



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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October 18, 2023

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

Interim Minister

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**Kathy Holmson will be
out of town
October 23-24
No newsletter Oct 25**



October is Stewardship Month

October worship services feature a focus on our stewardship.

Please return pledge cards by October 29.

Sunday October 22 Jelani Greenidge (Holly's husband) will be our guest musician

Jelani is a passionate communicator and serves in a full-time role as missional storyteller for the Evangelical Covenant Church. Jelani's biography is included inside the newsletter. Join us Sunday as he brings the message through music

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Adult Sunday school classes, nursery available

10:30am Sunday Worship

LINK:

Sunday Worship Oct 15 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/240352655357267>

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?"

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

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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
Linda Thomas

Sharon & Gordon Cook
Stacey Jubitz
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Lauree Winfield
Bonnie McCollister
Jared

Vicki White
David Nash

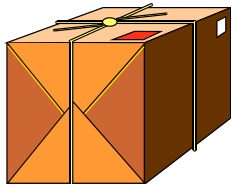
Gary Hidle is recovering from gallbladder surgery October 16. Please keep Gary and Leslie in prayers.

The memorial service for Bev Thomas will be Saturday October 28 at 1:00pm at Hood River Valley Christian Church. A reception will follow the service. If you would like to bring cookies or a vegetable or fruit tray, please email, call or text Barbara Ritoch. Please keep Bev's family in your prayers.

Celebration of life service for Nancy Krieg will be Friday November 17 at 2:00pm at Hood River Valley Christian Church. Please keep Fred and her family in your prayers.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Israel and Palestine October 20 Noon Riverside UCC

People of all faiths are invited to an interfaith prayer vigil for Israel and Palestine, hosted by Riverside Community Church. 317 State Street, Hood River, on Friday, October 20 at Noon.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project It is time to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you are interested in filling some, please have them filled and delivered to me BEFORE November 12th and I will deliver them to Covenant Church for you. Or if you would like to give cash to cover some of the shipping, it would be very much appreciated.
Thank you in advance! Mary Kummer

Halloween Trunk or Treat!



Tuesday, October 31 @ 4-6pm

Join the fun in the church parking lot

Volunteers are needed to decorate their trunk/car (or near their car) and then hand out candy to trick or treaters. This event is for the entire community; so many decorated cars would be fantastic. Make sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and family.

Got extra candy? If you have extra candy you'd like to share but won't be decorating your own "trunk", drop it off in the kitchen and the "trunk hosts" will pass it out.

Please let Betty Osborne or Jodi Wyatt know if you plan to decorate your car and hand out candy or if you can help in any other way.

Christmas Décor and More Sale

Hood River Valley Christian Church

Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Give your holiday spirit a boost at the annual Pre-Christmas Sale at Hood River Valley Christian Church. **Tell your friends! Come join the fun!**

The sale will include gently used ornaments, wreaths, lights, decorations, Santas, snowmen, angels, candles, books, music, etc. Also, winter clothing. Every dollar spent goes directly to Valley Christian Women's Fellowship ministries, whose members volunteer on a regular basis to support the thrift store, and to charitable organizations and ministries in our community and beyond.

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).



October 22 Jelani Greenidge (Holly's husband) guest musician

Jelani is a passionate communicator with a desire to inform, inflame and inspire. Currently, he serves in a full-time role as missional storyteller for the Evangelical Covenant Church, but he's also a writer, speaker, worship musician, hip-hop emcee/producer, and stand-up comic. Jelani loves playing video games and watching NBA basketball. He and his wife Holly dwell in leafy Portland with Rosie, their robot vacuum cleaner.



October 29 Rev. Jenny Crosswhite, preaching

A native of Hood River, Rev. Jenny Crosswhite has served as pastor of First Christian Church of Santa Paula since February 2012. Jenny is the daughter of HRVCC members Laurie and Scott Crosswhite and was ordained at HRVCC in 2012. She is married to Dr. Daniel Sandoval and has two step kids, Pilar and Eric.

Rev. Jenny also has 27 years of graphic design experience. She holds a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design and Spanish from Western Oregon University and a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In 2014 she was elected to the Santa Paula City Council and is currently serving in her third four-year term. She served as the Mayor of Santa Paula in 2016 and 2022.

Over the past 9 years, she has also served on the following boards: Southern California Association of Governments (2023-present), Ventura County Local Area Formation Commission (2023-present), Ventura Council of Governments (2018-Present), Ventura County Transportation Commission (2018-2020, 2023-present), Ventura Regional Sanitation District (2020-2023), and Community Action of Ventura County (2015-2019). She is fluent in English and Spanish.



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.

Grand Opening of The Annex Transitional Housing and Shelter

October 12, 2023

By Kenny LaPoint

The Dalles, Oregon October 9, 2023 – Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) is pleased to announce the Grand Opening of The Annex Transitional Housing and Shelter, formerly the Oregon Motor Motel. The formal grand opening event took place October 12th at 200 West 2nd St. in The Dalles, in the Annex's west parking lot.

