



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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November 1, 2023

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

Interim Minister

Rev. Holly Greenidge 503 381-8027

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Church Administrative Assistant

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FALL BACK! Daylight Saving Time ends
Turn clocks BACK 1 hour Saturday night



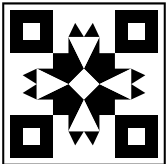
*Bring items
for donation to
fellowship hall
M-F this week.*

Christmas Décor and More Sale Hood River Valley Christian Church

Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Give your holiday spirit a boost at the annual Pre-Christmas Sale at Hood River Valley Christian Church. **Helpers Needed! If you can help at the sale for an hour or so on Saturday, please let Suze know!**

Sale includes gently used ornaments, wreaths, lights, decorations, Santas, snowmen, angels, candles, books, music, etc. Also, winter clothing. Every dollar spent goes directly to Valley Christian Women's Fellowship ministries, and to charitable organizations and ministries they support.



QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale this weekend for a beautiful handmade quilt.

\$1 for one

\$5 for 6

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Adult Sunday school classes, nursery available

10:30am Sunday Worship Our guest preacher for November 5, Ruth Fletcher, will lead a third workshop, this one on "remembering prayer" following worship. A light lunch will be provided for participants. **Special music by Stan Sawyer**

LINK:

Sunday Worship Oct 29 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/218337371160146>

Mark your calendar!



Pastor Alicia returns from Sabbatical

Pastor Alicia returns from her sabbatical (Geoff, Kailey and Jackson, too!) and rejoin us in worship on November 12. In addition to a special worship service, we'll gather together for a buffet luncheon to celebrate her return following worship.

The menu for the day includes chicken, salads, baked beans, fruit and veggies, with pie and ice cream for dessert.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney
Katy White
Linda Thomas

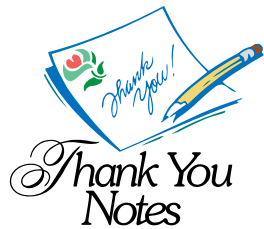
Sharon & Gordon Cook
Stacey Jubitz
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Lauree Winfield
Bonnie McCollister
Jared

Vicki White
David Nash

Gary Hidle is home and doing well after gallbladder surgery October 16.

Frances Henne is doing well at home after being in the hospital last week for a small stroke.



Thank you notes Next Sunday we will be saying good-bye and thanking Interim minister, Holly; preacher and workshop leader, Ruth; and Shar and Ron Wilkins; we will recognize Kathy for her role as office administrator-plus in the absence of Pastor Alicia. There are two ways to sign cards in the narthex (on quarter sheets or on a larger card) or bring your own cards.

A Devotional from Pastor Holly

What is the difference between something that has gone stale and something that has become vintage? At first glance, the process seems similar. Once it's made, both require little effort - mostly just time.

Things that become vintage receive intentional care, because they are treasured. Much attention is given to which kind of container wine is aged in and how it is stored once it's bottled. The jersey signed by a famous athlete shouldn't be left dirty and crumpled under your bed. A record from a classic band ought not be left in the sun.

On the other hand, you can't make something vintage by working harder. No matter how hard I try, I can't make something I bought new last week become vintage this week.

I think our spiritual life is like that. We take great care to treasure it and give it the right ingredients, the right environment where it can thrive. Then, we need to surrender it to God and allow the Holy Spirit time to form it into something of vintage quality. We can't force our way into a rich spiritual life, but neither can we allow it to be crumpled and forgotten somewhere.

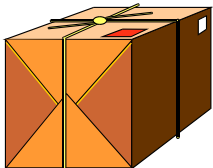
What has helped your spiritual life to become vintage over time? Are you continuing to give it the right environment to thrive?

May we all continue to form vintage spiritual lives, so that everyone we encounter can taste and see that God is good.

Holly

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project It is time to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you are interested in filling some, please have them filled and delivered to me **BEFORE November 12th** and I will deliver them to Covenant Church for you. Or if you would like to give cash to cover some of the shipping, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you in advance! Mary Kummer



SABBATICAL NEWS

What are we savoring? Every Sunday during the sabbatical there will be a time at the end of worship to write down the answers to the questions "What did you savor today? What did you savor in worship, in the life of the church, in this faith community?"



