



# Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

541-386-2608 [hrcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hrcchurch@gmail.com)  
[www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com](http://www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com)

and on Face book

## October 30, 2024

### Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

### Minister

Rev. Alicia Speidel 541 601-1949

[aliciaspeidel@gmail.com](mailto:aliciaspeidel@gmail.com)

### Church Administrative Assistant

Kathy Holmson office hours 10am-1pm or as needed

[hrcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hrcchurch@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com](http://www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com)



**FALL BACK November 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends**

**We will recognize All Saints Sunday November 3**

remembering church family members who have died over the last 12 months.

## TRUNK or TREAT!



**Thursday, October 31, 4:00-6:00pm**

*Join the fun in the church parking lot*

*invite family, friends, neighbors*

Come in a costume and host a booth by decorating your trunk/car and handing out candy. This event is for the entire community, so many decorated cars would be fantastic. Join the fun!



Christmas  
Bazaar

## Christmas Décor and More Sale at Hood River Valley Christian Church

**Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Ready to deck the halls early and be ready for Christmas? Come shop at the annual Pre-Christmas Sale at Hood River Valley Christian Church.

**Help is needed** setting up before the sale (Oct 28-Nov 1) and help is needed doing sales the day of the sale. Join the fun!

## Sunday Worship

**9:30am Adult Sunday School**

**10:30am Worship**

LINKS:

Sunday Worship Oct 27



**Thank you to everyone who has brought in stewardship pledges for 2025.** It's not too late to drop off or mail pledge cards to the church. Thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

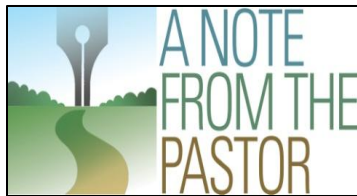
- |                          |                                |                  |              |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Layla, JJ & Rider        | Sharon & Gordon Cook           | Vicki White      |              |
| Katy White               | Bonnie McCollister             | Stacey Jubitz    | Doris Lewis  |
| Suze Nigl's sister Kathy | Barbara Frasier's friend Julie |                  | Tedra Turner |
| Emily Krager             | Alicia Speidel                 | Glenn Grannemann |              |

Martha Hathaway was in the hospital last week and was to move to the Care Center for rehabilitation for a couple of weeks.

Alicia asks for prayers for her friend Stacy who will have a double mastectomy on October 31. Pray for her healing.

People in the SE USA dealing with the clean up from devastating hurricanes.

**To everyone at HRVCC**—Thank you for your recent donation to Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) and for continuing to provide a room for storing shelter supplies in your building. We are deeply grateful for your long-time support! Best Wishes—Sarah Kellems, MCCAC



**I'm not sure what happened to October or September for that matter,** but here we are at the end of October with November and December on the horizon. This means the holidays are fast approaching. Advent will be here sooner than we realize where we light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love. The sanctuary and church will be decorated. The festivities will be in full force. The calendar will be full. All of this begins in a little over one month.

And yet, we have a few more days until November. In November, prior to Advent, we have All Saints Sunday, the anniversary celebration and Thanksgiving. We have these important celebrations and remembrances that prepare us for the steps that follow. We need these days. We need what they signify. We need them in the life of the church. We need them in our lives.

Let us then remember. Remember the saints who have passed on, both in the life of this church and in our own lives. Remember the journey this church has taken to get to this point. Remember the many ways you have been involved in the life of this church. Remember what Thanksgiving means to you. Remember the gatherings you have had over the years. So let us do a fair share of remembering as we enter November in a few days, lifting up the ways God has intertwined with these moments. **Alicia**

**Alicia's CaringBridge link:**

[https://www.caringbridge.org/site/8ab75554-48b5-11ef-8f3d-f317ddd1b8ef?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_content=copylink\\_leftmenu\\_php](https://www.caringbridge.org/site/8ab75554-48b5-11ef-8f3d-f317ddd1b8ef?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web&utm_content=copylink_leftmenu_php)



**Adult Sunday School Class** Rod Parrott leads a short series of conversations about the current situation in the Middle East. Some deep background on the roots of the regional conflict will be provided, and participants will be invited to consider questions about justice for all the players involved. After that, in a series tentatively entitled "The Many Faces of Jesus," Rod will invite participants to explore different ways New Testament writers portrayed Jesus. Each session will focus on selected passages from the gospels, letters, or other literature.



