



Hood River Valley Christian Church

## eNews

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**August 28, 2013**

### Sunday Worship Time

10:30am Worship  
with Children's Summer Program

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## Summer Worship

**Sunday** at 10:30am with

**Children's Summer Program K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Children return to the worship service for the offering and communion.

## September 1 FISH Food Bank Sunday

We had such a great response to our **Peanut Butter & Jelly collection** for FISH last month, let's try it again! Peanut butter is a great food bank commodity—nutritious, high protein, an easy-to-prepare snack.

**Other good foods for the shelves at FISH include:** canned tuna, soup, stew, chili, beans, fruit, cooking oil, flour, sugar.



## Fall Sunday School Programming Begins September 8, 9:30am



**Adult Class** at 9:30am Sharon Smiley will begin and adult class on Paul's letter to Philipians in the Fireside room downstairs.

**Our Middle & High School Youth** will be led by Scott Crosswhite.

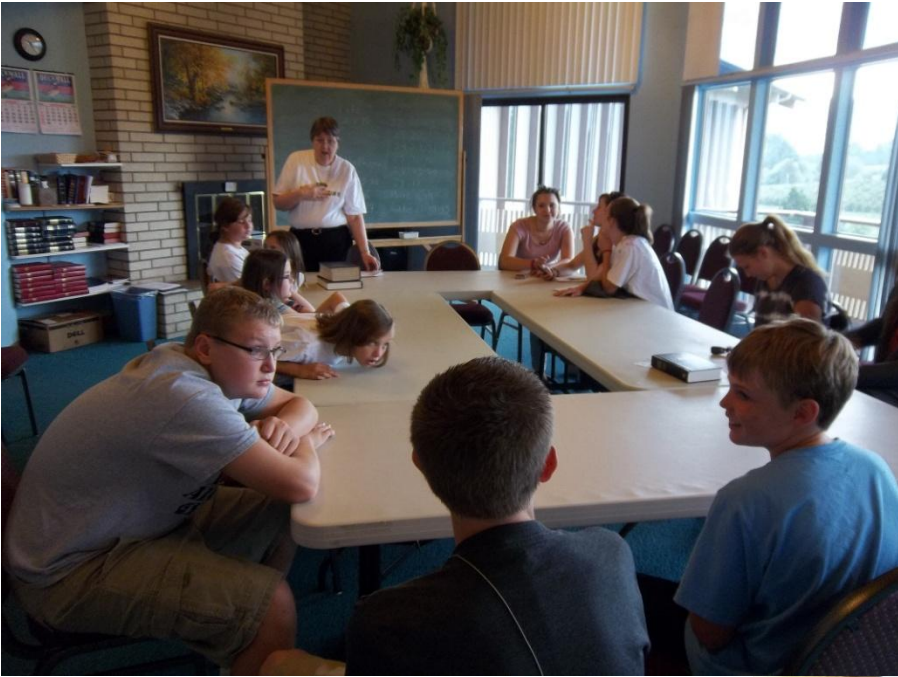
**All children kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades** will spend the month of September beginning Sept 8<sup>th</sup> learning about the Call of Moses through Art, Drama, a movie and the computer lab. Brenda & Jason Ritoch lead.

## Columbia Gorge CROP Hunger Walk – 25<sup>th</sup> Year! September 21, 10:00am at HRVCC

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Everyone who has walked in the past is encouraged to join this milestone celebration walk—5k, 10k or Golden Mile. The Walk is dedicated to **Brian & June Baynes** in honor of their many years as CROP Walk leaders.

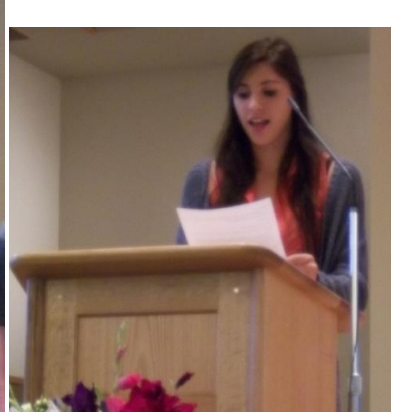
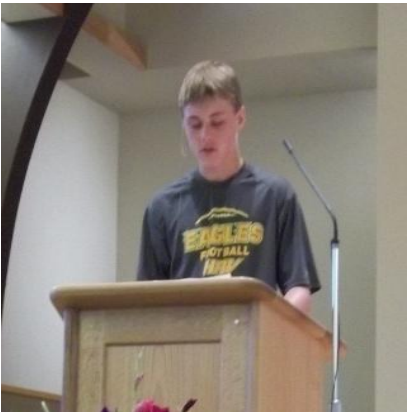
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**Camp Sunday  
Youth led  
Energetic Spirit  
filled worship  
service Aug 25th  
“God Opens  
Doors through  
Prayer”**

Youth meet to discuss and pray before worship. Youth process in together. Behind the scenes and up front youth led the way sharing their gifts and talents.





