



Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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December 28, 2016

Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship
with Children's Worship & Wonder

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COMING UP AT HRVCC

Church Staff Vacation Time

Monday-Friday, December 26-30, Pastor Alicia Speidel and Kathy Holmson will be taking some vacation days. Office hours will only be as needed. If you have a pastoral need, please call or email Pastor Alicia.
Pastor Alicia will be out of town Sunday, January 1, 2017.

Sunday January 1 Carols Sunday No Sunday School Classes

10:30am Worship **UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH after Worship**
Please take a poinsettia plant to enjoy at home.

Sunday January 8 Epiphany Sunday & Birthday Celebration Coffee Hour

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED in January & February

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this fall. We need individuals or groups to host coffee hours in January. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the main office. *Thank you!*

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP NEEDED The 2017 Flower Chart is posted outside the church office. Sign up to bring flowers for Sunday worship.

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

If the weather conditions are bad, some meetings may be cancelled due to hazardous driving conditions. In general, if local schools have cancellations, we may also cancel church activities. If you're unsure of the status of a meeting, call your group leader, the church office, 541 386-2608 before you venture out. Be careful out there!

Christmas at HRVCC, 2016





YOUTH NEWS

During January and February the youth will be occasionally gathering with youth groups from five churches in the Gorge to fellowship, eat and have fun together. The time will be the same as normal youth group, Sunday from 5-7pm. Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 8** as the first time this new youth gathering will occur. It will be at FISH food bank and carpooling from the church is an option. Pastor Alicia will be at the gathering as well as other adults from the area. Come support this new expansive youth collective.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michael Anderson Karen Tyree Milele Hobbs Barbara Davis
Steve Capps Diane Lester

Chuck Hiatt will be having an angioplasty procedure done on Thursday, December 29. Your prayers are appreciated.

NEWS FROM WOMEN'S MINISTRIES As you review the Proposed budget for 2017, WM board wants you to know they are open to your suggestions for changes to the list of local charitable organizations that WM supports. If you have questions about the budget, talk to Kim Cantrell. Voting is on January 8, 2017.

Mark your calendar! Saturday, February 4, 6-7:30 – There will be a special candlelight celebration of love for family and friends in fellowship hall. With special entertainment by Sweet Adelines. Appetizers and desserts will be served. Tickets will be on sale after the New Year.



Four Sundays in Advent. Children and Youth Christmas Program. Longest Night Worship. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Christmas Day Worship in pajamas. What an Advent and Christmas Season. And it's not over yet because there is still the arrival of the Wise Men on Epiphany to be celebrated on Sunday, January 8.

It has been a grand journey to reach the day of Jesus Christ's birth. The music has been amazing. Thank you to the choir and all of the musicians. The elders have offered insightful thoughts and invitations. Thank you. The behind the scenes people have made everything flow smoothly from diaconate to sound to cleaning to fellowship hour to bulletins and information and all else. Thank you.

It all came together and it all came together well. We journeyed together as a community because of the many different parts of our community. That is a blessing and something to be treasured indeed. From the bottom of my heart I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation to our entire community for making Advent and Christmas a special and memorable time. Thank you and Happy New Year! *Alicia*

Children's Moment Leaders Needed for Sunday Worship Take 3-5 minutes to talk to our youngest members, read a story, share a prayer. If you can lead Children's Moment, please talk to Pastor Alicia or sign up in the lobby. Thank you.

Scripture Readers Needed for Sunday Worship Please sign up in the lobby.

Breakfast at Bette's Restaurant
First Thursday, January 5, at 9:00am ~ bring a friend!

Sunday, January 8, Epiphany Sunday & Birthday Celebration Coffee Hour

Please sign up to bring a cake and host a table for your "Birthday Month".



ADULT STUDIES

- **Gertrude Circle Women's Bible Study** The group meets Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Vista Room. If you haven't been a regular participant in the study, you are welcome to join in. The start of a new study is a great time!
- **Men's Study, Thursday Mornings** Meets at 7:00am in the Vista Room. Coffee & donuts!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets (weather permitting) on Mondays 3:00-4:00pm in the Prayer Room downstairs (enter through the lower door). Beginners to experts, you are invited to join them whatever your skill level for making prayer shawls or other projects. Knitting needles, crochet hooks, and lots of yarn available.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT **Over 500 local families and seniors assisted this year.**

Thank you to everyone at HRVCC who donated and helped HRCCP 2016. Our congregation does an outstanding job of supporting Christmas Project as volunteers and financial supporters. Thank you to members of our congregation who serve on the Christmas Project Board and as program coordinators.

