

May 20, 2026



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time

10:30am

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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 May 17- [Facebook](#)



Sharon & Gordon Cook

Bev Carpenter

Sue Merry

Hardman Family

Repp family

Bud Harris

Bill & Lauree Winfield

John Olson

Tyler Luna

Hardman Family

Rich Nichols

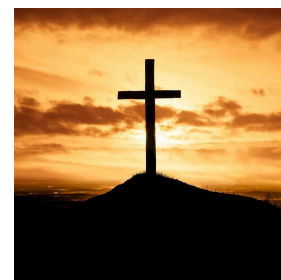
James Gaffney

*Prayers of strength and healing for Bill and Lauree Winfield as they were moved to Parkhurst.

* Prayers for healing for John Olson as he recovers from a broken hip.

* Prayers of peace and comfort for the family of Lee Repp as she passed peacefully in her sleep last week.

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



Reed Melby- 03

Fred Duckwall- 12

Emily Krager- 18

Nathan Olson- 22

Bruce Holmson- 30

Jimmy Lupoli- 05

Betty Osborne- 16

Rylee Akin- 19

Joan Lage- 27

Baseball is in my genes. It always has been. Growing up my dad was the coach of my brother's team from tball on up through little league. This meant our family was at the ball field often. Then in addition to that, my dad played for many years on city and church softball teams. That also meant we were at the ball field. As I got older then I started keeping score. I loved that. It kept me engaged for sure.

I also was generally pretty vocal at the games, cheering for our team and making it clear who I was rooting for. Shoot, I still do that today with Jackson's teams, Hood River or the Mariners. I am all in. Which it's clear baseball is in Jackson's genes too. Ever since he was little it has been his sport. I love it. Geoff has coached Jackson. I have kept score. And of course I have cheered.

Baseball has created connections in my family growing up and still today. I mean most have known my parents and Kailey from coming to so many games. Plus the memories will be forever present. What in your life has created connections like this? Who are those corrections with? What are those memories? Celebrate them, think of them often and let them bring back those internal feelings. It will make your heart warm and give you a different perspective for the day.

~Pastor Alicia

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



Thriving
Congregations

**Pastor's
message**



As a local nonprofit serving Wasco, Hood River, and Sherman counties, we at Columbia Gorge CASA would appreciate any mention of our upcoming events.

Columbia Gorge CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is inviting community members to take action for some of the region's most vulnerable children by attending two upcoming events focused on awareness, connection, and volunteer recruitment.

“We anticipate serving over 100 children this fiscal year—the highest number in recent years,” said Executive Director Christopher Janetzko. “Even so, there are still around 20 children on our waitlist that could benefit from having a dedicated advocate by their side.”

CASA empowers trained volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. After completing training, volunteers are sworn in by a judge and become a consistent, independent voice in court—helping ensure each child's best interests are heard and prioritized. Through steady, one-on-one support, CASA advocates play a pivotal role in helping children find safe, stable, and permanent homes.

To meet this need for volunteer advocates, Columbia Gorge CASA is hosting upcoming events designed to inform, inspire, and welcome new volunteers:

Ribbon Cutting & CASA 101 in The Dalles

Date: Thursday, June 4

Time: 4:30–6:30 PM

Location: Copper West Building, 314 Lincoln St, The Dalles

Celebrate the opening of Columbia Gorge CASA's new satellite office while connecting with current advocates and learning how to make a difference. The event will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, meet-and-greet with current volunteers, and a CASA 101 informational session, along with appetizers and beverages.

Community members, professionals, and anyone passionate about supporting children are encouraged to attend one or both events. RSVPs are appreciated but not required. To RSVP, email: chayes@gorgecasa.org. For more information about Columbia Gorge CASA visit gorgecasa.org.

Be a Secret Sister for a Summer

Women of the church are invited to be a Secret Sister for a Summer. Contact Mary Anne with the name of who you would like to be a secret sister for June, July and August. You will receive personal information to help your outreach.



Women's Ministries, for a second year, is supporting Tsering Tasha at the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center, Gape O. Ndayi at the Lephoi Center for the Blind, and Miss Mercy Deva Kumasi at the Elder Family Village Farm. These relationships are made possible by Global Missions of the Disciples of a Christ and United Church of Christ. See the

bulletin board for photos and more information.



