



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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September 11, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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Ladies! Remember—Party! Saturday, September 14, at 2:00pm.

“Getting to Know You Part II Un-Birthday Party”

1. Sign up by birthday month
2. Bring toiletries for FISH Food Bank
3. Bring the card on which you’ve written about a favorite birthday party you’ve enjoyed
4. Think of a wish for your birthday candle
5. Everyone come and enjoy the fun
6. Wear sparkles and get a prize

For information call Thelma 541 645-3748



CAMP Sunday Worship! Special Worship service on
September 15 led by our church youth!
Sabbatical Interim Minister Holly Greenidge will be joining us!
9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship

LINKS:

Sunday Worship Sept 8 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1051525726366901>

For Those Who Carry Sorrow and Grief in Their Hearts

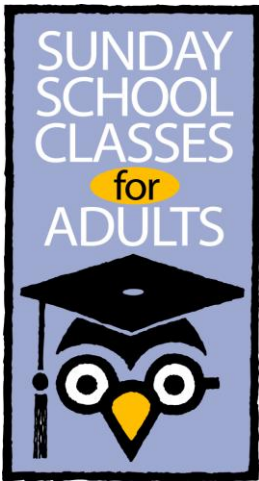
Riverside Community Church is pleased to offer a new “**Circles of Solace**” series, beginning September 18th

Please share word of this opportunity with friends, neighbors, co-workers, those in your community of faith, and others who might be carrying sorrow and grief in their hearts.

Space is limited, and the registration deadline is **September 13th.**

Information is attached to this newsletter.

Blessings and Gratitude,
Vicky Stifter, Pastor at Riverside UCC



A new Sunday school class Come learn more about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. Rod Parrott will be teaching 9:30-10:15am in the Vista Room. Newcomers and old hands are equally welcome. Coffee is available. Details:

Who We Are will be an exploration of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)--our history, thinking, practices, and place in 21st century America

Five sessions (tentative) will include:

Prequel--a visit to New Spain, New France, New England--and the American Revolution

History--developments from "the Founders" to Restructure (1800-1969)

Thinking--ideas about restoration, unity, scripture, reason, and the Holy Spirit.

Practices--baptism, communion, and ministry, as well as covenant.

Place--what we have to say in a secular, multicultural, multi-religious context.

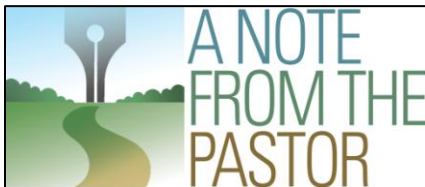
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Layla, JJ & Rider	Sharon & Gordon Cook	Stacy	Vicki White
Katy White	Bonnie McCollister	Stacey Jubitz	Doris Lewis
Suze Nigl's niece Trisha	Barbara Frasier's friend Julie	Lloyd Frasier	Tedra Turner

Please pray for the family of Fred Thomas who died last week, including daughters Linda and Lorie and brother and sister in law Russ and Betty Paddock.

Pastor Alicia will have a lumpectomy on September 11. Please pray that the presence of God is with the medical professionals and for healing and strength for Alicia.

A note from the Kummer family--Thank you so much for coming to Bob's Celebration of Life service. We are so thankful for our friends, family and acquaintances who came. You all looked great in your Hawaiian attire! We know Bob was smiling and wishing he was here. God Bless and love to all. Mary, Dean and Becky, Kristy and Dan and Sonya



And so by the time you read this newsletter I will have had my lumpectomy. Bright and early I arrived at MCMC in The Dalles at 6:15am. You all know how much I love mornings! Or not at all. Then I did a couple of labs before checking in for surgery. And then surgery. Of course I'm writing this as if I have already had surgery,

when in fact it is Monday afternoon before surgery. These are the details I know at this moment. Soon I will be on the other side of surgery, healing, recovering and waiting for the next steps.

As I continue with this health journey, I thank you for the love, care and support I have received. It has helped tremendously. I thank you for reaching out to my family and simply being present. I am so grateful for the grace you have extended me as I don't know what recovery and future treatment looks like. I will do my best to keep you updated with those next steps. The best place to find those updates is on **my CaringBridge page**. If you are interested in joining it, the link is below. If you have already joined it, make sure you choose the option to receive updates. Otherwise you will not automatically receive them.

So, surgery here I come and then rest to heal and move through this. I know I am being held by all of you, by my family and friends, by my faith and by God. It is powerful and humbling to be on the receiving end. Thank you for this gift. And thank you for continually walking with me. It means a lot.

