

Opportunity Connections holds annual dinner April 10

Opportunity Connections (OC), will celebrate 48 years as an organization providing support services to people with disabilities in the Mid Columbia with an Anniversary Dinner, Friday, April 10 at the Mid Columbia Senior Center in The Dalles. The event is open to the public. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the event runs until 7 p.m. with a taco feed, silent auction and raffle items. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door.

Besides a chance to catch up with friends, at the Anniversary Dinner, Opportunity Connections will honor those businesses, volunteers, and participants that have promoted community integration and support for people with disabilities in the last year. This year awards will go to the Safeway in both Hood River and The Dalles, who have hired people with disabilities, in memory of LeRoy Nickelson, a tireless volunteer at fundraisers, Charlie Hess, a donor supporter of the Art Connect program in The Dalles and the soon to be "The 506 Gallery" at 506 East 2nd St., The Dalles, a client participant Herbie Schmoker, who volunteers at the WAAAM program in Hood River, and Lisa Woodside, a client participant who reads to the Head Start Program in The Dalles. Each one of these organizations and individuals have advanced community integration for those with intellectual disabilities in

multiple ways, from allowing Opportunity Connections staff to work with clients at employment locations, to tirelessly supporting the OC mission, "Maximizing Potential for People with Disabilities."

OC has recently begun to transform its services from a provider of jobs, to a finder of community jobs in the Gorge area. While maintaining commercial operations in both The Dalles and Hood River, OC now has added an active employment service for people with disabilities looking for community employment. They also provide Residential services including both support for people living independently and group home services. The organization generates over 2.4 million dollars into Mid-Columbia businesses through staff wages, renting homes, shopping at stores, buying and leasing vehicles, as well as helping people do some of the fun things that make life enjoyable.

Opportunity Connections is funded through a number of sources, including state Medicaid funding for staffing support, commercial revenue from janitorial, document destruction contracts (Gorge Secure Shred) and some assembly revenue. The majority of fundraising proceeds are used to keep folks out in their own communities.

The organization is a 501 (c) (3) charity and donations may be made to Opportunity Connections, 2940 Thomsen Road, Hood River, Oregon



Submitted photo

IN 2014, Raquel VanNatta, Executive Assistant at Best Western Hood River was awarded the Blue Orb by Rita Rathkey, Executive Director at Opportunity Connections. They hired Bill Dockham in their Housekeeping Department.

97031 or on line at the website: www.opportunityconnections.org, Information and updates on Opportunity Connections can also be found on Facebook.

This Week at HRVHS

Monday April 6-
Local Scholarship Submission Day 1:30- 4 p.m. @ Cafeteria
Girls Tennis vs. Benson 4 p.m. @ Tsuruta Courts
Tuesday, April 7-
Red Cross Blood Drive 8 a.m.-3 p.m. @ Vannet Court
Local scholarship submission day 1:30-3:30 p.m. @ Commons
Football helmet distribution 6 p.m. @ Vannet Court
Wednesday, April 8-
Girls JV Lacrosse vs Oregon Episcopal 4 p.m. @ Westside Elem
Boys Tennis vs Pendleton 4 p.m. @ Tsuruta Courts
Frosh Baseball vs Wilsonville 4:30 p.m. @ HRVHS JV Field
JV/Vars Softball vs Century 4:30 p.m. @ Westside Elem
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Oregon Episcopal 6 pm @

HRVHS
Thursday, April 9-
JV Softball vs Lyle-Wishram 4:30 p.m. @ Westside Elem
Fashion Show (Fashion Club) 5:30 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre
Friday, April 10- End of the Third Quarter
JV/Vars Baseball vs Mountain View 4:30 p.m. @ Traner Field
Saturday, April 11-
Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Bend Noon @ HRVHS
Girls Tennis @ Columbia (White Salmon) 1 p.m. @ Columbia HS
Boys JV Lacrosse vs Bend 2 p.m. @ HRVHS
All games and activities (home and away) can be found at www.HRVHS.com

This Week at HRVHS is compiled by technology teacher Tom Ames, who will be the Athletic Director starting in the 2015-16 school year.

