



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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September 13, 2023

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

Interim Minister

Rev. Holly Greenidge 503 381-8027

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September 23

Women's Dessert Party!

Women's Ministries is having a "Getting to Know You" dessert party on Saturday, September 23, 2-4:00pm at the church. Thelma and her committee are planning the event. It will feature dessert and everyone is invited to bring their hobby. Special recognition of the ladies who do such admirable jobs for our church. They hope people will come via carpool (Thelma is coordinating rides). Mark your calendar!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Adult Sunday school classes, nursery available

10:30am Sunday Worship

LINK:

Sunday Worship Sept 3 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1011239306736292>

Sunday Worship Sept 10 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/687067729949162>

Special Music

Sept 17 Dawn Rankin
(flute) accompanied
by Mary Anne Parrott

Our chimes choir needs to add a new member

Mary Anne Parrott is an awesome, patient and gifted leader, and we have a ton of fun as we learn and grow. None of us were chimers until we joined the group, and we are always learning together. Just one rehearsal each Thursday at 1:30pm in the fellowship hall, and we play on average every three to four weeks. Call or email Mary Anne 909-239-7314 or parrottmaryanne@gmail.com) "A good time is always had by all!"

About Church Giving

Online Giving To donate online to Hood River Valley Christian Church, go to <http://www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com/donate/> and make a donation

Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App

on your Smartphone or tablet. A onetime gift can be made or you can set up online giving on a regular basis. **USPS Mail** You can also give to Hood River Valley Christian Church by mailing a check to: HRVCC 975 Indian Creek Road, Hood River, OR 97031

In the Sanctuary For offerings and tithes, there is a deposit box at the entrance of the sanctuary, inside the double doors. Offerings may be dropped off at any time.

An Invitation! Coffee Hour Travelogue Talk September 24, after worship

The Nifty Nineties—all nine of us—are at it again! We are offering you a second-hand armchair travelogue by the Rev. Jerry Sawyer & Gladys Sawyer. Their recent two week river cruise took them from Amsterdam to Bucharest. So get your goodies and coffee, enjoy the social time, then go on a photo excursion titled "Into All the World".
Thelma Warnock

Sunday, September 24, following worship in the Fellowship Hall

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney	Sharon & Gordon Cook	Lauree Winfield	Vicki White
Bev Thomas	Katy White	Stacey Jubitz	Bonnie McCollister
David Nash	Nancy Krieg	Suze Nigl's niece Trisha	

++Chrystal Akin's friend Jared, 16 years old being treated for a recurrence of leukemia.

New Keypad Lock Kiddie City day care has installed a keypad lock on the lower outer door closest to their classes for their staff and parents to use. If you also use that door, please see Kathy in the office for the 4 digit code.

BIG Thank You!

Thanks to Bob Kummer for mowing the church lawn and cleaning up debris around the building for us.

Thanking Our Church Financial Secretaries Laurie Crosswhite and Barbara Ritoch have served many years as church financial secretaries, faithfully recording our offerings, tithes and other donations on a weekly basis. We have so appreciated their consistent dedication, reliability, and professionalism. Joanie, Mary, Sharon, and Suze will try their best to continue that dedication and consistency.

Thanks for September 3 Hymn Sing Sunday
Church Family....I so apologize for not thanking Mary Anne and Betty for screening and determining the winning hymns and MaryAnne for providing the additional information on each hymn for the worship service today and, of course, thanking Emily and Nola for contributing their musical expertise. We are truly blessed. Suze



Fall Wall Hanging Raffle to Help Meet Needs on Maui

You will notice a lovely autumn-themed, quilted wall hanging as you pass thru the Church entry. The fabric was donated through the Thriftshop and Barbara Frazier, one member of the quilting group, used her talents and time to design, sew, and quilt the wall hanging. Thank you Barbara!

The wall hanging will be raffled, then awarded to the winner of the raffle on September 24th, the second day of fall. Where will the proceeds go? Week of Compassion is partnering with local ecumenical partners on Maui to assist with immediate and long-term needs of people affected by wildfires on Maui. Proceeds will go to The Maui related Week of Compassion fund.

