

September 02, 2026



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time
10:30am

Church Administrative Assistant
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Minister

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Office hours 9am-12pm or as needed

Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview

10:30 Worship

Link to Worship on August 30- Part 1

[Facebook](#), part 2 [Facebook](#)

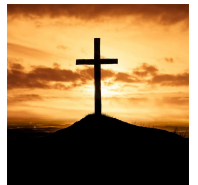


Sharon & Gordon Cook
Tyler Luna
Crosswhite Family

John Olson
Sims Family
Leslie Melby

Bill & Lauree Winfield
Judy & Nick Kenyon

Bev Carpenter



Please email any prayer requests to hrcchurch@gmail.com or call our office at 541-386-2608.

September Birthdays



Mary Anne Parrott-29

Scott Crosswhite- 09
Margaret Strasser-16
Joanie Logan- 17
John-Henry Logan- 21
Sherrie Chevron-24
Margaret Marshall- 26
Jan Behrman-29

Sharon Cook- 13
Linda Massingill- 16
John Logan- 19
Jon Chapin- 22
Lexy Duback-24
Geoff Speidel- 27
Larry Wyatt-29



Thriving Congregations

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

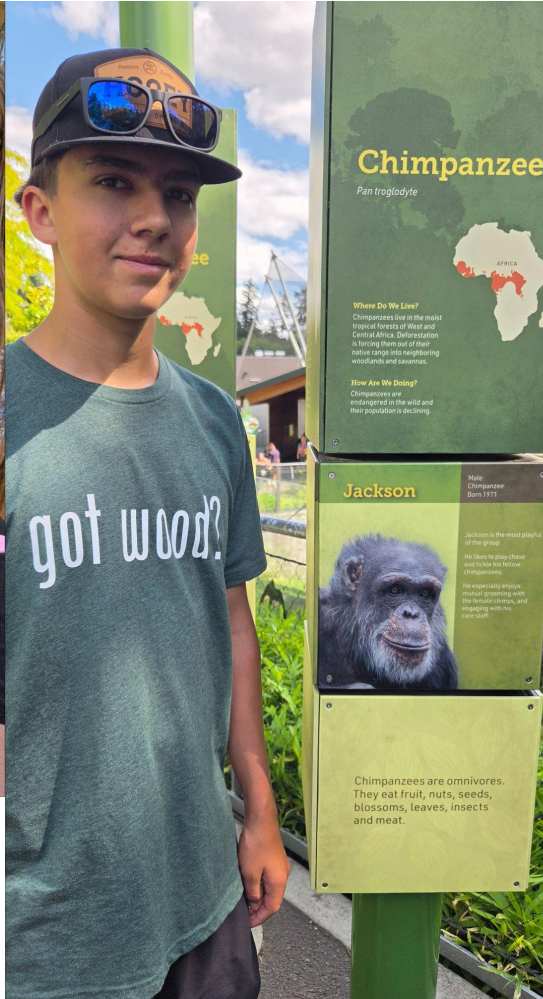
Pastor's message

Last week some of the youth group went on an adventure to the zoo. It was a perfect weather day to check out the animals and have fun together. We took our time exploring the amazing habitats and just watching the animals. We even listened to a few zookeepers. It was a very fun day thanks to the youth group fund that made it possible for all of us to go. Thanks to all of you who continue to support the youth group by shopping at the thrift shop (10% of the income goes to the youth group), donating items to the upcoming

Simplicity sale on September 19 or buying items at it, holding the youth in prayer and asking them what they're up to. It means a lot to every single youth.

~Pastor Alicia







Join Us for Camp Sunday!

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 13, we are celebrating Camp Sunday during worship. Our youth will be stepping up to lead the entire service—sharing stories, music, and highlights from their summer camp experiences. Come support our young people and experience a morning of worship through their eyes!

Church Directory Photos – Mark Your Calendars!

We are updating our church directory and need your smile! Photo sessions will take place immediately following Sunday service on:

- September 13
- September 20
- September 27



It only takes a few minutes, and participation helps keep our community connected. Please plan to stay briefly after service on one of these dates to have your picture taken.

