

April 23, 2026

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## Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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<https://www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.org/> and on [Facebook](#)

### 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



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## Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview

10:30 Worship

Link to Worship on April 19- [Facebook](#)



Sharon & Gordon Cook

Bev Carpenter

Natasha & Penny

James Gaffney

Lee Repp

Bud Harris

Williford Family

Hardman Family

Emerson family

Tyler Luna

Sue Merry

Hansen Family

Rich Nichols

Bill & Lauree Winfield

\*Prayers for healing for James Gaffney as he is recovering from major hip surgery.

\*Prayers of strength and healing for Lauree Winfield as she recently had another stroke.

\* Please hold the family of Nola Hardman in your thoughts and prayers as she went to be with the Lord earlier this week.

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

Sharlene Wilkins- 03

Pastor Alicia Speidel- 13

Chrystal Akin- 21

Layla Gaffney- 28

Katelyn Logan- 11

Doug Massingill- 20

Barb Ritoch- 21

John Nigl- 29



As a Week of Compassion board member I am on the development committee. This committee meets four times a year to discuss fundraising opportunities, engagement with congregations and regions, and the overall important ministry of Week of Compassion. These meetings have been informative and opened my eyes even more so to the incredible ministry that Week of Compassion engages in with partners around the world.

As time continues you will hear me talk about WOC more and more. I will challenge us to financially give more. I will encourage you to sign up for their newsletters sharing stories of ministry happening all over. I will invite you to delve deeper into this part of our denomination that I passionately believe in. Week of Compassion is who we have chosen to partner with, so let's keep doing just that as we broaden that reach and keep doing God's work.



Give - Week of Compassion

~Pastor Alicia



April Community Baby Shower during Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join in HRVCC's support of young families in need by contributing one or more of the following new items to be distributed by The Next Door:

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|----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Baby carriers        | bibs    | Onesies   |
| Pacifiers            | wipes   | swaddlers |
| front packs or wraps | tethers | diapers   |
| white noise machines |         |           |

Leave items in the Baby Shower tub in the narthex.

HRVCC Women's Ministries is sponsoring a waterfalls trip on Wednesday, May 20. It will last from 9:30 to about 2:30. The only cost is for lunch. The itinerary includes Multnomah Falls, Horsetail Falls, Starvation Creek Falls, and the Mitchell Point tunnels. Lunch will be at the Bridgeside in Cascade Locks. Bring a friend. Men welcome, too. Sign up in the narthex. Mary Anne can answer any questions.





Sharon Smiley has agreed to represent HRVCC to the Gorge Ecumenical Ministries. At the group's March meeting, she picked up interesting information about community resources.

Flyers are in a box on the table by Pastor Alicia's office, currently the following which you may take with you: The Life Raft Pantry, Bridges to Health, native support group Chuushna, the free store at the Gloria Center in The Dalles, community grants for youth, community pick up day (already held March 28), and the Community Baby Shower from The Next Door.

As we continue our Thriving journey, you are invited to keep sitting with what thriving means, how it is evident in this faith community and how we are called to live into it more and more. As you do this, focus on our values statements and how they are present as we live as disciples.



# 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

GORGE HAPPINESS PRESENTS:  
**GATHER & GROUND**

Free Gorge Awe Walks

10:30-12

**April 8 & 22**

**May 5 & 20**

**EXPLORE DIFFERENT TRAILS.**

**TIME FOR CONNECTION, JOURNALING & ART**



TEXT EMILY @ 503-358-1949 to RSVP .

## Hello Oregon and Southwest Idaho Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)!

We are getting so excited about welcoming our colleagues and friends to the 2026 Regional assembly.

The members of Red Rock Christian Church and I are looking forward to hosting you all here in Boise, Idaho May 15-16, 2026.

