

# Choosing love casts out fear

I would like to volunteer to take in a family of Syrian refugees. I can't think of a better way to learn about Muslim people than to have them as houseguests. My goal would be to help them get employment and an apartment so that that they could become self-sufficient.

The reason why I would do this is because my faith tells me that I should. Jesus said that if I welcome a stranger, then I welcome Jesus himself (Matthew 25:35). And the author of the letter to the Hebrews says, "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews

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13:1).

In fact, it is hard for me to accept that any Bible-believing Christian would not be eager to join me in hosting a family of refugees after reading the passage in Luke chapter 6 verses 32-36 that paraphrasing says, be merciful to people whether they are the same as you or not; do good, expecting nothing in return.

My understanding of Christ's teaching tells me that the best way to diffuse radical Islam is to practice radical hospitality and charitable love toward all Muslims. And if fear is what makes the

reader doubtful, then please remember that God does not give us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

A mentor of mine once told me that God is love. He also said that the opposite of love is not hate, but fear.

In fact, fear is the objective of terrorism. I refuse to let terrorism win. I will choose love and reject fear. Loving Muslim refugees by bringing them into my home seems like a good start.

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# Arts Scene

**Monday, Nov. 23**

■ **"Creative Mondays"** take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crescent Harbor Gallery, 140 Marine Way, Crescent City. Attendees may come for only part of the day if desired; a 3 p.m. critique is encouraged. This is not limited to painters, but for any art a person wants to work on. For more information, call 707-464-9133.

**Wednesday, Nov. 25**

■ **Chetco Photographers Association** meets at 6:30 p.m. at Manley Art Center and Gallery, 433 Oak St., Brookings. The club also meets on the first and third Friday. Anyone interested in photography is welcome to attend either meeting.

**Friday, Nov. 27**

■ **Cam McVay** will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. at Vista Pub, 1009 Chetco Ave., Brookings. For more information, call 541-813-1638.

■ **Jessie G**, country music singer from Brookings, will perform at 9:30 p.m. at 101 Bar and Grill, 98141 W. Benham Lane, Harbor. A second performance will be at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

**Saturday, Nov. 28**

■ **Pistol River Concert Association** presents Kathryn Claire and the Dream Band performing Irish and folk music at 8 p.m. at the Pistol River Friendship Hall, 24252 Carpenterville Road. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Wright's Custom Framing and Art Supplies in Brookings, Gold Beach Books in Gold Beach or online at <http://www.pistolriver.com/tickets>. For more information, call 541-247-2848.

■ **Bandon Playhouse** present "Bethlehem Road" at 7 p.m. at Sprague Community Theater, 1202 11th St., S.W., Bandon. Additional shows will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, and the following two weekends. For

## Happening This Weekend

**Saturday, Nov. 21**

■ **Lighthouse Repertory Theatre** presents the adult production of "Sordid Lives" at 7:30 p.m. at the Crescent City Elk's Lodge, 359 H St.. The final show will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. The show is rated R. Tickets cost \$12 for general admission and \$8 for seniors, and are available at Del Norte Office Supply and at the door. Friday dinners are also available to the public. To make a dinner reservation, call 707-464-4448.

additional information, call Michele Winchell at 541-290-8343.

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**

■ **The North Coast Chorale**, under the direction of Christie Lynn Rust, and the Crescent City Children's Choir, under the direction of Greg Goode, will present their annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. at Crescent Elk Auditorium, 994 G St. Crescent City. A second performance will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the same location. Tickets are available at Del Norte Office Supply and at the door for a suggested donation of \$5 each.

p.m. at the Chetco Playhouse, 1240 Chetco Ave., Brookings. Additional shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, as well as the following weekend. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children 10 and younger. Tickets are available at New Wave Video in Harbor, Wright's Custom Framing and Art Supplies in Brookings and at the door.

