

April 30, 2026



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time
10:30am

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Minister
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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 April 26- [Facebook](#)



Sharon & Gordon Cook
Bev Carpenter
Natasha & Penny
James Gaffney

Lee Repp
Bud Harris
Williford Family
Hardman Family

Emerson family
Tyler Luna
Sue Merry

Hansen Family
Rich Nichols
Bill & Lauree Winfield

*Prayers of strength and healing for Bill and Lauree Winfield as they are being moved to Parkhurst this week.

* Please hold the family of Nola Hardman in your thoughts and prayers as she went to be with the Lord last week.

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



Sharlene Wilkins- 03

Pastor Alicia Speidel- 13

Chrystal Akin- 21

Layla Gaffney- 28

Katelyn Logan- 11

Doug Massingill- 20

Barb Ritoch- 21

John Nigl- 29

Do you ever look around your house and say to yourself, I'll get to that project soon? Or I'm going to do that this weekend? And then life happens? Life keeps living (yes, I know that's not a word and I still like it). Sickness or accidents or unplanned events or whatever else arises next takes the lead, causing those best laid plans to stay as plans. It's a bit crazy making sometimes as life goes in the direction it chooses without your input or vote.

Geoff and I have had this conversation repeatedly over the last few years. We have shifted and twisted and turned as life has brought many unexpected moments. And yet, through it all we have continued to live life because of the incredible support from family, friends and you, our church family.

Thank you for walking with us, being patient with us when plans needed to change and continually holding us in prayer. It has meant more than you realize. We know life is a journey and sometimes it's a pretty intense journey. So thank you for your presence with us during our journey.

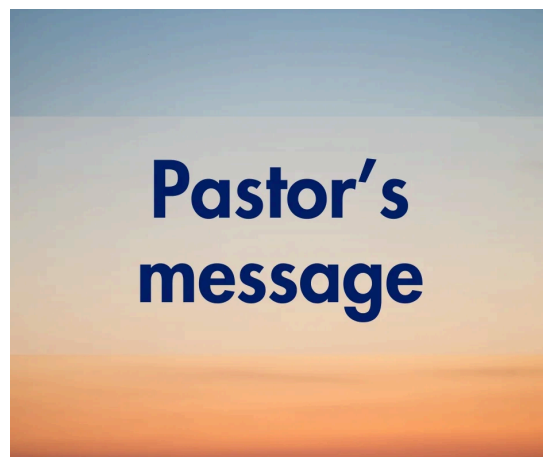
~Pastor Alicia

HRVCC Women's Ministries is sponsoring a waterfalls trip on Wednesday, May 20. It will last from 9:30 to about 2:30. The only cost is for lunch. The itinerary includes Multnomah Falls, Horsetail Falls, Starvation Creek Falls, and the Mitchell Point tunnels. Lunch will be at the Bridgeside in Cascade Locks. Bring a friend. Men welcome, too. Sign up in the narthex. Mary Anne can answer any questions.



Thanks to Betty Osborne, Emily Krager and Margaret Strasser for hosting Salads for Six luncheons in recent days. Seventeen women participated, while three who signed up were ill and could not attend.

The recycling display in the fellowship will be removed after next Sunday. Check it out to pick up a list of items for our Second Sunday Recycling as well as a list from the county curbside program.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the community baby shower!

We delivered over 20 items to The Next Door.



Sharon Smiley has agreed to represent HRVCC to the Gorge Ecumenical Ministries. At the group's March meeting, she picked up interesting information about community resources.

Flyers are in a box on the table by Pastor Alicia's office, currently the following which you may take with you: The Life Raft Pantry, Bridges to Health, native support group Chuushna, the free store at the Gloria Center in The Dalles, community grants for youth, community pick up day (already held March 28), and the Community Baby Shower from The Next Door.

As we continue our Thriving journey,

Mission statement:

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

Values statements:

Welcoming with warmth and respect

Community partnerships

Worshipping God with thanksgiving

Outreach without borders

Caring relationships

Over the past three Sundays in worship we have discussed our church's first three values statements: welcoming with warmth and respect; community partnerships; and worshipping God with thanksgiving. We have shouted out during the sermon how our church is currently living these values statements. We have written down ideas on how to expand on these statements. Which those ideas will be passed to our church's Thriving Team for further discussion and exploration.

You all have been engaged in this process, really thinking about what these statements mean and how they are a part of this faith community. As we delve into the final two values statements (outreach without borders and caring relationships), you are invited to continue to live these values and deepen them every chance you get. For we are called to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ through Service, Stewardship and Generosity as our mission statement professes.



