



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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October 16, 2024

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship

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TRUNK or TREAT!



Thursday, October 31, 4:00-6:00pm

Join the fun in the church parking lot

invite family, friends, neighbors

Volunteers are needed Come in a costume and host a booth by decorating your trunk/car and handing out candy. This event is for the entire community, so many decorated cars would be fantastic. Please sign up if you can be a Trunk or Treat host!

Got extra candy? If you have extra candy you'd like to share but won't be decorating your own "trunk", drop it off in the kitchen and the "trunk hosts" will pass it out.

Sunday Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:30am Worship

LINKS:

Sunday Worship Oct 13 <https://www.facebook.com/100064940580441/videos/885494113551855>



Christmas
Bazaar

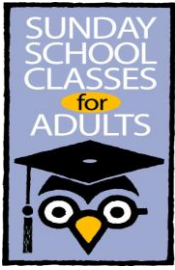
Christmas Décor and More Sale at Hood River Valley Christian Church

Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Deck the halls early and be ready for Christmas ahead of time!

Donate your extras and plan now to shop at the annual Pre-Christmas Sale at Hood River Valley Christian Church.

Help is needed moving sale items to fellowship hall, setting up before the sale (Oct 28-Nov 1) and help is needed doing sales the day of the sale. If you can help with this very fun event or would like more information, please talk to Suze Nigl.



Adult Sunday School Class Starting October 20, Rod Parrott will convene a short series of conversations about the current situation in the Middle East. Some deep background on the roots of the regional conflict will be provided, and participants will be invited to consider questions about justice for all the players involved.

After that, in a series tentatively entitled "The Many Faces of Jesus," Rod will invite participants to explore different ways New Testament writers portrayed Jesus. Each session will focus on selected passages from the gospels, letters, or other literature.

All sessions are 45 minutes long, and begin at 9:30 in the Vista Room. Individual sessions stand alone; participation in entire series is not required. There is no cost, and coffee is available.

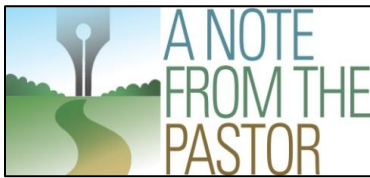
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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
Emily Krager	Alicia Speidel		

*The Speidels say thank you for prayers for son Jackson who was injured in a bike accident and spent a couple of nights at Randall Children's Hospital (Emmanuel Hospital) in Portland. Jackson is back home now and continuing to heal.

*Suze Nigl says thank you for prayers for her sister whose cruise was diverted due to Milton last week. The ship was able to return to port safely after the weather delay.

People across the Southeastern US who have been devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. If you would like to give to Week of Compassion disaster relief, go to: WeekOfCompassion.org/give, designated Hurricane 2024. Thank you.



Have you been praying for the church? Are you still praying on Wednesdays at 7pm? Are you making this important commitment? Are you praying for what God is calling this congregation to do and be? Is this a part of your mindset and focus? For six weeks following Easter we intentionally prayed and lifted up this faith community. We took time to sit with the direction God is leading this church body. We prayed and

waited and waited and prayed.

And now it's been a number of months and maybe you're wondering, what is the answer. What is God calling us to do and be? What concrete answers have we received? Well, this way of being takes time. We are still to be listening for God's guidance. We are still to be praying. We are still to be waiting. That's the hard part because we want answers yesterday. We want a clear blueprint for all that is to come. We want the future to be clear.

While we want all of this, we have to be patient and vigilant. We have to be intentional about praying for this church body. Praying throughout the week and praying collectively on Wednesdays at 7pm. Yes, we are called to continue to do this. Yes, it will take time. Yes, God has plans for us that we are currently living out and that we have yet to discover. So keep praying and listening cause it makes a difference.

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



We will recognize All Saints Sunday November 3 remembering church family members who have died over the last 12 months.



Ladies Mark Your Calendars!

Ladies, hold this date! Our annual Christmas dinner will be Thursday, December 5 at Grace Su's at 5:00. Buffet dinner will begin at 5:30. Reservations will be taken on Sundays November 10, 17, and 24, \$25 per person. Watch for further details.



OCTOBER

Donation Theme for FISH Food Bank

**Drop off in the shopping cart at the church
Thank you!**

October Donation Theme

Stock the Pantry

- Soup/broth
- Canned ravioli
- Canned meat
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Boxed meal kits
- Spices/herbs/seasonings
- Vinegar
- Oil
- Tea
- Coffee

Invitations to the 60th Anniversary Celebration on November 17 have been sent. We may have missed some folks who might like to come. If you know of family members, former church members, or friends to invite, please let them know they are invited and pick up an invitation to share with them.



Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Friendship!

Moving Forward With Change

As time marched on, changes to the church property and building were inevitable. Funny, though, how God's good people are always there to help make things happen!

In the early 2000s, three building lots, which were part of the church property, were sold to members of the congregation. Proceeds from the sale were used for parking lot maintenance, new paint for the exterior of the church and to establish a trust fund for facilities maintenance.

Over time, building furnishings have undergone needed refurbishing as well. In the late 1990s, flooring in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen was replaced and the rooms were repainted. Doris Jensen took the lead on much of the painting.

Sadly, the rooftop cross and bell tower became structurally unsound in the late '90s. It was removed from the roof to the back lawn of the church for several years then the tower structure succumbed to exposure to the elements and was scrapped. The bell itself was relocated to the upper lawn. It was rung regularly by children's Sunday school classes in the early 2000's. During the Covid 19 pandemic, we rang the bell on Fridays at noon to commemorate Covid deaths in Hood River County.

The roofline "Crosses of Calvary", which were placed on the south end of the roof in 2000, were given in memory of Caroline Lage by her parents, Ed and Joan Lage.

In 2003, the lobby area was recarpeted with funds from memorial gifts in memory of Frank Akin, Sr., Lorn Magnusen and Neta Moore. Other monetary gifts covered the cost of repainting the lobby as well as replacing the kitchen stoves and ovens. New upholstered chairs were purchased for the Fellowship Hall and Vista Room. Throughout the church, baseboard heaters, old light fixtures and single-paned windows were replaced as well over several years.

Following the 2006 departure of Horizon Christian School, which rented classroom space for several years, the downstairs education wing was in need of refurbishing. New carpeting was installed, and classrooms were repainted. Thanks to the remarkable artistic skills of Rev. Dave Presley, Trudy Tallman, and painters of all ages, beautiful murals depicting stories from the Bible grace the hallway walls throughout the lower level. In the summer of 2014, the lower parking lot was repaved, giving it a smooth new face.

Many hands make light work, and HRVCC has always been blessed with energized volunteers! Over time, they have pitched in on an ongoing basis to landscape around the church, paint the interior, and take care of whatever came their way.

We are all responsible for being good stewards of creation. Installing solar panels on the roof of the fellowship hall was an important project toward being responsible stewards. The process began in 2011. Chuck Hiatt and Nick Kenyon were involved in getting a grant from Oregon Interfaith Power



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and Light. The grant provided 50% of the expenses for solar panel installation. This project reduced how much electricity we purchase and has significantly reduced our monthly power bills over the years.

In September 2014, HRVCC became a Green Chalice Ministry - the purpose of which is to encourage and assist local Disciples of Christ congregations, who wish to live out their faith by caring for creation and walking gently on the earth.

As a Green Chalice Ministry, some of the things our church does on a regular basis are:


- Annually celebrate Earth Sunday in April.
- As an institution, the church tries to **REDUCE** consumption by minimizing use of non-recyclable items where we can.
- For the past two years, Mary Anne Parrott has organized regular Sunday collections and delivering specific plastic products to **RECYCLE** at the local recycling depot. For many years the church youth collected recyclable cans and bottles as a way to earn money and recycled many bags of those items.
- Our Thriftshop also promotes recycling in offering good quality clothing and household items for **REUSE** at a reasonable price. The Thriftshop sponsors Simplicity Sale (rummage sale) annually as a fundraiser for church youth.

Keep watching! Two more snippets to go as our church family moves forward, expanding our history along the way!

WE ARE INVITED!
to the Ordination Service
of
Holly Greenidge

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Ordination Service



of:

Holly Greenidge

11/23
SATURDAY

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1314 SW PARK AVE,
PORTLAND, OR

4:00
P.M.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

Church Calendar

Wednesday October 16

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

Thursday October 17

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

5:30pm Church Board meets

Saturday October 19

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday October 20

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

Tuesday October 22

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

Wednesday October 23

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

Thursday October 24

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

Saturday October 26

9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

Sunday October 27

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

Monday-Friday October 27-November 1

Pre Christmas Sale set up

Tuesday October 29

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

Wednesday October 30

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



Thursday October 31 Halloween!

4-6:00pm Trunk or Treat!!

Scriptures for Sunday October 20, 2024

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

SERVING Sunday October 20, 2024

Elder this Week Chrystal Akin

Communion prep Leslie Hidle

Coffee Hour Judy & friends

Deacons **Servers**

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

Scriptures for Sunday October 27, 2024

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, (18-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

SERVING Sunday October 27, 2024

Elder this Week Jerry Sawyer

Communion prep Margaret Strasser

Coffee Hour Carol & 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!**