



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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July 24, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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Women, Wine & the Word is Wednesday, July 24, @ 4pm @ Stave and Stone Winery. Ladies, join Pastor Alicia and other friends this afternoon for refreshments and a discussion.



CAMP SONGS! Next month we will celebrate the return of our youth from church camp by singing their songs with them. In preparation, on Sunday August 4, we will sing some camp songs from earlier generations. On the front narthex table is a partial list to stimulate your thoughts. We invite you to list some of your favorite camp songs on the accompanying pages.

Sunday Adult Study 9:30am For the next couple of months we're going to be looking at parables of Jesus. A title for the series is "An Unexpected Kingdom." Meet in the Vista Room 9:30-10:15am Sundays.

Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

Special Music

July 28

Margaret & Mary Anne Duet

August 4

Camp Songs

LINKS:

Sunday Worship July 21 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1556606138609871>

LAST CALL!

Christmas in July! Donations for the church make a difference in our budget

Kleenex

Paper Towels

Reams of 8.5 X 11" white copy paper

Envelopes self sealing #10 legal size

Dawn dish detergent

Bleach

Coffee (grounds)

Powdered creamer

Paper dessert plates

Napkins



Thank you to everyone who has donated! It all helps.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney	Sharon & Gordon Cook	Stacy	Vicki White
Katy White	Bonnie McCollister	Stacey Jubitz	Doris Lewis
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha	Barbara Frasier's friend Julie	Anse Hopkins	Tedra Turner

A note from Lauree Winfield: "Thanks for having me on the prayer list. I'm nearly recovered, so please take me off!"

Sharon Smiley reports that her son Karl and grandson Brandon have recovered after both had medical emergencies July 13 due to the heat and extreme fire involvement.

We are thankful for Karl and Brandon's recovery and for the work they and other firefighters do responding to emergencies in our communities during summer heat.

Congratulations to our 2024 church scholarship recipients Ayden Phelps and Kailey Speidel. Church trustees recently awarded Ayden and Kailey checks from the Gertrude and Leonard Porterfield scholarship fund. Both Ayden and Kailey are continuing their education at Western Oregon University

A Note from Women's Ministries—What a wonderful celebration of Dot Swyers' 100th year on July 20th! In honor of Dot, Women's Ministries has donated \$500 to FISH Food Bank. In addition \$525 in donations to FISH came during the party for a total of \$1,025 (the Swyers family had suggested donations to FISH instead of gifts). A great way to celebrate our friend Dot!

HRVCC Supports Local Caring Organizations

Hood River Valley Christian Church shares some of our outreach ministry through our Local Service donations to supporting programs in our community that better the lives of local residents.

One of the organizations we support is **The Arc Mid-Columbia**. This organization advocates to ensure people of all ages impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) live a more meaningful life.

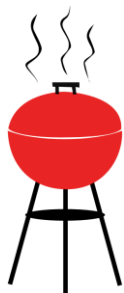
We recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from The Arc recognizing our ongoing support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community. This certificate is on display outside Pastor Alicia's office, along with a letter of information about The Arc.

Quarters (25 cents) Needed for Laundry Love We can help by collecting quarters to use in the washers and dryers. A jar for collecting quarters is outside Alicia's office. Thank you.

LAST CALL!

FISH July Donation Theme: BBQ Season!

"We believe in supporting our families with items that bring joy. This July, we're excited to announce our monthly donation theme: BBQ Season! Donations of BBQ essentials helps our families enjoy the summer" -- FISH Food Bank Staff



Here are some suggested BBQ food ideas:

Ketchup	Mustard	Mayonnaise	BBQ sauce	Honey
Hot sauce	Soy sauce	Chips	Pickles	Relish
Salad dressing	Balsamic vinegar	Olive oil		

Special August Collection for FISH: Personal Care—Women's Ministries is sponsoring a collection of personal care items for FISH Food Bank. Travel size items are welcome.