Registration is now LIVE! You can find all the registration materials online on our Website: [Click on this Link and it will take you there!](#)

A few things I want to highlight for you:

### Kids/Youth:

We are planning a children/youth program for assembly. Our Education Minister, Kimberly Roberts and her team are preparing a wonderful time for all of our kids and youth including a field trip to the Boise Zoo. Please make sure to indicate the ages of your kids on the registration form. For the assembly, we will also have a fully staffed nursery for children 5 years and younger. Please be sure to register these littles as well so we make sure we have enough staff. If you are coming to the clergy dinner Friday evening with your children, there is no extra charge for them to eat dinner, however, we do need to know your children will be coming that evening with you. Please make an indication on your registration form so we can count them.

### Lodging:

We have secured a specific block of rooms for you, with a discounted rate, at the Hyatt Place in downtown Boise. *(There are still rooms available, but are going fast, reserve your spot soon.)* The discount is for Friday/Saturday evening but if you need to stay longer, either before or after assembly, let me know and I will ask about your specific needs and if the discount can be extended for you. We will have a shuttle service from the hotel to the church Friday evening and on Saturday morning/afternoon. It's about a ten-minute drive between the two locations.

I will send out more information about where to catch the shuttle, etc. as the date of assembly is closer. Downtown Boise is full of many interesting shops and restaurants. You can find more information about our beautiful city at <https://visitboise.com/>

### Food:

Assembly begins with a clergy/partner dinner. Our kitchen crew has already been meeting and making wonderful plans. Please indicate any and all food allergies as we will attempt to make every accommodation we can to ensure you will have something to eat. There is breakfast available at the hotel and we will also have a continental breakfast Saturday morning at the church. Saturday's lunch is provided in your registration cost.

### Virtual Attendance:

For the first time, we are offering a virtual attendance option that includes a \$10 registration fee. You can find this specific registration form By clicking [HERE](#) or on our Website on the link above. This registration fee is helping us cover our additional technology fees and is helping us pay for our dedicated tech team. My hope, as we have been planning, is that no matter where you are in the region geographically, that you will feel included and a part of assembly. We are still working out some technology bugs, but I have confidence in our tech team and their abilities to troubleshoot any challenges.

**Translation:**

**Translation services will be available, in person and also if you are attending virtually.**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Dr. Stephen Sprinkle is our keynote speaker and facilitator for our time together. He is Emeritus Professor of Practical Theology at Brite Divinity School, and Theologian-in-Residence of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, in Dallas, Texas. He has been preparing engaging sermons and an all-assembly workshop for us. He will be extending his time with us and preaching Sunday morning, May 17th at Red Rock Christian Church. The title of his sermon on Sunday is “The Mirror of Love” and the scripture will be Hebrews 12:1-2. You are all invited to join us for worship at 10:45 am. Finally, I would like to extend a THANK YOU to the churches and sponsors who have given donations to help us lower the registration cost for this year's assembly. I am grateful the reduction will allow more people to attend assembly.**

**And if you need further assistance to cover registration costs or travel expenses, please reach out to me.**

**Church, let us gather together, united in covenant!**

**See you all soon.**

**Rev. Tracia Deal**

***[pastor@redrockchristianchurch.org](mailto:pastor@redrockchristianchurch.org)***



**A big thank you Bruce Holmson for keeping our church grounds clean and presentable.**

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday April 22

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

## Thursday April 23

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

## Saturday April 25

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

## Sunday April 26

9:30am Lectionary Preview

**Board meeting following Worship today!**

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

## Tuesday April 28

10:00am Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday April 29

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

## Thursday April 30

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

## Saturday May 02

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

## Sunday May 03- Gathering for FISH

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

## Tuesday May 05

10:00am Women's Bible Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

## Wednesday May 06

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

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

## Thursday May 07

8:00am Men's bible study

1:30pm Chimes practice

## Saturday May 09

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

## Sunday May 10-Second Sun. Recycling

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

### Scriptures for May 03, 2026

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 12-16

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

### Serving Sunday May 03, 2026

**Elder this week**

Jennifer Stager

**Communion prep**

Kathy Holmson

**Coffee hour**

Jennifer Stager

**Deacon**

Sable + Layla

### Scriptures for May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

### Serving Sunday May 10, 2026

**Elder this week**

Carol Sabins

**Communion prep**

Kathy Holmson

**Coffee hour**

Barb Ritoch

**Deacon**

Scott and Laurie

