October 28, 2026

Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time
10:30am

Minister
Rev. Alicia Speidel
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Office hours 9am-12pm or as needed

Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview
10:30 Worship
Link to Worship on October 25- Facebook



Sharon & Gordon Cook
Tyler Luna
Fred Duckwall
John Olson
Sims Family
Bill & Lauree Winfield
Crosswhite Family
Bev Carpenter
Leslie Melby



Please email any prayer requests to hrvcchurch@gmail.com or call our office at 541-386-2608.



Mimi Williford- 02
Vicki White- 05
Carolyn Lien- 05
Noel Lien-07
Ron Wilkins-07
Thelma Warnock-10
Austin Crosswhite-12
Judy Hiatt-15
Hailey Olson-18
Cecilia Hiatt-21
Tatum Wyatt-24
Jodi Wyatt-26
Jami Waits-26
Velma Budworth-30

Thriving Congregations

Mission statement:

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through service, stewardship & generosity

Values statements:

Welcoming with warmth and respect

Worshipping God with thanksgiving without borders

Caring relationships

Community partnerships

Outreach



During fellowship time on Sunday, October 18, the next step in our church's thriving journey was shared, along with yummy pizza from Beneventi's. The next step focuses on engaging community partners from the wider community to transform the side grass area of the church property. The proposal is to include community garden beds, a labyrinth, a community sitting area with a bench and arbor, and a tiny library. This proposed transformation will be a long-term process as community partners say "yes" to being involved. These partners include a wide variety who will offer their knowledge, financial support, physical support and so much more. As we begin to venture down this road, please reach out to Pastor Alicia or the Thriving Team (Jennifer Stager, Chrystal Akin, Betty Osborne and Geoff Speidel) if you are interested in helping with the project in any way. This will take many hands as we continue to thrive and listen to where God is calling us at this time and in this place. Stay tuned for updates.



Apparently it's almost November when the clocks change, darkness is more present, the temperature shifts and then Advent and Christmas are not far behind. Oh my goodness, where did the time go? Which, isn't that often the question or the comment or what we say? It is and yet, it is technically always the present. We are always to be living in the moment. We are always in the now. Even if our minds stress and worry about the future, that is always out there waiting to be discovered and lived. So, we still find ourselves living right now.

Maybe then the questions need to be, how are we living right now? What are we doing to embrace the present? How are we saying "yes" to the moment we are currently experiencing? And that doesn't mean that we are okay with that moment or that it's what was in our plans. It means we are showing up. We are being present. We are living.

This is hard to do because sometimes it's easier to focus on the past or the future. We get hung up on what was or what might be. We fail to ground ourselves and be with whatever it is that is the now. The challenge then is to not say, it's almost November and everything else that comes after that. The challenge is to say, today is this day. It is calling me to be here, to do this and to engage in this way. Let's live for the now with God there every step of the way.

~Pastor Alicia

Women's Ministries Global Ministries Recipient

One of the persons sponsored by Women's Ministries is Miss Mercy Devakumari in India.
She resides in the elders section of the Family Village Farm which serves destitute women and children.
In her late 50s, she lives with debilitating consequences of polio. She helps in the kitchen and assists the children with their schooling.
She participated in the June 15 World Elders Abuse Awareness Day when the children created posters to encourage empathy, respect, and strong intergenerational bonds.



While recycling remains a fluid situation, we can continue to save all the items we have been saving this past year PLUS: We have a RecycleOn Oregon center now that takes the following new items—

