



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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January 29, 2025

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

LINK: Sunday Worship Jan 26

<https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/591316313652542>

About Church Giving

Online Giving To donate online to Hood River Valley Christian Church, go to

<http://www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com/donate/> and make a donation

Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App

on your Smartphone or tablet. A onetime gift can be made or you can set up online giving on a regular basis. **USPS Mail** You can also give to Hood River Valley Christian Church by mailing a check to: HRVCC 975 Indian Creek Road, Hood River, OR 97031

In the Sanctuary For offerings and tithes, there is a deposit box at the entrance of the sanctuary, inside the double doors. Offerings may be dropped off at any time.

Super Bowl Sunday is Feb 9!

we are collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring

February 2 & 9

Collecting donations for FISH Food Bank.

Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual youth-led event held nation-wide on SuperBowl Sunday to collect donations for food banks and other helping organizations. HRVCC youth have participated in Souper Bowl since 1998!

- **For FISH Food Bank** donate cash or checks or non-perishable food, baby food and diapers, personal hygiene items, pet food.

Thank you for supporting our youth and youth nationwide in this fundraiser. Thank you for supporting our local FISH Food bank.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Glenn & Donnamae Grannemann
Vicki White Stacey Jubitz
Ken Hansen

Margaret Marshall
Doris Lewis
Geri Hutson

Sharon & Gordon Cook
Tedra Turner

Margaret Marshall is making progress in healing at Skyline Hospital Rehab and hopes to be home next week.

People and communities of Los Angeles County who have been devastated by wildfires. To donate to Week of Compassion go to: www.weekofcompassion.org (designate California Wildfires) or give through your church offering (indicate WoC Wildfires) in the memo of your check.

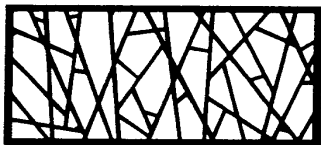
Thanks from Margaret To my friends at Valley Christian Church: I want to thank you for all the cards, prayers and wishes for quick healing that I have received from all of you. I am improving and am feeling much better. It looks like I will be coming home in a week and hope to see you all in church soon. You are very special to me.
Margaret Marshall

Women's Ministries News

Please sign up for a telephone chat circle during the week of February 9. Names will be taken at the front table in the narthex through February 2.



Grocery bags needed—Our Thrift Shop can use paper grocery bags (Suze says Rosauer's bags are great!). Drop off in the church lobby if you have extras.



**The Pastor's
COLUMN**

Next week I'll be attending my annual retreat Northwest Association for Theological Discussion at Menucha in Corbett. I have attended this retreat for around 20 years. It has been and is a time to gather with other Disciples clergy to reflect, renew and rest. It has been a staple for me for most years, except a few after my kiddos were born.

I have met other clergy throughout the Pacific Northwest that I may never have met. I have developed meaningful friendships. I have found support and care. I have found a place to simply be. It has been a gift over these 20 years as it has changed and transformed, both the group itself and me.

I look forward to attending next week, to reconnecting with friends and to deepening those relationships. I look forward to the theological discussions which will challenge and expand my mind. I just look forward to finding a different rhythm for a few days. Thank you for supporting this time away that I need.

Alicia

A reminder...



Winter Weather-related Cancellations

Church meetings or Thriftshop days may be cancelled if winter weather causes hazardous driving conditions. In general, if local schools have cancellations, church activities may also cancel. Call your group leader before you venture out.



“HELP A NEIGHBOR” OUTREACH TRADITION AT HRVCC

Did you know? Our Help a Neighbor fund offers emergency assistance to members of our church family and other people in the Hood River community. Help A Neighbor had its beginning over 50 years ago when three families in this congregation each lost an adult child to death at about the same time—two died in automobile accidents and one in a logging accident.

As these families saw gifts in memory of their loved ones coming to the church, they decided that they did not want a physical memorial, but they wanted the money used to help others. So they established a compassionate assistance fund through the church. Over the years, the name of the fund has changed from time to time, but the purpose remained the same--helping others. Our Help A Neighbor fund is supported by direct donations as well as a regular portion from the HRVCC outreach funds.

The fund has been used for a variety of purposes over the years: rent, household, and medical bills, transportation expenses, financial assistance with bills due to illness, unemployment or family emergency.

The Help A Neighbor fund is currently administered by Kathy Holmson, Joanie Logan and Wes Bailey, in coordination with Pastor Alicia.

Church Calendar

Wednesday January 29

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Thursday January 30

7:00am Men's Study Vista Room

Saturday January February 1

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday February 2 FISH FOOD BANK

9:30 Adult Sunday school

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life church worship

Monday-Wednesday February 3-5

Pastor Alicia out of office, attending NWATD retreat

Tuesday February 4

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday February 5

9:00am-12:00 Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Thursday February 6

7:00am Men's Study Vista Room

1:30pm Chime choir rehearsal

Saturday February 8

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday February 9 Recycling Sunday

Souperbowl Sunday

9:30 Adult Sunday school

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday February 11

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday February 12

9:00-12:00 Quilters meet

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Thursday February 13

7:00am Men's Study Vista Room

1:30pm Chime choir rehearsal

Friday February 14-18

Alicia out of town.

Saturday February 15

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday February 16 Guest speaker Holly Greenidge

9:30 Adult Sunday school

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life church worship

Scriptures for Sunday February 2, 2025

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

SERVING Sunday February 2, 2025

Elder this Week Carol Sabins

Communion prep Judy Hiatt

Coffee Hour Jennifer & friends

Deacons Servers

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

Scriptures for Sunday February 9, 2025

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

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Elder this Week Jerry Sawyer

Communion prep Barbara Ritoch

Coffee Hour Barbara and friends

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