



# Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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## September 4, 2024

### Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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**Protecting  
God's World**

## Next Recycling Sunday is September 8

What to bring:

#2, #6 plastic

Plastic caps and lids

Plastic straws and liquid pumps

Foam: trays, containers, blocks and coolers

Miscellaneous: small electronics, laptop computers, cell phones, wires,

Christmas lights

**Sunday Adult Study 9:30am** Now studying the parables of Jesus. A title for the series is "An Unexpected Kingdom." You are invited to join the study. Meet in the Vista Room, 9:30am-10:15am on Sundays.

## Sunday Worship

**9:30am Adult Sunday School**

**10:30am Worship**

### LINKS:

Sunday Worship August 25 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1182138543018302>

Sunday Worship Sept 1 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/3839167499686771>

**Ladies! Save the date** for another party on Saturday, September 14, at 2:00pm.

*All ladies are invited!*

### “Getting to Know You Part II Un-Birthday Party”

1. Sign up by birthday month
2. Bring toiletries for FISH Food Bank
3. Bring the card on which you've written about a favorite birthday party you've enjoyed
4. Think of a wish for your birthday candle
5. Everyone come and enjoy the fun
6. Wear sparkles and get a prize

**RSVP is a must by September 8**

**Thelma 541 645-3748**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider

Sharon & Gordon Cook

Stacy

Vicki White

Katy White

Bonnie McCollister

Stacey Jubitz

Doris Lewis

Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Barbara Frasier's friend Julie

Tedra Turner

David Nash

Lloyd Frasier

Fred Thomas died September 3. Please pray for his family, including daughters Linda and Lorie and brother and sister in law Russ and Betty Paddock.

Pastor Alicia will have a lumpectomy on September 11. Please pray for successful surgery and for her recovery.

**A note from the Kummer family**--Thank you so much for coming to Bob's Celebration of Life service. We are so thankful for our friends, family and acquaintances who came. You all looked great in your Hawaiian attire! We know Bob was smiling and wishing he was here.

God Bless and love to all.

Mary, Dean and Becky, Kristy and Dan and Sonya

## **Installation of Pastor Shari Eggleston**

**Saturday, September 7, 2024 2:30pm**

Centennial Christian Church

3815 SE 174th Ave

Portland, OR 97236

Reception following in fellowship hall

### **A poem**

#### *The Journey*

*In honor of Doris Lewis and In Memory of Nancy Krieg*

*By Fred Duckwall*

An angel lit on your shoulder  
Then settled above your brow  
Her case was packed with peace  
And joy, ready for the here and now.

The road less traveled was long  
And hard, fraught with sticks and stone,  
But nevertheless we kept on the path  
To our Heavenly home.

All we'd packed was peace and joy  
Along with the creed our church employs.

It was all the armor we'd need  
For the journey to meet our precious Lord  
And start our blessed eternal life.  
An angel lit on your shoulder---



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.

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

## **Collection of Wellness Items for Regional Assembly**

September is the month to collect items for wellness bags to be put together at the regional church assembly on September 27th and 28th. The goal is 450 bags for the unsheltered. Our congregation is asked to contribute three different items:

- full bars of soap
- small hand towels
- deodorant

**Please bring as many of these items to the church as you can by September 22.**



You and your faith community are invited to

## **GEM's Fall Social**

***Gorge Ecumenical Ministries***

**Thursday, September 19th | 5:00-7:00 pm**

**FISH Community Room**

**1140 Tucker Road, Hood River**

Come and gather with members of our faith communities from around the Columbia Gorge for a time of fellowship! We will have time to connect with one another, hear updates on what to expect from GEM heading into this season, and learn about what life is stirring and springing up amongst our faith communities. This is a potluck celebration, so please bring a dish to share if you can!

## Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Friendship!

watch this space for more interesting articles about the history of HRVCC



*In 2024 we celebrate 60 years of faith at Hood River Valley Christian Church! A small committee is planning a 60<sup>th</sup> celebration of 'thanksgiving' to be held Sunday, Nov. 17 following worship. Please mark your calendars now and share this date with your families!*

With \$150,000 in hand and an architect chosen, the story of creating a new church home continues!