Tickets for the raffle will be available this Sunday thru Sunday September 17th. They can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. Thank you!



We've been cleaning out some kitchen drawers and have found a lot of unmatched flatware. Maybe you brought a setting to a potluck a while back and find you're missing a fork, spoon, or knife at home? Stop by the table in the fellowship hall and see if any of these are yours.

Recent donations for FISH Food Bank

Many thanks for the donations for FISH that have come in over the past few weeks. \$456 was donated in August and September and on September 8th Kathy Holmson dropped off 55 lbs of food to FISH. Thank you for helping feed hungry people in Hood River.

SABBATICAL NEWS



INTERIM MINISTER While Pastor Alicia is on sabbatical, Pastor Holly Greenidge will serve as interim minister. Holly will lead worship on September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22 and November 5. Every Sunday Holly is in worship, she will also be present for pastoral visits, meetings, questions and discussions on that Monday or Tuesday. Make sure to reach out if you have a need or simply want to get to know her better.

Pastor Holly's contact information is phone 503 381-8027 email hollygreenidge@gmail.com

If you have a need or concern while Pastor Alicia is away, please reach out to our Interim Minister Holly Greenidge, one of our elders, Kathy in the church office, or a member of the sabbatical committee (Mary Anne Parrott, Betty Osborne, Suze Nigl, Sharon Smiley and Wes Bailey).



Rev. Steve Knox, preaching September 10 & 17

Steve's journey in ministry began with youth ministries at First Christian Church in Junction City (where his father, Gilbert Knox, was Pastor), and Coquille, Oregon. After Bushnell University (NCC), he and his wife Christy moved to Alhambra, California, where he served as Associate Minister. After Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, the family moved to Waitsburg, Washington, his first solo pastorate. Then he served the church in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. And finally, the journey took him and his family to the church in Silverton, Oregon.

The journey included missions to Mexico and Ecuador, youth camps & campouts, a bazillion sermons, weddings, funerals, and hospital calls, much sorrow and much more joy, and a lotta potlucks. He retired in 2020 and continues to enjoy camping, fishing, spoiling his grandkids, and occasional preaching.



Be in prayer During sabbatical you are invited to be in prayer. Pray for the congregation. Pray for the ministries of the church. Pray for Pastor Alicia. Pray for Geoff, Kailey, and Jackson. Pray for yourself. Pray that all will "savor" this time as we learn, grow and deepen our faith. This is a time to be intentional in our prayer lives.

What are we savoring? Every Sunday during the sabbatical there will be a time at the end of worship to write down the answers to the questions "What did you savor today? What did you savor in worship, in the life of the church, in this faith community?"

In addition, Pastor Alicia will be answering what she savored each day, as well as those who join her during her sabbatical. These will then be shared with the congregation at a later date.



RECYCLING NEWS!

For Second Sunday Recycling, we will begin a new schedule in a October. Below is one list for the even numbered months, another list for the odd numbered months; we will cover all recyclable items in each two- month period. This list is available in the narthex on half sheets you may take home.

Even-numbered months (October, December, etc.)

Clear clamshells

#1, #3, #4, #5, and #7

Prescription bottles and caps

Unused medications for safe disposal

Plastic film such as bags, bubble wrap, mailers

Odd-numbered months (November, January, etc.)

#2, #6

Plastic caps and lids with a # and those without a # (keep separate)

Plastic straws and liquid pumps

Foam: trays, containers, blocks and coolers

Miscellaneous: small electronics, laptop computers, cell phones
wires, Christmas lights

Note: these items for recycling must be clean and dry. If you can't identify the number in the triangle, bring it anyway; we'll have a miscellaneous container for these hard-to-read marks on most plastic items these days. There is no need to bring items accepted by community recycling such as bottles and jugs with a neck smaller than its base. If you have questions, check with Mary Anne Parrott.

Please make a cash contribution to cover the cost of recycling if you bring items.

FISH Food Bank September 2023 Coordinators Newsletter

Summer seems to be quickly coming to an end which means that it is harvest time once again.

