

# Don Howell becomes Valley Worship pastor

On Sunday, April 26, exactly 73 years to the day from the date that the church came into being, Rev. Don Howell was voted unanimously to become the permanent pastor of Valley Worship Center, which was formerly called the Mount Hood Assembly of God.

He and his wife LaRonna have been serving the church in an interim capacity since the middle of October last year. Don's grandparents, Daryl and Marie Green, were charter members that helped establish the church on April 26, 1942.

Howell grew up in the Hood River Valley and has lived in Hood River County all of his life other than his time away to attend Bible College at Northwest University, in Kirk-

land, Wash. He worked for many years with his father Phil and his brothers in their family construction business, Howell Construction.

During those years, he also served as the Christian Education Director for the Hood River Assembly of God, now River of Life Assembly, and for four years served as Hispanic Ministries Director.

From 1996 to 2010, he served as pastor of Cascade Chapel Assembly of God in Cascade Locks, until the church merged with Cascade Locks Bible Fellowship in 2010.

The past four years, Howell has served as a bible teacher at River of Life Assembly as well as filling the pulpit for other area pastors.



LaRonna and Rev. Don Howell

As a youngster in the '60s, Don attended the Mount Hood Assembly of God when he would stay with his other set of grandparents, Dale and Helen Howell, who owned and operated the Mount

Hood Dairy just across the road from where the church is today.

He remembers many good times at Valley Worship Center and hopes to see the church flourish as he leads the congregation.

## THIS WEEK AT HRVHS

### Monday, May 11

AP Biology Test, 8 a.m. @ CGCC  
 AP Music Theory Test, 8 a.m. @ CGCC  
 Boys Golf Districts, TBA @ Eagle Crest Resort  
 Voci Concert, 7 p.m. @ HRV Bowe Theatre

### Tuesday, May 12

AP French Language/Culture Test, 8 a.m. @ HRVHS  
 AP US Gov/Politics Test, 8 a.m. @ CGCC  
 Boys Golf District, TBA @ Eagle Crest Resort  
 JV Baseball vs Hermiston, 4 p.m. @Traner Field

### Wednesday, May 13

District Track Meet, 3 p.m. @ Wahtonka Campus

### Friday, May 15

Vars/JV Baseball vs The Dalles, 4:30 p.m. @ Traner Field  
 Vars/JV Softball vs The Dalles, 4:30 p.m. @ Westside Elem  
 Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m. @ WyEast

### Saturday, May 16

Girls Tennis District, TBD @ Hermiston  
 Sunday, May 17  
 Jazz Concert, 6 p.m. @ HRV Bowe Theatre

## Next Door plant sale May 9

Find organically grown veggie starts to support the Raices Cooperative Farm, a program of The Next Door, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 9 at 965 Tucker Rd. Starts include tomatoes, eggplant, sweet and hot peppers, and basil.

Raices, Spanish for roots, offers classes and mentoring for organic gardening, small business development, and family nutrition. Participants learn to grow their own food using organic methods.

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from her hometown of Gresham to the family home in Hood River — both sets of grandparents came to the valley in 1880.

"It was a very stressful job and very demanding," she said of her Meier & Frank days, where she worked for 30 years, stint punctuated by a two-year stint in the Navy. "The first month up here, I was on vacation. The second month, I was getting, 'what can I do? My lawn is mowed, the weeds are pulled...' There was an announcement on the radio saying they needed drivers for Meals on Wheels, and I thought, 'I have a car, I can drive, I can do that.'"

She's seen a lot of need on her routes, both physical and financial.

"It saves the older people who don't drive anymore. It saves them having to go to the grocery store.

"How they can get two meals out of that rinky dink TV dinner meal I bring them I don't know, but a lot of them do," she added. "A little money here, a little there, it all helps."

Although Meals on Wheels has been widely advertised, she feels that more people could take advantage of the program.

