



# Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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## August 20, 2024

### Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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## Wine, Women & the Word Wednesday August 21

Women are invited to gather at 4:00pm at Stave and Stone Winery at the Vineyard, 3827 Fletcher Dr, Hood River, for an hour of visiting, refreshments and scripture discussion.



### Special August Collection for FISH: Personal Care

**Bring your donations—we're wrapping this up next week.**

Women's Ministries is sponsoring a collection of personal care items for FISH Food Bank. **Travel size items are welcome.**

Body Wash Soap	Bar Soap	Wipes	Deodorant
Tooth Brushes	Toothpaste	Dental Floss	
Toilet Paper	Diapers	Feminine Hygiene Products	

As a food bank, FISH's primary mission is to provide nutritious food for hungry people but when the items listed above are available, they are greatly appreciated by clients at FISH. Thank you.

**Sunday Adult Study 9:30am** Now studying the parables of Jesus. A title for the series is "An Unexpected Kingdom." You are invited to join the study. Meet in the Vista Room, 9:30am-10:15am on Sundays.

## Sunday Worship

**9:30am Adult Sunday School**

**10:30am Worship**

### LINKS:

Sunday Worship August 11 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/3420971331541156>

Sunday Worship August 18 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/737756695106648>

**Ladies! Save the date** for another party on Saturday, September 14, at 2:00pm.  
All ladies are invited!

### **“Getting to Know You Part II Un-Birthday Party”**

1. Sign up by birthday month
2. Bring toiletries for FISH Food Bank
3. Bring the card on which you’ve written about a favorite birthday party you’ve enjoyed
4. Think of a wish for your birthday candle
5. Everyone come and enjoy the fun
6. Wear sparkles and get a prize

**RSVP is a must by September 8**

**Thelma 541 645-3748**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Layla, JJ & Rider	Sharon & Gordon Cook	Stacy	Vicki White
Katy White	Bonnie McCollister	Stacey Jubitz	Doris Lewis
Suze Nigl’s niece Trisha	Barbara Frasier’s friend Julie		Tedra Turner

David Nash has been in the hospital for a few days. He hopes to be home soon.

Lloyd Frasier is home after breaking several ribs in a fall. Pray for his continued healing.

Anse Hopkins is back home now.

Noel Lien is back after injuring his shoulder and spending some time in the Care Center. Please pray for continued healing.

Prayers for people who are affected by fires and smoke. Pray for firefighters battling the fires.

**Quarters (25 cents) Needed for Laundry Love** We can help by collecting quarters to use in the washers and dryers. A jar for collecting quarters is outside Alicia’s office. Thank you.

### ***A note from Dot Swyers***

To My Congregation:

What a great church family I have! My heart is bursting with joy and appreciation for all the help the ladies gave my family at my celebration. Thank you so much.

The crowd was overwhelming. I saw family members I hadn’t seen in years. It was wonderful.

I love you all.

God Bless You, Dot Swyers

### **News from Women’s Ministries**

***In case you missed it...***

For the past 10 years, Women’s Ministries has paid tuition of \$400 per year for a young Filipino boy, Rainier Bendanillo, whose family needed assistance. The school he attended is affiliated with Disciples’ Global Ministries. Our support now concludes as he turned 18 last month and graduated from high school. Here is his last letter:

“Dear friends at Hood River Valley, Good day ! I hope you are all fine. Me and my family are doing fine, also. Thank you for always thinking of me and supporting me, especially in my studies. During El Niño it was very hot in our classroom, but now in July at least the evenings are cooler. I finally graduated senior high school, with honors. I hope you are proud of me. I will be in college beginning in August, studying computer engineering. Again, thank you so much for everything and always being there for us. God bless. Love, Rainier”



To Hood River Valley CC and Rev. Alicia Speidel,

Our biennial Regional Assembly is before us! On **September 27 and 28** we will gather in Portland at First Christian Church to worship, celebrate, learn, and handle the region's business affairs, primarily electing our new officers.

Our Assemblies are open to all members and participants of congregations in the Region. Persons must be registered in order to vote and to attend workshops. Worship services are open to everyone.

We look forward to seeing you in Portland on September 27 & 28! Registration information is coming soon. Rev. Renee Bridwell

## **Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Friendship!**

**watch this space for more interesting articles about the history of HRVCC**



*In 2024 we celebrate 60 years of faith at Hood River Valley Christian Church! A small committee is planning a 60<sup>th</sup> celebration of 'thanksgiving' to be held Sunday, Nov. 17 following worship. Please mark your calendars now and share this date with your families!*

*The invitation to attend, to revisit our church's 60-year history and look to the future will go out to past and present members and families, retired pastors and others who have walked with us on our faith journey. With a theme of "60 Years of Sowing & Growing in Faith", we will celebrate with music, history, photos, memories and, of course, wonderful food and friendship. More announcements will be forthcoming, and your stories (which we'll be seeking!) will paint a rich church history for all to learn from and enjoy! We have been richly blessed by the Lord's steadfast presence in the life of our church. Thank you, everyone!*

*~~ Pastor Alicia*

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday August 21 Newsletter

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

**4:00pm Women Wine & the Word  
at Stave & Stone Winery**

7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

## Thursday August 22

7:00am Men's Bible Study

## Saturday August 24

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday August 25

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Tuesday August 27

10:00am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm TOPS group

## Wednesday August 28 No Newsletter

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

## Thursday August 29

7:00am Men's Bible Study

## Saturday August 31

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

## Saturday-Friday Aug 31-Sept 6

Pastor Alicia attending Pension Fund gathering in Washington DC

## Sunday September 1 FISH Food Bank Sunday

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship, Suze Nigl worship leader

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Monday September 2 Labor Day

Church office closed

## Tuesday September 3

10:00am Women's Bible Study

4:00pm TOPS group

## Wednesday September 4 Newsletter

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

## **Scriptures for Sunday August 25, 2024**

1 Kings 8Ⓢ1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 & Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:1—20

John 6:56-59

## **SERVING Sunday August 25, 2024**

**Elder this Week** Jerry Sawyer

**Communion prep** Leslie Hidle

**Coffee Hour** Carol & friends

**Deacons** Servers

*Thank you to our deacons for serving  
communion as needed each week*

## **Scriptures for Sunday September 1, 2024**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 & Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## **SERVING Sunday September 1, 2024**

**Elder this Week** Suze Nigl

**Communion prep** Mary Finley

**Coffee Hour** Jennifer & friends

**Deacons** Servers

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## **Church Staff Summer Schedule**

*The church newsletter will be published every other week (for most of the summer) beginning in mid-June. Schedules for two weeks will be included.*

August 22-26 Sable Duback is out of town.

August 31 – Sept 6 Pastor Alicia will be attending Pension Fund gathering in Washington, DC