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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2022 *Happenings*



From the Pastor's Desk



DESERT GROWTH

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Cindy and I recently took a trip to Wenatchee to visit my brother and sister-in-law. There is something strikingly beautiful about the hills of Eastern Washington during the summer months. Rocky, barren, brown hills that seem to envelop you as you come out of the pass and make your way into Wenatchee. Traveling along the river, you see the lush green areas - irrigated orchards and trees growing near to the river's edge, quenching their thirst as they continually drink from the cool streams during the long stretches of the dry, hot days of summer. What I saw reminded me of similar scenes in the Holy Lands. You travel along in the desert regions but can always spot

a waterway by the lush, green growth that marks the winding path of the river.

As my brother, Don, and I sat on his back porch, we gazed out over of the brown hills of Wenatchee, deep in a spiritual conversation. It occurred to me later that our discussion really did match the environment of Eastern Washington. We were talking about the need for Christians to draw closer to the Lord in these days when our society is trying to convince us to abandon faith for more 'reasonable and pleasurable' pursuits. A culture that seems to be trading in the truth of God in exchange for "whatever seems best in your own eyes" - a lifestyle based on our own personal, debased preferences. The end of these kind of worldly pursuits always winds up in the same place - far away from the streams of living water and devoid of abundant life.

Perhaps David was moved by this kind of geographical "contrast" between the barren hillside and fertile river vale when he penned these words in Psalm 63:1-4 (ESV): *<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. <sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.* 'A dry and weary land where there is no water' is an apt description of the barrenness of life apart from God. We don't always see this truth or grasp our need to earnestly seek the Lord in our lives. There are times when we may go days without seeking the Lord and communing with Him in prayer and in His Word. When that happens, we become very susceptible to the dangers of the harsh environment of this world. We can easily be

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## August 2022 Sermons

- 7 – Lord of the Rings Galatians 3:23-29
- 14 – Guest Preacher, Mike Kuhn
- 21 – Wedding Feast Revelation 19:1-10
- 28 – The Presentation Revelation 21:1-8

### Adult S.S. Class

The Adult S.S. Class will not be meeting in August, but will resume, starting September 11.

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swayed by the unfruitful terrain of godless philosophies that may seem to have great potential for a fruitful life but always ends up dry and lifeless.

When commenting on Psalm 63, Dane C. Ortlund, in his devotional, *In the Lord I Take Refuge*, gives us this reminder: *You were made for God. The heart of Christianity is not a set of doctrines to believe, even though sound doctrine is vital. Nor is the heart of Christianity an activity to pursue, even though the Christian faith is necessarily active. Nor is it essentially a set of disciplines, even though without reading the Bible and praying we will not get far in the Christian life. The heart of Christianity is— to use a phrase from John Bunyan, the old Puritan preacher and writer—"to live upon God." You were made for God. To know him. Enjoy him. Revere him. Draw strength from him. Trust him. Love him.*

Maybe you feel as if you are wandering in a spiritual desert wasteland right now. From time to time, we all end up in this dry, weary, and waterless land. But the Lord calls us back to the waters and to the place of refreshing. Why wait? Go there and find life!

In God's Grace,  
Pastor Kevin



## Share Your Talent

Did you hear? WPC is hosting the **Shining Star Bazaar on November 19**. This event is inviting multiple vendors from the community to participate. We are also going to have a table to sell handmade items made by...YOU! This is a great way to make items that unleash your creativity and bring joy to others! Whether it be building, sewing, painting, printing, jewelry making, handcrafting, you name it, we would love to have it at the bazaar. All proceeds from the donated items sold will be going toward our Renovation Project. And summer is the perfect time to get started! Questions? See Janet Syring.

Also, do you know any local crafters who might like to rent a table to share their wares? Let us know! There is information and registration forms available on our website and on Facebook. Very Exciting!

## 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-\$10 Donation for postage

December-Prayer



Cash Donation are acceptable for Shoebox items.  
See Juanita for questions and donations.



### Note from Judy Peterson



"Dear Friends,  
May God bless your renewed plans and work!  
I'm happy in Tennessee, but I do miss all of you!  
Much love and many blessings!  
Judy Peterson"

# AUGUST 2022

| SUNDAY                                                                            | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY                           | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                                                                      | FRIDAY                                     | SATURDAY                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|  |                                   |                                   |           |                                                                                               |                                            |                                            |
|                                                                                   | 1<br><br>6:45 p.m.<br>Vision Team | 2                                 | 3         | 4<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study                                                            | 5<br><br>4:00 p.m.<br>Stewardship<br>Mtg   | 6<br><br>10 a.m.<br>Worship<br>Mtg         |
| 7<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service<br>12:00 p.m.<br>C.E. Mtg                  | 8                                 | 9<br><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Session Mtg | 10        | 11<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study                                                           | 12                                         | 13<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Hearts &<br>Crafts |
| 14<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service<br>12:00 p.m.<br>MissionsMtg              | 15<br><br>6:45 p.m.<br>OIT        | 16                                | 17        | 18<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study                                                           | 19<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Membership<br>Care | 20                                         |
| 21<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service                                           | 22                                | 23                                | 24        | 25<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study<br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Bell & Choir<br>'Kick-Off'<br>Potluck | 26                                         | 27<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Hearts &<br>Crafts |
| 28<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service                                           | 29                                | 30                                | 31        |                                                                                               |                                            |                                            |

