



## Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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**June 12, 2024**

### Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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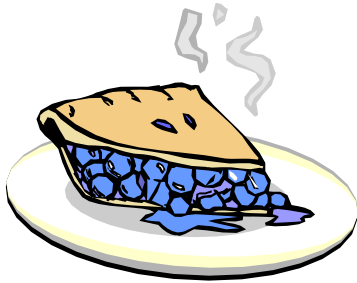
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### Remembering Bernie Krager

Bernie's memorial service will be Friday, June 14 @ 3pm @ Bethel United Church of Christ in White Salmon, 480 E Jewett Blvd.



**Sunday June 16** *Father's Day "Pies for Pops" coffee hour*  
*Our Sunday to honor the men in our church family. Bring your dad, brother, sons or friends!*

### Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

### LINKS:

Sunday Worship June 9 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1019211022899133>

### Special Music

June 16

Diana Beterbide, piano

June 23

Pam Riedl, Betty Osborne

Singing

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

**Summer Schedule - No church newsletter June 19 Next newsletter is June 26**

### 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider Gaffney  
Katy White  
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha

Sharon & Gordon Cook  
Bonnie McCollister  
Barbara Frasier's friend Julie

Lauree Winfield  
Stacey Jubitz

Vicki White  
Doris Lewis  
Tedra Turner

++Emily Krager and family

++Mary Kummer and family. Bob died May 30. The Kummers are planning a service in memory of Bob to be held August 17.

++Pastor Alicia's friend Stacy for healing and perseverance through chemotherapy.

++Woody Eskildsen asks for prayers for his mom and dad, as they deal with health issues.



**Graduation Congratulations  
to Kailey Speidel**



*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to this faith community for loving and caring for Kailey as she has grown the past nine years. Thank you for encouraging her and engaging with her. Thank you for praying for her and teaching her. Thank you for surrounding her in the many ways you have. And thank you for how I know this will only continue as she moves on to her next adventure.

This past Sunday was very meaningful as she received her prayer shawl and was prayed over. Thank you to Laurie for her beautiful handiwork, time and prayers put into making it. Thank you to Barb for the fun cake and tribute during fellowship hour. Thank you to everyone who congratulated her. It was a wonderful Sunday.

Now on to the next chapter. Go Wolves and go Kailey as she heads off to Western Oregon University in September. Thanks again. *Alicia*

## **Women, Wine, and The Word**



**Wednesday June 19, 4pm at Stave and Stone at the vineyard** Women are invited to join for a time of fellowship to talk about a scripture passage centered around women. Gather at Stave and Stone Winery at the Vineyard (3827 Fletcher Dr, HR). Come grab a beverage (non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverages are available) and a snack while we share how the passage intersects with our lives. Invite friends from outside the church, too.



## **Special June Theme Collection for FISH Food Bank**

### ***A fun idea for supporting FISH during the summer...***

Each month FISH has a food donation theme. For June, FISH is focusing on collecting items that make for the perfect picnic basket. Summer is the perfect season for picnics, and this is great way to help clients enjoy this wonderful tradition with families and friends.

Here's the type of items they're looking for:

- Sandwich supplies (peanut butter, jelly, spreads)
- Fresh fruits & Veggies (apples, berries, carrots)
- Picnic-friendly snacks (crackers, granola bars, pretzels)
- Other items that make up a delicious picnic

Staff at FISH say "Your generous donations will help FISH provide their clients with the ingredients and supplies they need to enjoy a delightful picnic!"

Drop off food items in the FISH Food Bank shopping cart at church. Thank you!



### **FISH Food Bank June 2024 FISH Update Newsletter**

Summer is here, I know this because of several things. Of course, I can look at the calendar and see that summer starts on June 20. But a clearer sign is the increase in the number of farmworkers visiting the food bank. At FISH we have worked hard to let the Spanish speaking community know they are welcome to come to for food. On Monday, a good number of the Spanish speaking clients were returning after being gone for the winter. Having them registered in our system makes the process of getting food go very smoothly. If you ask the client if they have been to FISH before, many will proudly show their FISH card. FISH is working closely with the Latino community to find additional Spanish speaking volunteers to help at the food bank during distribution. Everyone is anticipating that summer will be very busy.

Another clear sign that summer is on the way is our weather. At the beginning of the week there was plenty of rain and wind and by the end of the week it is going to be in the high 80's. While I am looking forward to summer, I worry about how the weather affects our clients, especially our unhoused clients. In talking with one of our clients that has been homeless for over two years and is basically living in a tent, she shared her experience during the big rain and windstorm we had at the start of the week. I have a hard time imaging what it would be like being in a tent during the storm. Then she reminded me that when you need to go the restroom or get things from your car you need to crawl out of the tent do whatever needs to be done then crawl back into the tent, only you are wet.

This individual at least has a vehicle to store items in and to be able to drive to an area to pitch her tent. Many of our unhoused walk to the food bank because their automobile has broken down or there is no money for gas. One might wonder what they did during the big wind and rainstorms we had last week. Or what they will do when the weather is really hot.

That reminds me of one family that came to the food bank, it was a mom and 5 kids. They were walking as their car didn't work. Each person had a backpack, and they all filled their backpacks with food. Then they caught the bus to go to their home. But one had to wonder if they had a home or were they unhoused.

Every family we see has a story about where they have been and where they are going. Some have a plan while others are just drifting along. Food is an important part of helping these individuals with their journey in life. I am always amazed at how FISH volunteers help wherever they see a need, not just with food. For example, one volunteer was shopping with a client and realized that the client needed a pair of reading glasses. So, the volunteer just gave the client his pair of "reader" glasses. This act of kindness shows how much compassion all FISH volunteers have for clients.