In November of 1963, the groundbreaking ceremony took place on the beautiful property with Mt. Hood in perfect view – or perhaps not! November in the Hood River Valley can be a stinker...so it's likely the mountain was cloaked in clouds. But no worries...it was a glorious day! Honored guests at the ceremony included Ruth Emery, who had been a member of the First Christian (town) Church since 1905, and Irma Ellis, who joined the Valley (country) church in 1907.

As construction proceeded, there was some consternation among the ladies of the congregation when they realized the men had chosen the colors for the interior. (Actually, the architect had made the decision, so the men were off the hook!)

Objections were raised over the use of purple in the carpeting and pew seat covers. However, Lois Campbell admonished the ladies that purple was right and proper – purple being the color of royalty.

As the cans of paint selected for the various rooms were opened, there were some surprises! But the plans for colors were carried out as set forth.

A number of enduring honors were designated as the completion of the church drew near. Upstairs, the carpet and 30 padded folding chairs in the parlor (Vista Room) were placed in memory of Nelson Emery. Furnishings for the downstairs parlor (Fireside Room) honored the memory of Clyde Easterly, who had kept the country church supplied with fuel and its driveways snowplowed in wintertime for many years. The fireplaces in both parlors were built in memory of Laura Jean Jernstedt.

The offering trays came from the town church and were memorials to Charles E. Woodward. (Does anyone know his association with the church? Please let Betty know.) The country church provided the communion table, which honored form pastor Lawrence Porter and was used until the sanctuary remodel in 2011.

There is so much more to our story...so be watching for the next newsletter history snippet!



## **Help Needed! HRVCC will be helping at FISH Food Bank October 7, 9, 11**

Our church helps at the local food bank about once every 12 weeks. We join other church groups and civic organizations in serving the community at FISH on a rotating schedule.

Our volunteers help as shopping escorts, doing some carry out, and assisting in whatever else is needed.

We have a dedicated team of volunteers who represent our church community but we would love to have more volunteers. If you are interested in helping at FISH or learning more about the FISH food bank, send me an email. [hrvcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hrvcchurch@gmail.com). Or talk to Judy, Barb, Suze, Mary Anne, Rod, Kathy, Melissa, Leslie, or Margaret when you're at church.

Thank you for your support--Kathy Holmson



## **September 2024 FISH News Update**

This year is going by very fast and now the August FISH Food Bank is in the books. During August at the food banks, everything was pretty much normal. In Hood River there was an average of about 30 to 35 clients a night and they registered no more than about 5 new clients at each distribution. Parkdale's number was about average. As usual, FISH was getting lots of fresh fruit and vegetables from community members and orchardists. Then the last week of August came.

On Monday of that week, at the Hood River site, we had one of the slowest days of the year with only 20 families visiting the food bank. We had to wonder what the rest of the week would look like, because it was the last week of the month, the start of a holiday weekend, and children had started going back to school. Well, we got our answer. Wednesday had to be one of the busiest days of the year. Between Cascade Locks (who had a very big day), and the two shopping times in Hood River, FISH served 138 families.

So, what would Friday and Saturday bring to FISH? We had to wonder if we had served most of the clients by that time. In Hood River, the Friday evening was an average night and by 4:45 PM we had served 38 clients. This was a little higher than normal but with the great volunteers everyone was served. Because it was a Friday night before a holiday weekend the volunteers were a little anxious to get their weekend started.

One volunteer needed to leave at about 4:45 and since all was quiet, we said great, however Silvia (one of our board members) jokingly said OK, but we will probably have a bus load show up. As a second volunteer, Manny, was thinking about taking off, not one bus but two vans rolled in with 27 Spanish speaking individuals. It was amazing watching all the volunteers kick into high gear work together, to serve all 27 families in just a 30-minute period. Luckily, we had several very fluent Spanish speaking volunteers and everyone else felt comfortable working with the Spanish speaking clients. Paul was able to get everyone organized before they came into the food bank. Every shopper took 3 to 4 clients at a time, there were 3 different volunteers stocking shelves and keeping the carts moving and 2 volunteers taking the food to the vans. Then of course the trick was to figure out how to get all the food into the vans. Jo, one of the new volunteers, got a good lesson in what life can be like at the food bank as he puzzled out how to get all the food in the vans.

When it was all said and done, instead of complaining about having to stay late, one of the volunteers said, "I was able to help the nicest young men." I was just so proud of all the FISH volunteers. They worked as a team, were so pleasant to the clients and left feeling good they were able to help. However, we did recommend to the clients that they come earlier and maybe not all 27 at a time.

