



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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November 20, 2023

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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Getting Ready for Advent *Advent, the season of anticipation and waiting, begins December 3. Now preparations begin.*

Advent Booklet We will be printing a booklet about savoring memories of Christmas. Everyone is invited to submit a favorite story, recipe, or remembrance for inclusion. Please bring your Advent Booklet submissions to the church by November 21. A colorful form will be available on the narthex table next Sunday; they need to be brought back the following week, by November 21st.

Poinsettias to "deck the hall" will be for sale on November 19 and 26. Order forms will be in the lobby.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Adult Sunday school classes

10:30am Worship

LINK:

Sunday Worship Nov 19 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/358814649876810>

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney
Katy White
Fred Duckwall
John Nigl

Sharon & Gordon Cook
Stacey Jubitz
Linda Thomas

Lauree Winfield
Bonnie McCollister
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Vicki White
David Nash
Jared

Please pray for the family of Doris Jensen. Doris died November 17.

Several of our church members are ill with Covid.

Frances Henne is home now and would love to hear from friends with a phone call.

Wednesday Thriftshop Needed If you are able help on a Wednesday 9am-noon (once a month) please talk to Barb Ritoch.



The Pastor's COLUMN

Giving Thanks As we give thanks this week and call attention to how important it is to give thanks, I am thankful to be back worshipping, leading and being with everyone again. Thank you for so warmly welcoming me back. Thank you for welcoming back my family. Thank you for sharing your love with me yet again. I look forward to slowly catching up and touching base with you all. It will definitely take time. So thank you in advance for patience as I reach out and accomplish what is on my to do lists. Yes, I have multiple to do lists! Have a great Thanksgiving week. May we all raise our thanks to God as we practice being thankful. **Alicia**



Women's Annual Christmas Dinner

A Christmas dinner for women of the church will be at Stonehedge Restaurant on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$25; reservations can be made beginning November 19 through December 3 at the narthex table.



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

The Worship Committee is sponsoring "Poinsettias for Christmas" to use for decorating the sanctuary during the Advent Season.

The cost will be \$17.00 each. Please order by November 26.

Please place order form and money/check in envelope and leave it in the Poinsettias may be taken home to enjoy after the Christmas Eve service or the following Sunday.

Name _____
Date _____

Please designate if your poinsettias is in 'honor of' or 'in memory of' each individual.

1. Name _____ in honor of _____ in memory of _____
2. Name _____ in honor of _____ in memory of _____



Free Thanksgiving Dinner at Riverside Church (from Columbia Gorge News)

HOOD RIVER — A free Thanksgiving dinner will be offered again this year in the Riverview Room at Riverside Community Church in Hood River. With the support of Gorge Ecumenical Ministries and other community partners, the dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23. All are welcome — singles, families, groups of friends and those of all ages.

The menu, prepared by Chef James Holloway and a volunteer crew, will consist of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, local squash, veggies, dinner rolls, and pie. Local pianists Diane Allen and Tom Kaser will play during dinner.

Volunteers are needed to help the week prior to the event and on Thanksgiving Day. Volunteer needs include food preparation, meal delivery, hospitality (set up, clean up and serving) and food procurement. Volunteers are asked to please sign up by contacting the volunteer coordinator, Lisa Matthisen, at 541-645-4184. Please indicate your area of interest.

Delivered meals will be limited to families and individuals without transportation or with medical conditions that prevent them from attending in person. If you are unable to attend in person, contact Graciela Gomez at 971-322-8927 to arrange delivery.

Riverside Community Church, United Church of Christ, is located at 317 State St. in downtown Hood River. Riverside and community partners have been offering the dinner since 2015, except during the pandemic. Any donations above and beyond this year's need will be saved for next year.

FISH Food Bank

12 Days of Giving

Please help stock our shelves with these most needed food items.

(Please deliver to FISH by December 18, 2023)

Cereal Oatmeal (low sugar)

Canned Soup/Stew

Rice 1 or 2 lb bag

Canned Ham

Crackers Condiments

Jelly/Jam

Juice

Healthy snacks (nuts, granola bars, dried fruit)

Canned Peppers (jalapenos, chilies)

Olive/Vegetable Oil

Flour Masa



*Mid-Columbia Community Choir
presents*

A Weary World Rejoices

Benefit Concerts:

**Hood River Valley Christian
December 2 at 7:00 pm
975 Indian Creek Road
Hood River, OR**

**Grace Baptist Church
December 3 at 4:00 pm
1280 West Jewett Blvd
White Salmon, WA**

Church Calendar

Wednesday November 22

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

Thursday-Friday November 23-24



**Thanksgiving
Church office
closed**

THANKSGIVING

Sunday November 26

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

Tuesday November 28

10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday November 29

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

Thursday November 30

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

Saturday December 2

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

7:00pm Community Choir Concert, here



Come
Decorate for
Christmas

Saturday December 2

10:00am-noon
Decorate the church for
Advent

Sunday December 3 First Sunday in Advent

FISH Food Bank Sunday

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

Monday December 4

6:30-8:30pm VOCl rehearsal, sanctuary

Tuesday December 5

10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday December 6

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

Scriptures for Sunday Nov 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

SERVING Sunday Nov 26, 2023

Elder this Week	Suze Nigl
Communion prep	Kailey Speidel
AV Tech	
Coffee Hour	Carol & friends
Deacons	Serving Team #1 Woody & Sue Eskildsen

Scriptures for Sunday December 3, 2023

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

SERVING Sunday December 3, 2023

Elder this Week	Chrystal Akin
Communion prep	Joanie Logan
AV Tech	
Coffee Hour	Jennifer & friends
Deacons	Serving Team #3 Betty Osborne, Tatum Wyatt