Special thanks to the youth and children who raised money to buy toys for children in three families. Also, thank you to everyone who volunteered to work on food packing and distribution. Bruce Holmson, HRCCP

Disciples Mission Fund Christmas Special Offering

\$550 collected for DMF Christmas Offering. Thank you. Supports Oregon Regional Ministries including: Camps, New Churches, Women's Retreats, Ministerial Placement, Global Mission Partnerships, Leadership Training.

Christmas Eve Offering for Hood River Emergency Voucher Program
\$360 collected for the aid to travelers fund. Thank you.

THANK YOU We thank everyone who made Advent and Christmas events at the church happen. Thank you to those who planned and participated in worship services; to our choir and musicians. Thanks to those who hosted coffee hours, Christmas dinner, restaurant or home gatherings. Thanks to those who brought extra food and baked goods to share. Thank you to Pastor Alicia, the elders, the program council and church board for leadership. Thank you to Mary Anne Parrott for keeping the poinsettia plants looking beautiful. Thank you to the Sunday School teachers for extra Advent treats for the children. Thank you to the youth and children for their Christmas story presentation. Thank you the group of ladies who created and delivered Christmas floral arrangements for people who needed a visit and a nice bouquet.

Church Calendar

Wednesday December 28

9:00am-12:00pm Quilting group meets
 9:00am-3:00pm Thrift shop Open
 6:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday December 29

7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday December 31

9:00am-1:00pm Thrift shop open

Sunday January 1 New Year's Day

FISH Food Bank Sunday

No Sunday School classes
 10:30am Worship

11:30am Undecorate the church

Monday January 2

3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday January 3

10:00am Gertrude Circle Bible Study
 3:00pm TOPS Group meets

Wednesday January 4

9:00am-12:00pm Quilting group meets
 9:00am-3:00pm Thrift shop Open
 6:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday January 5

7:00am Men's Bible Study

9:00am Breakfast at Bette's Restaurant

Saturday January 7

9:00am-1:00pm Thrift Shop open

Sunday January 8 Epiphany Sunday and Special Birthday Cake Coffee Hour

9:30am Sunday School classes
 10:30am Worship & Children Worship & Wonder
 11:30am Birthday Cake Coffee Hour
 11:45am Women's Ministries General meeting
 5:00pm Youth Group meets

Monday January 9

3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00pm Program Council meets

Tuesday January 10

10:00am Gertrude Circle Bible Study
 3:00pm TOPS Group meets

7:00pm Church Board meets

Wednesday January 11

9:00am-12:00pm Quilting group meets
 9:00am-3:00pm Thrift shop Open
 6:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday January 12

7:00am Men's Bible Study

Saturday January 14

9:00am-1:00pm Thrift shop open

Sunday January 15

9:30am Sunday School classes
 10:30am Worship & Children Worship & Wonder
 5:00pm Youth Group meets

For Sunday January 1, 2017

Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148
 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23

For Sunday January 8, 2017

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

SERVING Sunday January 1, 2017

Elder this Week Scott Crosswhite
Scripture Reader Bob Williams
Children's Time Jennie & Bob Williams

Coffee Hour Hosts

Sanctuary Flowers poinsettias

Communion Preparer Joanie Logan

Bus Driver on call

Diaconate **Serving Team #1**

O Behrmann J Behrmann
 C Wyatt D Nash

SERVING Sunday January 8, 2017

Elder this Week Sharon Smiley
Scripture Reader Glenna McCargar
Children's Time **no one signed up**

Coffee Hour Hosts

Birthday Cakes- Leslie Hidle

Sanctuary Flowers **no one signed up**

Communion Preparer Glenna McCargar

Bus Driver on call

Diaconate **Serving Team #2**

I Phelps J Hiatt
 B Williams J Williams