



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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November 29, 2023

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

Minister

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Getting Ready for Advent *the season of anticipation and waiting begins
December 3. Now preparations begin.*



**Your help is needed Saturday, December 2, 10am-noon
Decorating the Sanctuary, Christmas Tree, and Narthex**

Saturday December 2,

10:00am Decorating the church

7:00pm Christmas Concert

Sunday December 3, First Sunday in Advent

10:30am Hanging of the Greens;

Advent booklets available

Special Music: Betty Osborne and Pam Riedl

"Light a Candle - An Advent Wreath-Lighting Song"

The full schedule for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany services and special events is included in this newsletter.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Adult Sunday school classes

10:30am Worship

LINK:

Sunday Worship Nov 26 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/3781568898796240>

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.

**2024 Slate of
Church Officers, Elders, Deacons, Trustees
To be voted at Congregational Meeting on December 3, 2023**

Terms are for 2 years

Chair of the Board
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

Term ends 2025

Woody Eskildsen
Jennifer Stager
Suze Nigl
Carla Bailey

Terms are for 2 years

ELDERS

Term ends 2024

Suze Nigl
Thelma Warnock
Gerald Sawyer
Rod Parrott

Term ends 2025

Jennifer Stager
Chrystal Akin
Carol Sabins

Terms are for 2 years

DIACONATE SERVERS

Term ends 2024

Betty Osborne
Linda Meyers
Rylee Akin

Term ends 2026

Jan Behrmann
Otto Behrmann
Chance Cheuvront
Sable Duback

Terms are for 2 years

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Term ends 2024

Kailey Speidel
Mary Finley

Term ends 2025

Barb Ritoch
Leslie Hidle
Joanie Logan

Terms are for 3 years

TRUSTEES

Term ends 2024

Chair Gary Hidle
Judy Hiatt
Betty Osborne

Term ends 2025

Woody Eskildsen

Term ends 2026

Wes Bailey

HOW TO VOTE:

**Annual congregational meeting is
December 17, 2023**

Voting on
2024 Slate of Officers and
2024 Church Budget
Voting may be done in 3
ways

- 1) By email
- 2) By mail
- 3) In person
December 17, 2023

Projected Income

2023 Budget

205,200

2024 Budget

209,800

Expense

Administration	9,200	10,000
Christian Education	400	400
Membership	750	650
Personnel	145,961	147,489.18
Property & Grounds	22,507	21,507.20
Stewardship & Finance	200	
Worship	1,350	2,550

Total Expenses

180,368

182,596.38

Projected Outreach 10% of Giving
Net Profit

21,000

20,980
6,223.62

A detailed copy of the proposed 2024 budget is available.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney
Katy White
Fred Duckwall

Sharon & Gordon Cook
Stacey Jubitz
Linda Thomas

Lauree Winfield
Bonnie McCollister
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Vicki White
David Nash
John Nigl

The memorial service for Doris Jensen will be Saturday, December 9, at noon here at HRVCC. Please sign up to bring food for the reception.

Dear Friends at HRVCC—Thank you so much for honoring us at a recent church service and for the delicious cake and well wishes after church. We have wonderful memories of our fellowship here and will miss all of you so much. In Christian love, Ron & Shar Wilkins

Notes from Women's Ministries

The Women's Ministries thanks Thelma Warnock for the "Getting to Know Me Book" created after the dessert tea in September. Those attending were invited to fill out a personal information form, and these and other things are included in the book. This theme will be carried into the Christmas dinner on December 13 at Stonehedge; those attending are invited to bring a favorite Christmas story.

A reminder to Secret Sisters to remember your friend at Christmas time. A "reveal party" will be held in January.

Wednesday Thriftshop Needed If you are able help on a Wednesday 9am-noon (once a month) please talk to Barb Ritoch.



The Pastor's COLUMN

With each week that passes I continue to say thank you for embracing my sabbatical and giving me this opportunity. I will continue to live into what I learned for years to come. That's my hope. Thank you for asking questions about my adventures. I love telling those stories. So ask as often as you want. And yes, I'll continue to share stories and pictures during worship. Plus after the new year I'll do more detailed presentations following worship.

