



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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September 25, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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Sunday Worship

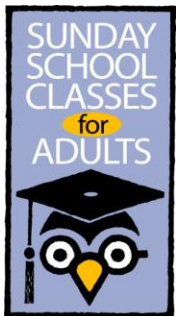
9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

LINKS:

Sunday Worship Sept 15 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/1776540749811819>

Sunday Worship Sept 22 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/875897697839370>



Adult 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.

FISH Food Bank Sunday is October 6

Featured food for October: soup, stew or chili



Also needed: monetary donations

any non-perishable foods especially cooking--oil olive or vegetable, brown rice, cereal, oatmeal, canned fruit, canned jalapenos, hominy granola bars. **Our thanks to the children of the church** for collecting for FISH Food Bank during worship on the first Sunday of every month.



Repairers of the Breach

***“...you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.” Isaiah 58:12 NRSV***

They came ready to work. The group had come to serve a small community on the South Side of Chicago by lending helping hands to remove trash in open spaces. They also came to learn about the convergence of economic, environmental, and racial justice in this area which houses over 50 landfills. Decades of unregulated toxic waste dumping in this community made it the birthplace of the environmental justice movement. On this day, the group sat at the feet of environmental justice advocates, listening to stories of how their activism resulted in successfully ending the practice of toxic waste dumping in their community. Our group was able to participate in this service-learning opportunity through your faithful generosity. As recipients of a grant from Reconciliation Ministry, the group is committed to apply their learnings in their home communities, to become “repairers of the breach”; restorers of the streets where they and their neighbors reside.

This is the work of Reconciliation Ministry as a mission fund on behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Through your generous giving, we support the Church’s effort to share the liberating love of Jesus Christ. Reconciliation Ministry partners with each expression of the Church to strengthen our congregations for mission and to restore wholeness in a fragmented world.

Your financial gift to Reconciliation Ministry repairs the breaches that keep us apart. Your gift provides financial, educational, and experiential opportunities to combat the sin of racism and oppression toward restoring God’s limitless love. You, too, ‘will be called repairers of the breach, restorers of the streets to live in.’

Will you donate today?

The Reconciliation Special Offering will be taken on September 29, 2024, and October 6, 2024.

Your advocacy and financial support are much appreciated.

For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to **Reconciliation Ministry**, through its Offering or throughout the year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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| 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 |
| Shar Wilkins | | | |

Thank you ladies for attending our Unbirthday Party September 14th. Twenty-five attended and I loved all the glitter and stories of your party memories. I thank Mary Anne for playing the twelve monthly songs and Betty for discovering the Unbirthday song from "Alice in Wonderland." The committee functioned beautifully and I want to thank them most sincerely....Carol, Barb, Judy, Betty and Mary Anne. What a great group we have!

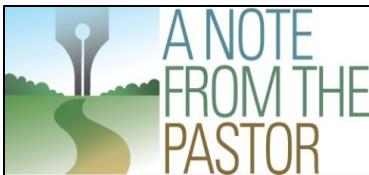
All your toiletries for the food bank (**25 lbs!**) and other church gifts are deeply appreciated. **Thelma**

Laundry Love Thank You Thanks to all contributors of quarters for the Laundry Love program. Last week there were seven persons or families with an average of 2-3 loads each. For drying, the total came to about \$25.00. So you can see how helpful your contributions are!

Thank you for your continued generous support to The Next Door, Inc. We are so fortunate to have your help as we do important work in our community. We are so thankful and can't do the work without your help. With gratitude, Ashley and The Next Door, Inc.

Thank you for your support of Helping Hands Against Violence with your June 2024 distribution. We put your gift right to work supporting survivors. Because of you, survivors and their children are safely tucked into a bed in the shelter, and they won't be dealing with violence tonight. Thank you for caring about them. Because of you survivors can change the patterns in their lives and create a life free from abuse.

Gratefully yours, Stephanie Irving, Executive Director Helping Hands Against Violence



Thank you for all of your continued thoughts and prayers

during this journey. A few updates. I am now two weeks post surgery. My pathology showed no cancer in my lymph nodes and none in the margins of the tumor. It was the best my surgeon could hope for, as she shared. I'm continuing to heal with soreness slowly lessening and energy

slowly increasing. Did you know that hanging your daughter's clothes in her new dorm room on college move in day can exhaust you and cause more soreness for a couple days afterwards? Who knew! Now you do, so make sure to take it easy if you find yourself in this situation.

Now I wait for more appointments to determine the treatment that comes next. And I rest more and take it easy more as I give my body the time it needs to heal. Which I cannot say thank you enough for the grace and space to heal, take naps and step away from work during this time. It has been tremendously needed. So off to rest, hear stories of Kailey making new friends at college (she's doing great) and say thank you to my family for taking care of me. **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

Women's Ministries Unbirthday Thanks several who were especially responsible for the delightful Unbirthday Party on September 16: Thelma (the guiding light) and her daughters Karen and Kristen (angelic voices); Betty (music and reflections); Barb and Judy (delicious, semi -traditional eats); Carol (charming table decor); Mary Anne (fingers almost as sparkly as her blouse). And thanks to all who attended and participated in "getting to know you". **Mary Anne**

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. **Our next Recycling Sunday is October 13.**



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.