Come join our “back-to-school” tea! ☕

Women, save the date of Saturday, September 12, for a fall tea at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. With the theme “Back to School,” it will include the leadership of Principal Osborne who will introduce four teachers. The cafeteria will serve (fruit) pizza, something green, nuts and mints.

A written invitation is on the narthex table along with a sign up sheet. You will note the encouragement to bring a memento from your high school days such as a yearbook or photo (and wear clothing if you’ve still got something and it still fits). The PTA (aka Women’s Ministries) will hold a brief business session at the conclusion to discuss the need to replenish flatware in the kitchen.



Region Women's Retreat Coming September 19

The annual women's retreat for Disciples in the Oregon South Idaho region will be held in Dallas on Saturday, September 19. There is no cost, and transportation will be provided. An early start to the day begins with leaving at 6:15.



Save the Date: Simplicity Sale!



Declutter your home and find new treasures! Our annual Simplicity Sale is almost here.

Sale Date: Saturday, September 19

- **Item Drop-Off Week: Monday, Sept 14 – Friday, Sept 18**
- **What to bring: Clean, gently-used household items, clothing, books, and decor.**

We are incredibly grateful to the Oregon Disciple Foundation for awarding Laundry Love a \$1,000 grant!

This gift will help us continue our mission of serving our community and caring for people in meaningful, practical ways. We are so thankful for the Foundation's belief in Laundry Love and for their willingness to invest in the work happening right here in our community.

Thank you, Oregon Disciple Foundation, for believing in Laundry Love and partnering with us in this important work!

*Thank
you!*

Link to MCCAC's Newsletter: [Bi-Monthly Newsletter August 2026](#)



These Sacred Hills Film Screening – Sept 18 at Riverside Community Church
Riverside Community Church and Columbia Riverkeeper are bringing the award-winning documentary, *These Sacred Hills*, to our community. The film raises important questions about

how decisions about energy development, land and water use, and environmental protection affect Tribal communities.

The Goldendale Energy Storage Project is central to the story of *These Sacred Hills*. The project would be developed near Pushpum, a place of deep cultural and spiritual significance to members of the Rock Creek Band of Yakama Nation. In the film, Indigenous community members share personal stories about their relationship with the land, cultural heritage, and the importance of protecting sacred spaces. *These Sacred Hills* encourages an important conversation: How can we transition to cleaner energy without sacrificing Indigenous sacred places and cultural resources? The goal is not to

simply watch the documentary. After the screening, a panel discussion will occur with Elaine Harvey (Rock Creek Band Member and Watershed Dept. Manager for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission), Chief Bronsco Jim Jr., Jeremy Takala (Yakama Nation Councilman), and the filmmakers, Chris Ward and Jacob Bailey.

Please RSVP using this link

Cost: A \$10.00 donation is appreciated to help cover costs

Date: Sept 18, 2026

Location: Riverside Community Church

Time: 5:30 p.m. – Light supper / finger food

6:00 p.m. – Introductions and film showing

7:30 p.m. – Panel discussion

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.



Church Calendar

Wednesday September 02

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

Thursday September 03

8:00am Men's Study

Saturday September 05

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

Sunday September 06- FISH

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday September 08

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday September 09

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

Thursday September 10

8:00am Men's Study

Saturday September 12

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

2pm Back-to-School Tea

Pastor Alicia gone September 13-16 (after church)

Sunday September 13- CAMP SUNDAY

Recycling

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

11:30 BBQ following worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday September 15

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday September 16

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

Thursday September 17

8:00am Men's bible study

Saturday September 19

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

Sunday September 20

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Serving Sunday September 06, 2026

Elder this week

Jennifer Stager

Communion prep

Judy Hiatt

Coffee hour

Jennifer Stager

Deacon

Sable + Layla

Scriptures for September 06, 2026

Exodus 12:1-14

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Serving Sunday September 13, 2026

Elder this week

Carol Sabins

Communion prep

Maggie Strasser

Coffee hour

Barb Ritoch

Deacon

Scott + Laurie

Scriptures for September 13, 2026

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

