October 14, 2026

Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time
10:30am

Minister
Rev. Alicia Speidel
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Church Administrative Assistant
Sable Duback

Office hours 9am-12pm or as needed

Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview
10:30 Worship
Link to Worship on October 11- 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 hrvcchurch@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





On Sunday, October 18 you are invited for Beneventi's pizza and salad after church. Together we will enjoy yummy food and hear about the next proposal from the Thriving Team. All are welcome as we continue to journey together as a faith community.





Thank you for recognizing me this past Sunday for pastor appreciation month. I felt truly blessed with the words Jennifer shared, the gift certificate and cards, and the yummy red velvet cake. It is a blessing to serve with you in ministry. I have enjoyed the faithful journey we have been on and continue to be on. Thank you for being who you are and affirming who I am. It is a gift to walk beside each and every one of you. I look forward to where our journey will take us and how God is calling us in this time and in this place. Thank you again for your generosity and presence in my life and in my family's life.

~Pastor Alicia



Thrift Shop is Ready for a Preview!

The congregation is invited to stop by the thrift shop this upcoming Sunday after lunch and the Thriving presentation. While not every detail of renovation is complete, the freshness of paint and new flooring and simplification of the main room and hallway are delightful.

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!



THRIFT STORE RE-OPENING OCTOBER 21

From the church board:

Thanks to your faithful stewardship, we've recently completed major upgrades, including ADA-compliant restrooms, new front doors, a roof replacement, and a new sanctuary A/C unit.

To keep our facilities welcoming and functional, the Church Board has approved a new set of necessary improvements estimated at $33,000. These include replacing the street sign, upgrading the walkway post, trimming junipers, fresh paint and new flooring for the thrift shop, plus repairing/replacing a fellowship hall A/C unit that recently failed. We invite you to participate in a mini capital campaign by giving above and beyond your regular tithe to support these projects. Please designate any extra contributions for the *Mini Capital Campaign*. Thank you for your continued generosity as we share the Good News through service and stewardship.



In September our Mini Capitol Campaign raised $17,650 in funds to help with major upgrades!



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.



Dances in the Gorge!

Sunday, Oct 18th

3 - 4:30pm

Mt View Grange

1085 N Main in White Salmon

The Dances of Universal Peace are simple, meditative, and joyous circle dances. They use sacred phrases, chants, movements, and music from the world's wisdom traditions to uplift and unify. No experience necessary.



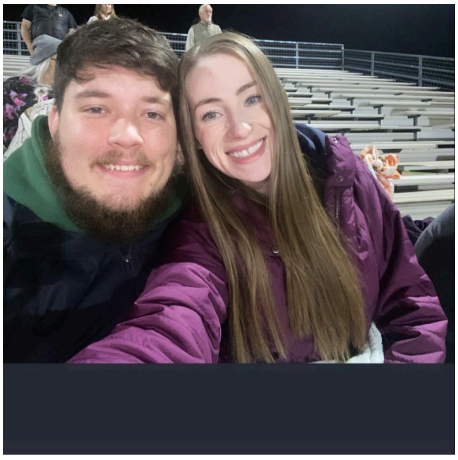






🎄 Seasonal Help & Local Handyman Services! 🎄

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: sabledubback95@gmail.com**

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.

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





Church Calendar

Wednesday October 14
Thrift Shop CLOSED
Thursday October 15
1:30pm Chimes practice
5:30pm Board Meeting
Saturday October 17
Thrift Shop CLOSED
Sunday October 18
Pastor Alicia gone (after church)18-21
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
Thriving Lunch and conversation following worship!
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship
Tuesday October 20
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday October 21
9:00am piano tuning- Fellowship Hall
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop REOPENING
Thursday October 22
9am piano tuning-Sanctuary
1:30pm Chimes practice
Saturday October 24
9:00am-12pmThrift 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-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday October 29
1:30pm Chimes practice
Saturday October 31
9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop Open
Sunday November 01
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Serving Sunday October 18, 2026

Elder this week	Jennifer Stager
Communion prep	Barb Ritoch
Coffee hour	Judy Hiatt
Deacon	Jackson

Scriptures for October 18, 2026

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 25:15-22

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

