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## WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

# FEBRUARY 2024 Happenings



## ✝ From the Pastor's Desk ✝

**Nehemiah 3:1-2 (ESV): *Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. 2 And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.***

A few weeks ago, I asked Goni, our worship assistant that Sunday, to read this passage filled with difficult names to pronounce. It really wasn't because I enjoy watching our Scripture readers struggle though the biblical names (though it is a little enjoyable). As I mentioned in the sermon, lists of names in the Bible are not just a list of names, but serve a purpose. In Nehemiah 3, the purpose for all those names is to show how various families that made up the people of God all came together to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. It seems as though it was an impossible task; but, as the Spirit of God moved His people, all the families and clans served in their various capacities to accomplish the task even as they faced what seemed to be, according to earthly standards, insurmountable odds.

Though I chose this passage because it supported the passage I was preaching on that Sunday, I realized after this past weekend, that this reading was also an inspiration for us as we hosted our EPC Pacific North West Presbytery.

There was so much to do in order to successfully pull off this hosting gig and to do it well. At times, it seemed to be a daunting task, and more than once, I questioned our sanity and judgment in agreeing to host presbytery.

But then I watched, as the event drew closer, the number of people who enthusiastically volunteered to assist in "building the wall." When commissioners and observers began to arrive, our church family was here to welcome and assist our guests. All the minute details that I worried about seemed to be covered by someone. Everything from providing meals to cleaning bathrooms to welcoming guests to arranging tables, to providing prayer support throughout the meetings – all was taken care of by over 40 of you who volunteered. Here's the most glorious wonder I witnessed – all the many tasks were done without complaining or grumbling, but

rather, with a smile, with a willing spirit, and with the goal of doing everything you were doing as if you were doing it "unto the Lord."

Many of our guests came up to me and expressed gratitude for our efforts. I'm so very proud and thankful for all of you. As the place emptied, and I was alone in the church facility, I thanked the Lord for the gift of opportunities to serve, for willing servants, and especially for the activity of the Spirit of Christ in our midst, using us in some small way to accomplish His purposes for His glory. What a gift he gave us this past week.

In God's Grace  
Pastor Kevin



# Heart Cry Missionary Society

The goal of the HeartCry Missionary Society is to glorify God and bring the greatest possible good to humankind through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing indigenous churches and missionaries, especially in areas that have little or no gospel presence. Indigenous missionaries are those who are native to their country and culture. They do not have to learn a foreign language or the nuances of the culture. As a result, they can be much more effective and much more quickly than non-indigenous missionaries. The goal of Heartcry is also that God's name would be great among the nations, and that all people from all people groups will come to worship Him, and this will be accomplished as the Great Commission is fulfilled. In addition, Heartcry has the goal to plant biblical churches that will proclaim God's Word throughout the world. Most of the missionaries in the world go to areas that are already reached. The need is critical and urgent to have indigenous missionaries go to these unreached people groups. Pray for the Heartcry Missionary Society and pray that all peoples of the world will have the opportunity to hear the glorious news of the gospel.



## February Sermons

- 4 – *Last Minute Details*, Romans 16:17-27
- 11 – *The Great 'I Am,'* Exodus 3:1-14
- 18 – *The Eternal 'I Am,'* John 8:58
- 25 – *I Am the Light*, John 8:12; John 9:5

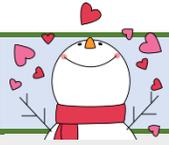
# Thank you Church Family

> Thank you church family for volunteering for **Presbytery** February 1st-3rd at our church. We heard so many wonderful comments such as " the food was amazing, so many wonderful soups and many healthy options too," "the music was so worshipful," "the songs went so well with the devotion this morning," "everyone has made us feel so welcome," and many more comments.