■ **Blowin' Smoke**, featuring Beth Henderson, will perform at 9 p.m. at 101 Bar and Grill, 98141 W. Benham Lane, Harbor. The band will also perform at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

**Thursday, Dec. 3**

■ **Pato Banton** will perform at 9 p.m. at 101 Bar and Grill, 98141 W. Benham Lane, Harbor.

**Friday, Dec. 4**

■ **Brookings Harbor Community Theater** presents "Anne of Green Gables" at 7 p.m. at the Harbor Performing Arts Center, 97900 Shopping Center Ave., Harbor. Additional performances are at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, as well as the following weekend. Tickets are available at Wright's Custom Framing and Art Supplies in Brookings, New Wave Video in Harbor and at the door. For more information, call 541-469-4700.

■ **Chetco Pelican Players** present "Candy Cane Lane Christmas Review" at 7:30

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

■ **Singing telegrams by Georgia Blank**, who specializes in old hymns, are being offered to lift spirits at no charge. To schedule a singing telegram, call 541-469-5625.

■ **Pelican Bay Arts Association** offers an art rental program for businesses with empty wall space. For more information about the program, call the association at 541-469-1807.

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*Announcements for art, theatrical, entertainment and musical events, art receptions and announcements for new classes happening in Del Norte, Curry and Southern Coos counties may be sent to Bill Schlichting, features editor at the Curry Coastal Pilot, at [news@currypilot.com](mailto:news@currypilot.com). For information, call 541-469-3123.*

# Galleries show 'Art for Christmas'

**CRESCENT CITY**

— Five galleries have joined forces to conduct an afternoon of "Open Studios: Art for Christmas" from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

Participating galleries are Crescent Harbor Gallery, Philip Wadsworth Gallery and The Upstairs Gallery, all at 140 Marine Way; Bay Studios at

1030 Sunset Circle, and The Gallery of Arts & Culture at 175 H St. For more information, call Barbara Burke at 707-464-4745.

## THANKSGIVING EVENTS

The following are events happening celebrating Thanksgiving Day in Curry County.

**Dinners**

■ **Brookings-Harbor Christian Church** will have an Open Door Potluck at 11 a.m. at the church, 777 Fifth St., Brookings. Bring a salad, dessert or main dish. For more information, call Cheryl Grear at 541-661-0083.

■ **The sixth annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is served from noon to 3 p.m. in Docia Sweet Hall at the Event Center on the Beach,

29392 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach. The menu includes roast turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, fresh cranberry sauce, vegetables, salads, rolls, pumpkin and apple pies and other traditional desserts served buffet style. For more information, call 541-247-4541.

■ **Community Kitchens** offers free meals from noon to 1 p.m. at Brookings Presbyterian Church, 540 Pacific Ave. On this day a special Thanksgiving meal will be served. Donations are welcome. Everyone is invited.

For information, call 541-469-3725.

■ **Chetco Activity Center** will serve Thanksgiving dinner at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the center in advance for \$14 and at the door for \$16. The Activity Center is at 550 Chetco Lane, Brookings.

**Services**

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church** will have a Thanksgiving Day service at 10 a.m. at the church, 1200 Easy St., Brookings.



## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

**Christian Community Church**

15138 McVay Lane, Harbor  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Fellowship...Noon  
Wednesday Eve. Bible Study...7 p.m.  
Friday Bible Study/Discussion...9:30-11 a.m.  
Pastor Carl Smith  
541-659-9352  
[christiancommunitychurchbrookings-harbor.org](http://christiancommunitychurchbrookings-harbor.org)

**First Baptist Community Church**

607 Pacific Ave., Brookings  
Sunday School-PreK-12th...9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study...9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship...10:45 a.m.  
Thursday Potluck...6 p.m.  
Thursday Evening Bible Study...6:30 p.m.  
Awana Clubs...Wed. 6 p.m.  
(Sept.-May) Grades Pre-K-8th  
Youth Group...Fri. 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Dr. Ken Whitted 541-469-2014

