



Hoodview CHURCH OF GOD

November



& DECEMBER



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November & December 2023 Church News



From the Pastor

During the months of November and December, we often focus on thankfulness (gratitude) and generosity (giving), and rightly so. God is the ultimate Giver and we have much to be thankful for—especially His grace and mercy. So, let's not keep these attitudes to ourselves. Instead, let's speak often of our gratitude and let's seek to be generous by living lives of love in action. One of the ways to do that is by inviting others to experience God's goodness. Invite others to join you this Thanksgiving season, or join you at the Christmas Concert, the Living Christmas Story, or the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, to list a few opportunities. It's an invitation that could have an eternal impact!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

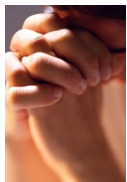
Pastor Steve Kufeldt

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Sunday, December 24
4:00PM**



Celebrate the "true" meaning of Christmas at this special worship experience for the whole family. Invite your friends, neighbors and family to join us for a moving time of worship as we retell the Christmas story through Scripture, carols, candles and communion. Give the gift of Jesus this season!



Sunday Prayer Time

Sundays at 9:45AM

Prayer Room (Room 150)

Lift up our church on Sunday mornings.



Saturday, December 9 — 6:00-8:00PM

Sunday, December 10 — 6:00-8:00PM

This year's annual Christmas outreach will be different! Instead of a walk-thru or drive-thru event featuring different still-life scenes from the life of Christ, this year we will have a "drama" of the Christmas story acted out four times a night (at the top and bottom of each hour). While people wait for the next "showing," they can enjoy refreshments inside the gym.

Here are ways you can help!

- 1 PRAY!** Ask God to touch hearts with His love.
- 2 INVITE** others to join you as you together experience the "true" meaning of Christmas!
- 3 PARTICIPATE!** You can serve in a variety of ways, such as a cast member or on the hospitality team and help welcome people. Sign up to help!
- 4 SET UP!** Help with set construction (December 5-8) or tear-down (December 11).
- 5 DONATE ITEMS** needed to help welcome the community. Sign up sheets will be in the lobby.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

You can participate. It's easy as 1-2-3-4!



1 Shoebox Packing Party Sunday, November 5 at 9:00AM

Help us pack shoeboxes with fun gifts and lots of love that will be distributed to children in countries around the world.

2 Pack your own shoeboxes and bring them to the church by Sunday, November 19.

3 Donate \$10 for shipping costs. All shoeboxes require a shipping donation, including the church's boxes. Mark your gift for "OCC Shoeboxes" and make payable to the church.

4 Help at our local collection site as we once again serve the Woodburn community the week of November 13-20 (12:00 to 2:00PM daily). If you can help, please contact Chris Johnson, who is heading up this ministry. Thanks!



Bible Reading Plans for 2024



It's not too early to consider how you will read the Bible in 2024. Different reading plans are available at the Resource Table to aid your Bible reading.

Church Member Needs Assistance

Several members of our church regularly assist Jaime Adney, one of our members who is housebound. Jaime is in need of help with someone to assist her with meal preparation. This is a paid position (three hours a week; flexible hours). See Debbie Betts or Shirley Martin for more information.

Faith Promise for Missions

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"
(Matthew 6:21).



Your generous gifts to Faith Promise supports missionaries and ministries in Woodburn and around the world. Through October, our church family has given \$8,211 to Faith Promise for Missions this year. Anyone can participate and contribute. Simply note that your gifts are for "Faith Promise."

Our new 2024 Faith Promise emphasis will be introduced in January.

Choir Returns!

Sundays at 11:15AM

Our sanctuary choir returns for Christmas. Come and join in as we sing praise to the Lord. Rehearsals will start approximately 10 minutes after the service ends each week. See Hannah Healey for more information.



1 John 3:16-17

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. *17 How does God's love abide in us? He who does not love his brother who has remained in the world, who does not love his brother who is in need and yet refuses help?*

LOVE GIVES

Christ's Birthday Observance

Each December, along with churches across the nation, we participate in an annual "Christ's Birthday Observance." This year's theme is "Love Gives."

Pick up a **DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** to focus on our Savior's birth. Readings start December 3 and conclude on Christmas Day.

We also receive a **CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING** on Sunday, December 17. This annual offering supports world-wide missions and ministries. An annual challenge is to give a gift equal to the largest Christmas gift you give a loved one each year.

Angel Tree Christmas Outreach



Make Christmas more joyful for families touched by prison as we partner once again with Prison Fellowship and provide gifts for 25 local children who have a parent incarcerated.

- Select a gift tag off of the Angel Tree in the church lobby (available November 26).
- Donate \$25 for each gift tag (make payment through our church; we will make one combined payment).
- The sponsored child will receive a card in the mail with a gift card and a voucher for a children's Bible.

Contact Jonathan or Amanda Carlson for more information. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry.



District Sponsored Church Conference with Karl Vaters
Friday, November 17 & Saturday, November 18
(Friday, 7PM thru Saturday, 3PM)
Hosted by Oak Park Church of God, Salem
(No admission fee BUT registration is required)

Most churches in the world are small churches (less than 350 people). Small is NOT a problem to fix, but a strategy that God wants to use. Join us at this FREE conference as we learn together how God can use our congregation to reach and serve our community more effectively. See Pastor Steve for more information.

Karl Vaters is a prolific author as well as a small church pastor himself. To learn more about Karl, go to www.karlvaters.com.