> We could not have hosted Presbytery without the help of so many people. Thank you so much to the following people and groups:

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| > Janet Benney     | Margaret Morrison      |
| > Richard Benney   | Dirk Muyskens          |
| > Jeanie Beesley   | Janet Oyer             |
| Jim Blair          | Jim Pool               |
| > Kirsten Dean     | Charlotte Peterson     |
| > Dale Boon        | Jerry Silvers          |
| > Dave Bozorth     | Jeri Stocker           |
| > Sherry Bozorth   | Margaret Sukkari       |
| > Carol Brown      | Martha Swanstrum       |
| > Doug Ferguson    | Janet Syring           |
| > Jessica Ferguson | Rick Syring            |
| > Jim Ferguson     | Cindy Wallace          |
| > Mike Ferguson    | Steve Wallace          |
| > Suzy Ferguson    | Ruth Wendt             |
| > Darin Hager      | Claralee Williams      |
| > Sally Hager      | Jim Wilson             |
| > Mark Hover       | Karen Wilson           |
| > Barbara Kenny    | Jason Wolk             |
| > Goni Laeske      | Sarah Wolk             |
| > Sarah Lail       | WPC Praise Team        |
| > Cindy Leach      | Jubellation            |
| > Kevin Leach      | WPC Chancel Choir      |
| > Betsy Lessard    | Go Iglesia Praise Team |
| > Martin Leyva     | Go Iglesia volunteers  |
| Juanita MacMahon   | Extra work from our    |
| > Deana MacPherson | Janitorial staff       |

We hope that you were all blessed during the time we hosted Presbytery by using your gifts and serving so faithfully. We were delighted that you were able to experience the many aspects of the Presbytery meeting that included worship, teaching, business, and the fellowship of sharing meals and conversations with one another. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ and united by His love for us. Blessings,  
Pastor Kevin and Cindy Leach



# FEBRUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1 PRESBYTERY MTG</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>2 PRESBYTERY MTG</b>	<b>3 PRESBYTERY MTG</b>
<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Mtg	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 11:00 a.m. CE Mtg	<b>13</b>  7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	<b>14 VALENTINE'S DAY</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  10 a.m. Fellowship Committee Mtg	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>Annual Mtg</b>	<b>19 OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>20</b>  7:00 p.m. OT Mtg	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Blue Bag Sunday)</i>	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>29</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		

## Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	-54,108.22	-17,765.65
Receipts	24,922.96	37,796.41
Disbursements	<u>18,091.96</u>	<u>28,231.73</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(47,277.22)</b>	<b>(8,200.97)</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	184,212.87	259,414.09
Disbursements	<u>231,490.09</u>	<u>291,688.02</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(47,277.22)</b>	<b>(32,273.93)</b>

## Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	241,690.26	232,225.75
Receipts	3,170.12	19,864.96
Disbursements	<u>1,101.17</u>	<u>2,388.01</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>243,759.21</b>	<b>249,702.70</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
Beginning Balance	226,637.02	237,352.89
Receipts	95,970.00	95,453.73
Disbursements	<u>78,847.81</u>	<u>79,499.66</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>243,759.21</b>	<b>253,306.96</b>
<b>NET FUNDS</b>	<b><u>196,481.99</u></b>	<b><u>221,033.03</u></b>

## February Prayer Families



### Week of...

- February 4 Cliff Campbell  
Rick & Janet Syring
- February 11 Pat & Janet Clock  
Martha Swanstrum
- February 18 Jean Cowden  
Bonnie Swanson
- February 25 Barbara Curry  
John & Cynthia Svensson



## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Barbara Ann Kenney
- 4 Margaret Morrison
- 10 Ann Norton
- 20 Bob & Bette Krueger
- 20 Sarah Wolk
- 24 Bette Krueger
- 25 Sally Hager

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

### Prayer Walk

Come and join us in a prayer walk on **March 2, at 11 a.m.**, in front of the Woodland Presbyterian Church, to walk and pray over the community of Woodland. If you can't walk very far let us know. We can take the van and be out and about town meeting up with our walkers to pray over the lives and work and play of the people in this community.

### Deacons Fund

The Deacons Fund is used to help church members and community members with one time or ongoing expenses that they are having trouble meeting financially. Each month, we give out at least a \$1000 a month to those in need. In order to keep meeting those needs, we are reminding you of our Deacons Fund and asking if you are able to do so, to consider making a donation to the deacons fund on our Communion Sunday.  
Thank you.

# PICTURES FROM PRESBYTERY



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## **Collecting Shoebox Items**

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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

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