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 & Mpac 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/Prkld
Rev. Don & LaRonna Howell
Sundays
Bible Classes 9:45 am
Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 am
Worship Celebration 10:45 am
Dinner & Service 6:00 pm
www.valleyworshipcenter.org
valleyworshipcenter.pastor@gmail.com or (541) 352-7269

BAPTIST
1st BAPTIST CHURCH of ODELL
3081 Odell Hwy
Pastor Rick Plank
541-354-1863
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 6 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
"You're Always Welcome!"
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
455 Frankton Rd.
Hood River, OR 97031
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Youth & KIDZ 6:30 p.m.
541.386.8805
covenanthr.org

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
HOOD RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Interim Pastor Myrna Phillips
975 Indian Creek Road
541-386-2608
hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com
- Sunday -
9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
& Children Worship & Wonder
5:00 p.m. Youth meetings
Call for information on other programs for children, youth and adults
Childcare provided for all activities

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
10:10-10:30 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.hrmaz.org
Sunday
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
8 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
Downtown
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

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 541-352-6913 or 541-490-6673 for further details.

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 BIBLE CHURCH
1889 Belmont, 541-386-3557
www.fbchoodriver.org
Pastor Bruce Parker
- Sunday -
Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.-12:00
Expository preaching
Childcare provided 10:30 a.m.
We offer youth and small groups.
Call for times and locations.

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
We Are A Welcoming Congregation.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH UCC
Heart of Downtown at 4th & State
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
riversideucc.com
Doubters welcome
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Rev. Vicky A. Stifter,
541-386-1412

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Inclusive - Welcoming - Peace & Justice
Rev. Kelly Ryan
480 East Jewett Blvd.
(509) 493-1747
White Salmon
Morning Family Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m.
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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"Come as you are!"
Pastor Denny & Sue Anderson
Assoc. Pastor Dave Turner
Youth Pastor Carrie Turner
Sunday Worship Celebration
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

CHURCH NEWS

Holy Week services and other local church events

Immanuel Lutheran

Immanuel Lutheran, 9th and State streets, will begin Easter Sunday with brunch starting at 8:30 a.m., with church services at 10 a.m.

Pastor Jeff Mueller writes, "The most joyful celebration of the entire year will start with a delicious breakfast brunch for one and all, and conclude with a truly relevant, dynamic, children-friendly and joyful service to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Please come to see what this Easter stuff is all about. Everyone is welcome!"
For more information visit the church's website at www.ImmanuelHR.org.

Riverside Church

Good Friday, April 3, 7 p.m. service
Easter Sunday, April 5 —
Worship at 10:30 a.m. Flowering of the Cross. The Riverside Chancel and Children's Choirs will provide music. Easter egg hunt after worship.

Riverside is located at 4th and State Streets in downtown Hood River. For additional information, contact the church office at 541-386-1412.

Valley Worship Center

The community is invited to attend Valley Worship Center's Easter celebration events on Sunday, April 5 at 5780 Hwy. 35 in Mt. Hood. A free Easter Sunday breakfast will be served at 10 a.m., followed by the Easter Celebration Service at 10:45 a.m. with Pastor Don Howell.

Beginning on Easter Sunday evening, the Bible based TV series "AD" TV series will begin on NBC from 8 to 9 p.m. and will continue for twelve weeks. During this time, Pastor Howell's Sunday morning sermons will reflect on the subject of each week's TV episode and everyone is welcome to attend these services.

Valley Christian

Hood River Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road, has announced its 2015 Easter Week schedule:
April 5 — Easter Sunday, 8

a.m. early worship; 9-10 a.m. breakfast served by church youth; 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship (bring flowers for floral cross).

The community is invited to attend. For more information, call 541-386-2608 or visit www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com.

Easter egg hunt planned

The annual Community Easter Egg Hunt held each year on the Saturday morning before Easter at Jackson Park is going to bigger and better than ever. Sponsored by the Columbia Gorge Fellowship of Churches, this free family fun Easter weekend event was enjoyed by over 750 kids last year. We will be hiding over 8,000 plastic eggs this year. Along with the fun of hunting for eggs hidden in the tall grass of the park, every child ages 1-10 will receive an Easter goodie bag filled with candy, prizes, and stickers. The Easter Bunny will be ready for hugs and photos with the kids. Due to the limited space of the park, we are making this year's egg hunt even safer for the little ones and will do everything possible to assure a fun, safe and memorable experience for everyone.

A safety fair will begin at 10 a.m.; the hunt will start at 11, rain or shine.

The community is also invited to our sponsoring churches stuff over 800 Easter goodie bags with candy, prizes, and stickers and tape together thousands of plastic eggs on Wednesday, April 1st at Immanuel Lutheran, 9th & State, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. The more help the better!

Does your faith community have an upcoming special service, worship series, concert or other event? Send them (including Holy Week information) to twalker@hoodrivernews.com.

Bible classes offered

Tucker Road Baptist Church presents "How We Got the Bible" with Dr. Mike Kuykendall, April 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the church, located at 1455 Tucker Road in Hood River.

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