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Sunday Worship  
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## WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

# APRIL 2024 Happenings



### ✝ From the Pastor's Desk ✝

### STUMPED ABOUT THE SABBATH? CONSULT A TREE!

One apple! That was it...only one apple. Now, you may think I am referring to the sin of Adam and Eve, but I am not. I am referring to the total number of apples I harvested last fall from my dwarf hybrid apple tree that Cindy and I purchased from Tsugawa's Nursery when we purchased our home seven years ago. I knew something was wrong last spring when our tree began to produce leaves but only produced one blossom. Did I simply miss the other blossoms? Nope. A single apple was all that grew on our tree last year. The prior year, there were an abundance of apples, though most of them were stunted in growth (because I did not adequately thin the fruit during the early summer months).

I did some quick research and discovered that trees will sometimes take a year off, especially if the tree was not properly cared for and thinned in the prior year (guilty as charged!). It seems the apple tree was simply taking a sabbatical rest. It was telling its negligent owner that because of his poor maintenance and inattention, it just was not going to produce and would sit

back in its proverbial recliner and sit it out for the season. Quite simply, our tree badly needed a rest.

Which brings up an important theme - we all need a sabbath rest.

The Sabbath Day is a day set apart by God to worship Him and be reminded of our need to find rest in Him. The Sabbath was established after God finished the creation. It wasn't that, after finishing the work, God was tired and needed to rest. God created the Sabbath as a way of declaring that the work of creation was completed on the sixth day; and the seventh day, since there is not more work to be done, is reserved for 'resting in His rest.'

The Christian Sabbath is on the first day of the week, recognizing that in the resurrection of Jesus and the work of our redemption - which occurred on the first day of the week - is complete, and we have entered into His rest. We celebrate and recognize that nothing more needs to be done to secure our salvation, for Christ Himself finished that work completely, dying for us on that

tree and rising on the first day of the week. So, Christian, rest in Him! Too often we will reduce the Sabbath to a list of dos and don'ts, which makes the Sabbath into a legalistic exercise (something we need to do in order to earn His favor). Jesus came to free us from this type of destructive legalism. Instead, we are gifted a day from the Lord so that we might engage in the joys of communing with the Lord and His people is a special way. Guy Prentiss Waters, in his book, The Sabbath as Rest, observes, "After all, the Sabbath is a weekly invitation from God to draw close and enter into renewed fellowship with the One who made us and who redeemed sinners at the loss of His own son. And it is a weekly reminder that in Christ, the best is yet to come."

The Sabbath Day is a day to delight in the Lord. It is not a duty to enter into a sabbath rest; but, it should be a joy. In Isaiah 58, we read of how the Sabbath Day had become a day to take advantage of others in order to please ourselves and our selfish desires. This did not reflect the Lord nor did it honor Him.

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## Shared Hope

Shared Hope International is a Vancouver, WA based agency leading a worldwide effort to eradicate sex trafficking. Did you know the common age a child enters sex trafficking is 14-16 years old?

Woodland Presbyterian Church Supports the mission of Shared Hope International with our annual giving of \$1,300.

**Our Mission:** Shared Hope International strives to prevent the conditions that foster sex trafficking, restore victims of sex slavery, and bring justice to vulnerable women and children. We envision a world passionately opposed to sex trafficking and a community committed to restoring survivors to lives of purpose, value and choice – one life at a time.

**Our Values:** As Christian abolitionists, we believe trafficking survivors deserve the opportunity to be restored to dignity and purpose, regardless of their faith or system of belief. As Christian stewards, we prayerfully seek to use wisdom and Biblical guidance for every dollar we spend. As Christian leaders, we seek to inspire change by informing and empowering activists, providing strategic guidance to local shelter and service partners, and influencing policy makers and first responders. [Read our Statement of Faith](#)



...This Year's Apple Tree

...continued from the Pastor's Desk...

God calls the people back to a true Sabbath rest that is a day to observe God's provisions for creation. Then, God exhorts, *"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;"* (Isaiah 58:13, ESV).

