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Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time
10:30am

Minister
Rev. Alicia Speidel
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Office hours 9am-12pm or as needed

Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview
10:30 Worship
Link to Worship on November 01- Facebook

Prayer Requests

Sharon & Gordon Cook
Tyler Luna
Fred Duckwall
Olson Family
Sims Family
Bill & Lauree Winfield
Crosswhite Family
Bev Carpenter
Leslie Melby



*Please keep the family of John Olson in your prayers, as he passed away this week.

Please email any prayer requests to hrvcchurch@gmail.com or call our office at 541-386-2608.



Kathie McCaw- 06
Jennifer Stager- 09
Suzanne Maurer- 10
Brandon Smiley- 13
Judy Kenyon- 17
Susan Eskildsen-29

Thriving Congregations

Mission statement:

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through service, stewardship & generosity

Values statements:

Welcoming with warmth and respect

Worshipping God with thanksgiving without borders

Caring relationships

Community partnerships

Outreach



During fellowship time on Sunday, October 18, the next step in our church's thriving journey was shared, along with yummy pizza from Beneventi's. The next step focuses on engaging community partners from the wider community to transform the side grass area of the church property. The proposal is to include community garden beds, a labyrinth, a community sitting area with a bench and arbor, and a tiny library. This proposed transformation will be a long-term process as community partners say "yes" to being involved. These partners include a wide variety who will offer their knowledge, financial support, physical support and so much more. As we begin to venture down this road, please reach out to Pastor Alicia or the Thriving Team (Jennifer Stager, Chrystal Akin, Betty Osborne and Geoff Speidel) if you are interested in helping with the project in any way. This will take many hands as we continue to thrive and listen to where God is calling us at this time and in this place. Stay tuned for updates.



As your minister you see many of the ways I spend my time, from visiting people to worship to emails to phone calls to community engagement. There are multiple meetings I attend and coordinate. I have to do lists that are always growing. I plan and lead Bible studies. You see much of this. What you may not see are the times I meet with community members to help their family plan a memorial service or celebration of life. I listen to their stories. I offer my sympathy. I hold the space for them in their time of grief and loss.

I have done this numerous times during my time here, with families I just met, being the one to help them walk through this incredibly difficult time. I am able to do this because of you, this faith community. I am able to take the faithfulness you show in the ministry of this place and pass it on to them. I am able to dedicate my time to being present for the wider community in this way.

That is a true gift that I am so grateful to be able to do. That is a true gift that you make possible. Thank you for supporting me as I support those in our community. Thank you for extending your care and compassion through me during these moments. It is greatly appreciated.

~Pastor Alicia



Huge thank you to everyone who made Trunk or Treat a success!

To everyone who donated candy—you made a lot of kids happy! And to the amazing people who decorated cars: your trunks looked incredible! The effort and creativity you all put in really brought the whole event to life.



We couldn't have done it without you all. Thanks for bringing the fun and making it such a great time for all! 🎃🍬🚗













Women's MINISTRY



The women's annual Christmas luncheon will be Saturday, December 5, at the Hood River Inn (Best Western at the bridge). It will begin at noon, and since parking is at a premium, plan to sign up for the bus or carpool. The bus will leave the church at 11:30 and stop at Down Manor as needed.

There is no cost for the event since last winter's annual meeting voted to use Women's Ministries' 2026 extra funds for the Christmas celebration.

Please sign up in the narthex as soon as possible, though reservations can be made through Sunday, November 29.



While recycling remains a fluid situation, we can continue to save all the items we have been saving this past year PLUS: We have a RecycleOn Oregon center now that takes the following new items—

****Aluminum foil and trays (clean and dry)***

****shredded paper in a paper bag stapled shut***

If you have questions, ask Mary Anne.



Second Sunday collection comes next on November 8.

🎄 Find Your Christmas Treasures! 🎄



Get a head start on your holiday shopping at our **Pre-Christmas Sale**! Join us on **Saturday, November 7th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** to discover unique festive decor, perfect gifts, and hidden Christmas treasures.

We hope to see you there!!

Thanksgiving Fellowship & Sweet Treats



Take a moment to pause, connect, and give thanks!
Join us on November 22 following worship for our Thanksgiving Fellowship Hour.

We'll be serving up a variety of tasty appetizers and delicious desserts. Bring your family, invite a neighbor, and let's celebrate our community together.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex; please let us know if you plan on bringing something to share.



Get ready to deck the halls of our sanctuary! We are gathering on **Saturday, November 28, at 10:00 AM** to decorate the church for the Advent season, and we need your help to transform our worship space. Whether you're great at hanging greenery, setting up nativity scenes, or simply willing to lend a hand with heavy lifting, there's a spot for you on the team. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and help us prepare our hearts and our church for the coming season of hope and joy!





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To our HRVCC family-

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt! Such a thoughtful gift for our daughter, Kameron. We will cherish it!
Love,
Logan (Bailey) and Kameron



You’re Invited!

Monday, November 23 from 7-8:30pm

To a Multifaith Thanksgiving Service



A response to the Times We're Living In.

An opportunity to embody the world as we hope it will one day become.

A time to engage with each other, not despite, but because of our differences.

Experience belonging among and across traditions!

And enjoy a potluck dessert buffet afterwards.

Bring a dessert to share!

Organized by the Mount Adams Ministerial

Association Held at Bethel UCC, [480 E Jewett Blvd, White Salmon, WA]

Church Calendar

Tuesday November 03
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday November 04
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday November 05
1:30pm Chimes practice
Saturday November 07
9:00am-3:00pm Pre-Christmas sale!
Sunday November 08-Recycling
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship
Tuesday November 10
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday November 11
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday November 12
1:30pm Chimes practice
Saturday November 14
9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop Open
Sunday November 15
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
Elder's meeting following worship!
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship
Tuesday November 17
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday November 18
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday November 19
1:30pm Chimes practice
5:30pm Board meeting!
Saturday November 21
9:00am-12pm Thrift Shop Open
Sunday November 22
Thanksgiving Fellowship Hour
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
Thanksgiving fellowship hour after worship!
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Serving Sunday November 08, 2026

Elder this week	Suze Nigl
Communion prep	Maggie Strasser
Coffee hour	Barb Ritoch
Deacon	Woody + Sue

Scriptures for November 08, 2026

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Serving Sunday November 15, 2026

Elder this week	Betty Osborne
Communion prep	Barb Ritoch
Coffee hour	Judy Hiatt
Deacon	Sable + Layla

Scriptures for November 15, 2026

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

