth Robertiello** \$1,500 scholarship to Seattle Pacific University (the school matches \$1,000, bringing the total to \$2,500). Beth will be a junior and was admitted to the school's nursing program.
- **Hannah Johnson** \$800 scholarship toward her Paramedic Certificate through NCTI College of EMS. Hannah is an EMT with Faulk Ambulance in Salem and is a volunteer firefighter with the Woodburn Fire District.
- Brianna Femrite is graduating from North Marion High School in June and plans to attend Eastern Oregon University, starting in the winter quarter. This summer she will attend Basic Training as she has joined the Army Reserve. Brianna's scholarship is still in process.

Note: Scholarship amounts are based on the type of school:

- Church of God colleges—\$2,000
- State colleges—\$1,000
- Other Christian colleges—\$1,500
- Community colleges and technical schools—\$800

The **Annual Scholarship Concert** is scheduled for Sunday, June 7 but depends on meeting-size restrictions being lifted. You can help support the Dave Dougherty Scholarship Fund throughout the year with your generous gifts! Mark your gifts as "scholarship fund." Thank you and our students thank you!