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Sunday Worship  
Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m. (in person or  
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## WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

# Happenings



### † From the Pastor's Desk †

*My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long,  
"Where is your God?" Psalm 42:3 (ESV)*

### WHERE IS OUR GOD?

Since I first heard of the mass murders of school children and teachers at the school in Uvalde, TX, I, like all of you, have been filled with grief and sorrow for the families, a community, and a nation that has suffered such great pain. In the last few days, a verse from a Christmas hymn has been going through my mind:

*And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong, and mocks the  
song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

That line speaks of the despair we often feel when we face situations in which evil seems to prevail. I reached back into my files to see what I wrote in the days following 9/11 – another day that evoked a sense of great despair in the minds and hearts of many people.

"Where was your God on September 11th?" One of our members forwarded to me an

article found on the internet, and the article begins with this question. Maybe you've heard this question in the past few months, or perhaps you've even asked this question yourself. While I don't agree with all the theology found in this article, I found that some of the author's points are well made. I will share some excerpts:

*"...I know where my God was the morning of September 11, 2001...only around 20,000 workers were at the towers when the first jet hit. Since the buildings hold over 50,000 workers, this was a miracle in itself. How many of the people who were employed at the World Trade Center told the media that they were late for work or they had traffic delays?*

*"...He was holding up two 110 story buildings so that two-thirds of the workers could get out...He sat down and cried that 19 (people) could have so much hate in their hearts. That they didn't choose Him, but another god that doesn't exist, and now they are lost forever. He sent...(those) best trained*

*for this disaster and had them save the few that were still alive but unable to help themselves. And then He sent many others to help in anyway they were needed. He still isn't finished though. He holds the loved ones that were left behind in His arms. He comforts them daily. His other children are given the strength to reach out to them and help in any way they can...I believe He will continue to help us in what is to come. He will give the people in charge of this great nation the strength and the wisdom to do the right thing. He would never leave us in our time of need.*

*"So when anyone asks, 'Where was your God on September 11th,' you can say 'everywhere'! And yes, although this is without a doubt the worst thing I have ever seen in my life, I see God's miracles in every bit of it. I keep praying for those who don't believe in God, every chance I have. I can't imagine going through such a difficult time and not believing in God. Life would be hopeless." (Author Unknown)*

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## June 2022 Sermons

- 5 – Handle with Care 2 Peter 3:15-16
- 12 – Guarding and Growing 2 Peter 3:17-18
- 19 – Now to Summarize Jude 17-23  
(Father's Day)
- 26 – TBD

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There are those people who pessimistically look at tragic events like what happened in Uvalde last week and taunt Christian believers with the question, "Where is your God?" Don't despair, because we are in good company. The psalmist went through these kinds of experiences with unbelieving skeptics: *My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long "Where is your God?"* (Psalm 42:3). Even Jesus, while suffering on the cross and while His life was being given as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, was mocked by his accusers: *In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God'"* (Matthew 27:41-43).

Where is God in all this trouble? He is at work building up His Kingdom and His people. He is preparing us for that day when evil will forever cease, pure and righteousness will reign eternally. The Apostle Paul understood this truth as he wrote these words, *"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal"* (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).



*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

In God's Loving Grace, Pastor Kevin

## Missions

### Medical Benevolence Foundation

The Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) is one of the mission organizations that Woodland Presbyterian has supported for many years. The MBF promotes the good news of Jesus by providing medical care for those in impoverished communities suffering from acute and chronic illness. In providing medical care to the poor, they strive to give those they serve the opportunity to discover and develop a lifelong relationship with God. The good news is modelled and shared in culturally sensitive ways. By providing quality medical care to the poor and disadvantaged, they model the love of Jesus, which opens hearts and minds to hear the good news of Jesus.



### Collecting Shoebox Items

January-Hats, Gloves, Scarves

February-Accessories (sunglasses, watches, hair items, jewelry)

March-Quality Crafts (pillow cases, tote bags...)

April-Stuffed animals

May-Hygiene items (washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, comb, hairbrush, deodorant)

June-Toys

July-Clothing items (socks, shoes, t-shirts, dresses...)

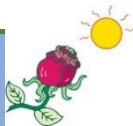
August-School supplies

September-Games

October-Letter & photo

November-\$9 Donation for postage

December-Prayer



# JUNE 2022



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                   | SATURDAY  |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|--|--|---|
|  |                                   |   |           |  |  |   |
|  |                                   |   | 1         | 2<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study<br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Choir/Bells/<br>Worship Team<br>Potluck | 3<br><br>4:00 p.m.<br>Stewardship<br>Mtg | 4<br>9:00 a.m.<br>C.E. Mtg<br><br>10 a.m.<br>Worship<br>Mtg   |
| 5<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Adult S.S. Class<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service                                | 6<br><br>6:45 p.m.<br>Vision Team | 7   | 8         | 9<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study   | 10                                       | 11<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Hearts &<br>Crafts  |
| 12<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Adult S.S. Class<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service<br>12:00 p.m.<br>Missions Mtg | 13                                | 14<br><br><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Session Mtg<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Deacons Mtg | 15        | 16<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study  | 17                                       | 18<br><i>Planters Day in<br/>Woodland</i><br><br>2 p.m.<br><b>Ted Lail<br/>Memorial<br/>Service</b> |
| 19 <b>FATHER'S<br/>DAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>Adult S.S. Class<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service       | 20                                | 21<br>   | 22        | 23<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study  | 24<br>10 a.m.<br>Membership<br>Care Mtg  | 25<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Hearts &<br>Crafts  |
| 26<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Adult S.S. Class<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service                               | 27                                | 28  | 29        | 30<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study  |  |   |

