

ROOTS And Branches

By MAIJA YASUI

Turn, turn, turn

Sometimes life has to smack you on the noggin to get your attention. Other times something as simple as a song from the past makes you sit up and take notice of roads you have traveled, and places yet to go. Last week I was driving in to Portland to work with an African American prevention coalition when a blast from the past came rolling over the airwaves and upset my sense of serenity. It was a Pete Seeger song of the '50s, sung by The Byrds in the '70s, inspired by a biblical passage written centuries ago.

"To everything, turn, turn, turn, there is a season, turn, turn, turn, a time of love, a time of hate, a time of war, a time of peace." Appallingly, 50 years later the powerful lyrics still have relevance. I shamelessly belted out the folk song in the sanctity of my car, words and melody as familiar as a childhood nursery rhyme. It was the anthem of my teens, one of many folk songs that fanned the flames of youthful outrage and injustice. Protest songs stirred our passion, moved us to service, and helped set our compass for where we wished to go on our life's journey.

My generation, born in the '50s, coming of age in the '60s, would be on the front lines waging war on hunger and poverty, racism and apartheid, disease and discrimination. We would succeed in achieving world peace. The naivety of youth blinding us to the fact that our parents and theirs and untold generations before faced these very same challenges.

We sang the song as a protest against the seemingly endless stream of wars our generation had been exposed to. Although not particularly aware of World War II or the Korean War, the wars of our parents, we were raised in the shadow of nuclear war. We were taught in elementary school to hide beneath our desks if the blaring sirens signaled a nuclear attack. We practiced evacuation, and learned where local bomb shelters were located. Yet it felt like a game to us as children.

My generation's war was Vietnam. Its inhumanity brought into our homes through television news coverage, into our personal consciousness through loss of classmates, friends and lovers. We believed we had brought the horrors of war to an end when the troops pulled out of Vietnam. This would be the end of all wars. Yet I can think of no time since, for my children or theirs, that our country has not been at war with someone, somewhere throughout the world.

We fought wars of a different ilk on our own ground, at Kent State, on the Birmingham Bridge, in Watts, in the fields of California and the wasteland of the inner city. We were moved by the music of other anthems performed by the likes of Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Mahalia Jackson, Bruce Springsteen and John Lennon.

We fought for civil rights regardless of race, religion, gender or socio economic status. We fought for clean air, clean water, toxic free plants, earth, carpets and toys. We fought against police brutality, encouraging neighborhood policing. Our leaders were articulate orators, John and Bobby Kennedy moved us to service through action and martyrdom, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela moved us to end racism and apartheid through peaceful means. Rachel Carson inspired us to save the environment. Shirley Chisholm and Gloria Steinem lifted up the rights of women. Mother Teresa was the personification of selfless service to those living in indescribable poverty and Mahatma Gandhi the voice of reason.

We raised our fists in peaceful protest, we sat in, lay in, sang in, to punctuate our passion. As we aged our protests turned to action. We built schools and hospitals, youth centers and homeless shelters, ball fields and food banks. We invented new vaccines that prevented disease, new forms of energy and transportation that were gentler on the environment. We recycled, banned pesticides, saved the salmon and the spotted owl. We became scientists and legislators, policemen and doctors, teachers and preachers. At some point we realized we had become the very establishment we fought so strongly against.

Ironically, the solutions we implemented have caused other problems that our children must solve. When you prevent one disease, another will arise often as a byproduct of what you have created. Eradicating the measles, polio, and tuberculosis gave rise to other diseases resistant to our vaccinations, more virulent, more invasive. Conquer HIV and Ebola raises its head. Decrease tobacco use in the US and it increases in third world countries. Legalize a more fashionable drug such as marijuana or deliver it in a hip fashion, vaporized, dissolvable, edible.

We have cleaner air, water and soil than we had in generations past, but have a climate that is warming, creating a very different world in which we live. We have increased the rights of people of all ethnicities, ages and genders, but those on the fringe continue to suffer inequity.

Women are serving in almost every workplace imaginable, but still paid less than their male counterparts. We have neighborhood policing and an honorable police force that are serving us well in most cities across the United States. But there still exists an underlying need for excessive force and imprisonment that flies in the face of service.