Youth lead out in delivering the children's message, as song leaders, and using drama to retell the scripture message.



Acts 12:5-17 tells of Peter's arrest, escape from prison and the answer to prayer as he is freed from chains by an angel and escapes to meet up with those who are praying for his release. Rhoda, the servant is so surprised by his appearance she closes the door without letting him in! Youth asked the congregation to discuss how they have been surprised by an answer to prayer.

## Youth News



Bibles will be presented to our third graders-**Briana Cantrell, Noah McElheran, Ayden Phelps**-during worship September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## September Youth Events Include September 8



- **5pm** Middle School meeting
- **6pm** Dinner for Middle & High school
- **6:30pm** High school meeting

**Hot Topic for the night** – Recycling – why do it?????  
We will be taking cans to be recycled!  
Ice cream for dessert!



## Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 5pm Parent/Youth Meeting

Youth are asked to bring a friend and their parents plus an item to share for

the **Potluck** meeting. Youth will present some ideas they have for the upcoming year and parents will have the opportunity to volunteer. Mark your calendars now and plan on being at the church for **FUN, Food & Fellowship Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**



## Swim Party Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> All Youth

Set the date Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>;  
invite a friend

and your family to join us at the City Pool from 3pm to 5pm. Bring your favorite snack food to share. Cost is \$1.00 per person. Let's make this the biggest **S.W.A.T., Chi Rho, and CYF event** yet this year! Permission forms are located on the youth board outside Pastor Linda's office.

## A Huge Thanks!

Thanks to **Sue & Woody Eskildsen, & Jason Ritoch** for helping **Pastor Linda** chaperone the Youth Lock-In last weekend. The youth made plans for the upcoming year, practiced for the Camp Sunday worship service and had a great time playing games.

Our youth did a tremendous job leading us in worship last Sunday. They planned the service two weeks ago and then spent part of the Lock-In practicing for it. Thanks youth for showing us your enthusiastic Spirit! Thanks also to **Mary Anne Parrott** who accompanied them.



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## Children Worship & Wonder orientation

will be September 8. Children 4 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and their parents are asked to attend. CWW begins September 15.



## Children Worship & Wonder Training

Thus far **Brenda Ritoch, Amanda Richardson, Jessykah Lopez and Katelyn Logan** are signed up to attend this valuable training. They will meet Friday night through Sunday afternoon, September 27-29<sup>th</sup>. People from around Oregon and other Regions will be planning on attending. Please keep these ladies in your prayers as they embark upon this training.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



Bob Hanel	Sun Hee Chang	Marshall Cornett	Lonnie Smith
Rick Hulett	Guy Jones	David Fretz	Eileen Royster
Jim & Carol Carnes	M Lee Zeller	David Dinsmore	Misha Ritoch
Lindsey Freysinger	Bette Benjamin	Ed Holmson	

**James John Gaffney** was born Tuesday, August 19. Parents are Sable Duback and Ray Gaffney; Grandparents are Sue and Woody Eskildsen. Congratulations!

**Juanita Clymer** is under the care of hospice.

**Sally Johnson**, daughter of **Bobbie Norton** and sister of **Cherie Chevron**, has been fighting cancer for more than a year and was treated for a serious infection earlier this week.

### **Thank You to my church family:**

Your cards, your visits, your calls all helped me through a hard time. Special thanks to Thelma and Jennifer for a beautiful communion. I am also appreciative of all the visits from Dave and Linda. This certainly is a caring congregation. Beverly Carpenter



### **2013 Light a Candle for Children**

September 8 is the beginning date for 40 days of prayer for children leading up to Children's Sabbath October 20th. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." These 40 days of prayer remind us how important the lives of children are to the Kingdom of God.

Plan to spend a few minutes in prayer each day praying for children. We will light a candle during worship each Sunday for 7 weeks during the children's message and point out different circumstances facing children in the U.S. Teachers and others who work with children in our congregation will be wearing a button during this time which says "Disciples Care for Children".

### **THANKS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School starts next week and we've received a nice collection of supplies to deliver to area schools. Thanks to those who have brought in school supplies. What we pass on to the schools makes a difference to children and teachers. Thank you--you have generous hearts!



