



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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December 21, 2022

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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AT HOOD RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Wednesday December 21 **LONGEST NIGHT at Down Manor**

6:00pm Worship with silence, prayers and candle lighting

Saturday December 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE For all ages**

7:00pm Worship with candlelight, carols, communion, & choir

Sunday December 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY wear pajamas or comfortable clothes**

10:30am Worship – no coffee hour

Sunday January 1, 2023 **NEW YEARS DAY**

10:30am Worship

Coffee hour follows worship. You are invited to bring extra Christmas treats from home to share.

Sunday January 8 **Epiphany Sunday**

10:30am Worship & undecorating the church

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30am Christmas Sunday Worship

Links

Sunday Dec 18 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1117426625628584>

Monday Dec 19 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1300674410711450>

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

The weather forecast this week is severe for the next few days—snow and ice and extremely low temperatures.

A reminder: If weather conditions are bad, worship services and meetings may cancel and Thriftshop may close. Call your group leader before you venture out. Stay safe.





**Hood River Valley Christian Church
2022 Christmas Greetings from the Congregation**

Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New years! May you have peace and comfort all year around! Sharon Smiley

*We wish you HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE this Christmas
and throughout the New Year!
Otto and Jan Behrmann*

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and good health and bright possibilities in the new year. The Holmsons

Blessings of the Season! Barb Ritoch



May the spirit of Christmas be with you
throughout the year ahead.
Dot Swyers



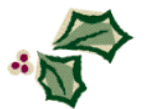
Live into the Joy! Rod and Mary Anne Parrott

***May the joy of the season fill your life with hope for the future
Judy Hiatt***

May our days be merry and bright and our hearts be loving, grateful, and peaceful by night. Thelma Warnock



We wish you the best of a faithful life as we
remember Jesus' birth and faithful life
John and Shirley Ihle





POINSETTIAS GIVEN 2022

People have purchased poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones. Poinsettias are used for decorating the sanctuary until Christmas Eve and may be taken home after the service.

Name

Dianne Hayes	in memory of Larry Hayes, Darrell and Lucille Troxel, George and Anna Hayes, Brian Hammel, and Tom Sieverkropp
Thelma Warnock	in memory of Doug Warnock
Joan Lage	in memory of Eddie Lage and Carolyn Lage
Margaret Marshall	in memory of Ned Marshall
Judy Hiatt	in memory of Chuck Hiatt, Lee and Minnie Hiatt and Gladney and Berenice Hamilton
Jim and Jennifer Stager	in memory of Ted and Gladys Arthur, Bob and Leona Stager, and Marilyn Stager
Joanie Logan	in memory of Johnny and Iris Lingren and Anna H. Meyers
Betty Osborne	in memory of Frank and Dorothy Hagen and Gary Trembly
Shar Wilkins	in memory of Buck and Lenna Hermann and Delores Wilkins
Dot Swyers	in memory of Delmer Swyers and Michael Smith
Bev Thomas	in memory of Carol Baker and Don Dunn
Frances Henne	in memory of Paul Henne and Christopher Henne
Lindamay Woosley	in memory of Roger L Woosley, Cindy Marie Woosley and Albert and Cletamay Maurer in memory of Verley and Edna Woosley and Terry Woosley

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

New Ways to Give Financially

Did you know you are able to financially give to the church via the app Vanco mobile and through the church's website? Yes, that is correct. This is a super easy way to give to the church. Plus, you can choose to give to general operating, laundry love, special day offering, help a neighbor, youth fund, week of compassion or memorials all through the app or website. There are many ways to support these important needs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Katy White

Jennifer Burbank Roch

Kathy Meredith

Bonnie McCollister

Layla Gaffney

Sharon Cook

Nola Hardman

Lauree Winfield

Vicki White

Courtney Erickson

Stacey Jubitz

Sue Mitchell

Bev Thomas

Judy Kenyon

Gertrude Circle Women's Bible Study will not meet Tuesday December 27.

New Study: "Experiencing God" begins January 3. The group meets Tuesdays 10:00am in the Vista Room (weather and road conditions permitting). They invite you to join them.



**The Pastor's
COLUMN**

At Christmas time It's down to the final countdown. The festivities are almost here. The celebration is about to begin. It will soon be Christmas Day. So let's breathe and celebrate. Breathe in hope, peace, joy and love. Breathe out hope, peace, joy and love. Celebrate hope, peace, joy and love. Be hope, peace, joy and love. That is all. That is it. Jesus Christ is born. Hope, peace, joy and love are in our world. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours!
Alicia

Holiday Giving in Our Hood River Community

Here are some local service organizations in our community that appreciate extra giving during the holidays—along with their contact information. You can make donations direct to the organizations or through your church offering (please indicate where you are donating in the memo of your check.)