Alicia

Alicia's CaringBridge link:

https://www.caringbridge.org/site/8ab75554-48b5-11ef-8f3d-f317ddd1b8ef?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web&utm_content=copylink_leftmenu_php

Holly Greenidge Interim Minister during Pastor Alicia's Sabbatical in 2023 will be with us September 15 and September 22



Holly Greenidge is a seminary student pursuing a master of divinity from the Seattle School of Theology & Psychology (Holly is finishing up her Master's at this point—be sure to ask her about what's next for her!). She grew up as a Presbyterian pastor's kid in the Midwest, but has lived in the Pacific Northwest for nearly two decades - currently living in southeast Portland with her husband, Jelani.

In addition to spending time and nerding out with church people on all things church-related, she enjoys watching shows, listening to audiobooks, playing board games, exploring local places, going to random tastings, and the occasional nap.

Regional Women's Retreat

The regional women's retreat will be Saturday, October 19, at Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton, from 9:00-4:00. Workshops include Emotional Intelligence, Praying on Color, and Meditation, with time to go to all three. Contact Mary Anne by October 6 if you are interested in accompanying her.



Recycling News

Our recycling program hums along with great participation. The Gorge Recycling Project no longer takes plastic #7, so you can eliminate that.



To Hood River Valley CC and Rev. Alicia Speidel,

Our biennial Regional Assembly is before us! On **September 27 and 28** we will gather in Portland at First Christian Church to worship, celebrate, learn, and handle the region's business affairs, primarily electing our new officers.

Our Assemblies are open to all members and participants of congregations in the Region. Persons must be registered in order to vote and to attend workshops. Worship services are open to everyone.

We look forward to seeing you in Portland on September 27 & 28! Registration information is coming soon.
Rev. Renee Bridwell

Collection of Wellness Items for Regional Assembly

September is the month to collect items for wellness bags to be put together at the regional church assembly. The goal is 450 bags for the unsheltered. Our congregation is asked to contribute three different items:

- full bars of soap
- small hand towels
- deodorant

Please bring as many of these items to the church as you can by September 22.



***You and your faith community are invited to
GEM's Fall Social***

Gorge Ecumenical Ministries

Thursday, September 19th | 5:00-7:00 pm

FISH Community Room

1140 Tucker Road, Hood River

Come and gather with members of our faith communities from around the Columbia Gorge for a time of fellowship! We will have time to connect with one another, hear updates on what to expect from GEM heading into this season, and learn about what life is stirring and springing up amongst our faith communities. This is a potluck celebration, so please bring a dish to share if you can!



***Help Needed! HRVCC will be helping at FISH Food Bank
October 7, 9, 11***

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. HRVCC 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. hrvccchurch@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--Kathy Holmson

Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Project

Mary Kummer is collecting the following items for the shoebox project. Please bring these items to the church by October 13.

Shoeboxes are needed and also the following items are needed (new items please)

- T-shirts (no advertising) child size S M L XL
- Flip flop shoes
- Socks all sizes
- Handtowels – not too thick
- Washrags
- Tooth brushes and covers
- Pencils and sharpeners
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Journals or Steno pads (small enough to fit in a shoe box)
- Scissors—safety style for kids both left and right handed
- Books for children 2-4 years old (small enough to fit in a shoe box)
- Water paint sets
- Small water bottles
- Small toys
- Bars of unscented soap

Old Christmas cards for decorating the boxes. Thank you for helping a child in need.

***If you want more information or would like to help Mary with this project,
please contact her.***

Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Friendship!



SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday November 17
after Worship**

HRVCC 60th

Anniversary Celebration!

Food and Fun

Music, Memories and More!

**There is so much more to our story...
be watching for the next newsletter
history snippet.**

Church Calendar

Wednesday September 11

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

Thursday September 12

7:00am Men's Bible Study
1:30pm Chime choir practice

Saturday September 14

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open
2:00pm Getting to Know You Part II
Ladies Un-Birthday Party

Sunday September 15 Camp Sunday!

9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship, youth leading worship
with Holly Greenidge
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Monday-Tuesday September 16-17

Kathy Holmson is out of the office

Tuesday September 17

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

Wednesday September 18

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

Thursday September 19

7:00am Men's Bible Study
1:30pm Chime choir practice

Saturday September 21

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday September 22

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

Tuesday September 24

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

Wednesday September 25

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

Scriptures for Sunday Sept 15, 2024

Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

SERVING Sunday September 15, 2024

Elder this Week Jerry Sawyer

Communion prep Mary Finley

Coffee Hour Judy & friends

Deacons Servers

*Thank you to our deacons for serving
communion as they are needed each week*

Scriptures for Sunday September 22, 2024

Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

SERVING Sunday September 22, 2024

Elder this Week Jennifer Stager

Communion prep Leslie Hidle

Coffee Hour Carol & friends

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