



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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April 17, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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Farmers Market Coffee Hour for Earth Day Sunday, April 21

Recommendations for taking better care of the Earth include eating more vegetables (and less meat) and if possible to grow some of those vegetables ourselves since grocery store food usually requires more resources for them to be trucked (or flown) to us. A good alternative for us is to patronize local farmers at the Hood River Farmers Market which begins its summer season May 4 from 9-1:00 at 5th and Columbia Street.

To celebrate, **our coffee hour food on Earth Sunday** will be from the Farmers Market (its last winter schedule opening is April 20 at the port). Come taste the fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, sweets, etc. Any leftovers will be available to take home.

Sunday April 21

9:30am Adult Sunday School in Vista Room

10:30am Worship

11:30am Coffee and visiting

Special Music

Piano Duet

Margaret & Mary Anne

“Let All Things Now Living”

LINKS:

Sunday Worship April 14 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/742985951352935>



SIMPLICITY SALE

Saturday April 27

9:00am-3:00pm

Furniture*Art*Books*Kitchenware

*Sports Equip*Toys*Linens*

Craft Supplies* & MORE!

Funds from this annual sale support Church Summer Camp program for HRVCC youth. Drop off donations in Fellowship Hall beginning April 21.

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
The Wirt Family

Vicki White
David Nash
Doris Lewis

Lloyd Frasier's sister Tedra Turner is under the care of hospice.

Please pray for Bernie and Emily Krager and their family as Bernie is now under the care of hospice. Pray for peace where there is war.

Thank you to the church for singing Happy Birthday to me and for the gift card. Thanks for your generosity and love. Alicia



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

Well it's time to engage in prayer. That may sound strange since we are a faith community, however the invitation is being extended to engage in prayer for a particular reason and a particular season. As I have highlighted or more like focused on the past two Sundays in my sermon, it is time to pray as a faith community about what God is calling this congregation to do and be. It is time to intentionally do that as one body for the season of Easter leading us to Pentecost on May 19.

So, as I lifted up this past Sunday, let's do that throughout the week and let's have one designated time where we are doing this together, building upon each other's prayers. Every Wednesday at 7pm let's be in prayer. Every Wednesday at 7pm let's open ourselves to the Spirit. Every Wednesday at 7pm let's join our hearts and our minds together to continue on this faith journey.

Mark your calendar. Put a reminder in your phone. Write a note on your mirror. Tie a string around your wrist. Do whatever you need to do to help you remember to set this time aside. And to aid in this prayer time, here are a few ways I suggested this past Sunday. Use what works for you as you pray on Wednesdays at 7pm (and other times too).

Ways to pray:

- *Go through the church directory, praying for every individual listed there.
- *Pray for the various small groups: women's Bible study, men's Bible study, youth group, children's worship and wonder, chimes, quilters, church board, program council, women's ministries and others.
- *Pray for the outreach this church is engaged in.
- *Pray for the staff.
- *Pray for the individuals and groups who enter the church building and grounds.
- *Visually move through each area of the church, stopping to pray for the ministry that occurs in that area and the people who pass through it.
- *Pray with a scripture passage or a particular reading or a song or an image.
- *Pray for possibility and the Spirit moving in ways already known and in ways yet to be discovered.

Alicia

Messages in chalk from our church youth



Special Event!



GEM Spring Social

Thursday, April 18th | 5:00 - 7:00 pm
The Rockford Grange | 4262 Barrett Dr. 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 from our fiscal sponsorship organizations, 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!



Church Calendar

Wednesday April 17

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

Thursday April 18

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

Saturday April 20

9:00am-12:00pm Thriftshop

Sunday April 21 Earth Sunday

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

Monday–Friday April 22-26

Set up for Simplicity Sale

Monday April 22

6:00pm VOCI rehearsal here

Tuesday April 23

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday April 24

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

Thursday April 25

7:00am Men's Bible Study
1:30pm Chime Choir practice
5:00pm Piano teacher rehearsal

Friday April 26

7:00pm VOCI Concert here

Saturday April 27

Thriftshop closed
9:00am-3:00pm Simplicity Sale

Sunday April 28

9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship
2:00pm VOCI Concert here
3:30pm Hope and Life church worship

Tuesday April 30

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

Wednesday May 1

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

Scriptures for Sunday April 21, 2024

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

SERVING Sunday April 21, 2024

Elder this Week Rod/Thelma
Communion prep Mary Finley
Coffee Hour Judy & Friends
Deacons **Servers**

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

Scriptures for Sunday April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

SERVING Sunday April 28, 2024

Elder this Week Suze Nigl
Communion prep Leslie Hidle
Coffee Hour Carol & friends
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VOCI Concert "Our Shared Humanity"

Friday, April 26 7:00pm

Sunday, April 28 2:00pm

at Hood River Valley Christian Church