

October 21, 2026



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time
10:30am

Church Administrative Assistant
Sable Duback

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 October 18-
[Facebook](#)**



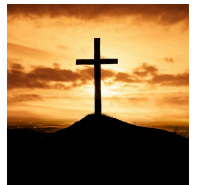
Sharon & Gordon Cook
Tyler Luna
Fred Duckwall

John Olson
Sims Family

Bill & Lauree Winfield
Crosswhite Family

Bev Carpenter
Leslie Melby

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



Mimi Williford- 02

Vicki White- 05

Carolyn Lien- 05

Noel Lien-07

Ron Wilkins-07

Thelma Warnock-10

Austin Crosswhite-12

Judy Hiatt-15

Hailey Olson-18

Celelia Hiatt-21

Tatum Wyatt-24

Jodi Wyatt-26

Jami Waits-26

Velma Budworth-30



Thriving Congregations

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

This past week my parents, Geoff and I finally made it to the Seattle area to hunt for trolls. Maybe you have heard of the Northwest Trolls and maybe you haven't. I only knew a little bit about them before our adventures. Now I am much more familiar with them. And to be honest, I was very impressed and in awe of them. The artist has used reclaimed wood in coordination with local Native American tribes to create these massive trolls to show what is possible when you combine creativity with "trash." We saw Jakob Two Trees, Frankie Feetsplinters, Bruun Idun, Pia the Peacekeeper and Oscar the Bird King.



Each one has a poem attached to it highlighting its significance and even the area where it's located. They are really very well thought out. Plus, their surroundings are peaceful with walking paths, water and many trees and shrubs. All of this together created a sense of connection and spiritual grounding. I definitely felt the movement of the Spirit, the energy that was present in these spaces. This same energy was also felt at the Japanese American Exclusion Memorial on Bainbridge Island. What an incredibly thoughtful and powerful memorial to say, "Let it not happen again." Let us remember what happened in our country and how we need to all stand up to

not ever go down that road again. A poignant reminder of the difficult history experienced and lived right here in the Northwest, and as we know in Hood River.

The Spirit is there moving in and out of every space we enter. The question is whether we will be open to it. Will we stop to take in what is around us? Will we allow ourselves to be moved? Will we give thanks for those moments, sharing them and being impacted by them? The Spirit is there,

waiting for us to breathe it in and out, to make changes and to live more faithful and faith filled lives. Go and seek it out or notice when it is seeking you out.

~Pastor Alicia



Thrift Shop is re-opening!

The wait is finally over—our thrift shop is officially celebrating its grand reopening today! Over the past month, an immense amount of hard

work, dedication, and creative effort went into giving our space a complete makeover. From fresh paint and updated flooring to meticulously curated shelves and newly organized displays, every corner has been thoughtfully updated to make your shopping experience better than ever. The shop looks absolutely amazing, full of fantastic unique finds, vintage treasures, and everyday essentials just waiting to be discovered. We can't wait for you to see the transformation in person, so pop in when you can, explore the new look, and help us celebrate this exciting new chapter!



This wonderful poem was composed by one of our volunteers, Jan Behrmann.

Hood River Valley Christian Church

Wants you to know we care,

Our THRIFT SHOP will reopen soon,

We've many things to share.

We've painted and reorganized,

We have a brand-new look,

Perhaps you'll find some winter

clothes

Or things to help you cook.

Our shelves are filled with books

and toys

And we have bedding too,

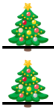
So come and see what you can find,

We're hoping to see you!



Sherrie Chevron has donated silverware in loving memory of Barbara Moore Chevron Norton. Ninety-six place settings (5 pieces each) are included plus two dozen serving spoons. A display of the new stainless steel tableware will be in the fellowship hall next Sunday and it will be ready for use soon.

We are so very grateful to Sherrie for her generosity and loving memory of her mom.



Seasonal Help & Local Handyman Services!

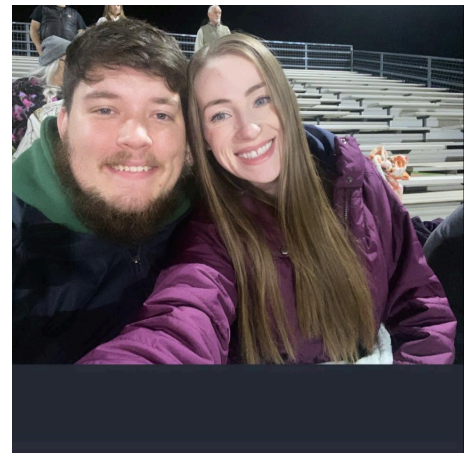
Are your holiday to-do lists getting a bit out of hand? Let us help take some of the stress out of your season! We are a local couple available for extra side work around the holidays to help keep your home running smoothly.

🔧 Outdoors & Handyman (His Services)

- **Gutter Cleaning:** Clear out fall leaves before winter sets in.
- **Firewood:** Chopping, splitting, and stacking.
- **Yard Work & Maintenance:** Leaf raking, lawn cleanup, and general yard tidy-ups.
- **Weed Pulling:** Keeping your yard looking neat.

🚗 Personal Assisting, Home & Care (Her Services)

- **Holiday & Grocery Shopping:** Let me brave the stores and lines for you. Give me your shopping list and I will have it taken care of!
- **Rides & Transportation:** Safe, reliable transportation for errands or appointments.



