

April 08, 2026

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## Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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**Sunday Worship Time**  
10:30am

**Minister**  
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Office hours 9am-12pm or as needed



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### Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview

10:30 Worship

Link to Worship on April 05 (Easter Sunday)- [Facebook](#)



Sharon & Gordon Cook  
Bev Carpenter  
Natasha & Penny  
James Gaffney

Lee Repp  
Bud Harris  
Williford Family  
Nola Hardman

Emerson family  
Tyler Luna  
Sue Merry

Hansen Family  
Rich Nichols  
Bill & Lauree Winfield

\*Prayers for healing for James Gaffney as he is recovering from major hip surgery.

\*Prayers of strength and healing for Lauree Winfield as she recently had another stroke and is in the hospital for therapy and observation.

Please email any prayer requests to [hrcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hrcchurch@gmail.com) or call our office at 541-386-2608.



Sharlene Wilkins- 03

Katelyn Logan- 11

Pastor Alicia Speidel- 13

Doug Massingill- 20

Chrystal Akin- 21

Barb Ritoch- 21

Layla Gaffney- 28

John Nigl- 29

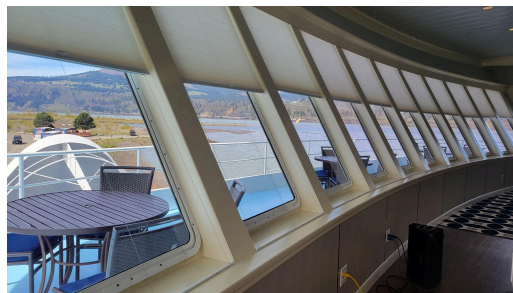
What a wonderful Easter Sunday! From the music to the flowers to the food to the people to the bunnies. There was joy and reason to celebrate around every corner. Thank you to EVERYONE who made Easter Sunday possible. It took many, many hands for everything to come together and be so amazing. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

# Pastor's message

After all of the festivities here at church this past Sunday, Mary Anne and I had the privilege of leading an Easter worship service on the American Jazz cruise ship that was docked here in Hood River. They had left a message two weeks before Easter to see if we had a minister who would be willing and able to lead a service for their guests. I called back, assuming they had already found someone, to discover they had not. So I said yes. I mean why not. It was my honor.

So at 1:25pm aboard the American Jazz about 50 people gathered in an upstairs ballroom for worship. It was a great experience, meeting people from all over the country. I'm so glad I said yes and I'm so thankful Mary Anne said yes too. Who knows what experience might come next? It's about staying open to the Spirit and wherever it leads.

~Pastor Alicia









April Community Baby Shower during Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join in HRVCC's support of young families in need by contributing one or more of the following new items to be distributed by The Next Door:

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|----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Baby carriers        | bibs    | Onesies   |
| Pacifiers            | wipes   | swaddlers |
| front packs or wraps | tethers | diapers   |
| white noise machines |         |           |

Leave items in the Baby Shower tub in the narthex.

Women's Ministries invites ladies in the church to a Salads for Six luncheon later this month: Monday the 20th at Margaret Strasser's; Wednesday the 22nd at Betty Osborne's; or Friday the 24th at Emily Krager's (in White Salmon). Additional luncheons will be scheduled if there's more interest. Women of the church are encouraged to invite a friend who has no church home.



Additional information and sign up sheets are in the narthex. Each attendee will sign up to bring a salad, rolls, or dessert. The hostess will provide beverages.



Sharon Smiley has agreed to represent HRVCC to the Gorge Ecumenical Ministries. At the group's March meeting, she picked up interesting information about community resources.

Flyers are in a box on the table by Pastor Alicia's office, currently the following which you may take with you: The Life Raft Pantry, Bridges to Health, native support group Chuushna, the free store at the Gloria Center in The Dalles, community grants for youth, community pick up day (already held March 28), and the Community Baby Shower from The Next Door.

Starting on Sunday, April 12 Pastor Alicia will be preaching on the values statement for the

next sermon series. For this Sunday, you are challenged to memorize the church's new

mission statement. There may be an opportunity to recite it from heart during worship. Like

memorizing Bible verses back in the day. So come prepared.



**Mission statement:**

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through service, stewardship & generosity

**Values statements:**

Welcoming with warmth and respect Community partnerships

Worshipping God with thanksgiving Outreach without borders

Caring relationships

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday April 08

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

## Thursday April 09

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

## Saturday April 11

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

## Sunday April 12 Second Sun. Recycling

Pastor Alicia out of town the afternoon

## Of April 12 to the 13th

9:30am Lectionary Preview

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

## Tuesday April 14

10:00am Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday April 15

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

## Thursday April 16

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

## Saturday April 18

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

## Sunday April 19

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

Elder's meeting following Worship today!

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

## Tuesday April 21

10:00am Women's Bible Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

## Wednesday April 22

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

## Thursday April 23

8:00am Men's bible study

1:30pm Chimes practice

## Saturday April 25

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

## Sunday April 26

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

Board meeting following Worship today!

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

## Serving Sunday April 12, 2026

Elder this week	Suze Nigl
Communion prep	Maggie Strasser
Coffee hour	Barb Ritoch
Deacon	Scott + Laurie

## Scriptures for April 12, 2026

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

## Serving Sunday April 19, 2026

Elder this week	Betty Osborne
Communion prep	Maggie Strasser
Coffee hour	Judy Hiatt
Deacon	Wes & Carla

## Scriptures for April 19, 2026

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

