

# KRISTI

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When she was approached last spring by VanOrman to serve, her first reaction was, "We have two weddings this summer, and a campaign going on ... I don't know if I can."

She soon changed her mind.

"That center is a community jewel and you can't afford to lose it," Thomsen said.

The board hopes to add, maintain and expand its listing of programs and services, from the existing Meals on Wheels to future flu shot clinics.

"We've got a lot of plans and hopes," she said. "We're getting there."

The group meets about once a week — current projects include writing policies and procedures. But she's at the Adult Center almost daily, helping write the newsletter or volunteering in the kitchen on Tuesday Bingo nights. Board members are often onsite to answer questions and volunteer as needed.

The center is "run by donations and volunteers, and we need both, badly," Thomsen said. Both volunteer and donation forms can be picked up at the center, and she hopes new volunteers will get involved.

Thomsen has many years of previous board experience, from the Pine Grove United Methodist Church in the early 1980s to an "on and off" position at Head Start while her daughters were in school. She also served on the Columbia Area Transit (CAT) Board, and local and site committees — and the PTA — at Pine Grove Elementary and Wy'east Middle School.

Of course, as the wife of a fourth generation orchardist, Thomsen has farming experience, too. "When we were first married, I would go out smudging with him at night, or check bins with him during harvest. Of course, when we had kids, I still checked bins for quite a while," she said.

The couple has 170 acres of pear trees — mainly Anjous and Bartlett's, with a few Boscos — and Chuck brings boxes of pears with him wherever he goes.

"Chuck always takes a box of pears every week to Salem ... His office is popular because he's got pears," she said. "He'll often take boxes of pears to communities he's going to visit. He does haul fruit along with him and passes it out."

Thomsen feels lucky to have been able to stay at home with daughters Meagan, now 31 ("You can blame Chuck for that," she said of the spelling, noting he wanted it spelled like "Reagan")

and Mallory, 28. She received her teaching degree from Washington State University and taught first grade in Goldendale before moving to Pine Grove. And while she periodically subbed for the Hood River County School District, her first priority was home.

"I guess I always thought, 'well, somebody has to stay home and take care of stuff and you go do your thing,'" she said.

Although there is still farm work to do while Chuck is in Salem, Thomsen credits foreman Alfredo Elisea and great year-round workers, as well as brother-in-law Tom Ewald, for keeping the farm running. Meagan, a nurse, keeps the books, although Chuck still does a fair amount of that, even when he's in session, Thomsen said.

During last year's campaign, her responsibilities included editing all campaign material — door knocker cards, fliers, even the voter's pamphlet.

"I edit everything they write or send out — I hope — because I'm the education background," she said.

She's also particular about how things are phrased. "I'm the one that's picky about how you phrase things. What's your stance? It needs to be clear. People need to understand what you've done, what you want to do, how you want to do it," she explained.

One surprising aspect of their relationship: The two are not of the same political party. Still, they respect each other's philosophies.

"What's funny, it started when he was a (Hood River County Planning Commissioner), he would have people he wanted to support during elections, I would have people I wanted to support during elections, so we would put up both signs on the lawn, or we'd have one in the orchard and one in the lawn," she said.

And it's a positive during campaign season.

"I think I also offered a different perspective, being a nonaffiliated," she said.

"I would watch and listen, and tell these Republican guys, 'okay, wait, if you're sending material to just Republicans, you can send this and this. If you're trying to appeal to people in the middle ... you need to be aware of how people in the middle think about whatever this issue is.'"

"They might look at something one way, and I'd say, 'here's how I might see it as a nonaffiliated, here's my view and perspective.' So it was interesting campaigning, for me, and probably for them. But you know, your constituents are made up of everybody. You have Republicans and Democrats and Independents and nonaffiliateds, and you represent all of them."



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Real

KRISTI THOMSEN enjoys some conversation with her husband, Chuck, center, during the Helping Hands Against Violence Apokalypse Now fundraiser at Springhouse Winery last week. Over the years, Kristi has been involved with a variety of local service organizations.