## Financial Report: Operating Budget

| <u>JUNE</u>           | <u>2021</u>        | <u>2022</u>        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance     | -22,403.07         | -23,673.07         |
| Receipts              | 13,017.00          | 11,193.22          |
| Disbursements         | 32,445.41          | 30,585.47          |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> | <b>(41,831.48)</b> | <b>(43,065.32)</b> |
| <u>Year to Date</u>   |                    |                    |
| Beginning Balance     | -                  | -                  |
| Receipts              | 100,676.00         | 108,083.92         |
| Disbursements         | 142,507.48         | 151,149.24         |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> | <b>(41,831.48)</b> | <b>(43,065.32)</b> |

## Financial Report: Invested Funds

| <u>JUNE</u>           | <u>2021</u>       | <u>2022</u>       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Receipts              | 13,038.42         | 12,333.30         |
| Disbursements         | 2,883.56          | 11,629.14         |
| <u>Year to Date</u>   |                   |                   |
| Beginning Balance     | 247,279.95        | 234,798.28        |
| Receipts              | 82,127.95         | 71,966.74         |
| Disbursements         | 20,859.65         | 79,387.31         |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> | <b>308,548.25</b> | <b>227,377.71</b> |
| <b>NET FUNDS</b>      | <b>266,716.77</b> | <b>184,312.39</b> |

## August Prayer Families

### Week of...

August 7 Trudy Haveman  
Dave & Shirley Reed  
August 14 Mark & Liz Hover  
Becky & Jay Prentice  
August 21 Rita Hudson  
Judy Peterson  
August 28 Clyde & Sharron Johnson  
Dick Pedersen



## A Note from Our EPC Missionaries in Malaysia, Mike & Tammy

Mike and Tammy thank you for your love, prayers, and support. Thank you for your willingness to come alongside us to serve the Malay people.

Malaysia is a beautiful place to live, but is a land of deep spiritual darkness. The powers and principalities of this world have a strong grip over the land and its people. The Malay desperately need Jesus. Please pray that they would be released from this bondage and would put their hope and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Malay are a friendly, hospitable people, and most are very approachable. Outdoor recreation areas, shopping centers, and small roadside cafés are great places for us to meet these neighbors, but some of the best meetings occur during our walks in the neighborhood.

Mike met "Roger" on one such walk. Roger was sitting on his motorcycle outside a closed café. As we drew close to him, he called out, "where are you going?" We stopped, and he and Mike chatted for over a half an hour. Because of this "God-ordained meeting," Mike has been introduced to several of Roger's friends. He has been invited for afternoon tea and late-night karaoke. He joined these same friends on an overnight fishing trip and is invited to attend one of their weddings this month.

It is our hope that this time invested with Roger and his friends will eventually bear fruit for God's kingdom.



## August Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Janet Clock
- 2 Jim Blair
- 5 Mike & Suzy Ferguson
- 9 Karen Wilson
- 10 Mark Hover
- 16 Kevin & Cindy Leach
- 17 Acenath Morgan
- 18 Rick & Janet Syring
- 21 Gary Oyer
- 22 David Bozorth
- 22 Donnie Shipler
- 23 Sherry Bozorth
- 23 Suzy Ferguson
- 30 Brian & Margaret Sukkari

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



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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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## Carolyn Ford, Missionary

From her July 2022 Letter...

God blessed our ten days of prayer of May 26-June 4 (Ascension to Pentecost). We were praying, among other things, for Revival.

The dedication of the Me'en New Testament was a time of great joy. Matt included this photo of people lined up to buy New Testaments and others reading them. They estimate that more than half of the printed copies sold at the dedication. The people were already reading the Scriptures in their heart language, because a few copies of one New Testament book at a time had been made available by "Print on Demand."



Matt also built an App for the audio text so people can listen to it on their mobile phones.

Praise God that Matt and the Tsara translation team have completed the consultant check of Matthew through 2 Corinthians as well as four short epistles. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to the translators and other professing Christians so that they truly understand the Gospel and apply it in their daily lives.

Matt is currently taking a 6-week course in typesetting, something he has wanted to do since we had so many challenges with the typesetting of the Kafa Bible. He is enjoying the course. Sadly, it means he won't be able to help with the Pastors' Training Course in Kafa the last week of July, but others from Wycliffe Ethiopia will do that. Please pray that those who take the course will become fluent readers of the Kafa Scriptures and will read them to their congregations and preach from them. When one has never read aloud in his mother tongue, it takes some practice to do so fluently.

Persevering in His Power,

*Carolyn Ford*

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### **Capital Campaign/Renovation Project Update**

A Sample Chair is now in the Narthex along with a Vision Board that has been created to display the samples of the new carpet for the Sanctuary, the LVP Planking for the Narthex, and the color scheme for the painting that will be done for the renovation.



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