### **Remodel Loan Update**

Total deposits made to the Building Fund account during 2nd Quarter (Apr, May and June) of 2013 were: **\$3630 -- This is great!**

**Building Loan Payment August 1st was \$1,097.00**

**Building Loan Balance as of August 1st is \$17,435.65**

Thanks from your HRVCC Trustees



### **CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 4, 7:00pm**

#### **Your voice is needed!**

Interim Choir Director is **Shirley Ihle**.

Our thanks to Shirley for her leadership!

#### **CHOIR DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The committee to search for a new choir director is putting out the job opening and job description. If you know of someone who would like to apply for this position they can contact the church office for a copy of the job description and application.

## Oregon Region Women's Retreat

October 4-5, Murray Hills Christian Church



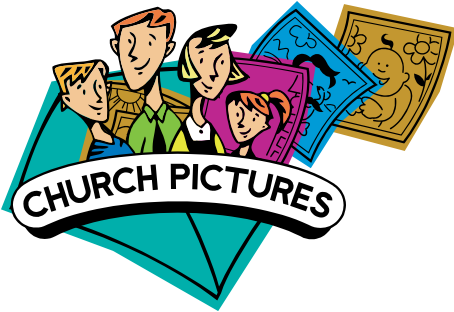
- Inspiring worship.
- Interesting workshops with artists, prayer teachers, global mission workers.
- Creating artwork together.
- Lunch!
- Hearing from Mary Jacobs about women acting for spiritual and global change.
- Meet friends from around Oregon.
- Do your Christmas shopping at our fair trade display!
- Enjoying beverages from the espresso bar
- Book discussion:

*Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

**Registration information is available on bulletin board**

## New Pictorial Directory

**Picture Taking the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>**



To begin the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1964 dedication our beautiful building called Hood River Valley Christian Church we are going to have a new pictorial directory. The photographers will be here October 2-5 taking 26 pictures each day. We hope every one of you will participate and be included in this anniversary edition of the directory.

Sign ups will be held on Sundays during September for your picture taking appointment. Those who are retired or whose work schedules allow flexibility are asked to take afternoon appointments, 1:00pm-4:40pm on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. For those who have work or school schedules to work around there will be evening appointments 5:50-8:30pm Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Saturday appointments will be from 10:00am - 1:40pm and 2:40pm - 5:30pm. Please be punctual and allow about one hour. Appointments are mostly ten minutes apart.

After the pictures are taken, you will view them on the computer and can place an order at that time by paying with cash or credit card. Each customer will receive a free 8X10 photo and a free copy of the church directory.

Only if it is impossible for you to be here during October 2-5: your digital photo plus \$10 will get you in the directory (not on separate pages as in previous directories) and a copy of the book.

Please be sure you get your date and time. You will receive a reminder call the day before your appointment.

Please join in and make our church family album complete!

Thank you each and all,  
Thelma Warnock  
Chair, Church Growth Committee

**PS If you can host one of the eight photo sessions, please let Thelma know. Thank you!**



Old unit removed



New unit on truck



New unit in place

## ***NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL HEATING/AC UNIT DELIVERED***



***Do you have an extra hour a week?*** *Would you enjoy volunteering for the FISH Food Bank on a regular schedule? If so we have two different volunteer opportunities you might enjoy becoming involved with:*

### **Rosauers Fresh Alliance Pickup on Wednesdays:**

We are currently looking for a volunteer who would be willing to go to Rosauers each **Wednesday** between about 9:00 or 9:30 AM (flexible time) to pick up the food they donate to FISH. Rosauers puts the food in tubs, so you go to the back of the store and place the tubs in your vehicle. The food is then taken to the Hood River FISH Site and the volunteers help unload your car. It does require some lifting and you do need a vehicle you would be able to place the tubs. They are usually at least 4 or so tubs. It usually only takes about ½ hour and we can always find a substitute if you plan to be gone, so it is not as if you can never leave town.

If you think you would like to help with the Rosauers pick up please contact me, Billie Stevens at 541-490-5109 or you can e-mail me back.

### **Mid-Valley FISH "Set-Up" Volunteer for Thursdays:**

The second volunteer opportunity is to work as a team member to prepare the Mid-Valley FISH site for the distribution, each Thursday morning starting about 10:00. In this position you work with another volunteer to stock shelves, fill the food bins and straighten up the site. It usually takes only about 1 hour to an hour and half. In this position you do have to be able to move food around, usually only light lifting. Once again if you need to be out of town, we always have some to fill in.

Linda Riggs is currently doing the Mid-Valley set-up and was working with Hollis Dunlop our volunteer from the Jesuit Volunteer Corps; Hollis completed her year of service and we now need another team member to help Linda. If you have an extra 1 ½ hours to give to FISH and would like to help with the set-up of the Mid-Valley Site, please contact Billie Stevens at 541-490-5109.