Thriving Congregations

GORGE HAPPINESS PRESENTS:
GATHER & GROUND

Free Gorge Awe Walks

10:30-12

April 8 & 22

May 5 & 20

EXPLORE DIFFERENT TRAILS.

TIME FOR CONNECTION, JOURNALING & ART



TEXT EMILY @ 503-358-1949 to RSVP .

Oregon and Southwest Idaho
Region of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)!

We are getting so excited about welcoming our our colleagues and friends to the 2026 Regional Assembly.

The members of Red Rock Christian Church and I are looking forward to hosting you all here in Boise, Idaho May 15-16, 2026.

Registration is now LIVE! You can find all the registration materials online on our Website: [Click on this Link and it will take you there!](#)

A few things I want to highlight for you:

Our regional Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation team is looking forward to including you in two late breaking opportunities to gather as community at the upcoming Regional Assembly. First, a prayer vigil will be held after worship on Friday evening, May 15th, in the sanctuary of Red Rock Christian Church. This will be led and facilitated by Rev. Holly Greenidge. All assembly attendees are invited to participate, including our online attendees. On Saturday, another breakout session, titled, "Let's Talk: A Conversation" will be offered and facilitated by Robi Ingram-Rich. In this breakout session, Robi will lead us through events in the history of the states of Oregon and Idaho that contribute to attitudes about racism. These are sure to be meaningful moments together. More information to come!

Virtual Attendance:

For the first time, we are offering a virtual attendance option that includes a \$10 registration fee. You can find this specific registration form By clicking [HERE](#) or on our Website on the link above. This registration fee is helping us cover our additional technology fees and is helping us pay for our dedicated tech team. My hope, as we have been planning, is that no matter where you are in the region geographically, that you will feel included and a part of assembly. We are still working out some technology bugs, but I have confidence in our tech team and their abilities to troubleshoot any challenges.

Translation:

Translation services will be available, in person and also if you are attending virtually.

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Stephen Sprinkle is our keynote speaker and facilitator for our time together. He is Emeritus Professor of Practical Theology at Brite Divinity School, and Theologian-in Residence of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, in Dallas, Texas. He has been preparing engaging sermons and an all-assembly workshop for us. He will be extending his time with us and preaching Sunday morning, May 17th at Red Rock Christian Church. The title of his sermon on Sunday is "The Mirror of Love" and the scripture will be Hebrews 12:1-2. You are all invited to join us for worship at 10:45 am.



Finally, I would like to extend a THANK YOU to the churches and sponsors who have given donations to help us lower the registration cost for this year's assembly. I am grateful the reduction will allow more people to attend assembly. And if you need further assistance to cover registration costs or travel expenses, please reach out to me. Church, let us gather together, united in covenant! See you all soon.

Rev. Tracia Deal

pastor@redrockchristianchurch.org

A big thank you Bruce Holmson for keeping our church grounds clean and presentable. :)



Gorge Ecumenical Ministries

Spring
Potluck & Social



**Let's connect with each other
and hear from about GEM programs!**

5:30pm - Gather to socialize and share a meal! If you are able, bring a simple potluck item or topping for our salad bar supper. If not, just come and enjoy!

6:00-7:00pm - Representatives from our sponsored programs will inform us about what they are up to and how we and our various congregations and organizations can support them.

**May
21st**

5:30-7:00pm

Fish Food Bank Classroom

1130 Tucker Road, Hood River

For more info www.gorge-em.org/gem-events

Church Calendar

Wednesday April 29

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Thursday April 30

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday May 02

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Sunday May 03- Gathering for FISH

9:30am Lectionary Preview

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday May 05

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday May 06

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Thursday May 07

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday May 09

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

Sunday May 10-Second Sun. Recycling

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday May 12

10:00am Women's Bible Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Wednesday May 13

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

Thursday May 14

8:00am Men's bible study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Pastor Alicia at Regional Assembly May 15-18

Saturday May 16

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

Sunday May 17

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Scriptures for May 03, 2026

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 12-16

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Serving Sunday May 03, 2026

Elder this week

Jennifer Stager

Communion prep

Kathy Holmson

Coffee hour

Jennifer Stager

Deacon

Sable + Layla

Scriptures for May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Serving Sunday May 10, 2026

Elder this week

Carol Sabins

Communion prep

Kathy Holmson

Coffee hour

Barb Ritoch

Deacon

Scott and Laurie

