

~ December 2020 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  <i>Ken &amp; Sharon Foster (celebrating 41 years)</i>	2 10A Virtual Coffee Hour	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5  <i>Georgi Martin</i>
<b>6 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></b> 9:00A LIFE Hour 10:00A Worship Service 11:30A Living Christmas Story Set-Up (and lunch)	7  <b>Living Christmas Story Set-Up</b>	8  <i>Don Lee</i>	9 10A Virtual Coffee Hour	10  <i>Lary Johnson</i>	11 <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Woody Woodside</i>  <b>Living Christmas Story 6:00-8:00PM</b>	12  <i>Shane &amp; Brenda Surgeon (celebrating 35 years)</i>  <i>Kris Laurance</i>
<b>13 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></b> 9:00A LIFE Hour 10:00A Worship Service  <i>Gary Johnson</i>  <b>Living Christmas Story 6-8P</b>	14	15	16 10A Virtual Coffee Hour  4P Leadership Council  <i>Glenna McKay</i>	17	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19  <i>Keith &amp; Dee Shrock (celebrating 45 years)</i> <i>Ron &amp; Marlene Swanson (celebrating 67 years)</i>
<b>20 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></b> 9:00A LIFE Hour 10:00A Worship Service	21	22  <i>Sydney Hudson</i>	23 10A Virtual Coffee Hour	24 <b><i>Christmas Eve</i></b>  Virtual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  <i>Christian Martinez</i> <i>Dawn Moehnke</i>	25 <b><i>Christmas Day</i></b>  	26  <i>Bill Hatch</i>
27 (NO LIFE Hour) 10:00A Worship Service	28  <i>Dave &amp; Linda Beatty (celebrating 28 years)</i>	29  <i>Mary Danielson</i>	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	31 <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>Birthdays are listed in BLUE.</b> <b>Anniversaries are in GREEN.</b>	

### Weekly Online Coffee Time


**Wednesdays at 10:00AM**

While “social distancing” recommendations have kept us separated, you can connect with others in a weekly informal online gathering.

Zoom login information for December:


Meeting ID: 881 7652 9749

Passcode: 926355



### Church Library

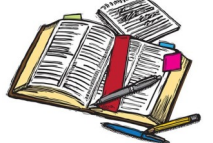
The church library has had several books and DVD’s checked out for many months. We would appreciate these items being returned sometime soon. You can use the mail slot, next to the church office door, to drop off books or DVD’s. If you have never been to the library, it is located in the hall-way behind the sanctuary on the Northeast corner of the building. Stop by and see what is available.



### Bible Reading Plans for 2021

Recent studies indicate that regular Bible reading is a huge factor in personal spiritual growth, so make plans now to make 2021 a “year of the Bible.” Different reading plans will be available to aid your Bible reading.

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path*  
(Psalm 119:105 NIV).





### Good Neighbor Team

Be part of a new small group starting in January that will serve as an incubator for neighborhood ministry—a group who will read and discuss a book, then pray, strategize, and live out what we are learning. Contact Pastor Steve for details.

Financial Spotlight    General Budget Financial Statistics through October:			
General Budget Monthly Average Needed:	\$21,623.50	Year To Date Summary	
October General Budget Income:	\$17,523.72	Income through October:	\$206,176.23
October General Budget Expenses:	<u>\$18,752.35</u>	Expenses through October :	<u>\$200,139.83</u>
Balance for Month:	(\$1,228.63)	Balance through October:	\$6,036.40




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## CHURCH OF GOD

1530 Mt. Hood Avenue, Woodburn, Oregon



**2020 Church News**



### From the Pastor

As the introduction in this year’s **Christ’s Birthday Observance** devotional guide states, “With one tiny cry, everything changed. Years of oppression withering under the weight of a tiny child. But this was no ordinary child.” Indeed, Jesus is the “World Changer.”

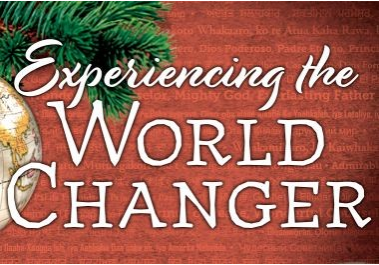
Prophecies spoke of His coming. Promises of deliverance and restoration were given. A light in the midst of darkness came in the form of a little baby who changed everything. And I mean EVERYTHING. Hopelessness was turned into hope. Direction and purpose were given to the lost. We were rescued from sin and given His righteousness. He is the Eternal One who never leaves us or forsakes us. His presence is the peace that transcends even the most troubling circumstances. Indeed, Jesus is the “World Changer.”

This month as we celebrate Christmas, we will focus on **“Experiencing the World Changer.”** My prayer is that we will experience anew that Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor who guides us as we navigate life’s journey, providing us hope and direction. He is the Mighty God who rescues us. He is our Everlasting Father who never leaves us. He is the Prince of Peace who transcends even the most chaotic of life circumstances.

Merry Christmas!

*Pastor Steve*

### Annual Christ’s Birthday Observance



#### Devotional Guides

Pick up a free advent devotional guide to help prepare your heart afresh this year.

#### Project Prayer

**Tuesday, December 8**

Churches in Oregon are invited to participate in this annual 25-day prayer vigil on Tuesday, December 8. With so much division in the world, it is powerful for the church to join in prayer for our leaders, the Church, and the world!



**Thursday, December 24**


**Available on YouTube, Facebook and DVD**

Celebrate the greatest love story ever told—of God coming to earth—through a beautiful online worship experience as we retell the Christmas story through Scripture, carols, candles and communion. Special packets including candles and communion elements will be made available to help you fully experience the service. Invite others to watch the service with you! Give the gift of Jesus this season!

