



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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MARCH 13, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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HRVCC Higher Education Scholarships Church Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. Deadline for the application is March 30th. Pick up an application in the church office or contact Kathy Holmson at hrcchurch@gmail.com to have one sent to you by email.

Women, Wine & the Word will be Wednesday, March 20 @ 4pm @ Stave and Stone. Ladies, mark your calendars!

Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship, with Children Worship & Wonder

Special Music

March 17

Chimes

LINKS:

Sunday Worship March 10 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/3564293413885545>

***Bring candy and small treats for filling Easter eggs** for the egg hunt for children. There is a collection basket in the lobby.

***Last chance to sign up for Easter lilies** in honor or in memory of someone. \$15 each. Sign up list is in the lobby.

Lenten Project Supports Summer Needs of the Houseless *collecting small items at the church*

During the Sundays of Lent—February 18 through March 24—we will be collecting small items helpful to houseless residents in our area this summer. **Four specific things are requested: refillable water bottles, small containers of sunscreen, lip balm, and non-perishable, individually wrapped snacks.** You will find a large decorative sack in the narthex in which these items may be placed. Thanks for helping neighbors out in a small, but meaningful way.

Sharing Our Paths for Lent



Lent is the solemn 40-day period from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14 this year) to Easter when we prepare spiritually for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It can be a time of fasting or self-discipline, such as giving up something of importance. Let's take a different approach! Besides what we may opt to give up, let's also think about what we savor about Lent or what we may choose to add during Lent. You'll find a flipchart and markers in the narthex (no names necessary) to share your thoughts.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and family
EASTER WEEK EVENTS
At Hood River Valley Christian Church
March 24-31



Sunday, March 24
10:30am **Palm Sunday worship**
with palm processional

Filling eggs for Easter Egg hunt during coffee hour



Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday on Facebook

For Maundy Thursday, March 28, there will be a pre-recorded service available on the church's Facebook page @ 6pm. You are invited to gather communion elements and worship together to recognize the journey Jesus took on those final days before Easter. Thank you to Mary Anne, Betty and Alicia for recording this service.



Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday

9:30am Continental breakfast (fundraiser for church Youth) Come enjoy a simple Easter breakfast with pastries, sausage links, fruit and beverages at 9:30am on Easter morning. Thank you to the youth and Betty Osborne for making it happen.

10:30am Easter Worship

Bring flowers for our floral cross

11:30am EASTER EGG HUNT for kids



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Mid Valley Elementary School fundraiser for new playground equipment!

The fundraiser will pay for replacing aging playground equipment. Order through March 19. Aubri and Austin Crosswhite (Mom Melissa) are the contacts to order from the fundraiser catalog—featuring a selection of locally produced items including: beautiful hanging flower baskets sweet and savory flavored popcorn, fresh mini and more!

To place an order, see Aubri and Austin at church on Sunday or contact Melissa by email melissa.reeb@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney
Katy White
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha
David Nash

Sharon & Gordon Cook
Stacey Jubitz
Barbara Frazier's friend Julie

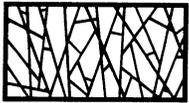
Lauree Winfield
Bonnie McCollister
The Wirt Family

Vicki White
David Nash
Skip Swyers

Pray for peace where there is war.

Glenn Grannemann is home now after a week in the hospital being treated for fluid retention.

The service for **Glenna McCargar** will be Saturday, March 16, at 1:00pm at HRVCC.



The Pastor's COLUMN

Are you a glass half empty or glass half full kind of person? Or do we simply need to select a different glass where what's inside is actually all the way to the brim, maybe even slightly flowing over the edges? Is that not a better question? Is that not a better way to live and approach life? Does that not demonstrate hope and possibility? Because the first two options swing to one extreme or the other. They don't necessarily show the actual reality where maybe there is life, there is activity, there is movement. They don't offer a real picture.

Sometimes in life we go to one extreme or the other. We fail to see the goodness and impact that is happening right in front of our eyes. We don't realize the lives that are being touched. We don't recognize the connections being made. We don't acknowledge the movement that is occurring. That is why we need to ask a different question and look at the answer differently.

We need to embrace that fullness, the liquid sloshing all over the place and rolling to places we never even imagined. We need to ask what size glass is appropriate. Then we'll be able to respond in a better way and celebrate what is really happening. That is the impact we need to focus on, whether it's in regards to the life of this church body, to our own lives and age or to any other situation. What glass do we need where it truly is full to the top? Or darn near it? **Alicia**



Quarters (25 cents) for Laundry Love As Pastor Alicia heads to Laundry Love this week to help folks in need do their laundry, we are reminded to collect quarters for the washers and dryers at Eco Laundry.

A jar for collecting quarters is outside Alicia's office. Thanks.

Notes from Women's Ministries

Coordinator Needed: a volunteer to be coordinator for the coming year (or a co-leader with the current coordinator) and volunteers for organizing activities similar to those listed above. See coordinator Mary Anne Parrott.



Protecting God's World

Articles on Earth Care Needed A resource is needed for Earth Sunday, April 21, and your help is solicited to prepare. Pastor Alicia is collecting short clippings from newspapers and magazines on the topic of Earth care—problems needing to be solved, ideas and resources for doing the solving, etc. These clippings need to be short—approximately 2-4 (newspaper-sized column) inches and likely will be just a key part of a larger article; photocopies are acceptable. Place them in the basket by Alicia's office door **no later than April 7.**

Church Calendar

Wednesday March 13

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
5:00-9:00pm Master Gardeners

Thursday March 14

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

Saturday March 16

9:00am-12:00pm Master Gardeners
1:00pm Memorial service for
Glenna McCargar

Sunday March 17

9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship
11:30am Elders meet, Vista Room
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday March 19

10:00am Women's bible study
4:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday March 20

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
4:00pm Women, Wine & the Word

Thursday March 21

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

Saturday March 23

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop
9:00am-12:00pm Master Gardeners

Sunday March 24

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

Monday-Friday March 25-29

Pastor Alicia will be out of town

Tuesday March 26

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

Wednesday March 27

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
5:00-9:00pm Master Gardeners

Scriptures for Sunday March 17, 2024

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 110:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

SERVING Sunday March 17, 2024

Elder this Week	Jennifer Stager
Communion prep	Leslie Hidle
Coffee Hour	Judy & friends
Deacons	<u>Servers</u>

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

Scriptures for Sunday March 24, 2024

Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

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Elder this Week	Chrystal Akin
Communion prep	Mary Finley
Coffee Hour	Carol & Friends
Deacons	<u>Servers</u>

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Staff Schedule

March 25-30

Pastor Alicia will be out of town (spring break)

Need to remove your snow tires?

Lupoli's Mobile Tire Service

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