

September 30, 2026



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time

10:30am

Church Administrative Assistant

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Minister

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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 September 27-

[Facebook](#)



Sharon & Gordon Cook

Tyler Luna

Crosswhite Family

John Olson

Sims Family

Leslie Melby

Bill & Lauree Winfield

Judy & Nick Kenyon

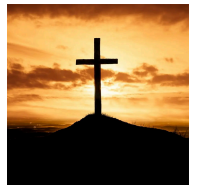
Fred Duckwall

Bev Carpenter

*Please keep Dick Clark in your prayers for healing and comfort. After being in and out of the hospital over the past month, he was moved to Brookside Manor last week and is in better spirits.

*Please keep Fred Duckwall in your prayers as he recently had a stroke. He is at Skyline Rehab in room #9.

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



September Birthdays



Mary Anne Parrott-29

Scott Crosswhite- 09

Margaret Strasser-16

Joanie Logan- 17

John-Henry Logan- 21

Sherrie Chevron-24

Margaret Marshall- 26

Otto Behrman-29

Sharon Cook- 13

Linda Massingill- 16

John Logan- 19

Jon Chapin- 22

Lexy Duback-24

Geoff Speidel- 27

Larry Wyatt-29



Thriving Congregations

Mission statement:

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

Values statements:

Welcoming with warmth and respect

Community partnerships

Worshipping God with thanksgiving

Outreach without borders

Caring relationships

Pastor's message

I'm not sure how it is already almost October. Where did September go, let alone August? The sun is setting earlier. The days are a bit brisker. The colors of the leaves are amazing. Kids are back in school. I guess it is fall. Time continues on. Even with change, time continues on. That's just how it goes. Which is what I talked about during time for children and youth this past Sunday with my lone youth, Jackson. The emphasis was how with all that changes, God remains. With the seasons that move in and out of our lives, God is always present. It is a constant we are able to rely on.

That is a gift. A gift with no strings, no attachments, no anything. God is simply there for each and every one of us throughout absolutely everything. I love that. Do I always remember that and focus in that way? Let's be honest, no, I do not. And I bet that is true for most of us. We think we have to do it on our own. We wonder how we are going to make it. We have moments where our memory lapses and we don't breathe in the Spirit and know that God is present.

That is reality and that is normal. The key is returning again and again, remembering that God is present. God is there. God is guiding. That we are all able to return to, day in and day out, whether we remember or we forget. So yes, it is almost October and God is right there surrounding each and every one of us. Thank goodness for that.

~Pastor Alicia

October is Stewardship Month:

Join us this Sunday as Pledge cards and stewardship letters will be distributed during worship.

Our youth unveil our new church banner mission statement during the worship service as well!

We hope to see you there as we celebrate our young people and look forward to the season ahead together.



Attending the Women's Regional Retreat in Dallas, Oregon:
Donnamae Grannemann, Mary Anne Parrott, Sharon Smiley, and Judy Hiatt.

We had a beautifully assembled fruit pizza served; just not quite as beautiful as this one! It still tasted just as good.



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to the Thrift Shop getting new paint and flooring; it will be closed until later October or November. Sorry for any inconveniences this may bring!

**THRIFT
SHOP**

From the church board:

Thanks to your faithful stewardship, we've recently completed major upgrades, including ADA-compliant restrooms, new front doors, a roof replacement, and a new sanctuary A/C unit.

To keep our facilities welcoming and functional, the Church Board has approved a new set of necessary improvements estimated at \$33,000. These include replacing the street sign, upgrading the walkway post, trimming junipers, fresh paint and new flooring for the thrift shop, plus repairing/replacing a fellowship hall A/C unit that recently failed.

We invite you to participate in a mini capital campaign by giving above and beyond your regular tithe to support these projects. Please designate any extra contributions for the *Mini Capital Campaign*. Thank you for your continued generosity as we share the Good News through service and stewardship.



Mid-Columbia
Community
Action Council

HELP SECURE A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE HOOD RIVER SHELTER



SECURING A PERMANENT HOME

Started as a grassroots effort in 2010, the Hood River Shelter is initiating a capital campaign to secure a long-term location with supportive services located on site

GROUNDING IN PARTNERSHIP

The Hood River Shelter has strong partnerships with local government, law enforcement, faith groups, social and health care providers, local businesses, and community volunteers

YEAR-ROUND SAFETY & STABILITY

Everyone in our community is safer when the Hood River Shelter is open - year round operations will provide the support needed to bridge gaps and build true long-term housing stability

DONATE

You can make a difference and be part of securing a **true long-term home** for the Hood River Shelter

Every gift brings us one step closer to a community where everyone has a safe & stable place to call home

We invite you to join us!

Learn more & donate:
MCCAC.com/HRShelter4all



HOOD RIVER SHELTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2026-2029

Phase 1 - site purchase and establishing shelter operations at the new location

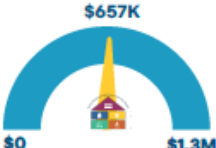
Phase 2 - site redevelopment to create a mini-Navigation Center with on site offices for MCCAC staff and community partners

LEARN MORE & DONATE

MCCAC.com/HRShelter4all

Help us reach our Phase 1 Fundraising goal!

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Church Calendar

Wednesday September 30

Thrift Shop CLOSED

Thursday October 01

1:30pm Chimes practice

5:30pm Thriving Team meeting

Saturday October 03

Thrift Shop CLOSED

Sunday October 04-FISH

Pastor Alicia gone (after church)04-07

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

Stewardship letters and pledge cards

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday October 06

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday September 07

Thrift Shop CLOSED

Thursday October 08

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday October 10

Thrift shop CLOSED

Sunday October 11-Recycling

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

Elder's meeting today following Worship!

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday October 13

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday October 14

Thrift shop CLOSED

Thursday October 15

1:30pm Chimes practice

5:30pm Board Meeting

Saturday October 17

Thrift shop CLOSED

Sunday October 18

Pastor Alicia gone (after church)18-21

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Scriptures for October 04, 2026

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19; Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Serving Sunday October 04, 2026

Elder this week

Betty Osborne

Communion prep

Judy Hiatt

Coffee hour

Jennifer Stager

Deacon

Sable + Layla

Scriptures for October 11, 2026

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Serving Sunday October 11, 2026

Elder this week

Jerry Sawyer

Communion prep

Maggie Strasser

Coffee hour

Betty Osborne

Deacon

Scott + Laurie