****Aluminum foil and trays (clean and dry)***

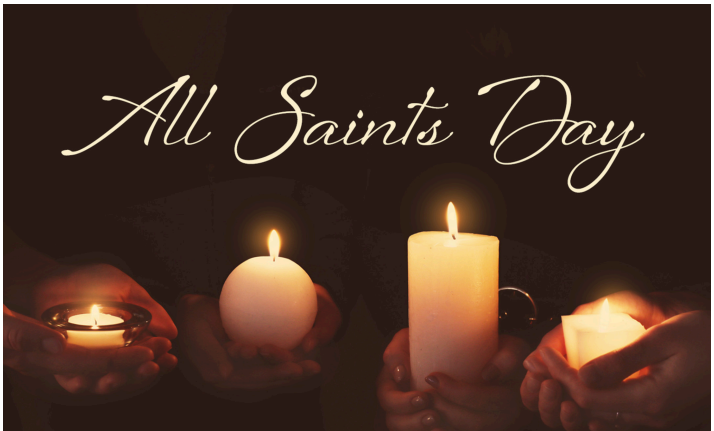
****shredded paper in a paper bag stapled shut***

If you have questions, ask Mary Anne.

Second Sunday collection comes next on November 8.

Mark Your Calendar: All Saints Day – November 01 🕯️

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, November 01 during Worship**, to observe All Saints Day. It will be a meaningful time of remembrance, community, and gratitude as we honor the inspiring lives of those who walked before us.





Help Us Fill the Trunks!

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success!

Trunk or Treat brings our community together for a fun, safe Halloween filled with creative car trunks and smiling kids. To make sure every little superhero, ghost, and goblin goes home with a full bag, **we are collecting candy donations!**

How You Can Help:

- **Donate Candy:** Pick up a bag or two of factory-sealed, individually wrapped candy on your next store run.
- **Allergy-Friendly Options:** Non-food items like stickers, glow sticks, or small toys are also great for kids with food allergies!
- **Drop Off:** Leave your donations in the collection box located under the table in the Narthex. Thank you for helping us create a safe and festive Halloween for our kids!
- **Hand-out Candy:** Decorate your trunk and join us in passing out treats! **Please let Pastor Alicia or the church office know if you want to participate!**



Event Details: 📅 **Date & Time:** October 31 from 4pm-6pm

📍 **Location:** Hood River Valley Christian Church

🎄 Find Your Christmas Treasures! 🎄



Get a head start on your holiday shopping at our **Pre-Christmas Sale**! Join us on **Saturday, November 7th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** to discover unique festive decor, perfect gifts, and hidden Christmas treasures. Don't miss out on these holiday deals—see you there! ✨

⏰ Don’t forget to “Fall Back” this weekend!

Daylight Saving Time officially ends at **2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1**. Remember to set your manual clocks **back one hour** before going to bed on Saturday night (October 31).



To our HRVCC family-

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt! Such a thoughtful gift for our daughter, Kameron. We will cherish it!
Love,
Logan (Bailey) and Kameron

You're Invited!

Monday, November 23 from 7-8:30pm

To a Multifaith Thanksgiving Service

A response to the Times We're Living In.

An opportunity to embody the world as we hope it will one day become.

A time to engage with each other, not despite, but because of our differences.

Experience belonging among and across traditions!

And enjoy a potluck dessert buffet afterwards.

Bring a dessert to share!

Organized by the Mount Adams Ministerial Association

Held at Bethel UCC, 480 E Jewett Blvd, White Salmon, WA



Church Calendar

Wednesday October 28
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday October 29
1:30pm Chimes practice
Saturday October 31
9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop Open
4pm-6pm Trunk-or-Treat
Sunday November 01-All Saints Day
Gathering for Fish
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship
Tuesday November 03
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday November 04
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday November 05
1:30pm Chimes practice
Saturday November 07
9:00am-3:00pm Pre-Christmas sale!
Sunday November 08-Recycling
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship
Tuesday November 10
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday November 11
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday November 12
1:30pm Chimes practice
Saturday November 14
9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop Open
Sunday November 15
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Serving Sunday November 01, 2026

Elder this week	Rod Parrott
Communion prep	Judy Hiatt
Coffee hour	Jennifer Stager
Deacon	Sable + Layla

Scriptures for November 01, 2026

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Serving Sunday November 08, 2026

Elder this week	Suze Nigl
Communion prep	Maggie Strasser
Coffee hour	Barb Ritoch
Deacon	Scott + Laurie

Scriptures for November 08, 2026

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

