



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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October 23, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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Wrapping up Stewardship Month on Sunday!

Bring pledge cards for the blessing this Sunday, October 27, or mail them ahead of time. Thank you.

TRUNK or TREAT!



Thursday, October 31, 4:00-6:00pm

Join the fun in the church parking lot

invite family, friends, neighbors

Volunteers are needed Come in a costume and host a booth by decorating your trunk/car and handing out candy. This event is for the entire community, so many decorated cars would be fantastic. Please sign up if you can be a Trunk or Treat host!

Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

LINKS:

Sunday Worship Oct 20 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1584691772256775>



Adult Sunday School Class A new class started October 20. Rod Parrott leads a short series of conversations about the current situation in the Middle East. Some deep background on the roots of the regional conflict will be provided, and participants will be invited to consider questions about justice for all the players involved.

After that, in a series tentatively entitled "The Many Faces of Jesus," Rod will invite participants to explore different ways New Testament writers portrayed Jesus. Each session will focus on selected passages from the gospels, letters, or other literature. All sessions are 45 minutes long, and begin at 9:30 in the Vista Room. Individual sessions stand alone; participation in entire series is not required. There is no cost, and coffee is available.

Got extra candy? We need candy! If you'd like to help with Trunk or Treat but won't be decorating your own "trunk", drop candy off in the lobby at church and the "trunk hosts" will pass it out. Thank you!



Christmas Décor and More Sale at Hood River Valley Christian Church

Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

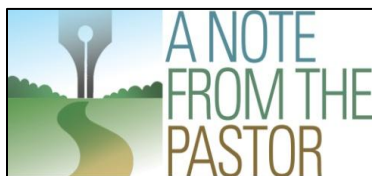
Deck the halls early and be ready for Christmas ahead of time! **Donate** your extras and plan now to shop at the annual Pre-Christmas Sale at Hood River Valley Christian Church.

Help is needed moving sale items to fellowship hall, setting up before the sale (Oct 28-Nov 1) and help is needed doing sales the day of the sale. If you can help with this very fun event or would like more information, please talk to Suze Nigl.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider	Sharon & Gordon Cook	Stacy	Vicki White
Katy White	Bonnie McCollister	Stacey Jubitz	Doris Lewis
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha	Barbara Frasier's friend Julie	Lloyd Frasier	Tedra Turner
Emily Krager	Alicia Speidel	Jackson Speidel	

Glenn Grannemann went OHSU Vascular Surgery Center for Health & Healing. The wound on his left foot – was checked again & debrided and he is on antibiotics again. On Monday, 11-25-24, he will go to the OHSU surgery center for clearing of a blockage in his lower left leg, so surgeons can have him return to cut out the wound down into the bone in an effort to save his foot. If these two procedures don't take care of it, he will have to have his foot amputated. We pray that these two procedures work. Prayers for healing are appreciated.



I am now six weeks post surgery. Six weeks of rest, healing and recovery. Six weeks of you all being so gracious to provide me the time and space needed to move in a healing direction. Thank you for that continued gift, grace and understanding. It has been a process indeed. A process where I didn't have all of the answers of how my body and mind would do and I still don't. And I'm still healing on all levels.

My healing and recovery is going to continue as I begin the next steps of treatment. A thanksgiving, I do not have to have chemo. So onto radiation. Next week I will have my initial appointment followed by scheduling my treatments. I believe I will have 20 radiation treatments. Plus I'm continuing physical therapy for some edema in my left arm. Many new doctors and medical staff in a very short period of time. I am thankful for all of them, for the guidance they have provided, for the knowledge they have and for the care they have extended.

This has definitely been a journey. A journey that will continue to have its ups and downs. I am learning to be gracious with myself. I am trying to be patient as I heal. I am working on finding joy and moments to smile. It has been an emotional time that I did not expect. So I am taking steps to be honest about what I'm feeling and then to care for myself. It's not easy and it takes time. Thankfully I continue to be surrounded by God, you all and many family and friends. Here is to more healing. **Alicia**

Alicia's CaringBridge link:

https://www.caringbridge.org/site/8ab75554-48b5-11ef-8f3d-f317ddd1b8ef?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web&utm_content=copylink_leftmenu_php



We will recognize All Saints Sunday November 3 remembering church family members who have died over the last 12 months.

FALL BACK November 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends



Ladies Mark Your Calendars!

Ladies, hold this date! Our annual Christmas dinner will be Thursday, December 5 at Grace Su's at 5:00. Buffet dinner will begin at 5:30. Reservations will be taken on Sundays November 10, 17, and 24, \$25 per person. Watch for further details.




Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Friendship!

Invitations to the 60th Anniversary Celebration on November 17 have been sent. We may have missed some folks who might like to come. If you know of family members, former church members, or friends to invite, please let them know they are invited and pick up an invitation to share with them.