- **Babysitting, Housesitting & Pet Sitting:** Caring, trustworthy supervision for your kids or pets while you're out.
- **House Cleaning:** General tidying, and post-party prep/resets.
- **Dog Walking:** I'll make sure your dog gets their daily walks, fresh air, and attention!
- **Laundry Wash & Fold:** Fresh, neatly folded laundry delivered back to your door.

☎ **Get in Touch Today!**

- **Phone / Text:** 541-399-3226
- **Email:** sableduback95@gmail.com



Bring Your Pledge Cards This Sunday!

Join us this Sunday as we present our pledge cards during worship with a special Blessing of the Pledges. Please bring your completed pledge card with you to place in the offering basket as an act of prayer and commitment to our shared ministry in the year ahead.

Women's Ministries Global Ministries Recipient

One of the persons sponsored by Women's Ministries is Miss Mercy Devakumari in India.

She resides in the elders section of the Family Village Farm which serves destitute women and children.

In her late 50s, she lives with debilitating consequences of polio. She helps in the kitchen and assists the children with their schooling.

She participated in the June 15 World Elders Abuse Awareness Day when the children created posters to encourage empathy, respect, and strong intergenerational bonds.



While recycling remains a fluid situation, we can continue to save all the items we have been saving this past year PLUS: We have a RecycleOn Oregon center now that takes the following new items—

****Aluminum foil and trays (clean and dry)***

****shredded paper in a paper bag stapled shut***

If you have questions, ask Mary Anne.

Second Sunday collection comes next on November 8.

Help Us Fill the Trunks!

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success!



Trunk or Treat brings our community together for a fun, safe Halloween filled with creative car trunks and smiling kids. To make sure every little superhero, ghost, and goblin goes home with a full bag, **we are collecting candy donations!**

How You Can Help:

- **Donate Candy:** Pick up a bag or two of factory-sealed, individually wrapped candy on your next store run.
- **Allergy-Friendly Options:** Non-food items like stickers, glow sticks, or small toys are also great for kids with food allergies!
- **Drop Off:** Leave your donations in the collection box located under the table in the Narthex. Thank you for helping us create a safe and festive Halloween for our kids!
- **Hand-out Candy:** Decorate your trunk and join us in passing out treats! **Please let Pastor Alicia or the church office know if you want to participate!**

Event Details:  **Date & Time:** October 31 from 4pm-6pm

 **Location:** Hood River Valley Christian Church

Mark Your Calendar: All Saints Day – November 01 

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, November 01 during Worship**, to observe All Saints Day. It will be a meaningful time of remembrance, community, and gratitude as we honor the inspiring lives of those who walked before us.

Find Your Christmas Treasures!

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at our **Pre-Christmas Sale!** Join us on **Saturday, November 7th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** to discover unique festive decor, perfect gifts, and hidden Christmas treasures. Don't miss out on these holiday deals—see you there! ✨





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Mid-Columbia
Community
Action Council

HELP SECURE A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE HOOD RIVER SHELTER



SECURING A PERMANENT HOME

Started as a grassroots effort in 2010, the Hood River Shelter is initiating a capital campaign to secure a long-term location with supportive services located on site

GROUNDING IN PARTNERSHIP

The Hood River Shelter has strong partnerships with local government, law enforcement, faith groups, social and health care providers, local businesses, and community volunteers

YEAR-ROUND SAFETY & STABILITY

Everyone in our community is safer when the Hood River Shelter is open - year round operations will provide the support needed to bridge gaps and build true long-term housing stability

DONATE

You can make a difference and be part of securing a **true long-term home** for the Hood River Shelter

Every gift brings us one step closer to a community where everyone has a safe & stable place to call home

We invite you to join us!

Learn more & donate:
MCCAC.com/HRShelter4all



HOOD RIVER SHELTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2026-2029

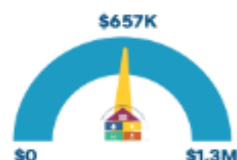
Phase 1 - site purchase and establishing shelter operations at the new location
Phase 2 - site redevelopment to create a mini-Navigation Center with on site offices for MCCAC staff and community partners

LEARN MORE & DONATE

MCCAC.com/HRShelter4all

Help us reach our Phase 1 Fundraising goal!

Updated Sept. 2026



Church Calendar

Wednesday October 21

9:00am piano tuning- Fellowship Hall
9:00am-12pm Thrift Shop REOPENING

Thursday October 22

9am piano tuning-Sanctuary
1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday October 24

9:00am-12pm Thrift Shop Open

Sunday October 25

9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday October 27

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday October 28

9:00am-12pm Thrift Shop Open

Thursday October 29

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday October 31

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

4pm-6pm Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday November 01-All Saints Day

Gathering for Fish

9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday November 03

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday November 04

9:00am-12pm Thrift Shop Open

Thursday November 05

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday November 07

9:00am-3:00pm Pre-Christmas sale!

Sunday November 08-Recycling

9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Serving Sunday October 25, 2026

Elder this week	Carol Sabins
Communion prep	Judy Hiatt
Coffee hour	Carol Sabins
Deacon	Sue + Woody

Scriptures for October 25, 2026

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Serving Sunday November 01, 2026

Elder this week	Rod Parrott
Communion prep	Judy Hiatt
Coffee hour	Jennifer Stager
Deacon	Sable + Layla

Scriptures for November 01, 2026

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

