



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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May 15, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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Pentecost

WEAR RED on SUNDAY May 19!

The Pentecost Special Offering is received May 12 & 19

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciples' vision.

Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

**Savor Sabbatical Presentation
has been postponed
watch for a new date**

**Special Music
Chimes**

LINKS:

Sunday Worship May 12 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/466382882561498>

Thrift shop needs Rosauer's grocery bags. Drop off next time you're at the church—in our upstairs lobby is okay. Thank you! Suze

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.



Celebrating 2024 High School and College Graduates Sunday June 9

A special day to recognize academic achievements
for our extended church family.

Kailey Speidel is graduating from Hood River Valley High School. She has been accepted at Western Oregon University and plans to study education.

Carly Wyatt is graduating May 16th with her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from Columbia University.

Do you have a family member who is reaching an academic goal this year? Let Pastor Alicia know or send a message to the church. We'd like to acknowledge their achievements.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Emily Krager and family as they mourn Bernie's passing on May 10.

Woody Eskildsen asks for prayers for his mom and dad, as they deal with health issues.

Pray for peace where there is war.

Thanks for the help!

Bob Kummer brought his equipment a couple of weeks ago and mowed the upper lawn and trimmed the juniper bushes. **Mary Anne Parrott** spent some time trimming ferns and doing some weeding last week. Thank you for keeping the church property looking neat!

Women's Ministries will host four salad luncheons at the end of May (each luncheon is for six participants—one host, five guests)



These will be in the homes of Margaret Marshall (Tuesday, the 21st); Margaret Strasser (Thursday, the 23rd); Betty Osborne (Friday, the 24th); and Leslie Hidle (Wednesday, the 29th). **Each is at noon. Sign up sheets are at the front table.**

There is space for five attendees in addition to the hostess, and each person is asked to bring a salad (carton from the deli is fine!). There is also an additional sheet to sign if none of these dates is convenient or if the spaces fill up; if so, an additional Salads for Six will be scheduled. This is a fellowship event but will include an interest finder for Women's Ministries activities. For more information, see Thelma or Mary Anne.



The Pastor's COLUMN

I love sitting in the sunshine, especially when the temperature is just right, not too cool and not too hot. The warmth on my skin. The beauty of being outside. The sounds of nature. The feelings it invokes. It is life giving. It soothes my soul.

So as I write I am sitting on my front porch. The sun is shining through the trees. The colors are popping brightly around me. The new wind chime we recently bought is quietly playing with the breeze. This is the calm and nourishment I need. This is evoking peace.

What evokes peace for you? What brings you that same calm and nourishment? What is life giving for you? What soothes your soul? These questions are important to answer and live into because we all need moments such as this. We all need to breathe and find this type of space. I encourage you to find those moments in your life. Now back to enjoying the sunshine, the colors and the chimes. It's definitely what I need. **Alicia**



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday July 20, 12:00-3:00pm



Dot Swyers' family invites us to an open house at the church to celebrate her 100th year (Dot's birthday was January 4). Hope you are able to come for the celebration!

No gifts, please, but you are welcome to make a donation to FISH Food Bank in Hood River or charity of your choice in honor of Dot.

Each Wednesday at 7:00pm we are asked to pray for our church.



Ways to engage in prayer for this faith community:

- *Go through the church directory, praying for every individual listed there.
- *Pray for the various small groups: women's Bible study, men's Bible study, youth group, children's worship and wonder, chimes, quilters, church board, program council, women's ministries and others.
- *Pray for the outreach this church is engaged in.
- *Pray for the staff.
- *Pray for the individuals and groups who enter the church building and grounds.
- *Visually move through each area of the church, stopping to pray for the

ministry that occurs in that area and the people who pass through it.

*Pray with a scripture passage or a particular reading or a song or an image.

*Pray for possibility and the Spirit moving in ways already known and in ways yet to be discovered.

*Select a scripture passage (maybe Jeremiah 17:7-8) to use lectio divina with the following steps:

1. Sit quietly and center yourself
2. For the first reading, simply read the passage.
3. For the second reading, read the passage more slowly and listen for the word, phrase or image that stands out.
4. For the third reading, attend to what is going on inside of you when you hear the word, phrase or image that stood out for you.
5. For the fourth and final reading, contemplate the way God is present to you and how God may be leading you in response to what you were paying attention to.
6. Give thanks to God for this time of prayer.

Life Line Screening at HRVCC June 12

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Wednesday June 12 at Hood River Valley Christian Church.

Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women.

Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or call 1-866-229-0469 to receive your discount and preferred appointment time.

Church Calendar

Wednesday May 15

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

Thursday May 16

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

Saturday May 18

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday May 19 Pentecost Sunday

Wear **RED**

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

Tuesday May 21

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

Wednesday May 22

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

Thursday May 23

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

Saturday May 25

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday May 26

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

Tuesday May 28

10:00am Women's Bible Study
4:00pm TOPS group
5:00pm Program Council meets

Wednesday May 29

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

Scriptures for Sunday May 19, 2024

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

SERVING Sunday May 19, 2024

Elder this Week Jennifer Stager

Communion prep Mary Finley

Coffee Hour Judy Hiatt

Deacons **Servers**

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Scriptures for Sunday May 26, 2024

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

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Elder this Week Carol Sabins

Communion prep Leslie Hidle

Coffee Hour Carol & friends

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