

November 05, 2025



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time

10:30am

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Office hours 10am-1pm or as needed

Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview

10:30 Worship

Link to Worship on November 02, 2025- [Facebook](#)

*Prayer
Requests*



Sharon & Gordon Cook

Carol Sabins

Lee Repp

Vestena Emerson

Vicki White

Ken Hansen

Anse Hopkins

Bev Carpenter

Sheppard Family

Springer Family

Sharon Smiley

*Please hold Don Springer's family in your prayers, as he was called to the Lord recently.

*prayers for Sharon Smiley for healing and then for the future kidney stone removal at the end of November.

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



Kathie McCaw- 06

Jennifer Stager-09

Suzanne Maurer-10

Brandon Smiley-13

Mary Jane Laureau-13

Judy Kenyon-17

Linda Meyers-26

Sue Eskildsen-29



As we continue with the Thriving Congregations Cohort, you are invited to keep lifting up the question and prayer, Who is God calling this congregation to be in this time and in this place? Think about it when you are making a meal. Think about when you arrive on the church property. Think about when you're driving down the street. Think about it when you share your offering. Think about it and pray about it in many different places and throughout the week. It is a fluid question because the answer changes over time. So as you hold this question and listen for direction, give thanks for the

opportunity to be God's witnesses and to live as a faithful and faith filled community. Who is God calling this congregation to be in this time and in this place?

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 16. On that Sunday we will gather to delve further into our Thriving Congregations journey. A Soup Supper and "Favorite Soup" contest will take place! Bring your best homemade soup, sign up on the new bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall (Betty needs you!), and get ready to vote for your favorites.

There will be continental breakfast goodies upon arriving, too!

Please plan to attend as all are needed.



Pastor's message

Our church building is a very busy place. Here is what is happening this week alone:

There is Kiddie City, the daycare, downstairs, that operates five days a week. You hear the kids, see the teachers and smell their lunch cooking.

There is set up for the pre-Christmas sale in the fellowship hall. Make sure to come get more Christmas stuff for your home. There is lots to choose from. Hope and Life church meets every Sunday in the Vista Room.

The Voci choir has rehearsal on Monday night in the fellowship hall (yes, while the sale is set up).

The church's Thriving Team is meeting Monday evening at the same time.

Tuesday brings women's Bible study in the morning and a Tops group in the afternoon in the Vista Room.

Wednesday brings the Thrift Shop and the quilters.

Thursday is men's prayer group and then chimes choir rehearsal.

And then the pre-Christmas sale will be in full effect on Saturday. After that we start all over again.

Our church building sees many different people enter its doors and use its spaces every single week. It is rather impressive and sometimes quite the juggling act. Kudos to everyone who makes this possible and for this church being one that is open to the wider community. It truly makes a positive difference.

~Pastor Alicia



“More than 40 million low-income food stamp beneficiaries are expected to receive less help with grocery bills — or no help at all — in the coming days”. (The Hill.com)

HRVCC Friends,

You’ve probably heard that food stamp benefits —now known as SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program)—will be suspended beginning November 1. That means one in eight American households will no longer receive food assistance, in Oregon more than 75,500 will be affected (one in six households). (KATU news Oct 24, 2025) and it will affect many families in our Hood River community.

How can we Help our Neighbors?

Hood River has an outstanding, mostly volunteer staffed food bank offering food assistance to people who are hungry. FISH food bank is on the frontline fighting hunger in our community. FISH accepts non perishable food, garden and orchard produce, and cash and checks which is used to purchase needed food—especially fresh foods such as eggs and dairy.

Our continued support of FISH is important in these troubling times. We will be donating funds from our church’s Help a Neighbor fund to help FISH purchase needed food. On Sunday, November 2, we will also be collecting food and monetary donations as a congregation for FISH—as we have done for decades. Please give as you are able to support the food bank’s work of keeping families fed in Hood River County.

Thank you.

More information:

- checks may be mailed. FISH mailing address is 1767 12th Street, #147, Hood River, OR 97031***
- food items can be dropped off at FISH 1130 Tucker Road HR***

FISH also accepts toiletries, baby items such as diapers, and pet food.

WHO Uses SNAP in Oregon:

Out of the approximately 757,000 Oregonians who receive SNAP benefits, 54% are in families with children, 37% are in families with members who are older adults or are disabled, and more than 41% percent are in working families. (KATU news October 26, 2025)

Next Sunday, November 9, is Second Sunday Recycling day. Please bring your recyclables ineligible for curbside pick up. No need to separate—all can be commingled. If you want a reminder of what to save for Second Sundays, pick up a sheet on the narthex table by Pastor Alicia’s office door.



Thank you to everyone who made Trunk or Treat a success!

Thank you to Jodi & Tatum Wyatt, Suze Nigl, Kathy & Lauren Holmson, Elaine Betts, Judy Hiatt, Jennifer Stager, Sue & Woody Eskildsen, Warren & Margi Wolski, Geoff & Jackson Speidel for dressing up, decorating their vehicles and handing out candy.

Thank you to James, Layla & Rider Gaffney, Sue & Woody and Geoff & Jackson for painting tombstones and decorating the spooky walk inside the church.

Thank you to everyone who donated candy.
It was a festive time with a great turnout.





Church Calendar

Wednesday November 05

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

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

Thursday November 06

7:00am Men's study Vista Room

1:30pm Chimes Practice

Saturday November 08

9:00am-3pm Christmas Sale in Fellowship Hall

Sunday November 09-Second Sun.

Recycling

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship.

Tuesday November 11

10:00am Women's Bible Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Wednesday November 12

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

Thursday November 13

7:00am Men's study Vista Room

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday November 15

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

Sunday November 16- Thriving Congregations Soup Supper

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday November 18

10:00am Women's bible study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Wednesday November 19

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

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

Thursday November 20

7:00am Men's study Vista Room

1:30pm Chimes Practice

Saturday November 22

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

Sunday November 23

9:30 Adult lectionary study

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope And Life Church Worship

Scriptures for Sunday November 09, 2025

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Serving Sunday November 09, 2025

Elder this week

Jerry Sawyer

Communion prep

Barb Ritoch

Coffee hour

Barb and friends

Deacon

Scott and Laurie

Scriptures for Sunday November 16, 2025

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

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Elder this week

Jennifer Stager

Communion prep

Maggie Strasser

Coffee hour

Judy and friends

Deacon

Betty Osborne

