

HEART OF HOSPICE

'It's amazing what a little butterfly can do'

By CLYDE SANDA

On another beautiful spring day at Jackson Park, the Heart of Hospice Foundation released butterflies for their 7th Annual Community Memorial Butterfly Release. The oohs and aahs from over 150 people in attendance were very moving. This year's May 30 release was one of the best ever.

"Warm weather, capacity crowd, and cooperative butterflies made this day very special," said Jodi Goatcher, Heart of Hospice Executive Director. "When we're dealing with weather and butterflies, we never quite know what to expect. But this year, more people than ever commented on how meaningful the entire event was to them. It was a special day, in many ways.

"This year we read the names of 190 patients who have passed in our care in the past year," she said.

We also read three more pages of names that were submitted



by the local community, including a young girl's pet lizard. That's a lot of loss for such a small area. One of our Hospice aides read the name of her own grandfather, who was on HOH service.

"One of my favorite parts," said Goatcher, "is when the attendees call out the names of loved ones who have passed that weren't read by us. You can actually hear the love and sadness in their voices. But the best part is still the release itself," she said. "From the moment our YoHOHs (Youth Heart of Hospice teens from Hood River Valley High School) start passing out the butterflies, you can feel the energy. Everyone holds their butterfly package so carefully, like it's a part of their loved one.

"Then, as we start the countdown, you feel the anticipation. On 'go,' 150 butterflies are simultaneously released, and that's when you hear the oohs and aahs.

Some butterflies flutter away, but some land on the person's finger or arm or head. That's when almost everyone is smiling and laughing, followed by tears of joy and happiness. And that's when the healing begins."

"My favorite part is seeing the families of our patients," said RN Leigh Stratton. "We are so busy that we often lose contact with our families after their loved one passes. I always get there early and stay late just so I can visit my families. It's like a family reunion for me. And I believe it's good for them also. I have families I've seen almost every year at the butterfly release. But it's always good to reconnect with them again."

We at Heart of Hospice would like to thank the Hood River community for their continued and enthusiastic support of this wonderful and



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ANNUAL BUTTERFLY Release — part therapy, part worship, part family reunion — draws a large crowd at Jackson Park in Hood River for what organizers said was the most successful event yet.

meaningful event. Judging from the kind and heartfelt comments we received, our community definitely needs an event like this to honor their loved ones and to grieve

collectively, as a family and as a community. It's amazing what a little butterfly can do.

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Clyde Sanda serves as Heart of Hospice Chaplain.

Valley Christian Church to welcome new pastor

On Sunday, June 14, Hood River Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road, will welcome its new pastor, the Reverend Alicia M. Speidel, who has been called to the congregation from the First Christian Church of Medford, where she served as pastor for 12 years. The service will start at 10:30 a.m.

An Oregon native, Speidel earned a BA in Psychology from Pacific University in Forest Grove in 1999, followed by the Master of Divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley in 2002. She did her clinical pastoral education at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem in 2001, and was ordained in the Christian

Church (Disciples of Christ) at First Christian Church in Salem in 2002.

Impressed by Rev. Speidel's thoughtfulness, commitment to ministries of justice and compassion, and record of collaborative leadership, and believing that she is the right person to lead Hood River Valley Christian Church for years to come, the congregation extended a call to her in mid-March, effective as of the end of the current school year.

Rev. Speidel and her husband, Geoff, have two children: Kailey, who is almost 9, and Jackson, who is 6.

Friends in the Hood River community are invited to join us in welcoming Pastor Speidel on her first Sunday.



Rev. Alicia Speidel

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Earth Camp comes to Riverside UCC July 13-17

Looking for a summer camp that incorporates art, outdoor activities, music, games and healthy snacks? Sign up for Riverside's "Earth Camp," where kids will grow in faith, have fun, and change the world.

Riverside Earth Camp is an environmentally focused 5-day experience that inspires kids to make a difference with their own unique approach and gifts to the world. We start each day with gathering music, crafts and skits, then move through four different classrooms, where we use touch, taste, sound, visuals and real-life demonstrations to teach kids an appreciation and respect for this planet that we call home.

The program will be based on an earthly story with heavenly meaning — a para-

ble from the teachings of Jesus. Every day, the kids will be exploring an environmental question, such as, "What do seeds need in order to grow?" along with a spiritual question, like, "What do I need in order to grow?"

Riverside Earth Camp will be held at Riverside Church, 317 State St. Registration is \$50 for the week and includes healthy snacks. Grades K-5 (ages 5-11) welcome.

To register, visit www.riversideucc.com — see "Nurture Your Children" link — and mail to RCC, PO Box 656, Hood River, OR 97031. Extra donations welcome; scholarships available.

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Send Vacation Bible School information to twalker@hoodrivernews.com or call 541-386-1234.

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/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.

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.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.