



# Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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## May 1, 2024

### Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

### Minister

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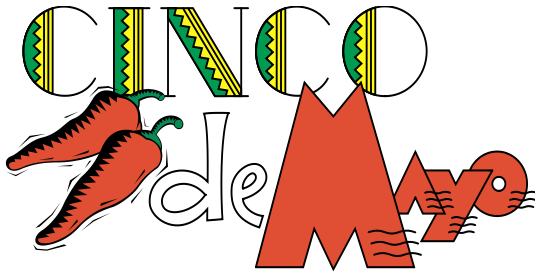
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### In sync with the observance of Cinco de Mayo,

which occurs next Sunday, the worship prelude will feature arrangements of three songs in our hymnal which are from the Hispanic tradition and whose words are printed in both Spanish and English. These are "When We Are Living" (#536); "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (#342); "When the Poor Ones" (#662).

## Sunday May 5

9:30am Adult Sunday School in Vista Room

10:30am Worship

11:30am Coffee and visiting

Special Music

Jo Herring

Margaret Marshall

### LINKS:

Sunday Worship April 28 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1542898419613443>

## May 5 Collecting for FISH Food Bank

**Let's Celebrate Cinco de Mayo Together with a Cause!**

**Share your Cinco de Mayo celebration by providing festive meals to Hood River families. Bring your donations for FISH to church on Sunday.**

**Here's how you can help: 🌶️**

Any non perishable food is welcome but consider donating these much wanted items:

Canned jalapeños

Mole sauce

Enchilada sauce

Canned corn

Salsa

Taco seasoning

Dried peppers

Tortilla chips

**Cinco de Mayo celebration for a cause!**

**Gracias!**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney  
Katy White  
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Sharon & Gordon Cook  
Bonnie McCollister  
Barbara Frasier's friend Julie

Lauree Winfield  
Stacey Jubitz  
Doris Lewis

Vicki White  
Tedra Turner

Pray for peace where there is war.

**Our thanks to Bruce Holmson** who has been cleaning up the church grounds and busy making repairs to the church irrigation system--figuring out the irrigation schedule for our property and those of our neighbors who are also on the schedule (it's harder than you'd think!)  
Thank you, Bruce!



Women's Ministries will host four Salads for Six luncheons at the end of May.

These will be in the homes of Margaret Marshall (Tuesday, the 21st); Margaret Strasser (Thursday, the 23rd); Betty Osborne (Friday, the 24th); and Leslie Hidle (Wednesday, the 29th).

There is space for five attendees in addition to the hostess, and each is asked to bring a salad (carton from the deli is fine!). Each is at noon. Sign up sheets are at the front table. There is also a sheet to sign if none of these dates is convenient or if the spaces fill up; if so, an additional Salads for Six will be scheduled. This is a fellowship event but will include an interest finder for Women's Ministries activities. For more information, see Thelma or Mary Anne.



*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*

**Cherishing time with friends.** This past Sunday and Monday Geoff and I spent time with close friends on a sheep farm in Eastern Oregon. Yes, we were on a sheep farm where there were baby lambs and ewes. They were so cute. We helped herd the mamas and their babies to be safe for the night and for milking in the morning. It was a whole new experience for us. And probably not a part of our future plans.

The woman running the sheep farm was a friend of our friend's, hence why we stayed there. This time wasn't about being with the sheep though. It was about being with friends, laughing, telling stories, relaxing and just being loved. It was so needed on so many different levels. I cherished this time and will hold it for years to come.

Time like this is important. Sometimes we forget that or we get too busy to make it a priority. It fills us in ways we don't even realize. It is vital to being grounded and deepening those friendships. I am so thankful I had this time and will make sure it happens again.

**Alicia**

## Each Wednesday at 7:00pm we are asked to pray for our church.



### Ways to engage in prayer for this faith community:

- \*Go through the church directory, praying for every individual listed there.
- \*Pray for the various small groups: women's Bible study, men's Bible study, youth group, children's worship and wonder, chimes, quilters, church board, program council, women's ministries and others.
- \*Pray for the outreach this church is engaged in.
- \*Pray for the staff.
- \*Pray for the individuals and groups who enter the church building and grounds.
- \*Visually move through each area of the church, stopping to pray for the ministry that occurs in that area and the people who pass through it.

\*Pray with a scripture passage or a particular reading or a song or an image.

\*Pray for possibility and the Spirit moving in ways already known and in ways yet to be discovered.

\*Select a scripture passage (maybe Jeremiah 17:7-8) to use lectio divina with the following steps:

1. Sit quietly and center yourself
2. For the first reading, simply read the passage.
3. For the second reading, read the passage more slowly and listen for the word, phrase or image that stands out.
4. For the third reading, attend to what is going on inside of you when you hear the word, phrase or image that stood out for you.
5. For the fourth and final reading, contemplate the way God is present to you and how God may be leading you in response to what you were paying attention to.
6. Give thanks to God for this time of prayer.



## SECOND SUNDAY RECYCLING ~ May 12

### Bring the following items

#### #2, #6 plastic

**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**

Notes:

- ~ These items for recycling must be clean and dry.
- ~ Please make a cash contribution to cover the cost of recycling.
- ~ 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.

***REMEMBER: recycling is good—but curtailing purchase or use of plastic as much as possible is MUCH BETTER!***

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday May 1

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

## Thursday May 2

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
1:30pm Chime Choir practice

## Saturday May 4

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday May 5 FISH Food Bank Sunday

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Monday, Tuesday, Thursday May 6, 7, 9

8:30am-4:00pm Piano Teacher recitals here

## Tuesday May 7

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
4:00pm TOPS group

## Wednesday May 8

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open  
7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

## Thursday May 9

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
1:30pm Chime Choir practice

## Saturday May 11

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday May 12 Recycling Sunday

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Tuesday May 14

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
4:00pm TOPS group

## Wednesday May 15

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open  
7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

### **Scriptures for Sunday May 5, 2024**

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

### **SERVING Sunday May 5, 2024**

**Elder this Week** Chrystal Akin  
**Communion prep** Kailey Speidel  
**Coffee Hour** Jennifer & Friends  
**Deacons** **Servers**

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### **Scriptures for Sunday May 12, 2024**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

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**Elder this Week** Jerry Sawyer  
**Communion prep** Barb Ritoch  
**Coffee Hour** Barb & Friends  
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