INTERIM MINISTER While Pastor Alicia is on sabbatical, Pastor Holly Greenidge will serve as interim minister. Holly will lead worship on September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22 and November 5. Every Sunday Holly is in worship, she will also be present for pastoral visits, meetings, questions and discussions on that Monday or Tuesday. Make sure to reach out if you have a need or simply want to get to know her better.

Pastor Holly's contact information is phone 503 381-8027 email hollygreenidge@gmail.com

If you have a need or concern while Pastor Alicia is away, please reach out to our Interim Minister Holly Greenidge, one of our elders, Kathy in the church office, or a member of the sabbatical committee (Mary Anne Parrott, Betty Osborne, Suze Nigl, Sharon Smiley and Wes Bailey).



Rev. Ruth Fletcher, preaching November 5

Ruth Fletcher nurtures positive transformation in individuals and systems through teaching and spiritual leadership. Throughout her life, she has trained leaders, facilitated personal growth retreats, accompanied congregations through change, encouraged imagination, keynoted conferences, preached and led worship, coached pastors, and designed processes for systemic revitalization.

Raiza Spratt, preaching November 12



As part of the General Ministries of the Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada, Raiza Spratt helps to equip congregations in collaborative partnerships to prepare and respond to disasters.

Disciples of Christ welcomes all to a life of service, hope and wholeness in a fragmented world and these are some of the guiding principles that Raiza uses when developing opportunities to serve for volunteers. Raiza is the Disaster Response Organizer for Week of Compassion where she witnesses transforming hope and shares the stories of what is possible when we do things together as a community. Because we, together, can transform suffering into hope.



prayer

Be in prayer During sabbatical you are invited to be in prayer. Pray for the congregation. Pray for the ministries of the church. Pray for Pastor Alicia. Pray for Geoff, Kailey, and Jackson. Pray for yourself. Pray that all will "savor" this time as we learn, grow and deepen our faith. This is a time to be intentional in our prayer lives.

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All Saints Sunday 2023

November 5

Remembering members of our church family we've lost over the last twelve months.

Clarice Knoll	12/1/1932 – 1/5/2023
Mary Patterson	3/30/1932 – 2/25/2023
Phyllis “Jinx” Woods	9/10/1926 – 3/21/2023
Patty Price Hukari	11/8/1029 – 4/18/2023
Mary Smith	2/14/1936 – 6/3/2023
Roz Burkhart	10/8/1932 – 7/27/2023
Robert Fawcett	1/22/1930 – 8/15/2023
Bev Thomas	4/30/1937 - 9/29/2023
Nancy Krieg	8/28/1942 – 10/6/2023

Invacare Deluxe Power Wheelchair

-5 years old, but only used sparingly for 1½ years.

-Excellent condition.

-Small turning radius makes it ideal for getting around at home or turning around a tight corner with a small turning radius.

-Reclines.

-**\$950** or best offer

Contact: Kathie: 541.380.0588

11-2023





**Protecting
God's World**

Second Sunday Recycling November 12

What to bring:

#2, #6 Plastic caps with a number

Plastic caps without a number (separated)

Plastic straws & liquid pumps

Foam trays containers, blocks, coolers

Misc small electronics, laptops, cell phones, wires, Christmas lights. And a small donation to help cover the cost.

Time to put snow tires on soon!

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Church Calendar

Wednesday November 1

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday November 2

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

Saturday November 4

9:00am-3:00pm Pre Christmas Sale

End Daylight Saving-Turn clocks back 1 hr

Sunday November 5 All Saints Sunday

Pre Christmas Sale in fellowship hall
9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday November 7

10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday November 8

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Thursday November 9

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

Saturday November 11

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Sunday November 12

Second Sunday recycling

9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship
11:30am Buffet Luncheon
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday November 14

10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm TOPS group

Wednesday November 15

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Scriptures for Sunday Nov 5, 2023

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

SERVING Sunday Nov 5, 2023

Elder this Week	Jerry Sawyer
Communion prep	Kathy Holmson
AV Tech	Laurie Crosswhite
Coffee Hour	Jennifer & friends
Deacons	Serving Team #1 Woody & Sue Eskildsen

Scriptures for Sunday Nov 12, 2023

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

SERVING Sunday Nov 12, 2023

Elder this Week	Sharon Smiley
Communion prep	Joanie Logan
AV Tech	Chance & JJ
Coffee Hour	Barbara & friends
Deacons	Serving Team #2 Jennifer Stager, Rylee Akin