Please join us on Saturday, June 6 @ 2pm at the Hood River Valley Christian Church for the Celebration of life for Nola Hardman.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Final Performance Before Summer Break

Sunday, May 31, marks a special occasion for our music ministry! The Chimes Choir will be playing during the morning service for their final performance before taking a well-deserved summer hiatus.

Come fill the pews and lift your spirits as they share their last selection of beautiful music with us before the warm months ahead.

A Note of Gratitude: We want to extend a massive thank you to all of our dedicated Chimes Choir members and director.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and energy to beautifully enrich our worship services week after week.

Looking Ahead: The Chimes Choir will be on break through June, July, and August. Keep an eye on the bulletin late this summer for details on when rehearsals will kick back up in the fall. We can't wait to hear them again!

Prayer Sunday

Sunday, May 24, invites a meaningful shift toward communal worship and spiritual devotion. By gathering in a shared space, it offers the opportunity to connect with faith and find strength in a collective voice. This focus on worship provides a sanctuary from the demands of the everyday, fostering a sense of peace and spiritual renewal that carries through the rest of the week.



Celebrate Pentecost: Wear Red & Support Our Mission!

On Sunday, May 31, we celebrate one of the most vibrant and vital days in the church calendar: Pentecost Sunday.

Pentecost marks the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the early disciples, arriving like a rushing wind and tongues of fire. It is often called the "birthday of the church"—the moment a timid group of believers was transformed into a bold, multicultural movement that carried the love of Christ to the ends of the earth.

To help us visualize the fire of the Holy Spirit and the passion of our faith, we invite everyone to wear red this Sunday! Whether it's a favorite sweater, a bright tie, or a bold scarf, let's fill the sanctuary with a sea of red as a powerful symbol of our unity and shared fire.

Our Pentecost Special Offering

Just as the Holy Spirit compelled the early church to look outward and serve, Pentecost calls us to action today. This Sunday, we will collect our annual Pentecost Special Offering.

Your generous gifts to this offering directly impact lives by supporting:

- **Children and Youth Ministries:** Equipping the next generation of faith leaders.
- **Young Adult Guidance:** Helping young people discern their calling and serve in mission.
- **At-Risk Children Programs:** Providing vital resources and support to vulnerable youth in our community and beyond.

Come ready to celebrate, wear your brightest red, and let us discern how the Spirit is moving among us today!

See you Sunday!

Honoring Emily Krager: Sunday, June 7

A Celebration of Musical Gifts & Worship Ministry

Please join us for worship on Sunday, June 7, as we take time to honor and celebrate Emily Krager.

Emily has blessed our congregation immensely with her incredible musical gifts. Her talent, dedication, and heart for ministry have deeply enriched our worship experience and brought us closer together.

Join the Celebration: We want to shower Emily with our collective appreciation! Please plan to stay for a brief reception immediately following the service to share your personal thanks, enjoy some light refreshments, and celebrate the wonderful impact she has made on our community. (There will be cards on the table in the Narthex to sign.)

Thank you, Emily, for sharing your spirit and song with us!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to our friends at Riverside Community Church for their incredibly generous donation of \$760 to our Laundry Love ministry!

Laundry Love is a vital initiative that helps individuals and families in our community who are facing financial hardship. By paying for their laundry needs, this ministry ensures that those in need have access to clean clothes—restoring dignity, health, and hope one load at a time.

The Impact: This wonderful gift of \$760 will directly translate into hundreds of clean shirts, pants, and blankets for our neighbors, taking a huge financial weight off their shoulders.

Thank you, Riverside Community Church, for partnering with us, living out your faith in action, and helping us spread love and cleanliness throughout our community. Your generosity truly makes a difference!

*Thank
you!*

Church Calendar

Wednesday May 20

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Thursday May 21

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Pastor Alicia out of town May 22-25

Saturday May 22

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Sunday May 24

9:30am Lectionary Preview

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday May 26

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday May 27

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Thursday May 28

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday May 30

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10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday June 02

10:00am Women's Bible Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Wednesday June 03

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

Thursday June 04

8:00am Men's bible study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday June 06

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

Sunday June 07

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Scriptures for May 24, 2026

Acts 2:1-21 or numbers 11:24-34

Psalm 104:24-34,35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23 or 70:37-39

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Communion prep

Kathy Holmson

Coffee hour

Carol Sabins

Deacon

Sue and Woody

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