



# Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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**September 20, 2023**

## Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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**September 23**

## Women's Dessert Party!

Women's Ministries is having a "Getting to Know You" dessert party on Saturday, September 23, 2-4:00pm at the church. Thelma and her committee are planning the event. It will feature dessert and everyone is invited to bring their hobby. Special recognition of the ladies who do such admirable jobs for our church. Thelma is coordinating carpool rides if you need one.

## An Invitation! Coffee Hour Travelogue Talk September 24, after worship

The Nifty Nineties—all nine of us—are at it again! We are offering you a second-hand armchair travelogue by the Rev. Jerry Sawyer & Gladys Sawyer. Their recent two week river cruise took them from Amsterdam to Bucharest. So get your goodies and coffee, enjoy the social time, then go on a photo excursion titled "Into All the World". Thelma Warnock

**Sunday, September 24, following worship in the Fellowship Hall**

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Adult Sunday school classes, nursery available

10:30am Sunday Worship

### LINK:

Sunday Worship Sept 17 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/822974735988102>



## October is Stewardship Month

Your HRVCC stewardship letter and pledge card for 2024

will be available Sunday in the lobby. Please pick up your letter Sunday and plan to return the pledge card before October 29.



# RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

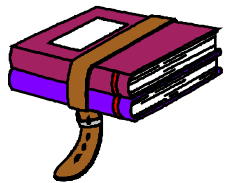
The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship, and intentional dialogue.

Our efforts to promote healing, relationship, and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Half of the funds received will remain in our Region for Reconciliation Ministry work and the other half will go to the General Church.

## Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering September 24 & October 1

[www.reconciliationministry.org](http://www.reconciliationministry.org)



**Free children's books!** After discovering a long-lost box of children's books (it's too late for their teenage grandsons), Rod and Mary Anne Parrott will have the books in the fellowship hall on September 24. Help yourselves!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney  
Bev Thomas  
David Nash

Sharon & Gordon Cook  
Katy White  
Nancy Krieg

Lauree Winfield  
Stacey Jubitz  
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Vicki White  
Bonnie McCollister  
Jared

++Lindsay Holmson, Bruce and Kathy's daughter in law, is having surgery to repair her Achilles tendon Wednesday. Please pray that surgery goes well and for healing and a successful recovery.

### Gorge Ecumenical Ministries

Meets at HRVCC

Thursday September 21, 11:00am

in the Vista Room

*You are welcome to join them!*

### Dawn Rankin's Special Music Sept. 17

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|---------------|------------------------------|
| Prelude       | Canon in D                   |
| Special Music | Noel of the Birds            |
| Communion     | Rorate Caeli                 |
| Postlude      | Just a Closer Walk with Thee |

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### FALL WALL HANGING WINNER!

The fall wall hanging drawing has been completed and the winner is....Margaret Marshall!!!! There were generous donations to Week of Compassion-Maui, and many tickets purchased too! Thank you everyone!!! The wall hanging will be delivered on Sunday! More details to follow...

## SABBATICAL NEWS



**INTERIM MINISTER** While Pastor Alicia is on sabbatical, Pastor Holly Greenidge will serve as interim minister. Holly will lead worship on September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22 and November 5. Every Sunday Holly is in worship, she will also be present for pastoral visits, meetings, questions and discussions on that Monday or Tuesday. Make sure to reach out if you have a need or simply want to get to know her better.

Pastor Holly's contact information is phone 503 381-8027 email [hollygreenidge@gmail.com](mailto:hollygreenidge@gmail.com)

**If you have a need or concern while Pastor Alicia is away**, please reach out to our Interim Minister Holly Greenidge, one of our elders, Kathy in the church office, or a member of the sabbatical committee (Mary Anne Parrott, Betty Osborne, Suze Nigl, Sharon Smiley and Wes Bailey).

**September 24 Sermon in Music** Theme is "Our Reconciliation Ministry in Word and Song" with readings presented by Suze Nigl, music selected by Mary Anne Parrott and Betty Osborne. Worship leader for the day is Pastor Holly Greenidge.



### **Rev. Monica Meyers Greenberg, preaching October 1**

Monica Myers Greenberg is vice president of the Foundation's Mountain West zone, which includes the area from Colorado to Northern California and north to Alaska.

Monica is a graduate of Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, and Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. Originally from Ohio, she served congregations in the Northern Lights Region for 21 years before joining the Foundation staff in 2021. She shares, "I look forward to partnering with people who love the church and have a passion for insuring, through their own generosity, that the church's faith and witness will continue for many years to come."

Monica resides in Seattle, Washington with her son and their dog. Monica can be reached at [mgreenberg@ccf.disciples.org](mailto:mgreenberg@ccf.disciples.org).



**prayer**

**Be in prayer** During sabbatical you are invited to be in prayer. Pray for the congregation. Pray for the ministries of the church. Pray for Pastor Alicia. Pray for Geoff, Kailey, and Jackson. Pray for yourself. Pray that all will "savor" this time as we learn, grow and deepen our faith. This is a time to be intentional in our prayer lives.

**What are we savoring?** Every Sunday during the sabbatical there will be a time at the end of worship to write down the answers to the questions "What did you savor today? What did you savor in worship, in the life of the church, in this faith community?"

**In addition**, Pastor Alicia will be answering what she savored each day, as well as those who join her during her sabbatical. These will then be shared with the congregation at a later date.

**Hood River String Quartet performs at HRVCC September 29, 7:00pm**



Prepare yourself for a wonderful musical journey with the Hood River String Quartet, who will be joined by pianist Mitchell Jett Spencer in concert on Friday, September 29.

The event will be held in the Hood River Valley Christian Church sanctuary (975 Indian Creek Road) at 7 PM. While there is no charge for the concert, donations in support of Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association and our local FISH Food Bank may be given at the door.

In photo (L-R): Mitchell Jett Spencer, Chari Harrington, Melissa Arndt, Nick Eby, Michelle Edwards

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday September 20

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Thursday September 21

7:00am Men's Study  
11:00am GEM lunch meeting  
1:30pm Chime Choir practice

## Saturday September 23

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop  
2-4:00pm Women's dessert party

## Sunday September 24

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship, sermon in music  
11:30am Coffee hour and Travelogue  
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Tuesday September 26

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
3:00pm TOPS group meets

## Wednesday September 27

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Thursday September 28

7:00am Men's Study  
1:30pm Chime Choir practice  
6:30pm Chari Harrington rehearsal, sanctuary

## Friday September 29

7:00pm String Quartet concert, sanctuary

## Saturday September 30

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Sunday October 1 World Communion Sunday

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am World Communion Sunday  
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Tuesday October 3

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
3:00pm TOPS group

## Wednesday October 4

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

## Scriptures for Sunday September 24, 2023

Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

## SERVING Sunday September 24, 2023

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| Elder this Week | Jerry Sawyer                                    |
| Communion prep  | Leslie Hidle                                    |
| AV Tech         | Laurie  |
| Coffee Hour     | Carol & friends                                 |
| Deacons         | <b>Serving Team #1</b><br>Woody & Sue Eskildsen |

## Scriptures for Sunday October 1, 2023

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

## SERVING Sunday October 1, 2023

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|-----------------|--|
| Elder this Week | Sharon Smiley  |
| Communion prep  | Joanie Logan   |
| AV Tech         | Chance & JJ  |
| Coffee Hour     | Jennifer & friends                                     |
| Deacons         | <b>Serving Team # 2</b><br>Jennifer Stager, Rylee Akin |