

August 26, 2026



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time

10:30am

Church Administrative Assistant

Sable Duback

Minister

Rev. Alicia Speidel

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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 16- Part 1

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

Link to Worship on August 23- Part 1 [Facebook](#), part 2 [Facebook](#)



Sharon & Gordon Cook

Tyler Luna

Leslie Melby

John Olson

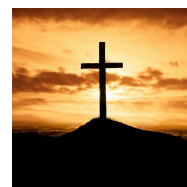
Sims Family

Bill & Lauree Winfield

Judy & Nick Kenyon

Bev Carpenter

Harris Family



*Prayers for health and healing for Judy Kenyon during this time.

* Lauree's neck surgery went well. Prayers as she continues to heal.

*Leslie Melby had surgery to get rid of her diverticulitis. She is healing and knows it's a long road ahead of her.

* Laurie and Linda's father, Bud Harris, passed away recently. Please pray for peace, comfort, and strength for the family as they navigate the days ahead.

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



Aubrianna Crosswhite- 06

Stefanie Olson- 09

Kurt Osborne- 13

Trudy Tallman- 16

Jim Logan- 18

Virginia Sheppard- 23

Wes Bailey- 28

Godron Cook-08

Donnamae Craber-11

Cindy Winfield- 15

Brian Crosswhite- 16

James Gaffney- 19

Jace Lupoli- 25

Emmi Logan- 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

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Pastor's message

How we welcome people makes a difference, whether it's on a Sunday morning as they enter the church building or at the grocery store or simply walking down the street. It matters how we engage, the eye contact we make, the words we speak, even the basic expressions on our face. Sometimes we may be the only person providing welcome to someone else, so we have to take it seriously. We have to imagine how we might want to be welcomed, what would make us feel worthy and cared for, how we would like to be received. When we think of it in this way, then we are more apt to extend a warm welcome and be the face of Christ, to demonstrate what it means to widen the circle and make it clear all are God's children.

Living our daily lives in this way is not always easy though. Sometimes we might have our own struggles or are feeling down or just can't seem to muster the energy to make it so. In those times we need to call on God to provide the strength for even just a head nod or quick eye contact. It will make a difference to the other individual and it may even make a difference to you, helping to change your own internal path.

So, do your best to provide the welcome that God provides to every single one of us. It will make a difference.

~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!

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.

See Mary Anne if you are interested, as registrations are needed by September 1.



AUGUST SALE!!

\$5 clothing bags

(Minus the \$5 racks/coats & \$2.50 each item.)

And 50% off decorative/glass bowls, trays, plates, vases, and serving pieces on the shelves in the store, hallway & annex.

THRIFT STORE

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.**

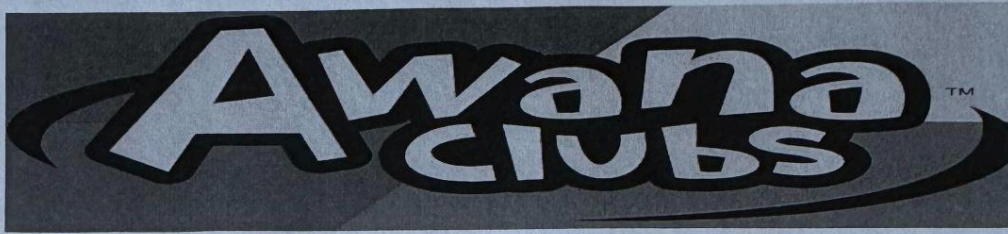


We are incredibly grateful to the Oregon Disciple Foundation for awarding Laundry Love a \$1,000 grant!

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!

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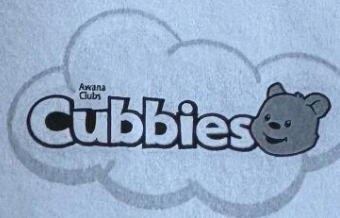


**Join us for Awana Open House September 17th, 2026
5:30-6:30pm at Tucker Road Baptist Church 1455 Tucker Rd
Hood River, OR.** Register for Awana by coming to the Awana Open House on Thursday September 17th. You can also email pastordeankelly7@gmail.com. Call or Text Pastor Dean Kelly at 360-944-0963.

Awana 2026-2027 starts September 24th and will be Thursday nights 6-7:15pm at Tucker Road Baptist Church. Ages 3-12.

Awana is a fun Bible-centered club for boys and girls. \$35 Registration Fee, scholarships available.

If you are interested in helping with Awana, please contact Pastor Dean Kelly.



Ages 3-5



Ages 5-8



Ages 9-12

Church Calendar

Wednesday August 26

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

Thursday August 27

8:00am Men's Study

Saturday August 29

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

Sunday August 30

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday September 01

10:00am Women's Bible Study

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

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 bible 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

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Scriptures for August 30, 2026

Exodus 3:1-15

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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Serving Sunday August 30, 2026

Elder this week

Jerry Sawyer

Communion prep

Barb Ritoch

Coffee hour

Betty Osborne

Deacon

Sue + Woody

Scriptures for September 06, 2026

Exodus 12:1-14

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Serving Sunday September 06, 2026

Elder this week

Jennifer Stager

Communion prep

Judy Hiatt

Coffee hour

Jennifer Stager

Deacon

Sable + Layla