Body Wash Soap	Bar Soap	Wipes	Deodorant
Tooth Brushes	Toothpaste	Dental Floss	
Toilet Paper	Diapers	Feminine Hygiene Products	

As a food bank, FISH's primary mission is to provide nutritious food for hungry people but if the items listed above are available, they are greatly appreciated by clients at FISH. Thank you.

Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Friendship!



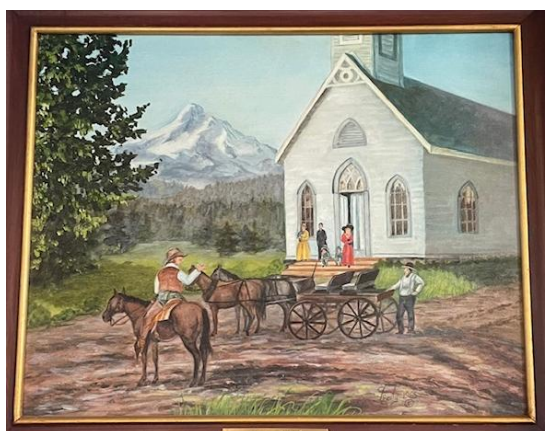
Two Churches Become One!

Between now and HRVCC's 60th anniversary celebration in November, our church story will be shared via newsletter 'snippets'. Many of you know our history...some may not. Either way, it's a wonderful story well worth retelling!

Once upon a time in 1963, there were two churches: a 'town church' (First Christian Church at the corner of 9th and Eugene led by Rev. Jim Edwards) and a 'country church' (the Valley Church on Barrett Drive led by Rev. Leo Horner). Both were facing the same dilemma: the loss of their ministers! The solution? Merge the two churches into one!

Soon, the first of many meetings began with congregation chairmen Keith Short (First Christian) and Ted Perry (Valley Church) leading the way. As plans for a brand new church got underway in January 1963, the town and country congregations began worshipping together under the leadership of interim minister Rev. B. Ross Evans, who came from Texas with his wife and three daughters. Florence Radliff continued to provide beautiful sanctuary flowers for the new church family just as she had for the Valley Church for many years.

And so began the journey toward the creation of Hood River Valley Christian Church! More to come in the next newsletter!



The Valley Church, Barrett Drive



First Christian Church, 9th & Eugene

A few members of our church family might recall August 16, 1964 when the first worship service at Hood River Valley Christian Church's 975 Indian Creek Road location was held. What a grand day it must have been, and what a joy it will soon be to commemorate 60 years of ministry!

Many of us weren't there when the real work of physically building our church took place. But one thing we DO know: HRVCC did indeed get off the ground and continues to positively impact us, our families, our communities and even the world through the generous giving of time, talents and tithes.

So...let's celebrate each of those 60 years of faith! A small committee has begun planning a 60th celebration of 'thanksgiving' to be held Sunday, Nov. 17 following worship. *Please mark your calendars now and share this date with your families!*

The invitation to attend, to revisit our church's 60-year history and look to the future will go out to past and present members and families, retired pastors and others who have walked with us on our faith journey. With a theme of "60 Years of Sowing & Growing in Faith", we will celebrate with music, history, photos, memories and, of course, wonderful food and friendship. More announcements will be forthcoming, and your stories (which we'll be seeking!) will paint a rich church history for all to learn from and enjoy! We have been richly blessed by the Lord's steadfast presence in the life of our church. Thank you, everyone! ~ ~ Pastor Alicia

Regional biennial assembly is coming up September 27-28!

Will you be attending? Hood River Valley Christian Church needs voting delegates! Sign up with Pastor Alicia.



To Hood River Valley CC and Rev. Alicia Speidel,

Our biennial Regional Assembly is before us! On September 27 and 28 we will gather in Portland at First Christian Church to worship, celebrate, learn, and handle the region's business affairs, primarily electing our new officers.

Our Assemblies are open to all members and participants of congregations in the Region. Persons must be registered in order to vote and to attend workshops. Worship services are open to everyone.