Each day I remember something new from my sabbatical. Even this morning as I was at my pilates class a memory came to me from our time in Leavenworth. So many times to savor and cherish. Thank you again for making it so. My heart is truly full.

Alicia



Women's Annual Christmas Dinner

A Christmas dinner for women of the church will be at Stonehedge Restaurant on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$25; reservations can be made beginning November 19 through December 3 at the narthex table.

The Secret Place a daily devotional for December, January, February is available in the narthex. Suggested donation per copy, \$2.

*Mid-Columbia Community Choir
presents*

A Weary World Rejoices

Please bring a
donation for our
local food bank

Benefit Concerts:
Hood River Valley Christian
December 2 at 7:00 pm
975 Indian Creek Road
Hood River, OR

Grace Baptist Church
December 3 at 4:00 pm
1280 West Jewett Blvd
White Salmon, WA



Holiday Pops!

**VOCI Community Choir
Here!**

Dan Kenealy, Conductor

December 8, 7:00pm

December 10, 2:00pm

Tickets and info at gorgeorchestra.org

Church Calendar

Wednesday November 29

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

Thursday November 30

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

Saturday December 2

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

7:00pm Community Choir Concert, here



Come
Decorate for
Christmas

Saturday December 2

10:00am-noon
Decorate the church for
Advent

Sunday December 3 First Sunday in Advent

SAVOR HOPE

FISH Food Bank Sunday

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

Monday December 4

6:30-8:30pm VOCl rehearsal, sanctuary

Tuesday December 5

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

Wednesday December 6

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

Thursday December 7

7:00am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Mary Anne's Christmas Songs
1:30pm Chime Choir practice

Friday December 8

7:00pm VOCl Christmas Concert here

Saturday December 9

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
12:00pm Doris Jensen Memorial Service

Sunday December 10 Second Sunday in Advent

SAVOR PEACE

9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship
2:00pm VOCl Choir Christmas Concert
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Scriptures for Sunday Nov 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

SERVING Sunday December 3, 2023

Elder this Week	Chrystal Akin
Communion prep	Joanie Logan
AV Tech	
Coffee Hour	Jennifer & friends
Deacons	Serving Team #3 Betty Osborne, Tatum Wyatt

Scriptures for Sunday December 10, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

SERVING Sunday December 10, 2023

Elder this Week	Thelma Warnock/Rod Parrott
Communion prep	Mary Finley
AV Tech	
Coffee Hour	Barbara & Friends
Deacons	Serving Team #1 Woody & Sue Eskildsen



Hood River Valley Christian Church 2023

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

Sunday mornings, 10:30

December 3 - Savor Hope

Special music: Betty Osborne, Pam Riedl

December 10- Savor Peace

Special music: Chari Harrington and Skylar Nelson

December 17 - Savor Joy

Special music: chimes choir

Children and youth program

Annual meeting of the congregation

Christmas Savory & Sweet Bites

December 24 - Savor Love

Special music: Margaret Marshall and Mary Anne Parrott

Sunday, December 24 – Savor the Story

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

December 31 - Carol Sing

January 7 - Epiphany

Reader's theater presentation of "The Other Wise Man"

Special Events

Saturday December 2 –

10:00 a.m. Decorating the church

7:00pm Community Choir Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 7 – 10:00 a.m.

The Christmas music of Mary Anne Parrott Sanctuary

Friday December 8

7:00pm VOCI Christmas Concert

Sunday December 10

2:00pm VOCI Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 13 - 5:00 p.m. Women's Christmas Dinner Stonehenge Restaurant

Thursday, December 21 – 6:00pm

The Longest Night service at Down Manor

December 17 - 10:30 a.m.

Children and youth Christmas program

Annual meeting of the congregation

Christmas Savory & Sweet Bites

and a visit from You-know-Who

FISH Food Bank

12 Days of Giving

Please help stock our shelves with these most needed food items.

(Please deliver to FISH by December 18, 2023)

1 Cereal or Oatmeal (low sugar)

2 Canned Soup or Stew

3 Rice 1 or 2 lb bag

4 Canned Ham

5 Crackers

6 Condiments

7 Jelly or Jam

8 Juice

9 Healthy snacks (nuts, granola bars, dried fruit)

10 Canned Peppers (jalapenos, chilies)

11 Olive/Vegetable Oil

12 Flour or Masa