



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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MARCH 20, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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HRVCC Higher Education Scholarships Church Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. Deadline for the application is March 30th. Pick up an application in the church office or contact Kathy Holmson at hrcchurch@gmail.com to have one sent to you by email.

***Sunday March 24 Bring candy and small treats for filling Easter eggs** for the egg hunt for children. There is a collection basket in the lobby. We will be filling eggs during coffee hour.

Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship, with Children Worship & Wonder

Special Music

March 24

Piano Duet

Margaret

& Mary Anne

LINKS:

Sunday Worship March 17 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/369873622683801>

Lenten Project Supports Summer Needs of the Houseless *collecting small items at the church*

During the Sundays of Lent—February 18 through March 24—we will be collecting small items helpful to houseless residents in our area this summer. **Four specific things are requested: refillable water bottles, small containers of sunscreen, lip balm, and non-perishable, individually wrapped snacks.** You will find a large decorative sack in the narthex in which these items may be placed. Thanks for helping neighbors out in a small, but meaningful way.

Sharing Our Paths for Lent



Lent is the solemn 40-day period from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14 this year) to Easter when we prepare spiritually for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It can be a time of fasting or self-discipline, such as giving up something of importance. Let's take a different approach! Besides what we may opt to give up, let's also think about what we savor about Lent or what we may choose to add during Lent. You'll find a flipchart and markers in the narthex (no names necessary) to share your thoughts.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and family

EASTER WEEK EVENTS

At Hood River Valley Christian Church

March 24-31



PREPARING FOR
Easter



Sunday, March 24

**10:30am Palm Sunday worship
with palm processional**

Filling eggs for Easter Egg hunt during coffee hour

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday only on Facebook

For Maundy Thursday, March 28, there will be a pre-recorded service available on the church's Facebook page @ 6pm. You are invited to gather communion elements and worship together to recognize the journey Jesus took on those final days before Easter. Thank you to Mary Anne, Betty, Laurie and Alicia for recording this service.

Sunday, March 31

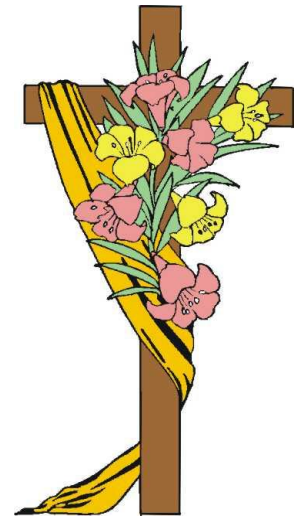
Easter Sunday

**9:30am Continental style breakfast
(fundraiser for church Youth)**

Come enjoy a simple Easter breakfast with pastries, sausage links, fruit and beverages at 9:30am on Easter morning. Thank you to the youth and Betty Osborne for making it happen. (Free will offerings will go toward youth activities such as church camp.)

10:30am Easter Worship

Bring flowers for our floral cross



**Easter
Egg
Hunt**

11:30am EASTER EGG HUNT for kids

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Sharon & Gordon Cook
Stacey Jubitz
Barbara Frazier's friend Julie

Lauree Winfield
Bonnie McCollister
The Wirt Family

Vicki White
David Nash
Skip Swyers

Pray for peace where there is war.



The Pastor's COLUMN

Sunshine! The sunshine this week has been amazing. The warmth beating on your skin. The blue sky so radiant and vast. The flowers opening up their buds. Plus, sitting outside working and enjoying the beauty. It has been absolutely lovely. The temperature has been perfect. It has been pretty darn amazing. And then in a couple of days the temperature is going to drop and the rain comes back. Which is just in time for spring break. I am thrilled!

Weather in Oregon definitely does this and has for years. Spring break generally brings rain. It just goes with the territory. And even though that's the case, we still have to make the most of it. We have to dance in the rain. We have to choose different activities. We have to embrace what our surroundings are.

So, yes, we will walk on the beach next week in the midst of the weather. We will play games, read books, watch movies and just hang out inside when the weather is too miserable. It'll be an adventure as it always is. That is how to live life. To make the most of the situation. To assess your surroundings and figure out what is possible. This is true no matter where you are, whom you are with and what you are doing. So, bring on the rain and hopefully a few sun breaks too.

Alicia



Quarters (25 cents) needed for Laundry Love Pastor Alicia recently hosted Laundry Love to help folks in need wash clothes at Eco Laundry. She reminds us to collect quarters for the washers and dryers. A jar for collecting quarters is outside Alicia's office. Thank you.

Notes from Women's Ministries

Coordinator Needed: a volunteer to be coordinator for the coming year (or a co-leader with the current coordinator) and volunteers for organizing activities similar to those listed above. See coordinator Mary Anne Parrott.



Protecting God's World

Articles on Earth Care Needed A resource is needed for Earth Sunday, April 21, and your help is solicited to prepare. Pastor Alicia is collecting short clippings from newspapers and magazines on the topic of Earth care—problems needing to be solved, ideas and resources for doing the solving, etc. These clippings need to be short—approximately 2-4 inches (newspaper-sized column) and likely will be just a key part of a larger article; photocopies are acceptable. Place them in the basket by Alicia's office door **no later than April 7.**

Need to remove your snow tires?

Lupoli's Mobile Tire Service

(HRVCC's own Jimmy Lupoli)

"Lupoli's Mobile Tire provides exceptional service that's brought to you! We meet your tire needs including new tires, mount and balance, flat repairs and much more. Call us today to get things rolling!"

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Church Calendar

Wednesday March 20

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
4:00pm Women, Wine & the Word
At Stave & Stone at the Vineyard

Thursday March 21

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

Saturday March 23

9:00am-12:00pm Master Gardeners

Sunday March 24

9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship
11:30am Filling Easter eggs
during coffee hour
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Monday-Friday March 25-29

Pastor Alicia will be out of town

Tuesday March 26

10:00am Women's bible study
4:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday March 27

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
5:00-9:00pm Master Gardeners

Thursday Friday March 28-29

Kathy will be out of the office

Thursday March 28 Maundy Thursday

7:00am Men's Bible Study
1:30pm Chime Choir practice
6:00pm Maundy Thursday service
only on Facebook

Saturday March 30

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Sunday March 31 Easter Sunday

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

Tuesday April 2

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

Wednesday April 3

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
5:00-9:00pm Master Gardeners

Scriptures for Sunday March 24, 2024

Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

SERVING Sunday March 24, 2024

Elder this Week Chrystal Akin
Communion prep Mary Finley
Coffee Hour Carol & Friends
Deacons **Servers**

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

Scriptures for Sunday March 31, 2024

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
Joah 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

SERVING Sunday March 31, 2024

Elder this Week Jerry Sawyer
Communion prep Barbara Ritoch
Coffee Hour Betty & friends; HRVCC Youth
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Staff Schedule

March 25-30

Pastor Alicia will be out of town (spring break)

March 27-28

Kathy out of the office