### Christ’s Birthday Offering

**Sunday, December 20**

This annual Christmas offering supports world-wide missions and ministries of the Church of God. You are encouraged to give a gift equal to the largest Christmas gift you give a loved one this year. Gifts can be given all month long.





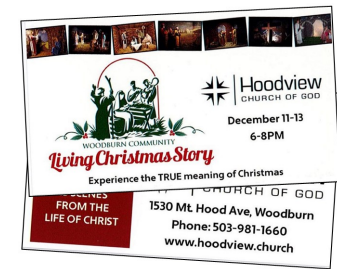


**Living Christmas Story**

**December 11, 12 & 13**

**6:00-8:00PM**

You can share the “true” meaning of Christmas this year by inviting others to drive through our annual Christmas outreach. Featuring colorful scenes and beautifully costumed characters, the Living Christmas Story is 13 different scenes from the life of Christ, including the announcement of Christ’s birth, shepherds hearing the good news, the Nativity Scene, the visit of the wise men, the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus and the Woman at the Well, Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, and the empty tomb.



You can help:

- Pray for this outreach event
- Invite others to attend (special invite cards are available; distribute them as you go throughout the community)
- Volunteer to help (characters and support staff are needed) (set-up and tear-down help are also needed; contact the office)
- Post a sign in your yard (contact the office)

For those concerned about COVID restrictions, rest easy because we are making this year’s Christmas outreach safe as possible. Some measures we are taking include:

- Allowing only drive-thru viewing this year.
- Cast members in the different scenes will be limited to immediate family members when possible.
- Only pre-packaged refreshments will be distributed.
- Cast members and crew will work in two different shifts with costume preparation taking place at different times. No meals will be served this year. Only volunteers will be permitted back-stage.

Give the gift of Jesus this Christmas!



**Leadership Council Nominations**

Your help is requested in making nominations now for the church’s Leadership Council. The Council serves as the governing board of our church and

is made up of seven lay leaders who give guidance and counsel to the pastor and staff. Three positions need to be filled this next year and will be voted on at our Annual Business Meeting in January. To make a nomination, please contact Gary Johnson, Council Chair, or any current Council member (David Beatty, Mary Danielson, Edson Gilmore, David Laurance, Ruth Palmer, and Dee Shrock).

**Faith Promise 2021 Update**

As we partner with missionaries and ministries around the globe in the only true hope, Jesus Christ, we live out what it means to be “partners in hope.” This is our new theme for Faith Promise and it works this way: we prayerfully ask the Lord what we should give to missions in the next year, and then as the Lord provides those resources, we give them to missions. You can be part of this exciting faith journey by making a pledge (pledges are not required). Over \$9,000 has been committed for next year’s missionary support. To learn more about Faith Promise, brochures and pledge cards are available at the Resource Table.



**Worship Participation Options**

If you are unable to join in-person on Sunday mornings, you are encouraged to participate in the service online or via DVD. Here are current viewing options:

- YouTube – “Live” on Sundays at 10:00AM
  - Also available later on demand (be sure to “subscribe” to our YouTube channel)
  - Also available later on Facebook (“like” our church page)
- DVD – request a copy from the church office

To make it easy to find our service, our church website has links to our worship services as well as the worship bulletin and weekly prayer list (<https://hoodview.church/worship-services>).

**NOTE:** When COVID-related mandates restrict the capacity of our in-person gatherings, we will have two services at 10:00AM and 11:15AM with registration required. Contact the church office for more information.

**Sunday Worship Schedule\***

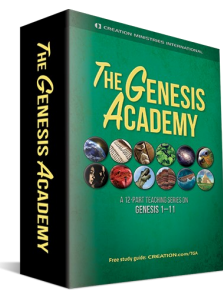
**LIFE Hour at 9:00AM**

**Morning Worship at 10:00AM**

*\*—When permitted to have larger in-person gatherings.*



**LIFE Hour Class: The Genesis Academy**



**Sundays at 9:00AM\***

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, lays a foundation for many of our Christian doctrines. Combining video-curriculum and discussion, this class explores the importance of taking God at His Word and shows the veracity of the biblical story of creation, highlighting the incredible amount of evidence that supports the Bible’s history. Class meets in Room 250.

\*--LIFE Hour only meets when we have our normal schedule of one in-person worship service at 10:00AM.



Thank you to the church family for your faithful giving this past year. Don’t forget that in order to receive giving credit this year, gifts must be received (or post-marked) by December 31. Thank you!

**Christmas Giving Report**



Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual collection of shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Our church served as the regional collection site once again this year, processing 421 shoeboxes as well as packing two semi-trailers with boxes from other sites.

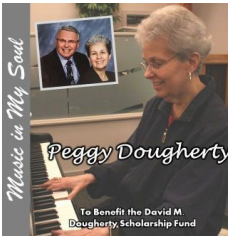
If you missed our collection week, you can still provide a box online. Go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) and click on the “Build a Shoebox Online” option.

Thank you to everyone who helped with **Angel Tree** and made Christmas more joyful for families touched by the reality of prison. This year our church provided over 30 gifts to local children, and due to COVID-19, all were delivered electronically.



**Give the Gift of Music this Christmas**

Looking for a gift for that hard-to-buy-for person? The Peggy Dougherty worship album makes a great gift. Available on a donation basis, this music compilation features Peggy playing some of her favorite worship songs and hymns and benefits the David M. Dougherty Scholarship Fund, which has netted over \$4,700 to date this year. Available on CD as well as MP3 format. Contact the church office to purchase.



**Bible Drive Report**

Thank you to everyone who donated Bibles for the Bible Foundation. 43 Bibles were received and will soon once again “sow the SEED to take root in hearts” through the efforts of this Newberg based ministry.