The advantage of living in our beautiful valley is all the wonderful fruit and vegetables that are grown here. And the willingness of orchardists, farmers, and home gardeners to share all the wonderful foods they have grown. Right now, at the food bank our refrigerator is busting at the doors with fresh fruits like peaches, tomatoes, apples, and plums. There is a large assortment of vegetables like lettuce, egg plants, cucumbers and of course squash.

It is heartwarming to see the delight on the faces of all our clients when they get to pick all the delicious fresh produce for their families. Families are thrilled when I encourage them to take a second box of fresh peaches or the giant zucchini. This is only possible because we live in such a giving community. Thank you to all who have shared their fruits and vegetables with FISH.

Another result of living in our bountiful valley is there is also an influx of families and individuals to help with the harvest of the fruit. If you look back over the years, there is always an increase in client numbers during the summer and fall months. However, this year appears to reach a new all-time high. One day in July, we served over 80 families in one evening. Once the cherry-picking season was complete, the numbers dropped to a more manageable number. However, in the last couple of weeks in August there has once again been an increase in client numbers. One day on a Wednesday we served 75 families, with both the morning and afternoon distribution. The number of families would have been about 9 more, except some of the farmworkers decided to shop 2 individuals together.

As always, I am impressed at how all the volunteers stepped up and helped our clients with a smile. Because it is FISH's policy to serve any family in need, we are seeing clients from all around the Columbia Gorge. I often ask why they choose to come to FISH, and the answers are usually always the same, because we are friendly and our food selection.

As a testament to how we serve our clients I want to share part of a thank you note I received from one of our clients.

"Thank you for Believing that I'm worth it and the Blessings you and your crew have provided. I can't say thank you Enough! I appreciate all of my chances you've helped support to find a way to continue life in a new GOOD WAY."

'I'm thankful for all the volunteers/crew members, staff that have helped add positivity to my rehabilitation."

"It feels good to Be Blessed by so many good people while going through my out-patient mental health rehabilitation and recovery for socialization and regular living on Earth with other humans."

As you can see this individual is struggling with many issues, but she sees us as a strong support to help her through her journey. This is because we do believe that every person is worth it and everyone deserves to have good healthy food.

This letter is just one example of how our help is appreciated. We often receive many small gifts of appreciation, such as earrings, fresh salmon, and bracelets. The other day one of our volunteers gave a young client a ride to the upper valley and the client asked the volunteer to take a \$50 bill to FISH for a donation. As volunteers and workers for FISH Bank we have touched so many lives in so many ways. I personally feel blessed to be able to be involved in this organization.

Enjoy the cooler weather and take advantage of the great fall weather.

Billie Stevens

FISH Food Bank 541-490-5109

HRVCC will be serving at FISH distributions in the afternoon October 9, 11, 13

We help escort shoppers through the FISH "store". This is a great way for us to be present in our community helping those who need food assistance.

Would you like to help out? For more information talk to any of our faithful FISH volunteers—Judy, Suze, Barb, Mary Anne, Rod, Leslie, Kathy, Melissa, Jennifer.

Church Calendar

Wednesday September 13

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday September 14

7:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chime Choir practice

Saturday September 16

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Sunday September 17

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday September 19

10:00am Women's Bible Study

3:00pm TOPS group meets

Wednesday September 20

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday September 21

7:00am Men's Study

11:30am GEM meeting, Vista Room

1:30pm Chime Choir practice

Saturday September 23

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

2-4:00pm Women's dessert party

Sunday September 24

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

11:30am Jerry Sawyer coffee hour speaker

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday September 26

10:00am Women's Bible Study

3:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday September 27

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Scriptures for Sunday September 17, 2023

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

SERVING Sunday September 17, 2023

Elder this Week Rod/Thelma

Communion prep Mary Finley

AV Tech Chance & JJ

Coffee Hour Frances & friends

Deacons Serving Team #3

Betty Osborne, Tatum Wyatt, Linda Meyers

Scriptures for Sunday September 24, 2023

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

SERVING Sunday September 24, 2023

Elder this Week Jerry Sawyer

Communion prep Kathy Holmson

AV Tech Laurie

Coffee Hour Carol & friends

Deacons Serving Team #1

Woody & Sue Eskildsen