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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

OCTOBER 2022 Happenings



From the Pastor's Desk



ABIDING

⁴ *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.* ⁵ *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.* John 15:4-5(ESV)

I've always loved October. As a kid, I always looked forward to the days when the Gravenstein apples were finally ready to pick and eat. Or the days when we got together with our neighbors and began to place the freshly picked apples into the cider press (worms and all!). Well, October is here, but what happened to the apples? I've talked to a lot of people in the past few months about the condition of the fruit crop this year. I have been curious if others have experienced terrible harvest like we have. Am I the problem, or was it an off year for apples and pears? From my unscientific survey of a very small sampling, I have concluded that overall, many people have suffered a lackluster crop this year, a terrible pear crop, and a tree full of small apples that simply have not matured.

So, what happened to the fruit harvest? I have some theories, but the reality is that there are many factors –some within our control,

but most out of our control – that led to a poor harvest. I'm sure if I really wanted to know, I could visit Tsugawa Nursery, talk to the experts, and they could tell me what happened this year and ways I could improve my chances next year. Some of it may come down to issues of watering, pollination, and proper fertilization.

Now, let's talk of a different kind of harvest. Let's talk about fruit bearing that is of a spiritual nature. In the grand scheme of God's purpose, this is more important than our yearly fruit harvest. Maybe you are experiencing a lackluster spiritual harvest in your life. You are not at the place where you think you ought to be in terms of spiritual maturity, and your spiritual fruit can be described as "slim pickings." Fortunately for us, we don't have to surmise as to what the problem might be. Jesus lays it out plainly for us. The secret is learning to abide in Him. Abide means to "remain in place with" or "to dwell with."

There is the sense of an ongoing, persistent, and consistent dwelling with Christ and living for Him ("As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." John 15:9-10 (ESV)).

Several people commented to me that they liked the song we introduced on Sunday entitled, "Abide" by Aaron Williams. The first line and chorus describe what it means to abide in Christ:

*For my waking breath, for my daily bread;
 I depend on You, I depend on You.
 For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,
 I depend on You, I depend on You.*

*You're the way the truth and the life,
 You're the well that never runs dry,
 I'm the branch and You are the vine,
 Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

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October 2022 Sermons

- 2 – What are You Hungry For? Matthew 5:6
- 9 – Mercy Me?, Matthew 5:7
- 16 – Pure Vision Matthew 5:8
- 23 – Pastor Kevin Away, Mike Ferguson preaching
- 30 – Make or Break Matthew 5:9

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There is no secret to bearing a bumper crop of spiritual fruit in our lives. Jesus plainly lays it all out for us when He says in John 15:5, *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*" We can come up with excuses and all kinds of theories as to why our lives have not produced much spiritual fruit. We can blame the Evil One, our busy schedules, and the many distractions that keep us from abiding in Christ. At the end of the day, it comes down to whether or not we really believe the instructions and promises He has given to us concerning the assurance of a bounteous spiritual harvest of fruit in our lives. It requires that we trust fully in His instructions and do what he says – depend on Him by abiding in Him.

If I went to the nursery to discuss my two little hybrid fruit trees and how to ensure I have a better crop next year, I imagine they would come up with a plan for me and then hand me the instructions. Yet, the instruction will do me little good if I place them on the counter or tack them up on the bulletin board at home and forget about them. Jesus has given us the instructions for producing a banner crop of spiritual fruit. The best thing about the instructions is that it means we have the privilege to commune with the Creator and Sustainer of life! So, the question remains: What will we do with His instructions?

In God's Grace,
Pastor Kevin




FALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, October 15
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Grab your work gloves and gardening gear, and come help us prepare the church grounds for winter!

*Do you have native plants from your yard that you would like to share in our church properties?
Bring them along to perk up the landscape!*

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.



Adult S.S. Class



Is now called, "Sunday Morning Live,"
Sundays at 9 a.m. We have begun an 8-week study by Andrew Brunson called, "Prepared to Stand" It is a timely study that will prepare Christians to face the challenging days that lie ahead.