# WORSHIP DIRECTORY

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

### RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY

Pastor Terry Abbott  
979 Tucker Rd.  
Hood River, OR 97031  
541-386-3656  
www.river-of-life-assembly.org  
For details check the current bulletin on our website  
riveroflifeassembly@gmail.com

#### Service Schedule

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Early Worship Celebration  
10:00 a.m. Coffee, Conversation & Refreshments  
10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration & KidzChurch, K-6th\*  
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Classes (choose from three topics)\*  
**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m. Royal Rangers & Mpat Girls Club (K-6th)\*  
Connect Groups for Adults (several groups to choose from)  
**Thursday**  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group 7-12th  
7:00 p.m. Connect Group Upper Valley  
\*Childcare provided at the church for those attending

### VALLEY WORSHIP CENTER

5780 Hwy 35, Mt. Hood/Pkrdl  
Rev. Don & LaRonna Howell  
**Sundays**  
Bible Classes 9:45 am  
Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 am  
Worship Celebration 10:45 am  
www.valleyworshipcenter.org  
valleyworshipcenter.pastor@gmail.com or (541) 352-7269

## BAPTIST

**1st BAPTIST CHURCH of ODELL**  
3081 Odell Hwy, 541-490-3171  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

## GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

1280 W. Jewett • White Salmon  
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Jr/Sr. High Youth • Small Groups (call for times & location)  
Pastor Mark Hoeffner (509) 493-2597  
www.gracews.org

## BELMONT DRIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

4200 Belmont Road  
541-386-4201  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday evening Bible study 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday evening Bible study 6:00 p.m.

## PARKDALE BAPTIST

6310 Dee Hwy., 541-352-6515  
Bobby Joe Beauchamp, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Study, 6 p.m.

## TUCKER ROAD BAPTIST

Pastor Dean E. Kelly, Jr.  
1455 Tucker Road  
Hood River, OR 97031  
541-386-1049  
- Sundays -  
Bible Study, All Ages, 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
- Wednesdays -  
Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

## CATHOLIC

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1501 Belmont, Hood River  
Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation in English/Spanish 4-5 p.m.  
Saturday  
Mass in English 5:30 p.m.  
Mass in Spanish 7 p.m.  
Sunday

## MASS IN SPANISH 8 a.m.

Mass in English 10 a.m.  
Mass in Spanish 1 p.m.  
Holiday Masses  
7 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7 p.m.  
Daily Mass 7:30 a.m.  
Father Ronald M. Maag,  
Pastor, 541-386-3373

## CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

**HOOD RIVER ALLIANCE**  
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2650 W. Montello St.  
541-386-2812  
www.hoodriveralliance.org

Steve Grace, Senior Pastor  
John Blosser, Associate Pastor  
Tina Graves, Youth Pastor  
Emily Blosser, Worship Pastor

**Sunday Morning**  
2 Worship Services  
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
**Monday Night**  
Senior Youth Group

**Tuesday Night**  
Celebrate Recovery Group,  
6:15 p.m. (Contact Person:  
John Blosser 507-820-0871)

**Wednesday Night**  
Junior Youth Group  
**Nightly Activities**  
Small group Bible studies through the week.

**La Iglesia Esperanza Y Vida**  
Sabado 6 p.m.  
Spanish Service Saturday at 6 p.m.  
Tony Estey, Pastor  
Llame para un orario completo 541-806-2691

## CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
701 Washington St.  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Sunday Service 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**HOOD RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1512 Tucker Road  
Cody Singleton - Minister  
9:45 Bible Classes  
10:45 Services  
541-386-2782  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

## ODELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

3784 Summit Drive  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
541-354-3127

## COVENANT CHRISTIAN

**COVENANT HOOD RIVER**  
Pastor Fritz Stranz  
Temporary service location  
8th and Pacific  
(Horizon School)  
Sunday service at 5pm  
Wednesday Youth and KIDZ- call 541.386.8805 for location  
covenanthr.org

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**HOOD RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Interim Pastor Myrna Phillips  
975 Indian Creek Road  
541-386-2608  
hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**  
Senior Center  
2010 Sterling Place  
Sundays 10 a.m.  
"Love Jesus, Love People"  
For more information contact John: 541-354-2495 or Don: 541-231-3482  
www.hoodriver-biblefellowship.org

## FAITH RIVER CHURCH

1889 Belmont, 541-386-3557  
www.fbhoodriver.org  
Pastor Bruce Parker  
- Sunday -  
Sunday School (all ages)  
9:15-10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.-12:00  
Nursery provided 10:30 a.m.-12:00  
- Weekdays -  
We offer various Home Groups, Bible studies, and other activities.

## PARKDALE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

4th & Van Nuys  
(by grade school)  
**Services**  
Carl Casey, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Ladies' Bible Study, Mon. 9:30 a.m.  
Call 541-490-6673  
for further details.

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## EPISCOPAL

### ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

11th & Eugene  
Rev. Anna Carmichael  
Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.  
Child Care at 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 11:30 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome.  
For more information, call: St. Mark's Office 541-386-2077

## LDS

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

18th & May, Hood River  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
Hood River Ward  
Sacrament Meeting 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
Priesthood/Relief Society 12:10 p.m.  
**Grupo en Español**  
Hora Sacramental (Traducida) 10 a.m.  
Escuela Dominical  
(Clase en Español) 11:20 a.m.  
Sacerdocio y Sociedad de Socorro (En Ingles) 12:10 p.m.

