



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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October 6, 2023

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

Interim Minister

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**Protecting
God's World**

Second Sunday Recycling October 8

Next Sunday, October 8, is Second Sunday Recycling.

What to bring: Clear clamshells, recycling triangles marked #1, #3, #4, #5, #7; medicine bottles and caps; unused medications for safe disposal; and plastic film such as bags, bubble wrap, mailers. And a small donation to help cover the cost.



October is Stewardship Month

October worship services feature a focus on our stewardship.

Please return pledge cards by October 29.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Adult Sunday school classes, nursery available

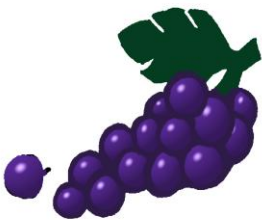
10:30am Sunday Worship

LINK:

Sunday Worship Oct 1 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1042430856894855>

Women, Wine, and The Word

Wednesday October 11, 4pm at Stave and Stone at the vineyard
Women are invited to join for a time of fellowship to talk about a scripture passage centered around women.



Gather at Stave and Stone Winery at the Vineyard (3827 Fletcher Dr, HR). Come grab a beverage (non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverages are available) and a snack while we share how the passage intersects with our lives. Invite friends from outside the

church, too. Pastor Holly can tell you more! hollygreenidge@gmail.com

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

Sharon & Gordon Cook

Lauree Winfield

Vicki White

Katy White

Stacey Jubitz

Bonnie McCollister

David Nash

Nancy Krieg

Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Jared

The family of Bev Thomas who died September 29. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Nancy Krieg has asked that her church family visit her at Brookside assisted living. Stop by and say hi if you have time. Afternoons are better for visiting.

Thank you to Women's Ministries for the nice recognition award (and a Dutch Bros. gift card!) given to twelve of us women at the recent dessert celebration. What a great day! Thank you. Kathy Holmson

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?"*

Workshop on Prayer – October 15 Ruth Fletcher will again lead a workshop on October 15 when she is our preacher. It will be about Contemplative Prayer, for about an hour beginning after the coffee hour. Those attending will have the option of a light lunch.

Coffee Hour Change Beginning October 1, the coffee hour will be simplified with less food and fewer choices. There will be one of two choices of something sweet and a non-sweet platter. This change eases the load on those able to prepare, serve, and clean up each week. There will be several occasions throughout the year to highlight special events or recognitions, such as our traditional Pies for Pops.

News from the Book Discussion Group **A Fun Read Coming!**

The Book Discussion group has scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 [p.m.at](#) the home of Jan and Otto Behrmann. The chosen book is *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff.

The book is 354 pp. long, and is available for \$16.79 from Amazon. New participants are welcome to the reading group. If you would like to join in reading this book, and would like a copy of the book ordered, please let Rod Parrott know.

Halloween Trunk or Treat!



Tuesday, October 31 @ 4-6pm
Join the fun in the church parking lot

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).



Rev. Gary Young, preaching October 8

Gary turned eighty this past summer. Some sixteen years ago, he retired as a Director of Spiritual Care for a rural hospital.

A storyteller at heart, he turned his creative juices to community theater and playwriting with plays being staged in Colorado, Alaska, and Oregon. In November, he turned his pen, aka keyboard, to poetry and has written around a hundred.

A three time cancer survivor his life mantra is: "Live as long as you can, as well as you can, not a moment less or, a moment more." He lives in Hood River, Oregon with his spouse, Barbara, and dog, Lewie. In the growing season his yearly garden crop includes garlic

(see picture), heirloom tomatoes and a one tree persimmon orchard.



Rev. Ruth Fletcher, preaching October 15

Ruth Fletcher nurtures positive transformation in individuals and systems through teaching and spiritual leadership. Throughout her life, she has trained leaders, facilitated personal growth retreats, accompanied congregations through change, encouraged imagination, keynoted conferences, preached and led worship, coached pastors, and designed processes for systemic revitalization.

Ruth is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She received her Doctor of Ministry degree from the School of Theology at Claremont and has authored resources regarding peace education, congregational discernment, and the role of the eldership in the Christian

Church (Disciples of Christ). Her most recent book is entitled Thrive: Spiritual Habits of Transforming Congregations.

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prayer

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.

"Getting to Know You" Booklets

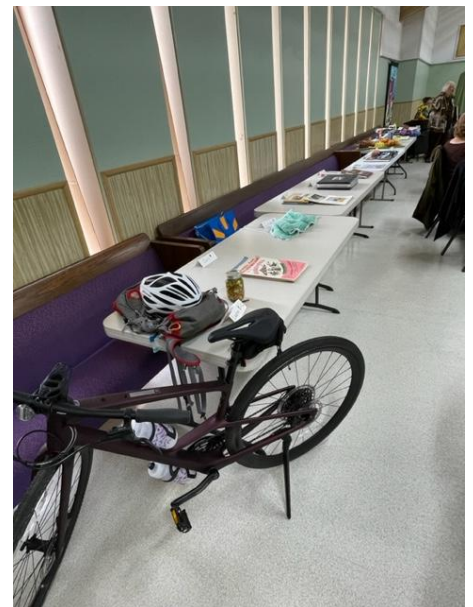
Ladies--Don't forget to return your worksheets to be included in our information sharing project. October 22 is the deadline. Call or see Thelma—we can do this on the phone or in person if you want to participate and receive a copy. 541 645-3748

Women's Dessert Party!

Women's Ministries hosted a "Getting to Know You" dessert party on Saturday, September 23. It was a delightful getting-to-know you party through hobby-sharing and fellowship, and a dozen persons were thanked for their leadership in the church.

A big thank you from Women's Ministries to those who planned and carried out the dessert party last Saturday: Thelma Warnock, Barb Ritoch, Joanie Logan, Margaret Strasser, Carol Sabins, and Judy Hiatt; Thelma's daughters Kristen and Karen were in the midst of organizational things, too.

Here are a few photos of the event.



Church Calendar

Wednesday October 4

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday October 5

7:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chime Choir practice

Saturday October 7

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Sunday October 8

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

11:45am Youth group meets with Holly

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Monday, Wednesday, Friday October 9, 11, 13

2:30-5:00pm HRVCC volunteers at FISH food bank

Tuesday October 10

10:00am Women's Bible Study

3:00pm TOPS group meets

Wednesday October 11

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday October 12

7:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chime Choir practice

Saturday October 14

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Sunday October 15

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

11:45am Youth group meets with Melissa

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday October 17

10:00am Women's Bible Study

3:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday October 18

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Scriptures for Sunday October 8, 2023

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

SERVING Sunday October 8, 2023

Elder this Week

Rod /Thelma

Communion prep

Leslie Hidle

AV Tech

Laurie

Coffee Hour

Frances & friends

Deacons

Serving Team # 3

Betty Osborne

Scriptures for Sunday October 15, 2023

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

SERVING Sunday October 15, 2023

Elder this Week

Chrystal Akin

Communion prep

Leslie Hidle

AV Tech

Laurie

Coffee Hour

Frances & friends

Deacons

Serving Team # 1

Woody & Sue Eskildsen