OCTOBER 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 a.m. CE Mtg
2 <i>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</i> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	3 10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class 6:45 p.m. Vision Team	4	5	6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	7 10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	8 9 a.m. Worship Mtg 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
9 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Mission Mtg	10  10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	11 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg	12	13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	14 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Committee 10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	15 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Church Clean-up Day
16 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	17 10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class 6:45 p.m. OIT	18 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg	19	20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	21 10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	22 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts-make <i>crafts for church bazaar table</i>
23 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	24 10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	25	26	27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	28 10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class	29
30 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Following Worship: Pack Blessing Bags, then SOUP MEAL</i>	31 10:45 a.m. S.A.I.L Exercise Class 					

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Beginning Balance	-43,694.45	-41,010.68
Receipts	15,052.53	14,309.99
Disbursements	18,362.35	19,644.27
Ending Balance	(47,004.27)	(46,344.96)
<u>Year to Date</u>		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	133,330.65	142,275.91
Disbursements	180,334.92	188,620.87
Ending Balance	(47,004.27)	(46,344.96)

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Receipts	3,910.25	5,893.65
Disbursements	384.34	8,161.77
<u>Year to Date</u>		
Beginning Balance	247,279.95	234,333.75
Receipts	92,925.75	80,859.88
Disbursements	21,306.74	90,285.97
Ending Balance	318,898.96	224,907.66
NET FUNDS	271,894.69	178,562.70

October Prayer Families

Week of...

October 2	Kevin & Cindy Leach Bob & Ann Norton
October 9	Betsy Lessard Frank & Valerie Nichols
October 16	Richard Licata Dirk & Darlene Muyskens
October 23	Richard & Laura Long Linda Muthandi
October 30	Juanita MacMahon Margaret Morrison



Shining Star

BAZAAR

Saturday. Nov. 19th
9 AM—3 PM
Woodland Presbyterian Church
756 Park Street
Woodland
Multiple Vendors!!!
Come-Shop-Enjoy!!!



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



2	Rick Syring
2	Jim Miller
3	Janet Benney
10	Kevin Leach
16	Sam & Toni LaPore
18	Richard & Janet Benney
20	Jean Eddy
29	Cynthia Svensson

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

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

We are 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, growing...you name it, we would love to sell at the bazaar. All proceeds from the donated items sold will be going toward our Renovation Project. Contact Janet Syring.

Voice of the Martyrs

Today, 360 million Christians are currently suffering significant persecution worldwide. There are fifty to sixty countries where there are intense levels of persecution. Voice of the Martyrs is an interdenominational Christian missions organization dedicated to serving our persecuted family worldwide. They provide housing, practical relief, and spiritual support. In addition, they provide Bibles, vocational training, food, and encouragement to get back on their feet. They help persecuted believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have suffered persecution. They also equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel in their part of the world. They also promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians. Hebrews 13:3 instructs us to "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also."

Please remember to pray for the persecuted and for the ministry of Voice of the Martyrs.

Blessing Bags

October is Blessing Bag month! This year we hope to assemble approximately **72** Blessing Bags. These bags contain items for people who are experiencing difficult circumstances or are homeless and find most useful. We are trying something new this year for collecting the goods for the bags! We have divided up the church directory by last names and listed the items you may want to purchase if you are able.

Last Name Starting With:

A-B: Trial size toothpaste tubes

C-F: Toothbrushes

G-H-I: Toiletry items (trial size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant, cotton swabs, etc.)

J-K-L: Women's socks

M-N-O: Men's Socks

P-Q-R-S-T: Snack food individually packed (granola bars, jerky, trail mix, chicken/tuna pouches, etc.)

U-Z: Wipes

-Monetary donations accepted...and we'll do the shopping!

-If you already have some items on hand, feel free to use them. 😊

-A collection basket will be in the church entry for you to place your donations.

-Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 30, following Worship, as we pack the Blessing Bags and then enjoy fellowship together with a Souper Sunday meal!

-Questions? Please see Janet Syring or Cindy Leach.

Christmas Tea & Cookie Exchange

Save the Date! Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 17, 9:30 a.m. for the annual Christmas Tea & Cookie Exchange. The fellowship and fun returns!





October Happenings

Bazaar Craft Project Day

The “Shining Star Bazaar” is not far away!

Join us at **Hearts and Crafts on Saturday, October 22, at 10 a.m.** as we assemble some cute craft items to sell at the bazaar. OR, if you are working on your own project for the bazaar, please bring it along and enjoy the fellowship of others!

We are collecting plastic food containers to be used to keep craft items for the bazaar safe after they are sold.

Your help is appreciated!



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