My passion for civil rights started at an early age, seeded by my aunt's friendship with Martha McKeown and her recounting of the traditions of Chief Tommy Thompson at the Celilo fishing village. My outrage increased in the '60s, listening to speeches by Martin Luther King and the Kennedys. I participated in peaceful protests at Oregon State University, advocating for black power. When I returned to Hood River, I researched the evacuation and internment of the Japanese from this valley I called home. In the '80s, the focus shifted to work with Mexican immigrants and as of late, northeast Portland African Americans and natives in the Gorge. Ironically, 50 years after I set out to eradicate racism, it looms even larger. This is not to say nothing has been accomplished. It simply underscores the tenacity of some of society's greatest ills.

As I listened to the anthem of my youth, I thought our children need some protest songs to stir their passion. Then I realized I am of my father's generation. They are playing an anthem loud and proud on some iPod and I am just too old to understand the Rap, too deaf to hear the words, or too out of step to understand what they are saying.

I am thrilled that yet another generation has raised their voice against inequality, racism, poverty, war, and climate change. They are present with their signs, in marches, in song and on stage, tweeting and twittering, hash tagging and YouTubeing their way to a better world.

I am saddened that these are problems never seem to be solved. But I believe that in facing our weaknesses we grow stronger and ultimately we change the world.

HR Farmers' Market opens for '15 season

The Hood River Farmers' Market kicks off the 2015 season at Hood River Middle School on Thursday, May 7, from 5-8 p.m. Every week, vendors from across the Gorge will be selling locally raised fruits and vegetables, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread and more! Hot food vendors, local musicians, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities will make each week unique and fun for the whole family. The market, operated by local non-profit Gorge Grown Food Network (GGFN), is encouraging shoppers to bring their grocery lists as inspiration to load up on all the fresh food they need for the week.

The market will be held every Thursday evening from May 7 through Nov.19.

From May through June 11, the market will run from 5-8 p.m. From June 18 through Aug. 27, hours shift from 4-7 p.m. Starting Sept. 3, the market will move to Springhouse Cellars. Visit GorgeGrown.com for more about Gorge-area markets.

Gorge Grown Food Network's mission is to build a resilient and inclusive regional food system that improves the health and well-being of our community. Total revenue for all Gorge markets has grown from about \$190,000 in 2009 to almost \$500,000 in 2014.

"We believe that the farmers' market is a great opportunity to bring the community together around healthy food," says Zak Lance, Farmers' Market Manger with GGFN.

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

This Week at HRVHS

Monday, May 4
AP Chemistry Test, 8 a.m. @ CGCC
Student Firefighters Field Trip, 10 a.m. to Portland
JV Boys Lacrosse vs Kingsway, 5 p.m. @ Westside
JV Boys Lacrosse vs Kingsway, 7 p.m. @ HRVHS
Tuesday, May 5
AP Calculus Test, 8 a.m. @ HRVHS
Varsity/JV Baseball vs The Dalles, 4:30 p.m. @ Traner Field
Varsity/JV Softball vs The Dalles, 4:30 p.m. @ Westside Elem
Wednesday, May 6
AP Literature and Composition test, 8 a.m. @ CGCC
AP Physics Test, noon @ CGCC
Girls Tennis vs Hermiston, 4 p.m. @ Tsuruta Courts
Middle School Track Meet, 4 p.m. @ HRVHS
Thursday, May 7
AP Spanish Test, 8 a.m. @ HRVHS

Girls JV Lacrosse vs Cleveland, 5 p.m. @ Westside Elem
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Cleveland, 7 p.m. @ HRVHS
Friday, May 8
AP US History Test, 8 a.m. @ CGCC
AP Studio Art, 8 a.m. @ HRVHS
Girls Golf District, TBA @ Eagle Crest, Redmond
State Choir Contest, TBA @ George Fox University
Varsity /JV Baseball vs Pendleton, 4:30 p.m. @ Traner Field
Varsity /JV Softball vs Pendleton, 4:30 p.m. @ Westside Elem
Saturday, May 9
Frosh Baseball vs Pendleton (DH), 11 p.m. @ JV Traner Field
Prom, 8 p.m. @ The Dalles
Sunday, May 10
Voci Concert, 2 p.m. @ HRV Bowe Theatre
All games and activities (home and away) can be found at www.HRVHS.com.

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.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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
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.mcuuf.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
An "Open & Affirming" congregation
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"

VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF HOOD RIVER
"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
www.vcfhr.org
508 9th St. (Across from Children's Park)
541-386-7070