



# Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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**January 10, 2024**

## Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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## Women, Wine, and The Word

Wednesday, January 10, 4pm at Stave and Stone Winery at the vineyard

Women are invited to join for a time of fellowship to talk about a scripture passage centered around women. **Gather at Phelps Creek Winery (301 Country Club Rd) @ 3:30pm.** 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.

## Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship, with Children Worship & Wonder

**January 14 Special Music  
Chime Choir**



**Protecting  
God's World**

## Recycling Sunday, January 14 Bring the following:

#2, #6 Plastic caps with a number

Plastic caps without a number (separated)

Plastic straws & liquid pumps

Foam trays containers, blocks, coolers

Misc small electronics, laptops, cell phones, wires, Also, old **Christmas lights.**

And a small donation to help cover the cost.

**Next Recycling day is February 11.**

## LINKS:

Sunday Worship Jan 7 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1062548281650151>

## WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

A reminder: Church meetings or Thriftshop days may be cancelled if winter weather causes hazardous driving conditions. In general, if local schools have cancellations, church activities may also cancel.

## 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
Fred Duckwall	Linda Thomas	Suze Nigl's niece Trisha	John Nigl
Glenna McCargar	Barbara Frazier's friend Julie		

Prayers for Thelma Warnock and her family as they grieve the death of son/brother David Warnock on December 29.

We've learned that Pam Reidl's husband Helmut passed away January 4 after a long cancer illness. Pam often sings with Betty Osborne for our worship services. Cards and notes to Pam Reidl and family may be sent to 518 Montello Avenue, Hood River, OR 97031.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped undecorate the church last Sunday. A big job, but with many helpers it went fast!

**Extra Keys?** Do you have a key to the church you no longer need? Leave it in the office. Thanks.



### **The Pastor's COLUMN**

**Who is ready for snow?** The mountains sure are. And the skiers, snowboarders, resorts and anyone who loves snow. Which, yes, I am ready for snow. As Kailey and I were talking about the other day, if the sky is going to be constantly filled with clouds and gray, then bring on the snow. Dump a whole bunch and make this weather worthwhile. Well, that might just happen this weekend or so various weather reports are saying. It could be interesting. It could be beautiful. And it could be

tricky if it really does amount to what they are predicting. So make sure to watch church updates for what the weekend holds. It might be a winter wonderland.

Now what if you don't like snow? What if you are counting down the days until the sun and warm weather? Well that is a reality for some people too. That's the beauty of the seasons, there is a little bit for everyone. We just have to wait and be patient for which time of the year speaks to us. It's kind of like the seasons of the church. Advent and Christmas just came to a close, putting us in the ordinary time (yes, that is what it is called) before the arrival of Lent and Easter in mid February. Each season brings with it a different feel, a different focus and different anticipations. Some church seasons we are ready for and some not as much. Either way, they all come just like the four seasons. We are to walk through each season, embracing it and giving thanks for how it contributes to the whole. So, happy ordinary time and happy snow!! **Alicia**

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NOTES:**

**Thanks to** Mary, Woody, Laurie, Wes and Chrystal for telling the story of "The Other Wise Man" on Epiphany. It was a moving tale well told.

**Sabbatical Reading** "Peace Is a Practice" was the name of a book Alicia chose to read on sabbatical. About 20 persons or families ordered free copies of the book to read parallel to Alicia. Now on Tuesday, January 30, Alicia will make a presentation and lead discussion on the book. All are welcome. It will be at 10:00 in the Vista Room. (Bible study normally at that time and place will resume the following week).

**The Secret Sister** reveal party will also be on January 30 following the discussion of "Peace Is a Practice." It will be a luncheon event for the Secret Sister participants. Those not attending the discussion can arrive for lunch about 11:30.

**Annual Meeting** The Women's Ministries annual meeting will be Sunday, January 28, following worship, in the Vista Room. An agenda will be available soon; the meeting will include a review of 2023, financial report, and the opportunity to direct excess thrift shop income to mission and ministry. If you have questions or comments, see Mary Anne Parrott.

## **We Stand Together: A Community Celebration of Word and Music**



Gather with others on Monday, January 15th to connect and commit yourself to the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all others who walked alongside him and are continue his work to this day.

**Celebration begins at 4:30 pm at Riverside UCC, 317 State Street, Hood River Oregon. Reception to follow.**

All are welcome to come, sing, and connect with others who are committed to enacting Dr. King's vision of Justice and Equity for all.

*(Community Gospel Choir Rehearsal at 3:30 pm in the Riverside UCC sanctuary.)*

## **A Special Celebration Coffee Hour on January 7!**

Last Sunday we celebrated Laurie Crosswhite's retirement after serving as our church janitor. Laurie has cared for and maintained the church with loving dedication for the past 24 years. Thank you, Laurie.



We also celebrated Dot Swyers' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (it was January 4<sup>th</sup>). Our own centenarian! Happy birthday, dear Dot!

***Thank you to Barbara Ritoch for obtaining and delivering the cakes***

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday January 10

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
 9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open  
 3:30pm Women, Wine & the Word at  
 Phelps Creek Winery

## Thursday January 11

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

## Saturday January 13

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday January 14 Second Sunday

### Recycling Sunday

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

## Monday January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Church office closed

## Monday-Wednesday January 15-17

Kathy Holmson out of town (road conditions permitting)

## Tuesday January 16

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

## Wednesday January 17

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

## Thursday January 18

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
 1:30pm Chime Choir practice  
 6-8:00pm CGOA practicing in sanctuary

## Saturday January 20

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday January 21

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
 10:30am Worship  
**2:00pm CGOA Concert in sanctuary**  
 3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Tuesday January 23

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

## Wednesday January 24

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

## Scriptures for Sunday January 14, 2024

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)  
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
 John 1:43-51

## SERVING Sunday January 14, 2024

Elder this Week	Rod Parrott
Communion prep	Joanie Logan
Coffee Hour	Barbara & friends
Deacons	<b>Serving Team #1</b> Woody & Sue Eskildsen

## Scriptures for Sunday January 21, 2024

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
 Psalm 62:5-12  
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
 Mark 1:14-20

## SERVING Sunday January 21, 2024

Elder this Week	Carol Sabins
Communion prep	Mary Finley
Coffee Hour	Frances' friends
Deacons	<b>Serving Team #2</b> Jennifer Stager, Kailey Speidel Rylee Akin

## Staff Schedule

Jan 15-17	<i>Kathy Holmson out of the office</i>
Jan 22-25	<i>Pastor Alicia out of the office</i>
Feb 5-7	<i>Pastor Alicia attending NWATD</i>