Annual Scholarship Concert
Featuring Don Feely and Family
(including Hannah Healey)
Sunday, December 3 at 3:00PM

Don Feely (the dad of Hannah Healey, our worship leader), an accomplished musician and organist, will be our featured artist at a special Scholarship Concert during the Christmas season. Don was a featured organist at the Organ Grinder Restaurant in Portland for many years. He will be assisted by his talented children, including our own Hannah Healey. A special feature of the concert will be a silent movie, complete with organ effects.



This concert supports the David M. Dougherty Scholarship Fund, which has helped fund the educational pursuits of more than 45 young people connected to Hoodview Church of God through the years. The fund honors Pastor Dave Dougherty, who served our church as pastor for 20 years, alongside his wife, Peggy, who is still a vital part of our music ministry.

Council Nominations & Budget Work

The Leadership Council, with input from the different committees of our church, is now preparing the 2024 proposed budget. Your prayers and input are invited. We also are seeking nominations for two Leadership Council positions. Please contact any Council member (Bill Burt, Mary Danielson, Frieda Lanting, Shirley Martin, Craig Roenicke or Dee Shrock) or Pastor Steve with your recommendations.

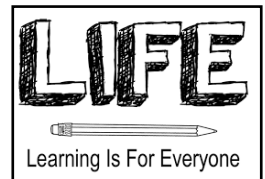


SAVE THE DATE: Our Annual Business Meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 11:15AM. The week before (January 21 at 11:15AM) will be a Town Hall Meeting to help prepare for the annual meeting.



Friday, November 24 at 10:00AM
Volunteers are invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. See Cindy Kufeldt for more information.

LIFE Hour Bible Study
Sundays at 9:00AM
Meets in Room 350 (West Wing)
Pastor Danette Beisley, Teacher



Pastor Appreciation Month

On behalf of the other pastors in our church family, thank you for the thoughtful and meaningful expressions of love, support and care extended to us during "Pastor Appreciation Month." We feel loved and appreciated!



Pastor Steve Kufeldt

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00P Danielson's Study	2 2:30P Leadership Council Meeting	3	4 10:00A Camp White Branch 65 th Anniv. Celebration (at CAMP WHITE BRANCH) 4P Love INC Dinner Auction (Daylight Saving Time Ends)
5 Communion Sunday 9:00A OCC Shoebox Packing Party 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service 11:15A Choir Rehearsal 	6 Office Closed	7 1:00P Cascade Park Study <i>Eilene Hull</i>	8 12:00P Danielson's Study (Lunch)	9	10	11 <i>Steve Kufeldt</i>
12 9:00 LIFE Hour 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service 11:15A Choir Rehearsal	13 Office Closed	14	15	16 <i>Christy Kihm (Missionary)</i>	17 District Small Church Conference (Oak Park Church of God, Salem)	18 Small Church, Big Impact
19 Thanksgiving Sunday 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service OCC Shoebox Collection Site (12P-2P Daily) <i>Dee Shrock</i>	20 Office Closed <i>Luke Chapman</i>	21	22	23 Thanksgiving 	24 10A "Deck the Halls" christmas DECORATING	25 (Gym in use—private group)
26 Friendship Sunday 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service <i>Bill & Mary Hatch (celebrating 48 years)</i>	27 Office Closed	28 1:00P Cascade Park Study	29 1:00P Danielson's Study <i>Jon & Debbie Betts (celebrating 49 yrs.)</i>	30 <i>Ron Carlson</i>	1 <i>Ken & Sharon Foster (celebrating 44 years)</i>	2
3 First Sunday in Advent 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service & Communion 3:00P Scholarship Concert	4 Office Closed	5 1:00P Cascade Park Study	6 1:00P Danielson's Study	7	8 <i>Don Lee</i>	9 6-8P Living Christmas Story
10 Second Sunday in Advent 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service <i>Lary Johnson</i> 6-8P Living Christmas Story	11 Office Closed (Living Christmas Story Tear-Down) <i>Woody Woodside</i>	12 1:00P Cascade Park Study <i>Kris Laurance</i> <i>Bobby Mihsill</i> <i>Jon & Cece Cates (celebrating 3 years)</i>	13 1:00P Danielson's Study	14	15	16
17 Third Sunday in Advent 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service Christ's Birthday Offering	18 Office Closed	19 2:30P Leadership Council Meeting <i>Keith & Dee Shrock (celebrating 48 years)</i> <i>Ron & Marlene Swanson (70 years!)</i>	20	21	22 <i>Sydney Hudson</i>	23
24 Christmas Eve Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service 4:00P Christmas Eve Service <i>Dawn Moehnke (105!)</i>	25 Christmas Day Office Closed <i>Chris Johnson</i>	26 <i>Bill Hatch</i>	27	28	29 <i>Valerie Chapman</i> <i>Mary Danielson</i>	30 <i>Glenn Guyer</i>
31 New Year's Eve Friendship Sunday 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:45A Prayer 10:00A Worship Service	SUNDAY WORSHIP OPTIONS: Join us at 10:00AM in-person or online (YouTube Live). Video is also available online later on demand on our church's YouTube channel.		NOTE: Birthdays are in BLUE. Anniversaries are in RED.		CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (9:30AM—12:00PM) (Contact the office for an appointment with the pastor)	



Have an urgent prayer request? Activate our Prayer Line Ministry by contacting Ruth Palmer: 503-544-1318 (CALL or TEXT). To join this prayer ministry, also contact Ruth.



Remember that all gifts must be received (or postmarked) by December 31 in order to receive giving credit for this year.