## Financial Report: Operating Budget

| <u>APRIL</u>          | <u>2021</u>        | <u>2022</u>        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance     | -20,884.70         | -12,487.97         |
| Receipts              | 21,638.00          | 16,681.00          |
| Disbursements         | 20,656.97          | 23,132.93          |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> | <b>(19,903.67)</b> | <b>(18,939.90)</b> |
| <u>Year to Date</u>   |                    |                    |
| Beginning Balance     | -                  | -                  |
| Receipts              | 71,020.00          | 83,531.70          |
| Disbursements         | 90,923.67          | 101,871.60         |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> | <b>(19,903.67)</b> | <b>(18,339.90)</b> |

## Financial Report: Invested Funds

| <u>APRIL</u>            | <u>2021</u>              | <u>2022</u>              |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Receipts                | 3,401.30                 | 4,131.84                 |
| Disbursements           | 7,148.07                 | 17,158.37                |
| <u>Year to Date</u>     |                          |                          |
| Beginning Balance       | 247,279.95               | 234,761.75               |
| Receipts                | 63,211.83                | 45,847.44                |
| Disbursements           | 17,755.47                | 21,591.87                |
| <b>E nding Balance</b>  | <b>292,736.31</b>        | <b>259,017.32</b>        |
| <b><u>NET FUNDS</u></b> | <b><u>272,832.64</u></b> | <b><u>240,677.42</u></b> |

## June Prayer Families

### Week of...

June 5 Brenda Gilbert  
Jason Snider  
June 12 Maggie Gilmer  
Carolyn Smith  
June 19 Darlene Glaus  
Joyce Sixberry  
June 26 Donna Gosney  
Donald Shipler



## June Birthdays & Anniversaries



June 3.... Yvonne Barker  
11.... Bob & Ann Norton  
15 ... Roy & Jean Eddy  
18 .... Juanita MacMahon  
19 .... Ruth Wendt

The people listed in the Birthday and Anniversary list are members of WPC



## Renovation Fund Update

Praise to the Lord for His goodness and thanks to all who have contributed to our fund. We are just shy of \$47,000. When we reach our goal of \$60,000, we will be able to move forward with both phases of renovations to the sanctuary, narthex, and glass chapel. As it stands now, plans are moving forward with phase one, which has been fully funded.



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## **Cannon Beach Fall Women's Conference**

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**SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 2, 2022**

**Speaker: Susie Shellenberger**

Susie Shellenberger is a master at blending Scripture, creativity, depth, and humor when speaking. She challenges audiences to move far beyond casual Christianity and guides them into establishing true intimacy with Christ. Susie hits a homerun with audiences because she refuses to give fluff. Fun, yes. Fluff, no.

She is an ordained minister through the Church of the Nazarene, an international speaker, and an author of more than 40 books that have sold over 1.5 million copies combined. She has traveled to every continent in the world (yes, even Antarctica).

An incredible, powerful speaker, Susie delivers non-compromising messages that audiences remember for years. She's committed to making holiness come alive and challenges her listeners to live in radical obedience to the Lordship of Christ.



**This year we have 3 rooms reserved, with a \$100 deposit due to the Church by July 11.**

**Total cost will be about \$215 with final payment due to the church in September.**

**Contact Martha Swanstrum with questions and to sign up: 360-546-2948, swanstrum@aol.com**

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## **Church Rummage Sale**

**Save the Date! For Bargain Basement Blast (A.K.A. Rummage Sale)**

**Friday and Saturday**

**July 8 & 9**

**9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Start saving your good, clean, useable items for our big sale! Furniture, household goods, books, decorations, tools, and more are welcome! More details coming soon! You can leave your donated items in the Fellowship Hall in the 'designated area' starting June 19. Thank you!

Like to help before, during, and/or after the sale? See Elaine Blair. ☺

All proceeds from the sale will be going toward our church renovation project.

## **Shining Star Bazaar**

**Save the date for November 19.**

WINGS is sponsoring the all-new *Shining Star Bazaar*! We hope to have up to 25 tables of local vendors offering their handcrafted gifts, décor, and more! Plus, WPC will have a table to also sell your donated handcrafted items with all proceeds going to our church renovation project.

Let's get started now so we can fill our table with beautiful craft and gift items handcrafted by you! Also, if you know of a local vendor/crafter who may be interested in renting a table space, pass on the word about the Shining Star Bazaar! An information sheet and registration forms are available on our website and on our Facebook page!

Should be lots of fun!

## **JUNE 2022** *Happenings*

### **WPC College Scholarships**

Woodland Presbyterian Church College Scholarship information for the 2022-2023 school year is now available in the church office for graduating high school seniors and continuing college students. **APPLICANTS MUST BE A MEMBER OF WPC TO APPLY.** For an application, call the church office at 360-225-8941, or email at "office@woodlandprsbyterian.org." The office is open Monday-Friday afternoons. Please include the address of your college on the application. The deadline for the application to be received is July 31. The scholarship is also open to Running Start college students who are still enrolled in high school and actively attending our church.



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