## LUTHERAN

### CONCORDIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELS

Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
11th & Pine • Hood River  
541-386-4004 or 541-298-8385  
Pastor Jesse Jacobsen  
Sunday School & Bible Class 8:00 a.m.  
Divine Service 9:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Wednesday  
www.concordiahoodriver.org

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

305 9th St. 386-3046  
Pastor Jeff Mueller  
www.ImmanuelHR.org  
**Sunday Morning Schedule**  
Adult Bible Class 8:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care 9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

### Small Groups All Week

Check our web page above for all the details  
**Sr. High Youth Group**  
Saturdays @ 6:30 p.m.  
**Middle School Youth Group**  
Fridays @ 3:30 p.m.

"It's all about RELATIONSHIPS!"  
Please join us!

## METHODIST/LUTHERAN

### ASBURY OUR REDEEMER PARTNERSHIP

Pastor David King  
1140 Tucker Road  
541-386-3993  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10-10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
Time 10:30 a.m. Celebration  
Worship  
10:30 a.m. Christian Education  
Everyone is welcome!

## NAZARENE

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Joel & Mindy Alsworth, pastors  
2168 Belmont Drive  
Church Office: 541-386-2604  
Fax: 541-386-2064  
9 a.m.-noon  
Church Web site: www.hrmaaz.org

## Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education/Sunday School (for all ages) - 11 a.m.  
**Monday-Thursday**  
Home Group Studies  
**Tuesday:** 6:30 a.m.  
Men's Prayer Time  
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Downtown  
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## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

8th & Pacific, Hood River  
Tommy Moon, Pastor  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
svbchr.org

## PRESBYTERIAN

### PARKDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH

4910 Baseline Drive  
541-352-7747  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Rev. Mark N. Willems, Pastor

## QUAKER

### RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Mountain View Worship Group meets First and Third Sundays of the month at 10 a.m. at 700 Union St. (the old Episcopal Church)  
Everyone is welcome.  
Contact Jeff Hunter, 541-490-6006  
JeffHunter1859@gmail.com for directions and information.

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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13th & Oak, 541-386-3220  
Ron Hart, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
Spanish Services meet at 1100 22nd St.

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

### MID-COLUMBIA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Worship and Children's Program  
10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange  
4262 Barrett Drive, Hood River  
Classes, Groups & Community Service  
Rev. Judy Zimmerman  
Info: (541) 241-6771 or www.mcuf.org

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Heart of Downtown at 4th & State  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
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(509) 493-1747  
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http://church.gorge.net/bethel  
www.bethelwhitesalmon.org

## UNITED METHODIST

### PINE GROVE/ODELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3422 Odell Hwy., Odell;  
541-354-1063  
Christy Matson, Lay Preacher  
2415 Eastside Road, Pine Grove  
Sunday Worship Schedule  
Adult Sunday 8:45 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
Sept.-June at Odell Building  
July & Aug. at Pine Grove Building  
Everyone is Welcome

## THE VINEYARD "A COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES"

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Pastor Denny & Sue Anderson  
Assoc. Pastor Dave Turner  
Youth Pastor Carrie Turner  
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Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 9:45  
**Youth Group - Wednesdays 6:15**  
Grades 6-12  
**AWANAS - Thursdays 6:30**  
Ages 3 through 6th grade  
**Home Groups - Thursdays 6:30**  
**Celebrate Recovery - Fridays 6:15**  
www.vcfhr.org.  
508 9th St. (Across from Children's Park)  
541-386-7070

# PORT

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county records, the real market value of the parcel is listed at \$68,750.

## Proposed toll increases

In other port news, discussions were had last week about potential toll increases on the Bridge of the Gods. Koch said 25 cent, 50 cent, and \$1 increases were discussed, but noted that "the commission decided they were not going to take any formal action at this time."

Under the port's 10-year maintenance and operations plan, the port commission is required to review the bridge's tolls on an annual basis in an attempt to ensure sufficient funding for the port's Bridge Preservation, Repair and Replacement fund.

Last year, the port commission voted to raise the toll on trucks with three axles or more from \$1 per axle to \$1.50 per axle. However, tolls on passenger vehicles — currently at \$1 — were not raised and accord-

ing to News archives, have not been raised since Jan. 1, 2003.

Koch said the port plans to have at least one meeting on the issue in order to gather public input regarding potential toll increases, but that meeting date has not yet been set.

If a toll increase is approved, the changes would likely go into effect this May.

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