The Annex, formerly operated as a 54-room motel, has been fully renovated and converted to transitional housing and shelter for families, couples, and individuals in need of stability while they seek long-term permanent housing. MCCAC and its core partner organizations will provide 24/7 oversight and services on the Annex site. These services include housing case management, Veterans services, physical health, behavioral health, youth and family services, and Native and Latinx-specific services. The agencies that will be coordinating services on the site include the Mid-Columbia Center for Living, One Community Health, the Oregon Human Development Corporation, Nch'l Wana Housing, the Department of Human Services, the Youth Empowerment Shelter (YES House), The Next Door, Worksource Oregon, Bridges to Health and the Columbia Gorge Food Bank.

"The Grand Opening of The Annex is such a wonderful moment for our community," MCCAC Executive Director, Kenny LaPoint said. "We are proud to have been able to turn our entry into downtown from a dilapidated eyesore into a beautiful community asset that will help to stabilize our most vulnerable community members as they search for permanent housing."

The Annex will provide approximately 50 transitional housing and shelter units with around 75 beds. These beds will serve Veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, young adults aging out of youth programs, families with children, and Native and Latinx community members. It is also worth noting that the opening of The Annex highlights the first family-specific shelter beds in the Mid-Columbia region. The family shelter is located in The Annex's west property and features a separate building with 13 family-specific shelter rooms along with an outdoor garden and gathering area.

Thanks to the funding and support from many community partners, our wonderful construction team and our many volunteers this project is now ready to serve our community. MCCAC is proud to have been able to hire over 20 local contractors to complete the renovations at The Annex, ensuring that the financial resources used on the project were able to remain in the community, bolstering our local economy. Project funders include the Oregon Community Foundation, the Oregon Legislature, Oregon Housing and Community Services, the Columbia Gorge Health Council, the Roundhouse Foundation, and the Mid-Columbia Center for Living.

The October 12th event will include speakers from many of the project funders and partners with the main highlight being the official grand opening and ribbon cutting for The Annex.

For more information on The Annex, visit www.mccac.com/the-annex.

MCCAC is the Community Action Agency serving Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman Counties. MCCAC's mission is to build a better future for our community through partnership and equity-centered programs that prevent and eliminate poverty and homelessness.

HRVCC's involvement with The Annex

Jerry and Gladys Sawyer were two of the many volunteers who helped renovate the former Oregon Motor Motel into The Annex transitional housing and shelter for families, couples, and individuals in need of stability while they seek long-term permanent housing. Thank you Jerry & Gladys! (ask the Sawyers about their experience on this project.)

Hood River Valley Christian Church has for many years offered financial and volunteer support to the Warming Shelter program in Hood River and hosted the pallet shelters on church property in 2020-21. Hood River's shelter site is now being operated by MCCAC, and our church continues to offer financial support. HRVCC's Women's Fellowship recently donated to MCCAC as they complete their mission "to build a better future for our community through partnership and equity-centered programs that prevent and eliminate poverty and homelessness."



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People of all faiths are invited to an interfaith prayer vigil for Israel and Palestine, hosted by Riverside Community Church. 317 State Street, Hood River, on Friday, October 20 at Noon.

“As people of faith, we believe that all of us are bound together in sacred connection, no matter our religion, nationality or political identity,” says Riverside pastor Vicky Stifter. “Our hearts break at the bloodshed, violence and fear that our sisters and brothers in Israel and Palestine are suffering.”

The vigil will include music, poetry, candle lighting, and prayers from a variety of faith traditions. People of all spiritual paths are welcome.

For more information, call or write to Riverside Community Church at 541-386-1412 or office@riversideucc.com. Riverside Community Church is a United Church of Christ congregation.

Church Calendar

Wednesday October 18

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday October 19

7:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chime Choir practice

Saturday October 21

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Sunday October 22

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Monday-Tuesday October 23-24

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Tuesday October 24

10:00am Women's Bible Study

3:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday October 25

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday October 26

7:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chime Choir practice

Saturday October 28

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

1:00pm Memorial service for Bev Thomas

Sunday October 29

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday October 31 Halloween

10:00am Women's Bible Study

3:00pm TOPS group

4-6:00pm Trunk or Treat (parking lot)

Wednesday November 1

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday November 2

7:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chime Choir practice

Saturday November 4

9:00am-3:00pm Pre-Christmas Sale

Scriptures for Sunday October 22, 2023

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

SERVING Sunday October 22, 2023

Elder this Week

Suze Nigl

Communion prep

Barbara Ritoch

AV Tech

Woody Eskildsen

Coffee Hour

Carol & friends

Deacons

Serving Team # 2

Jennifer Stager, Rylee Akin

Scriptures for Sunday October 29, 2023

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

SERVING Sunday October 29, 2023

Elder this Week

Wes Bailey

Communion prep

Mary Finley

AV Tech

Chance & JJ

Coffee Hour

Betty & friends

Deacons

Serving Team #3

Betty Osborne & Tatum Wyatt

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