Each congregation is entitled to a voting delegate for every 25 participating members up to 500, and one delegate for every 100 participating members over 500, as determined in the most recent Yearbook. Because Disciples no longer publish a Yearbook and have switched to the Alex digital reporting system, we will use the numbers as recorded in Alex as of April 1, 2024. The participating membership recorded for your congregation is 150; therefore, we request that your congregation send 6 delegates. In addition, your congregation may designate alternate delegates, up to your number of delegates.

Side note: this is an additional reason that it is important to do your annual Alex report!

In order for congregational delegates to be able to exercise their vote, congregations must submit their names to the Credentials Committee; in addition, delegates must be registered for the Regional Assembly and attend in person. Absentee and proxy voting is not allowed.

Submit names of delegates to the Regional Assembly by email to RAcredentials@oidisciples.org; include name, email address, phone, and home address. Submit delegates and any alternates by August 13.

In addition to delegates from congregations, every member of the Regional Board is a voting delegate to the Assembly, and every ordained or commissioned minister with standing in the Oregon & SW Idaho region has voting rights in Regional Assemblies.

We look forward to seeing you in Portland on September 27 & 28! Registration information is coming soon.

Rev. Renee Bridwell

Here's some "cool" beverage options to keep you hydrated during the hot summer days. Enjoy!
Donnamae Grannemann



Beverages

Flavored Water

Mint Cucumber

Thinly slice 1 whole cucumber & add to a water pitcher. Roughly chop ½ cup fresh mint leaves, add to pitcher & fill with water.

Strawberry Lime

Thinly slice 2 limes & 3 cups strawberries and add to a water pitcher. Squeeze the juice from one more lime into the pitcher, then fill with water. *(Can use True Lemon or True Lime crystalized in packets).*

Apple Cinnamon

Bring 3 cups of water to a boil, then remove from the heat and pour into a jar with 4 or 5 halved cinnamon sticks. Let cool. Slice 4 large apples into thin wedges and add to a water pitcher, then pour in the cinnamon water and fill the pitcher to the top with filtered water.

Blueberry Lemon

Lightly crush 2 cups blueberries and add to a water pitcher. Add 2 lemons, thinly sliced, then squeeze the juice from one more lemon into the pitcher. Fill with water. *(Can use True Lemon or crystalized in packets).*

Yield: 1 gallon each *(Can use True Lemon or True Lime crystalized in packets).*

Immediately pour over ice in a glass. For stronger flavor, steep for 3 to 4 hours in the refrigerator.

***Adapted by Donnamae Craber Davidson Grannemann 07-2024
from Adriene Willis, Spa Fjorat Hotel Viking in Newport, RI***

Church Calendar

Wednesday July 24

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open
4:00pm Women, Wine & Word at Stave & Stone Vineyard
7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

Thursday July 25

7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday July 27

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday July 28

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

Tuesday July 30

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

Wednesday July 31 No Newsletter

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

Thursday August 1

7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday August 3

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday August 4 FISH Food Bank Sunday

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

Monday-Friday August 5-9

Middle & High School Church camp

Pastor Alicia is Camp Director

Tuesday August 6

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

Wednesday August 7 Newsletter

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

Scriptures for Sunday July 28, 2024

2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

SERVING Sunday July 28, 2024

Elder this Week Suze Nigl
Communion prep Barb Ritoch & Maggie Strasser
Coffee Hour Carol & friends
Deacons Servers

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

Scriptures for Sunday August 4, 2024

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a and Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

SERVING Sunday August 4, 2024

Elder this Week Rod Parrott & Thelma Warnock
Communion prep Maggie Strasser
Coffee Hour Jennifer & friends
Deacons Servers

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Church Staff Summer Schedule

The church newsletter will be published every other week (for most of the summer) beginning in mid-June. Schedules for two weeks will be included.

August 5 – 9 Middle & High School Camp.

Pastor Alicia is director and will be attending.

August 22-26 Sable Duback is out of town.

August 31 – Sept 6 Pastor Alicia will be attending

Pension Fund gathering in Washington, DC