**Church of Christ**

17222 Passley Rd., Brookings  
Sunday Morning Bible Study...10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Assembly...11:20 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Class...7 p.m.  
Evangelist: Michael Wilk  
541-469-6453 or 541-469-0191

**Star of the Sea Catholic Church**

Father Luan Nguyen, Pastor  
820 Old County Rd., Brookings  
541-469-2313  
Sunday Mass...11 a.m.  
Saturday Mass...8 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
Daily Mass...8 a.m.  
*Confession offered before weekend masses*

**Living Waters Foursquare Church**

1136 Fifield Street, Brookings  
Sunday Morning...10:30 a.m.  
Tues. "Celebrate Recovery"...6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study...6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Eric Ratliff  
541-469-5757  
[LWfoursquare.org](http://LWfoursquare.org)

**Smith River United Methodist**

121 Beckstead, Smith River (corner of 1st & Beckstead)  
Sunday Worship...11 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Pamela Coy  
707-487-3301

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran**

Meridian & Cooper St., Crescent City  
Church: 707-464-4712  
Preschool: 707-464-7604  
Early Sunday Worship...8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Contemporary Worship...11 a.m.  
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**True Light Apostolic Church**

Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Bible Studies Available  
541-469-3945  
Meets at Chetco Activity Center  
550 Chetco Lane, Brookings  
Visitors Welcome

**To list your church's schedule call the Curry Coastal Pilot 541-469-3123**

**Brookings-Harbor Christian Church**

777 Fifth Street, Brookings  
Saturday Service "The Edge" 5 p.m.  
Sunday Service...10 a.m.  
Weekly Communion  
Small Group Ministries  
541-469-2531  
Pastor Lance Knauss

**Calvary Assembly of God**

Adrian VanAswegen, Pastor  
518 Fir St., Brookings  
541-469-2631  
Sunday School-all ages...9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church...10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Group...6:00 p.m.  
[calvaryagbrookings.org](http://calvaryagbrookings.org)

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

1200 Easy St., PO Box 1199 Brookings  
Sunday Bible School  
All Ages...9 a.m. (Sept.-May)  
Sunday Morning Service...10 a.m.  
Interim Rev. Richard Gunderson  
541-469-3411  
[brookingslutheran.org](http://brookingslutheran.org)

**Brookings Presbyterian Church**

Pacific Ave. at Oak St.  
Worship...10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour after Sunday Worship  
Pastor David Hunter  
541-469-3725  
[brookingspres.com](http://brookingspres.com)

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**

102 Park Ave., Brookings  
Sabbath School...9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service...11 a.m.  
Bible Study: Wednesday afternoons...3 p.m.  
Pastor Charles Shultz  
541-469-3030

**Bahá'í Faith**

*A Prayer for Peace--  
"Make us as waves of the sea, as flowers of the garden, united, agreed through the bounties of Thy love. O Lord! Dilate the breasts through the signs of Thy oneness, and make all mankind as stars shining from the same height of glory, as perfect fruits growing upon Thy tree of life."* ~ 'Abdu'l-Baha  
541-251-2436 • 541-469-6556 or [kathijustman@yahoo.com](mailto:kathijustman@yahoo.com)

**You're Invited: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

Sunday ~ 10 AM  
770 Elk Drive Brookings

**Calvary Heritage**

Teaching God's Word verse by verse  
Seascape Regional Center  
Hwy 101 and Benham Lane  
Sunday Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Thurs. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

Fir St. at Old County Rd, Brookings  
Sunday Adult Classes...9 a.m.  
Sunday Service...10 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study...11 a.m.  
Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Healing Service...12 noon  
The Reverend Bernie Lindley  
541-469-3314  
[sttimothyepiscopal.org](http://sttimothyepiscopal.org)

"Seek ye the LORD while HE may be found, call ye upon HIM while HE is near": (KJV-Isaiah 55:6) :7

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our GOD, for HE will abundantly pardon."

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