The final tally on Friday for Hood River was 66 families. The final tally on Saturday for Cascade Locks was only 4. August ended with a bang; I wonder what September will bring?

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend.

**Billie Stevens**  
**FISH Food Bank**



### **Because I like to Smile...**

Just a couple of things that clients have said that make me smile:

\*I was shopping with a young man in his 20's. When we came to the apples, they were green Granny Smith apples. I asked if he would like a few apples, and he replied, "no they are not ripe as they are still green." I let him know that they are supposed to be green, and he said he had never seen a green apple. I said oh, didn't grow up in the Hood River valley? Nope he was from Florida, guess they only have oranges there.

\*On Wednesday when I was doing an intake with a new client when the phone rang. A young man asked if we had food for homeless and I said yes. He needed directions to the food bank. It became clear he was new to the area and needed some in-depth directions, so I asked Adrienne to please help him. She was on a long time and when she got off, she started laughing. After all the directions she gave him, she finally asked him what town he was in. Nope he was not in Hood River but a town in Southern Oregon. Once again, a case of mistaken identity.

### **Thank You's...**

Special thank you's to:

**Home Gardeners and Orchardist:** Donating to FISH Food Bank is a wonderful way to share your extra fruit and vegetables during this fall season. Everyday FISH receives many wonderful donations that come from individuals' gardens or orchards. Clients can select a large variety of fresh veggies and sacks full of everything from peaches, nectarines, apples and plums, all grown in our rich Hood River soils. Thanks so much!

**Hood River Lions:** Hood River Lions featured FISH Food Bank at their last Families in the Park Concert. Even though it was raining, lightening and thundering, the show went on and FISH was able to share about our organization and was the recipient of their 50/50 drawing. Because of their hard work, the Lions were able to donate \$1,600 to FISH.

**The Latino Network:** Thanks to the Latino Network for sponsoring the Hood River First Friday Food Drive. The food drive runs from August 2 to September 6. Food is starting to roll in from the food drive and the event will culminate on September 6 at the Hood River First Friday. There will be lots of fun events during this First Friday, which will include music plus a mechanical bull for everyone to ride. If you are brave enough to ride the bull, all it takes is a food donation or you can ride for \$5, which will be donated to FISH. So, roundup your cowboy boots and hat and mosey on down to the Hood River First Friday, for lots of fun and action.

### **Cold/Flu and COVID**

It is that time of year when there tends to be more colds and flu, plus there seems to be a rise in COVID cases. It is a good time to remind volunteers that if you are not feeling well that we would prefer you did not to come to the Food Bank to work. Don't feel guilty if you are not able to come, we want you to get well fast and not to spread your germs around.

With Covid, the CDC sent out these recommendations:

The CDC now says people who have Covid-19 should stay home until they've been fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours and their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours.

After that, it's fine to resume regular activities, agency experts say. But they recommend that people take additional precautions for the next five days — including improving ventilation, masking and limiting close contact with others — to lower the risk of spreading the virus.

What the CDC says about Flu is to stay home 5 days from the onset of symptoms and until there is no fever for 24 hours.

# Church Calendar

## Saturday-Friday Aug 31-Sept 6

Pastor Alicia is attending Pension Fund gathering in Washington DC

## Wednesday September 4 Newsletter

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

## Thursday September 5

7:00am Men's Bible Study

## Saturday September 7

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday September 8 Recycling Sunday

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

## Tuesday September 10

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

## Wednesday September 11 No Newsletter

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

## Thursday September 12

7:00am Men's Bible Study

## Saturday September 14

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open  
2:00pm Getting to Know You Part II  
Ladies Un-Birthday Party

## Sunday September 15

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

## Tuesday September 17

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

## Wednesday September 18 Newsletter

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

## Scriptures for Sunday Sept 8, 2024

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 129  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

## SERVING Sunday Sept 8, 2024

**Elder this Week** Chrystal Akin

**Communion prep** Mary Finley

**Coffee Hour** Barb & friends

**Deacons** Servers

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

## Scriptures for Sunday September 15, 2024

Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

## SERVING Sunday September 15, 2024

**Elder this Week** Jerry Sawyer

**Communion prep** Barb Ritoch

**Coffee Hour** Judy & friends

**Deacons** Servers

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