Thank you for all your help.  
Billie Stevens, FISH Food Bank

**FISH Food Bank Closed July 5** Please note that the FISH Food Bank will be closed the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Friday July 5. This will give our volunteers a break and allow them time to enjoy their families and friends. All Friday volunteers need to remember not to come to FISH, on July 5.

**Extra Large Gloves Needed** When volunteers are preparing the fruits and vegetables for distribution, they always wear gloves. At the food bank we have a lot of small and medium-sized gloves, but we could use more extra-large size gloves. During the pandemic many people stocked up on personal protections products, like plastic gloves.

So, before FISH goes out and buys more extra-large gloves, Jacqueline asked me to see if anyone would have a stockpile of extra-large gloves they would like to donate to FISH. If you have any extra-large gloves you want to get out of your closet, we will be happy to take them out of your hands.

**Reminders for Hood River Site FISH Shoppers** The number of clients is increasing, so often the volunteers who are shopping with the clients feel like they need to push clients while shopping. While this is true, we need to also allow them to have time to look at the food. It is a delicate balance where you need to give clients time to make decisions but keep them going at a steady pace.

One thing that helps this is to spread out the clients. I always say that going slower is actually faster. Where this starts is at the beginning of the shopping process. **Please do not start the next person shopping until the person in front of you is at the milk/egg section.**

It is important that we space the clients out. Many of our clients have mental health issues and being in a crowded environment creates anxiety for the clients. To help them feel respected and safe we need to not crowd the shopping area. Thanks for your cooperation.

**FISH/Spirit of Grace Garden—Help Needed** The coordination of the FISH/Spirit of Grace Garden is provided by the OSU Master Gardeners. It takes a lot of work to keep the garden going and they are looking for additional volunteers to help in the garden. If you have a desire to get your hands dirty and would like to help in the garden, they would love to have your help. You can contact Tracy Willett at 541-806-3958 or her email is [willett.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:willett.tracy@gmail.com) and let her know you are interested in helping.

**Goodbye to our Graduating Seniors** One of the pleasures of working with FISH volunteers is the number of youth volunteers that help. Some of the young adults come a couple of times and others are long term. This year we will be saying goodbye to 3 graduating high school seniors, who have given many volunteer hours to FISH. Please join me in congratulating Erandy Galindo, Hailey Hilton and Zayante Miller for being 2024 High School graduates. Each of these young women are off to college this fall. We will miss their smiles and all the great help they were.

***“This institution is an equal opportunity provider.”***

*Food is a human right, and everyone deserves to have nutritious, culturally desirable food. We affirm the worth and dignity of all people and serve our communities with respect and strive to move closer toward food security.*

## **Hood River Valley Christian Church will be helping at FISH Food Bank July 8, 10, 12**



Our church helps at the local food bank about once every 12 weeks. We join other church groups and civic organizations in serving the community at FISH on a rotating schedule.

Our volunteers help as shopping escorts, doing some carry out, and assisting in whatever else is needed.

We have a dedicated team of volunteers who represent our church community but we would love to have more volunteers.

If you are interested in helping at FISH or learning more about the

FISH food bank, send me an email. [hrvchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hrvchurch@gmail.com). Or talk to Judy, Barb, Suze, Mary Anne, Rod, Kathy, Melissa, Leslie, or Margaret when you're at church. Thank you for your support!

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday June 12

8:30am-4:30pm Life Line Health screenings  
9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open  
7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

## Thursday June 13

7:00am Men's Bible Study

## Saturday June 15

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday June 16 Father's Day Pies for Pops

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Pies for Pops coffee hour  
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

## Tuesday June 18

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
4:00pm TOPS group

## Wednesday June 19 No newsletter

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open  
4:00pm Women, Wine, & the Word  
Stave & Stone Winery  
7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

## Thursday June 20

7:00am Men's Bible Study

## Saturday June 15

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

## Sunday June 23

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

## Monday-Sunday June 24-30

**Pastor Alicia is out of town**  
**Neil Allen is preaching June 30**

## Tuesday June 25

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
4:00pm TOPS group

## Wednesday June 26

9:00am-Noon Quilters meet  
9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open  
7:00pm Wednesday prayers for our church

## Scriptures for Sunday June 16, 2024

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

## SERVING Sunday June 16, 2024

**Elder this Week** Chrystal Akin  
**Communion prep** Joanie Logan  
**Coffee Hour** Judy and friends  
**Deacons** **Servers**  
*Thank you to our deacons for serving communion as needed each week*

## Scriptures for Sunday June 23, 2024

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

## SERVING Sunday June 16, 2024

**Elder this Week** Rod Parrott  
**Communion prep** Joanie Logan  
**Coffee Hour** Judy & friends  
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## Church Staff Summer Schedule

*The church newsletter will be published every other week (for most of the summer) beginning in mid-June. Schedules for two weeks will be included.*

June 23 – 30 Pastor Alicia is out of town.  
**Neil Allen** is preaching June 30.  
June 23-30 Sable Duback is out of town.  
July 7 – 13 Pastor Alicia is out of town.  
July 14-20 Sable Duback is out of town.  
August 5 – 9 Middle & High School Camp.  
Pastor Alicia is director and will be attending.  
August 22-26 Sable Duback is out of town.  
August 31 – Sept 6 Pastor Alicia will be attending Pension Fund gathering in Washington, DC