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Sunday Worship
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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022
Happenings



From the Pastor's Desk



A TRUST ACCOUNT

⁷ *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.*

⁸ *They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.* Psalm 20:7-8 (ESV)

You're out for a quiet evening at a nice restaurant when suddenly a man at the next table collapses, falling to the ground. You run over to see if you can help. Knowing that you have no experience to deal with this emergency, you call out, "Is there a doctor in the house!" A woman runs to your aid and says, "I'm a doctor. I will need your help. You must do exactly what I say." As she gives you instructions, you begin to reflect upon the situation. She is asking you to do things about which you are very unsure (since you have had no medical training). You begin to wonder if you can really trust her. "Is she really a doctor?" you ask yourself. She is now telling you that you must begin to help but you question her credentials and suggest that you will help under certain conditions. As you begin to bargain with her, she turns to the others who are gathered around and says, "I'm a doctor and I need someone who will trust me, listen to me, and do what I say."

I know the description of this scene is a bit farfetched, but I use it for a purpose. In one of my sermons last month, I went through the seven "I Am" statements that Jesus makes about Himself in the Gospel of John. Jesus is calling on his hearers to believe the statements that He makes about Himself and to do what He says. We are not always comfortable with His commands, and so we may say to Him, "I will do this and that but that is the furthest I will go for you." We try to broker a deal with the Lord saying, "Here are my terms for believing in You. Take it or leave it."

Moses was faced with this kind of situation. God came to him and said, "I want you to lead My people out of Egypt." When Moses began to worry about the reaction of the Israelites to the news that Moses would be their leader, He asked the Lord, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?'"

Then what shall I tell them?" Most of you are familiar with God's response, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you'" (Exodus 3:13-14). Essentially, God is telling Moses, "You need to trust me as the I Am." The Lord is the "I Am" God – not the "I Think I Can" God, or the "I Want to Be" God, but the true "I Am."

"I Am" is a statement of certainty and of truth. When Jesus made these claims, there was no place for debate or bargaining. He **IS** the Bread of Life, He **IS** the Light of the World, He **IS** the Gate, He **IS** the Good Shepherd, He **IS** the Resurrection and Life, He **IS** the Way, Truth and Life, and He **IS** the True Vine. If we believe this to be true, then there are actions that must follow. We will do what He says – no questions asked. We must follow Him completely.

So why do I hesitate at times? Because the way before me seems unsteady or unsure.

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September 2022 Sermons

4 - *The Wedding Singer* Psalm 45

11 - *Needy People*, Matthew 5:1-3

18 - *Feeling the Loss* Matthew 5:4

25 - *Under Control* Matthew 5:5



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A thick fog may descend upon the path before us, and we become leery and concerned...concerned that God might not be guarding our next steps. After all, He has a lot on His mind - billions of galaxies to supervise and innumerable atoms to control. Perhaps the Lord is pre-occupied and has taken His eye off of me for this moment. It is time to recall that God is perfectly faithful. That is exactly what Polycarp did on February 23, 156 AD as he was called to renounce his faith in Christ, give allegiance to Caesar, and be spared execution. Polycarp then summarizes his entire life in one sentence: ***“Eighty-six years I have served him and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my king who saved me?”*** We need to remind ourselves often - by recounting the promises of the Scriptures and by recalling how the Lord has never forsaken us in the past - so that in times of uncertainty, we will choose to trust in the Lord.

What a privilege to know Jesus, the great "I AM."

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 Donations are acceptable for Shoebox items.

See Juanita for questions and donations.



Adult S.S. Class



The Adult S.S. Class will resume on September 11 with a breakfast and discussion at 9 a.m. We will begin an 8-week study by Andrew Brunson called, "Prepared to Stand" on September 18. It is a timely study that will prepare Christians to face the challenging days that lie ahead.

SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
				1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	2 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	3 10 a.m. Worship Mtg
4 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	5 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY 6:45 p.m. Vision Team	6	7	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	9	10 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts 10:00 a.m. C.E. Mtg
11 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. begins 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:15 a.m. All-Church Picnic	12	13 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	14	15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	16	17
18 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	19 6:45 p.m. OIT	20	21	22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	23 10:00 a.m. Membership Care	24 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
25 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	26	27	28	29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	30	

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
Ending Balance	(41,831.48)	(43,065.32)
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	100,676.00	108,083.92
Disbursements	142,507.48	151,149.24
Ending Balance	(41,831.48)	(43,065.32)

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
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	247,279.95	234,798.28
Receipts	82,127.95	71,966.74
Disbursements	20,859.65	79,387.31
Ending Balance	308,548.25	227,377.71
NET FUNDS		
	266,716.77	184,312.39

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7 Dale Hanley
- 18 Darin & Sally Hager
- 19 Jessica Ferguson
- 19 Sandy Wyzanowski
- 26 Pat & Janet Clock

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



September Prayer Families



Week of...

- September 4 Bob & Bette Krueger
George & Janice Paynter
- September 11 Sarah Lail, Draven Lail
Steven & Kari Paulson
- September 18 Sam & Toni LaPore
Gary & Janet Oyer
- September 25 Goni Laseke
Bob & Ann Norton

Shining Star

BAZAAR

Saturday, Nov. 19th
9 AM—3 PM

Woodland Presbyterian Church
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Multiple Vendors!!!
Come-Shop-Enjoy!!!

Like to Donate Your Handcrafted Items to the November 19 Bazaar?

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Cannon Beach Fall Women's Conference

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

It's Almost Here!!!

**All-Church Picnic
Horseshoe Lake Park
Sunday, September 11**

11:30 a.m.

*Barbequed Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Chicken Burgers provided. Bring a
salad, side dish, or dessert to share!*

Games, food, and fun for everyone!



Help Wanted!

...We are in need of two barbeques to help cook up the food. If you have a barbeque you could transport to the park, please let us know!

...Like to barbeque? We are looking for two barbeque chefs who love flippin' burgers and turning hot dogs! If you can help in either of these ways, please contact Janet Syring at 360.225.7719 or rjsyring@outlook.com.

Thank you!

Your Membership Care Committee

**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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