"People just don't know that it's available," she said. "That I don't understand because it's certainly been advertised and mentioned enough. But the Meals on Wheels program could be much bigger. There's a much bigger need ... If we had more drivers, even volunteer occasionally drivers, it would help just that much more."

Besides delivering a hot meal, Meals on Wheels also provides a daily check on recipients, who are often elderly. And that's the part that

most gratified Hjaltalin during her tenure with the program.

"It's satisfaction for the drivers, to see the people and know they're all right — you worry about them if they don't open the door," she said. "Most of them you get to know, not on a cozy personal basis, but a friendly personal basis. They're part of the family."

These visits are also a relief to families, especially those out of town who don't have daily contact with their loved one.

"They know that somebody is checking on them and letting them know, back at the center, that they did or did not answer the door," she said. "I would be greatly relieved, I know that."

"But mostly, they meet you at the door and tell you where they want their meal left. They can tell you what time you're coming better than you can tell them what time you're coming."

Right now, there are 15 drivers — three for each day Monday through Friday — who sometimes get called in for extra shifts if a substitute is needed to cover a day.

"It's becoming very demanding on the drivers that we have," Hjaltalin added. "I'm sure there are people out there that (think), 'hey, I can do that, it sounds like a good program.' It is a good program. It's a very self-satisfying program from the driver's standpoint, as well as the person who's receiving it. It's a very much needed program. But very understated."

Those wishing to volunteer for the program should stop by HRVAC, located at 2010 Sterling Drive, off of Brookside Drive, in Hood River, to fill out the appropriate paperwork. Proof of driver's license and insurance is also required.

Meals on wheels is part of a Federal program, said

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## Vineyard hosts choir, orchestra on May 15

The Columbia Gorge Fellowship of Churches are hosting the California Baptist University's Collinsworth School of Music's University choir and orchestra on May 15, 7 p.m. at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 508 Ninth Street, Hood River.

The University choir and orchestra is a 140-member ensemble that performs both

on and off campus in 50 annual concerts. The group embodies what it means to be a student in the Collinsworth School of Music: excitement and passion for performance, engagement with every audience, expressing undeniable charisma, and, most importantly, using their musical gifts to worship and lead others in worship.

**COLUMBIA CENTER for the ARTS & CAST presents**

GOOD PEOPLE

by David Lindsay-Abaire

MAY

8th

9th

15th

16th

22nd

23rd

7:30 p.m.

10th

17th

2 p.m.

BINGO

Directed by Judie Hanel

Ticket Prices:

\$18 for Adults • \$15 for Seniors and Students

\$12 for groups of 10 or more

Sponsored by Doris Castanares, Tina Castanares, Lynda & Peter Dallman, Kate Mills, and Debbie & Lloyd Olson

Tickets available at Waucoma Bookstore, online at [www.columbiaarts.org](http://www.columbiaarts.org), and at Columbia Art Gallery 215 Cascade Ave/PO Box 1543, Hood River, OR

# 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](http://www.river-of-life-assembly.org)  
 For details check the current bulletin on our website [riveroflifeassembly@gmail.com](mailto: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/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](http://www.valleyworshipcenter.org)  
[valleyworshipcenter.pastor@gmail.com](mailto: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 10:45 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](http://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](http://www.hoodriveralliance.org)  
 Steve Grace, Senior Pastor  
 John Blosser, Associate Pastor  
 Tina Graves, Youth Pastor  
 Emily Blosser, Worship Pastor

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 305 9th St. 386-3046  
 Pastor Jeff Mueller  
[www.immanuelhr.org](http://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!**

**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](http://covenanthr.org)

**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**  
**HOOD RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Interim Pastor Myrna Phillips  
 975 Indian Creek Road  
 541-386-2608  
[hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com](http://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

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH**  
 8th & Pacific, Hood River  
 Tommy Moon, Pastor  
 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
[svbchr.org](http://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](mailto: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.mcuuf.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.vcfhr.org)  
 508 9th St. (Across from Children's Park)  
 541-386-7070