FISH Food Bank fighting food insecurity in the Gorge – Donate non-perishable food, hygiene items, pet food, household paper & cleaning items (paper towels, dish detergent, etc.) at the FISH Hood River site—FISH Food Bank 1130 Tucker Road. Or drop off at the church.

Donate online: <https://www.fish-food-bank.com/> or mail a check: FISH, 1767 12th Street, #147, Hood River, OR 97031



Hood River Shelter Services <https://hoodrivercares.org/> – supporting unhoused community members. Donate online: hoodrivercares.org or mail check: HRSS Warming Shelter, P.O. Box 1714, Hood River, OR 97031 Also accepting specific clothing items for donation. Please check the website for information.

Hood River County Christmas Project – Christmas food and toy assistance for Hood River County residents. Donate online: <https://www.hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com/> or mail check: HRCCP, PO Box 872, Hood River, OR 97031

Helping Hands Against Domestic Violence – domestic violence shelter and assistance. Donate online: <https://www.helpinghandsoregon.org/> or mail check: HHAV PO Box 441 Hood River, OR 97031

Hood River Emergency Voucher Program – provides vouchers for food, fuel, and lodging for travelers and people in need in our community. Donate online: <https://gorgeem.org/emergency-voucher-program> or mail check: Gorge Ecumenical Ministries, 400 11th Street, Hood River, OR 97031 (indicate in memo line Emergency Voucher fund.)

The Next Door, Inc. <https://nextdoorinc.org/> – Offering over two dozen programs supporting and empowering people in our community, including: Parenting support and education; safety net for children at risk of abuse or neglect and for victims of crime; health and wellness education; mentoring, education and treatment for high-risk youth and families. Donate online: <https://nextdoorinc.org/donate/> or mail check: The Next Door, Inc. 965 Tucker Road Hood River, OR 97031

Meals on Wheels – Delivers meals to people who have difficulty cooking or getting out of their home. Donate online: <https://www.hrvac.org/meals-on-wheels> or mail check: Hood River Adult Center, Meals on Wheels, 2010 Sterling Place Hood River, OR 97031

Columbia Gorge Habitat for Humanity - <https://columbiagorgehabitat.org/> Building and improving homes in the Gorge. Mail checks to PO Box 378, The Dalles, OR 97058

Giving within our Disciples Denomination Community

Disciples of Christ, Oregon/SW Idaho Region (Christmas Special Offering)

Supports programs of the Regional Church.

Give a gift online at www.oidisciples.org (link on bottom right of home page)

Mail a check: Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho PO Box 19466 Portland, OR 97280

Or give through your church offering.

Week of Compassion – donate online <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/donate.html> or mail a check: Week of Compassion P.O. Box 1986 Indianapolis, IN 46206

Or give through your church offering.

Church Calendar

Wednesday December 21

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

6:00pm Longest Night Service at Down Manor

Thursday December 22

7:00am Men's Study

Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve

7:00pm Christmas Eve service



Sunday December 25

Christmas Day! Wear pajamas!

9:30am Sunday school

10:30am Worship

3:30pm Hope and Life church

Monday December 26 – Monday January 2

Church staff vacations – church office closed – no newsletter Dec 28

Tuesday December 27

3:00pm TOPS Group

Wednesday December 28

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday December 29

7:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chime Choir, fellowship hall

Saturday December 31 New Year's Eve

Sunday January 1, 2023 New Year's Day

9:30am Advent Study, vista room

9:45am Sunday Adult book study

10:30am Worship

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday January 3

10:00am Women's Bible Study

3:00pm TOPS Group

Wednesday January 4

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Scriptures for Sunday December 25, 2022

Isaiah 9:2-7 or 62:6-12 or 52:7-10

Psalms 96 or 97 or 98

Titus 2:11-14 or 3:4-7 or Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) or 2:1-7), 8-20 or John 1:1-14

SERVING Sunday December 25, 2022

Elder this Week

Chrystal Akin

Communion Preparer

Kathy Holmson

No Coffee Hour

Deacons

Serving Team #2

Kailey & Jackson Speidel

Sue & Woody Eskildsen

Rylee Akin

Scriptures for Sunday January 1, 2023

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

SERVING Sunday January 1, 2023

Elder this Week

Suze Nigl

Communion Preparer

Barb Ritoch

Coffee Hour

Jennifer Stager & Friends

Deacons

Serving Team #3

Otto & Jan Behrmann

Ayden Phelps, Owen Waits