Thanks for sharing and considering these two volunteer opportunities.

Billie Stevens  
FISH Food Bank  
541-490-5109

# Ending Hunger One Step at a Time: CROP Hunger Walk

## *The Original Hunger Walk!*



### **Columbia Gorge CROP Hunger Walk**

**September 21, 2013 at Hood River Valley Christian Church**

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! This year's walk is dedicated to **Brian & June Baynes** for their many years as CROP Walk leaders.

- Everyone who has participated in CROP Walk in the past is encouraged to join this milestone celebration walk
- 5k, 10k or Golden Mile
- 25% of donations comes back to our local community—divided between FISH Food Bank in Hood River and WGAP in White Salmon/Bingen
- Walkers who collect \$125 in pledges will receive a t-shirt, hat, totebag or commemorative pin
- A hot dog lunch follows the walk
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**Kathy Holmson & Leslie Hidle** have pledge sheets and information.

Visit [www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiagorgeor](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiagorgeor)



**LOCAL RAW HONEY** is available for \$10 per quart from John Ihle, 541-386-6843 or [jsihle@gorge.net](mailto:jsihle@gorge.net)

**HOME/PET SITTING** Need someone to keep an eye on your home/pets while you are away? **Call Lauren Holmson 541 490-9582** ~ responsible and reliable college student; reasonable rates and references.

**EGGS FOR SALE! FRESH! LOCAL!** Call or email Joanie Logan **541 490-3317**



**RIVER RALLY FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH  
SEPTEMBER 27-29 at EUGENE FCC**

Registrations are on Youth bulletin board

**Return registration to Pastor Linda by September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**



# River Rally!

SEPTEMBER 27-29

EUGENE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Come to Eugene for worship, devotion, fellowship, education, and experience the McKenzie River! All high school age youth are welcome!

Cost is \$100 and covers the river trip, t-shirt, and food/lodging for the weekend.

For those do not want to raft we will have a hiking/hot spring option (cost for hikers is significantly lower).

# Church Calendar

**Wednesday August 28**

9:00am-noon Quilting  
9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open

**Thursday August 29**

7:00am Men's Bible Study

**Saturday August 31**

9:00am-1:00pm Thriftshop

**Sunday September 1 FISH Food Bank Sunday**

10:30am Worship  
Children's Summer Program starts

**Monday September 2 LABOR DAY**

**Church office closed**

**Tuesday September 3**

10:00am Gertrude Circle Bible Study  
3:00pm TOPS Group meets  
6:00pm Harmony of the Gorge singers

**Wednesday September 4**

9:00am-noon Quilting  
9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open  
7:00pm Choir practice

**Thursday September 5**

7:00am Men's Bible Study

**Saturday September 7**

9:00am-1:00pm Thriftshop open

**Sunday September 8**

9:30am Sunday School for all ages  
10:30am Worship

**Children Worship & Wonder orientation**

5:00pm Middle School Youth  
6:00pm High School Youth  
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Tuesday September 10**

10:00am Gertrude Circle Bible Study  
3:00pm TOPS Group meets  
6:00pm Harmony Singers

**Wednesday September 11**

9:00am-noon Quilting  
9:00am-3:00pm Thriftshop open  
7:00pm Choir practice

**Thursday September 12**

7:00am Men's Bible Study

**Saturday September 14**

9:00am-1:00pm Thriftshop

**Sunday September 15**

9:30am Sunday School for all ages  
10:30am Worship

with Children Worship & Wonder

**5:00pm POTLUCK**

**Parent and Youth meeting**

5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

**For Sunday September 1, 2013**

Jeremiah 2:4-13    Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16    Luke 14:1, 7-14

**For Sunday September 8, 2013**

Jeremiah 18:1-11    Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1-21    Luke 14:25-33

**SERVING Sunday Sept. 1, 2013**

<b>Elders this Week</b>	Thelma Warnock (s) & Fred Duckwall (c)	
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Holmsons	
<b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>	no one signed up	
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Doris Jensen	
<b>Van Driver</b>	John Rath	
<b>Diaconate</b>	<b><u>Serving Team #3</u></b>	
	B Ritoch	J Ritoch
	J Lage	J Hiatt
	J Rath	S Rath

**SERVING Sunday Sept. 8, 2013**

<b>Elder this Week</b>	Sharon Smiley (s) & (c)	
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Cooks & Parrotts	
<b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>	<b>no one signed up</b>	
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Kim Cantrell	
<b>Van Driver</b>	Dave Nash	
<b>Diaconate</b>	<b><u>Serving Team #4</u></b>	
	F Thomas	B Thomas
	K Waits	J Waits
	K Logan	J Logan