

The Heartbeat

May 2026

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A Minute with Mike

The weather continues to get warmer as we move from April to May. It's a time to enjoy that warmer weather. Spring is in full bloom. Some flowers are starting to show their blooms. Dandelions are everywhere.

Some flowers are more valued than others. Some of those flowering plants we just don't like. We call them weeds. We spray weeds, pull weeds, and cut weeds. Tending to plants and ridding our yards of weeds is a job that will last until the temperature drops to freezing in the fall.

Our lives can be like those flowers and those weeds. Sometimes, we feel blessed with the good things that come into our lives. Other times, we are dealing with trials. Both blessings and trials can be life changing.

With blessings, we should thank God for the good things he has sent into our lives. With trials, we should call on God to carry us and see us through. Either way, blessings or trials, we should call on God as we navigate our way through this life.

Through the month of May, we will be honoring God through worship, joyful praise, and the sharing of the Holy Scriptures. We will strive to be the church that Jesus wants us to be.

As we move into the warmer months and it's easier to get out and about, it may be a time to invite others to join us. Invitation cards are located in the back of the sanctuary. It could be that you are giving someone that special loving touch at just the time that it is needed. With the nudging of the Holy Spirit and our obedient response, lives can be changed for the better.

Let's open our hearts and our church to others.

Blessings in Christ,
Mike



May 2026

Schedule of Events

- 14 Midwest - 11am
- 15 Community Cupboard 4-6pm
- 17 Sunday Social - Honoring our Graduates
- 18 Camp Fellowship Astoria Christian Church
- 31 Board Meeting 7:30 pm FLC

***Every Week Invite A Friend to watch our service online!

April Averages

Sunday School - 35
 Worship - 58
 General Funds- \$1924.00
 Faith Promise- \$180.00

Weekly Needs

General Funds - \$2,125.27
 Faith Promise - \$180.00

Building Fund – \$0.00

Monthly Needs - \$750.00

Sunday Servants

Greeters

- 03:** Brian & Christen Parks
- 10:** Donna Snowden & Nancy Porter
- 17:** Kathy Cox & Carmen Martinez
- 24:** Bev Rayburn & Connie Morrow
- 31:** Youth Group

Welcome/Meditation

- Donna Horwedel
- Rick R/Rodney P
- Lyndall S/Donna H
- Shirley Roberts
- Randy Parks

Nursery

- Charlene Abernathy & Addie Martinez
- Casey Schoonover & Avery Horwedel
- Paula Greuel & Amanda Behymer
- Luis & Diane Martinez
- Brian & Christen Parks

Monthly Servants

Elder

Mike Ulmer

Deacon

Brian Parks

Deaconess

Christen Parks



Birthdays



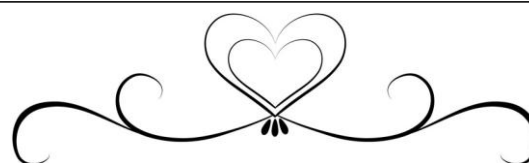
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| 11 Kathy Cox | 22 Shirley Roberts |
| 12 Susie Smith | 22 Julie Gibbs |
| 12 Jimmy Riggins | 23 Scott Jones |
| 13 Kristie Oblak | 23 Myles Taylor |
| 14 Brenda Parks | 30 Jere Greuel |
| 15 Cassandra Schoonover | |



Anniversaries



- 22 Gary & Cheryl Matteson
- 31 Terry & Diana Arnett



Junior Worship

- 03:** Christen Parks
- 10:** Carmen Martinez
- 17:** Rick Riggins
- 24:** Allie Taylor
- 31:** Youth Group



Sunday Social – May 17th

***This will be our last fellowship potluck until the fall.

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a potluck lunch and enjoy fellowship time. You do not need to bring a dish to join us!

LaMoine Camp News

VCC needs to collect 45 large boxes of Cinnamon Toast Crunch. We will start collecting these, throw one or two in the cart on your next grocery trip, we will be collecting these until May 17th! Thank you.



.Camp sign up has begun! Information can be found on the table in the foyer or LaMoine Camp's website! If you need help or have any questions call the office!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

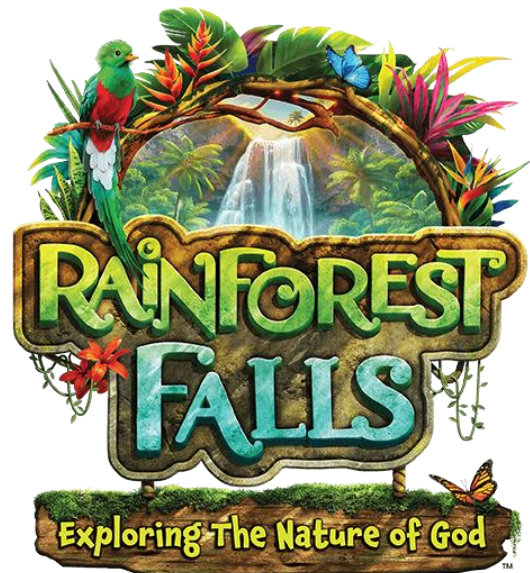
We are looking for anyone who has a heart to serve!

Positions in need of your help...

- Greeters
- Communion Meditation
- Nursery
- Junior Worship*

Sign up for our rotation are in the foyer on the table! Any questions call the office M-F 8-12
309.784.5621

Mark your calendars for 2026 VBS



August 3-7
Details TBA

If you are available and willing to help please sign up in the foyer or call Diane in the office to get involved!

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Congratulations !

High School:

Nola Boeckelman
Rylan Reimolds

Junior High:

Aria Heller
Jamison Mercer
Macoy Yocum
Addalee Curtis
Paisley Foglesong
Addie Heitz
Lauren Markley
Hadley Fawcett



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