### **Ladies Mark Your Calendars!**


Ladies, hold this date! Our annual Christmas dinner will be Thursday, December 5 at Grace Su's at 5:00. Buffet dinner will begin at 5:30. Reservations will be taken on Sundays November 10, 17, and 24, \$25 per person. Watch for further details.



**WE ARE INVITED!**  
to the Ordination Service  
of  
Holly Greenidge

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

# Ordination Service



of:

## Holly Greenidge

11/23 SATURDAY

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
1314 SW PARK AVE,  
PORTLAND, OR

4:00 P.M.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW



## **Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Friendship!**

***Invitations to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on November 17 have been sent. We may have missed some folks who might like to come. If you know of family members, former church members, or friends to invite, please let them know they are invited and pick up an invitation to share with them.***

### **HRVCC Keeps Getting Better & Better!**

During the years 2010 and 2011 after a period of visioning, congregational discussions and discernment plus a capital campaign, agreement was reached on remodeling the sanctuary. Key features included a flexible worship space with enhancements to the sound system, projector and lighting as well as computer technology. A key component was the installation of a 'hearing loop' through which a wireless signal was received by those with hearing aids so they, too, could clearly hear and enjoy their worship experience.

Today's sanctuary pews are original to the building but, over time, were refinished and reupholstered. Added to the sanctuary during 2010/11 were a new moveable altar table, pulpit and lectern. In addition to the solar panel installation addressed in the last history snippet, HRVCC's energy conservation throughout the building was improved with new natural gas HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), double-pane windows and improved lighting.

The crown jewel of the sanctuary renovation was, of course, our vibrant stained-glass window. 'Bringing God's light in color' is the motto of Jack Whitworth – the stained-glass artist who designed and built our sanctuary's one-of-its-kind window. His wife, Cindy, was the painter for this and each of the many timeless pieces they continue to produce together.

Most of the work of installing the window was handled by local contractors with church volunteers providing help wherever possible. Through the tireless efforts and energy of ladies of all ages at HRVCC, the cost of the window was covered by Women's Ministries. Together, we are so blessed to *savor* the result of many gifted hands and hearts.

As a little added history, Whitworth took up stained glass as a hobby in the '80s and, today, is one of only 50 *accredited* members among hundreds in the various levels of the Stained Glass Association of America. In an online article, the Whitworths said, "We have completed work from *Hood River, Oregon* to Norfolk, Virginia and from Texas to Michigan."

Whitworth is also an acclaimed appraiser of stained glass. A 2023 article about the artist states that over 100,000 churches have contacted him and asked for his help to set up new guidelines for appraising stained glass in the U.S. (*The Whitworths' full story and images of many of their incredible works are available online.*)

Someone once said, "*Life doesn't get better by chance; it gets better by change.*" Countless changes have taken place in our church over time and, with careful thought, will continue as we "sow and grow" together as a church family.

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday October 30

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

## Thursday October 31

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



## Thursday October 31 Halloween!

**4-6:00pm Trunk or Treat!!**

## Saturday November 2

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

## Sunday November 3 All Saints Sunday FALL BACK Daylight Saving Time Ends

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

## Tuesday November 5

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

## Wednesday November 6

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

## Thursday November 7

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

## Saturday November 9

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday November 10 Recycling Sunday

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

## Tuesday November 12

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

## Wednesday November 13

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

## Scriptures for Sunday Nov 3, 2024

Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12: 28-34

## SERVING Sunday November 3, 2024

Elder this Week Jennifer Stager  
Communion prep Mary Finley  
Coffee Hour Jennifer & friends  
Deacons Servers

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

## Scriptures for Sunday Nov 10, 2024

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

## SERVING Sunday November 10, 2024

Elder this Week Carol Sabins  
Communion prep Leslie Hidle  
Coffee Hour Barbara & friends  
Deacons Servers

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

## HRVCC 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP! Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss it!

- **RSVP in the lobby or email the church office.**
- **Share the invitation with family members or friends who have been part of our HRVCC congregation over the years.**

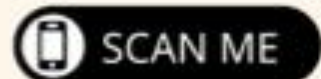


# UNITY IN COMMUNITY

MONDAY NOV 25TH 7PM

Gather with our interfaith spiritual community  
For connection & Dessert potluck

Please donate  
to our  
Emergency  
Fund



MAMA /Bethel United Church of Christ  
480 E JEWETT BLVD. WHITE SALMON