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 Boxes

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

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 Water paint sets
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)
Small water bottles
Small toys
Bars of unscented soap

**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.***

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

*Liquids, toothpaste, candy, military or war toy type items, Barbie or Ken type fashion dolls.
Please remove items from boxes as many countries have no way to dispose of packaging.*



Our Quilters are at it again!

The quilting group that meets each Wednesday recently finished the beautiful quilt in this picture.

The Quilters put in hundreds of hours and finish several quilts each year. Often the quilts are pieced "tops" that were created years ago by someone's mother or grandmother but never completed as a quilt. Our group provides the time sewing skills to attach the batting and quilt back and sew the quilting pattern.

HRVCC Quilters: Eva, Barbara, Mary, Lorene

The HRVCC quilting group has been active for over 70 years! (The group predates the formation of Hood River Valley Christian Church as they previously met in the old Valley Christian Church. Frances Henne's mother and aunt were two of the quilters in that original group.)

If you'd like to join them, talk to Mary Kummer, Barbara Frasier or Jennifer Stager. The group is happy to have new quilters and provide on-the-job training! Quilting group meets each Wednesday 9:00am-noon.

Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Friendship!



Enduring Honors Continue Enduring Honors Continue

As the finishing touches were applied to the new church, many wonderful gifts given back then are still with us today. From Bob and Mae Jaques at the town church came the communion table, which now stands in the narthex next to Pastor Alicia's office and is used for special worship services.

The original communion table's brass cross and candle holders, which were Valley Christian memorials honoring Ruth Evans, remained in place until the 2011 sanctuary remodel. Some small chairs and classroom cabinets from both of the earlier churches are also still in use today.

The old original Valley Christian church bell was installed on the west lawn of the new building on a free-standing tower built by Elmer Van Blaricom and crew. Over the years, the children would ring it between Sunday school and worship.

Of all the different elements that come together when we worship, where would we be without music? When the congregation moved into the new building, there was a fine large choir under the direction of Betty Foxley with Vivian Getchell as lead organist and assistant organist Peggy Tolson. In the 1980s, a new Rogers organ was installed – and later, a Kawai grand piano was purchased with funds raised from congregational gifts and monies received from the Les Sherwood bequest. Then in 2000, a new keyboard/organ was purchased, and the carillon bells were upgraded with money given in memory of Jim Graves.

Then came a great day of celebration in April of 1975 when Board Chairman Lorn Magnusen led the congregation in burning the mortgage on the 1964 sanctuary/offices/classrooms portion of the new Hood River Valley Christian Church! With momentum from paying off the mortgage early and the desire for a completed church building, a second phase was undertaken. The fundraising effort was led by Dave Burkhart, and Percy Jensen chaired the planning and construction portion. As a result, in 1976, the addition of the fellowship hall, thrift shop, quilting room and storage space was completed.

Our history doesn't end here, though! There's much more to come, so stay tuned as our story continues to unfold!

Church Calendar

Wednesday September 25

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

Thursday September 26

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

Saturday September 28

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday September 29 Reconciliation offering

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

Tuesday October 1

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

Wednesday October 2

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

Thursday October 3

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

Saturday October 5

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday October 6 FISH Food Bank Sunday Reconciliation offering

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday October 7, 9, 11
HRVCC volunteers serving at FISH Food Bank

Tuesday October 8

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

Wednesday October 9

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

Scriptures for Sunday Sept 29, 2024

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

SERVING Sunday September 29, 2024

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| Elder this Week | Carol Sabins |
| Communion prep | Maggie Strasser |
| Coffee Hour | Betty & friends |
| Deacons | <u>Servers</u> |

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

Scriptures for Sunday October 6, 2024

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

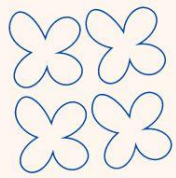
SERVING Sunday October 6, 2024

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| Elder this Week | Rod Parrott/Thelma Warnock |
| Communion prep | Barb Ritoch |
| Coffee Hour | Jennifer & friends |
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HRVCC 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP!

Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss it!
Invitations will be sent in October!



COAT AND TOY



DRIVE FOR



What is needed for those in need in our community:

- gently used or new coats (adult and kids sizes)
- new toys for children



Drop Off Location:

📍 HOOD RIVER FARMERS MARKET
501 COLUMBIA STREET
HOOD RIVER, OR 97031



When:

SEPTEMBER 21ST & OCTOBER 19TH
9AM-1PM

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christmasproject.com/](https://www.hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com/)

