

September 16, 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 September 13-
[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 hrvcchurch@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
Otto 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

This past Sunday I witnessed and experienced our church body living as community in multiple ways. It was a beautiful thing as so many individuals came together to make everything happen. Much of it came about because my family was all home sick in bed. So it was just me ensuring that all of the pieces came together. Thankfully it ended up not being just me as so many of you stepped up to be community together. I continue to give thanks for the way we lived out what it means to be a faith community together as one body.

Thank you to Chance for doing the tech. Thank you to Woody and Sue for cooking all of the hamburgers and hot dogs. Thank you to Jodi, Barb and their kitchen crew for prepping all of the food and cleaning up. Thank you to Tatum, Rylee, Tesla, James, Layla, Rider, Chrystal, Scott, Laurie, Chance and Warren for bringing up the items for the simplicity sale. Thank you to Sable for taking pictures for the updated directory. Thank you to community members Zach Olmstead and his partner Lexi who helped Sunday afternoon set up for the sale. All of your efforts made Sunday and its activities possible. I am so grateful for this amazing faith community and for the ways in which we are blessed to serve together.

~Pastor Alicia

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 20
- September 27

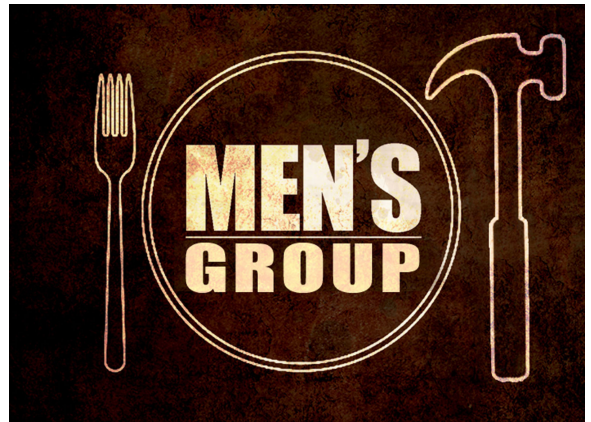
It only takes a few minutes, and participation helps keep our community connected. Please plan to stay briefly after service on one of these dates to have your picture taken.



Attention Men's Ministry:

Please note that our Thursday morning Men's Group will no longer be meeting moving forward. We are deeply grateful to everyone who faithfully attended, shared, and helped build community during this time.

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 9am-3pm
- What to bring: Clean, gently-used household items, clothing, books, and decor.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to the Thrift Shop getting new paint and flooring; it will be closed until October, Sorry for any inconveniences this may bring!



Thank you...thank you...thank you... to Pastor Alicia, youth Tatum, Rylee, Tesla, James, Layla and Rider, Larry and Jodi Wyatt, Scott and Laurie Crosswhite, Sable and Chance, and Warren Krager for bringing all the Thrift Shop items upstairs for the Simplicity Sale happening on Saturday, September 19th.



Also to a very nice young couple, Zach and Lexi, who asked Jodi one Saturday if they could help, and they were incredible by helping others to not only place the boxes at each table, but empty them as well.

Thank you to Woody and Sue for stepping in when Geoff became ill and providing the delicious barbecue AND Jodi Wyatt for manning the kitchen duties.

I don't want to forget Chance and family manning the tech booth and Sable taking photos during all this time.

Thank you to all our WONDERFUL Thrift Shop volunteers who will be helping on Wednesday to clean out the Thrift Shop to make ready for the painting and flooring replacement projects.

Blessings, Suze

From the church board:

Thanks to your faithful stewardship, we've recently completed major upgrades, including ADA-compliant restrooms, new front doors, a roof replacement, and a new sanctuary A/C unit.

To keep our facilities welcoming and functional, the Church Board has approved a new set of necessary improvements estimated at \$33,000. These include replacing the street sign, upgrading the walkway post, trimming junipers, fresh paint and new flooring for the thrift shop, plus repairing/replacing a fellowship hall A/C unit that recently failed. We invite you to participate in a mini capital campaign by giving above and beyond your regular tithe to support these projects. Please designate any extra contributions for the *Mini Capital Campaign*. Thank you for your continued generosity as we share the Good News through service and stewardship!

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.



- Cereal
- Juice
- Coffee
- Tea
- Non Dairy creamer
- Canned fruit

- Dried Fruit
- Granola bars
- Oatmeal
- Baking mix
- Syrup
- Honey

Church Calendar

Wednesday September 16

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

Saturday September 19

Thrift Shop CLOSED

Pastor Alicia gone September 19 & 20

Sunday September 20

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday September 22

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday September 23

Thrift Shop CLOSED

Saturday September 26

Thrift shop CLOSED

Tuesday September 29

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday September 30

Thrift shop CLOSED

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Serving Sunday September 20, 2026

Elder this week

Rod Parrott

Communion prep

Barb Ritoch

Coffee hour

Judy Hiatt

Deacon

Sable + Layla

Scriptures for September 20, 2026

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-25

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