

February 25, 2026

Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time
10:30am

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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 February 22- [Facebook](#)



Sharon & Gordon Cook
Bev Carpenter
Natasha & Penny

Lee Repp
Bud Harris
Lauree Winfield

Emerson family
Tyler Luna
Gladys Sawyer

Hansen Family
Rich Nichols
Williford Family

*Lauree Winfield is back home and welcomes visits/calls.

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



Steve Galon- 02

Laurie Crosswhite- 05

Nick Kenyon- 08

Jerry Sawyer- 09

Katie Ritoch- 23

Rod Parrott- 26

Sharon Smiley- 28

Sable Duback-31

Katie Smiley- 05

Ed McCarger- 07

Suze Nigl- 08

Kailey Speidel- 19

Lindamay Woosley- 23

Keith Clymer- 27

Kathy Holmson- 28

Lauree Winfield- 26

Mary Kummer- 27



Thanks to a generous donation and women's ministries, the church has new front doors that are ADA accessible. So with a push of a button they will open. Now this is only after that feature has first been engaged inside by someone. This means if the doors have not been engaged and the button is pushed, they will not automatically open. Please be mindful of this, making sure it has been engaged before pushing the button. In addition, the

interior doors are also new. Be careful when opening these ones, as they tend to swing a bit fast. These changes were needed and are wonderful. Come check them out and see how they will aid us as we continue in our ministry.



THE ELEPHANT WHISPERER

My Life with the Herd in the African Wild



LAWRENCE ANTHONY
WITH GRAHAM SPENCE

The church's book study group is reading the fascinating *The Elephant Whisperer* by Lawrence Anthony. Discussion will be Wednesday, March 4, at 2:00 at the Parrott home.

See Rod if you are interested in a copy of the book.

Lenten theme: Signposts to Easter

Lent is a significant 40-day season of spiritual preparation, prayer, fasting, and repentance leading up to Easter, focusing on Jesus's sacrifice and resurrection by commemorating His 40 days of trial in the wilderness. It starts on Ash Wednesday, marked by ashes symbolizing mortality, and traditionally involves the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity) to foster self-discipline and draw closer to God, ending before Easter Sunday.



A Quick Note Regarding Next Week

I will be out of town all of next week. As a result, we will be taking a brief hiatus from the newsletter. There will be no update sent out on March 04, but we will be back in your inbox as usual the following week.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

-Sable



Last Sunday's annual meeting of Women's Ministries centered on a review of 2025 activities and financial report, budget planning for 2026, and distribution of excess funds. New to the budget for this year are contributions to Week of Compassion and laundry services for the unsheltered and otherwise in need; in addition, it was agreed that the annual Christmas luncheon will be underwritten by Women's Ministries in appreciation of all those who, through their volunteering, make possible the income of Women's Ministries. A copy of the 2026 budget will soon be posted on the bulletin board.

Excess funds (from 2025 income and an old savings account whose purpose no longer exists) were distributed to the Sunshine Club, \$1,500; Helping Hands (abuse shelter), \$500; FISH, \$1,000; Week of Compassion, \$500; a mutual aid fund of Gorge Ecumenical Ministries helping those with immigration status anxiety with transportation, \$500; The Next Door, \$500; and HRVCC projects—painting the thrift shop and a contribution toward a new church sign at Indian Creek Road, \$5,000. One of the contributions is being made in honor of Suze Nigl for her leadership of the thrift shop.

A request: Ladies, please pick up an Interest Finder sheet on the table by the pastor's office door, fill it out and return it there to help plan the year's activities.

Reminder: Spring Forward!

Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8, 2026.

To make sure you're synced up with the rest of the world, set your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night.



Thriving
Congregations

Recently the board approved a mission statement and values statements for the church. The new mission statement and values statements will be presented to you over the next few weeks. Starting this coming Sunday, March 1 during fellowship time after worship, a thriving team member will be at one of the tables in the fellowship hall to share the proposal and answer any questions.

Then on Sunday, March 22 immediately following worship all who are present will be invited to stay in the sanctuary for a community meeting to reach a consensus about this proposal. Please plan to be there. Please also continue to hold our faith community in prayer as we take this important step of claiming who God is calling us to be in this time and in this place.

Sunrise Service

April 5th at 6:30 am

Join us at the Beacon Rock State Park upper picnic area as we celebrate our risen Lord with praise, worship, and scripture.

To join us with your guitars and voices, please call 360-772-0863.

Hosted by Skamania Community Church.

Church Calendar

Wednesday February 25

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

Pastor Alicia out of town February 27- March 01

Thursday February 26

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday February 28

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

Sunday March 01 Gathering for FISH

Sable out of town March 01-06

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday March 03

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday March 04

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

Thursday March 05

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday March 07

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

Sunday March 08-Second Sun. Recycling

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

Elder's meeting following Worship!

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday March 10

10:00am Women's Bible Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Wednesday March 11

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

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

Thursday March 12

8:00am Men's bible study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday March 14

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

Sunday March 15

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Serving Sunday March 01, 2026

Elder this week

Rod Parrott

Communion prep

Joanie Logan

Coffee hour

Jennifer and friends

Deacon

Woody and Layla

Scriptures for Sunday March 01, 2026

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Serving Sunday March 08, 2026

Elder this week

Betty Osborne

Communion prep

Joanie Logan

Coffee hour

Barb and friends

Deacon

Scott and Laurie

Scriptures for Sunday March 08, 2026

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 23

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

