



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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January 15, 2025

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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For Sunday January 19 – the commissioning for church leaders will be this Sunday during worship.



Grocery bags needed—Our Thrift Shop can use paper grocery bags (Suze says Rosauer's bags are great!). Drop off in the church lobby if you have extras.

Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

LINK: Sunday Worship Jan 12 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/588285234015926>

Coming up January 26--



**Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association
An Afternoon of Chamber Music
January 26, 2025 at 2:00pm
Hood River Valley Christian Church
No tickets required.
Donations accepted at the door.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Glenn & Donnamae Grannemann
Vicki White Stacey Jubitz

Margaret Marshall
Doris Lewis

Sharon & Gordon Cook
Tedra Turner

David Nash and family, grieving the recent passing of his daughter Joni Capps

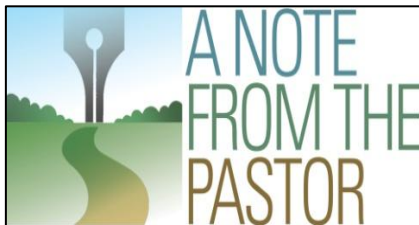
People and communities of Los Angeles County who have been devastated by wildfires.

Church Staff Changes

The board is pleased to announce that Sable Duback will be the new church office administrator. She begins training with Kathy Holmson this week. Welcome Sable to this position the next time you see her.

On an upcoming Sunday we will celebrate Kathy's retirement and faithful commitment to this church

Greeting Card Project Some 2 dozen greeting cards will be available for pick up next Sunday. They are intended for our shut-ins. A list of recipients will be with the cards. Please check off who you will send to so we may make sure no one is missed. Laurie Crosswhite inspired makers of the cards and provided materials for them: Judy Hiatt, Jennifer Stager, Suze Nigl, and Mary Anne Parrott. Thanks to those five!



FIRES in LA--How we can help Listening to the stories and watching the images of the fires in LA county is heartbreaking. The devastation and destruction is more than you can wrap your brain around. Because of that maybe you are left wondering what to do. How do I make a difference here in the Gorge or Oregon or wherever I live? How can I be present for those who have lost so much and continue to? How am I to respond?

Pray. Educate yourself about wildfires, the risk and how to prepare your home and family. Donate, financially donate as you are able. Where to? Week of Compassion. That is the best place. It is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund through our denomination. It is there when tragedies strike, on small and large scales. It is already present in Southern California, aiding where needed. Giving to Week of Compassion will ensure your contributions go directly to where there is need. So as you watch the magnitude of what's happening in California, know there are ways to help and ways to be present.

Alicia

To donate to Week of Compassion go to: www.weekofcompassion.org (designate California Wildfires) or give through your church offering (indicate WoC Wildfires) in the memo of your check.



Thanks to our volunteers at FISH!

Last week 12 of our church members worked Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons distributing food to clients. Over three days, we assisted over 115 clients shop for essential food items for their families. Our team joins other church and community organizations helping at FISH one week every three months. Hood River Valley Christian Church's volunteers next serve at FISH Food Bank distribution days in April.

Hood River Valley Christian Church has been a dedicated partner to FISH Food Bank for decades and as we move into a new year, we continue that support.

Church Calendar

Wednesday January 15

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Thursday January 16

7:00am Men's Study Vista Room

Saturday January 18

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday January 19

10:30am Worship

3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Monday January 20

MLK, Jr Day, church office closed

3:00pm Community Day at Riverside Church

Tuesday January 21

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday January 22

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Thursday January 23

7:00am Men's Study Vista Room

1:30pm Chime choir rehearsal

Saturday January 25

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday January 26

10:30am Worship

2:00pm CGOA concert here

4:00pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday January 28

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday January 29

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Thursday January 30

7:00am Men's Study Vista Room

1:30pm Chime choir rehearsal

Saturday February 1

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday February 2

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday February 4

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday February 5

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop open

Scriptures for Sunday January 19, 2025

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

SERVING Sunday January 19, 2025

Elder this Week Rod Parrott/ Thelma Warnock

Communion prep Joanie Logan

Coffee Hour Judy Hiatt & friends

Deacons **Servers**

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

Scriptures for Sunday January 26, 2025

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

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Communion prep Maggie Strasser

Coffee Hour Carol Sabins & friends

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Gorge Ecumenical Ministries presents

Strength in Community: Fed & Nourished By One Another, For One Another

A Community Day of learning, reflection, music, and food as we ground ourselves in the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., reminding ourselves that we are all a part of the "inescapable network of mutuality" of which Dr. King taught.

Monday, January 20th
Riverside Community Church
317 State Street Hood River, OR

3:00 pm - Workshop
***"Grounding and Preparing for Troubled Times:
A Workshop for Seekers of Justice"***

3:15 pm - Community Gospel Choir Rehearsal

5:00 pm - Dr. MLK Jr. Celebration Service
with consecutive Spanish interpretation

6:30 pm - Community Meal
with information tables from local justice groups