WE ARE INVITED!
to the Ordination Service
of
Holly Greenidge

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Ordination Service



of:

Holly Greenidge

11/23 SATURDAY

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1314 SW PARK AVE,
PORTLAND, OR

4:00 P.M.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

Church Calendar

Wednesday October 23

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

Thursday October 24

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

Saturday October 26

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday October 27

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

Monday-Friday October 27-November 1 Pre Christmas Sale set up

Tuesday October 29

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

Wednesday October 30

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4:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday November 6

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9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

Scriptures for Sunday October 27, 2024

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, (18-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

SERVING Sunday October 27, 2024

Elder this Week Jerry Sawyer
Communion prep Margaret Strasser
Coffee Hour Carol & friends
Deacons Servers

Thank you to our deacons for serving communion as they are needed each week

Scriptures for Sunday November 3, 2024

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

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Elder this Week Jennifer Stager
Communion prep Mary Finley
Coffee Hour Jennifer & friends
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HRVCC 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP!

Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss it!

- **RSVP in the lobby or email the church office.**
- **Share the invitation with family members or friends who have been part of our HRVCC congregation over the years.**



Building a Brighter Future - MCCAC Newsletter - Fall 2024

Greetings from Mid-Columbia Community Action Council - MCCAC! Here are some key highlights from the past few months:

Housing Heroes 2024

In September we held our 2nd annual Housing Heroes event, coming together over a shared meal and program highlighting our work in the community and local Housing Heroes. Our 2024 Housing Heroes include:

Middy Tilghman and One Community Health's Mobile Medical Unit – Community Partner Award One Community Health's Mobile Medical Unit breaks down barriers to access to healthcare by bringing medical attention directly to those who need it. We are grateful to the Mobile Medical Unit team, led by provider Middy Tilghman, for bringing medical services directly to community members living at The Annex and for working with compassion and empathy to build trust over time so people feel safe to access needed physical and mental health care services.

Bridges to Health Pathways with the Columbia Gorge Health Council – Community Organization Award Long before the Gloria Center brought service providers together under one roof, Bridges to Health understood the power of cross-sector collaboration to break down barriers to services for our most underserved community members. We are grateful to work with the team of Community Health Workers at Bridges to Health Pathways and look forward to continuing to deepen our partnership in the future.

Latasha Harris – Individual Award As MCCAC's Household Utilities Intake Specialist, Latasha serves our community with pride and compassion, and with a sense of empathy that is hard earned. We recognize Tasha's tireless efforts to assist community members to remain stably housed and her welcoming approach that lifts everyone's spirits along the way.

The Annex - Celebrating One Year of Serving the Community

The Annex, MCCAC's transitional housing and shelter facility in The Dalles, has now been open for a full year! Over the past year, we have supported over 150 people to transition from unsheltered homelessness into The Annex. Together with community partners, our staff team provides wraparound supportive services to help our clients living at The Annex stabilize. And since last fall, we have supported over 40 people to transition from The Annex into long-term, stable housing placements.

We are grateful to our key partners at The Annex for their commitment to collaboration and a better future for our community. Key partners at The Annex include [Nch'i Wana Housing](#), [The Next Door Inc.](#), [Mid-Columbia Center for Living](#), [One Community Health](#), [Oregon Human Development Corporation](#), and [Bridges to Health Pathways](#) with the Columbia Gorge Health Council.

We are also grateful to the many community members who have shown up to support The Annex by bringing birthday cupcakes and donuts, shoveling snow, donating supplies for the on-site food pantry, and telling us that downtown The Dalles is better with The Annex in it. Thank you so much for your support. Together, we are working toward a future where everyone in our community has a safe and stable place to call home.

Giving Together – MCCAC's Matching Gift Campaign

We are excited to share that our "Giving Together" matching gift campaign is going on now! Through the end of this year, double the impact of your gift through \$28,000 in matching funds generously provided by Bob "Beto" Kenyon. Bob was inspired to make this gift after regularly visiting our shelter and transitional housing locations and meeting with our staff and clients. Bob speaks about the impact of "Giving Together" and hopes that his gift will inspire others to give. We hope you will join in

giving together to support MCCAC. You can make a gift at whatever level works for you, visit our website at www.mccac.com/donate.

Volunteer Opportunity – Supporting Emergency Shelter Operations

The Gloria Center Emergency Shelter will provide regional shelter during extreme heat, winter storm, and wildfire events and will provide expanded shelter capacity beyond what is currently available at The Annex in The Dalles and the Warming Shelter in Hood River.

We are seeking volunteers to support Emergency Shelter operations and have training scheduled on October 27 and 29, from 4-6 pm each day. These are for community members who want to volunteer at the Emergency Shelter or are interested in learning more. As with all MCCAC projects, volunteers will serve under the supervision of an MCCAC staff member. You can register for one of our upcoming Emergency Shelter volunteer trainings [here](#).

To learn more about the Emergency Shelter and other volunteer opportunities with MCCAC, reach out to Miriam Starrett at mstarrett@mccac.com.

Thank you for supporting our work to build a better future for our community!

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council is a non-profit 501c3 organization, EIN 93-0555518

October Donation Theme for FISH Food Bank

*Drop off in the shopping
cart at the church*

Thank you!



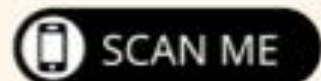


UNITY IN COMMUNITY

MONDAY NOV 25TH 7PM

Gather with our interfaith spiritual community
For connection & Dessert potluck

Please donate
to our
Emergency
Fund



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