Even after years of walking with the Lord, I am still learning about the Sabbath and learning what it means to observe the Sabbath and delight in this special gift from God. How about you? Might you need to rethink your view and observance of the Sabbath rest? As I have discovered, trees have a way of pointing us back to our need to rest in the completed work of the Lord.


In God's Grace  
Pastor Kevin



- 7 – *I Am the True Vine*, John 15:1-8
- 14 – *Double, Double, Toil and Trouble*, Eccl. 1:1-11
- 21 – *Missing: Meaning*, Eccl. 1:12-2:26
- 28 – *Stuck in Time*, Eccl. 3:1-15



# APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
	<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>2</b>  7:00 p.m. Vision Team	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  10:00 a.m. Stewardship Mtg	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i> 11:00 a.m. C.E. Mtg	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>9</b>  7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>13</b> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Session Retreat  10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>16</b>  7:00 p.m. OT Mtg	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  10 a.m. Fellowship Committee Mtg	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live  10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. SML 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Gratitude Bag            Sunday)</i> 1 p.m. Meet for Dayspring Trip to Vancouver	<b>29</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>30</b>				

## Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beginning Balance	1,447.79	-11,529.33
Receipts	48,518.00	58,827.60
Disbursements	<u>26,581.82</u>	<u>20,734.69</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>23,383.97</b>	<b>26,563.58</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	67,647.72	70,834.60
Disbursements	<u>44,263.75</u>	<u>44,271.02</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>23,383.979</b>	<b>26,563.58</b>

## Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beginning Balance	207,459.75	232,816.45
Receipts	2,519.00	19,738.17
Disbursements	<u>4,843.11</u>	<u>9,837.58</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>205,135.64</b>	<b>242,717.04</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
Beginning Balance	237,352.89	221,033.00
Receipts	3,669.21	31,733.67
Disbursements	<u>35,886.46</u>	<u>10,049.63</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>205,135.64</b>	<b>242,717.04</b>
<b>NET FUNDS</b>	<b><u>228,519.61</u></b>	<b><u>269,280.62</u></b>

## April Prayer Families

### Week of...

- April 7 Mike & Suzy Ferguson  
Joyce Sixberry
- April 14 Roger Forgy  
Jerry Silvers
- April 21 Erma Gettman  
Donald Shipler
- April 28 Darlene Glaus  
Al & Connie Sandblast



## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7 Bob Krueger
- 9 Jason Wolk
- 15 Laura Long
- 17 Trudy Haveman
- 26 Janet Syring

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

### Prayer Walk

Come and join us in a prayer walk on **April 6, 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.

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## April 28 DaySpring Trip

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Enjoy music and fellowship with us in April! First Presbyterian Church in Vancouver is hosting a **free pipe organ concert** from 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 28. The concert celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of the church's pipe organ. Accomplished international concert organist Douglas Cleveland will perform classical and contemporary selections. Doors open at 1 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation. We will have a light lunch after church, and vans leave at 12:30 p.m. There is a \$5.00 cost for gas. We should return to church by 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church is located at 4300 Main Street, Vancouver, WA.

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## Musicians Wanted

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As a member of Woodland Presbyterian, I need some help finding a couple musicians. I am a member of the band that recently lost a couple of members, after performing in the area for over 10 years. We play gospel and western music. We are looking for a guitar, accordion, or fiddle player. If interested, you can call Jay Hancock at 360-852-0589. We have all slowed down in our older years, after many fun-filled years of playing. We play and practice once a week and have gigs lined up. We have been playing at the opening of Hilda Klager Lilac Garden for over 15 years and will be back this year in April.

~ Dick Pedersen

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## Upcoming Fellowship Events!

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Save the date for our **Annual Ladies' Spring Tea** happening on **Saturday, May 18**, beginning at 1:00 pm. It is sure to be a colorful event with the theme, "*April Showers Bring May Flowers.*" Tickets will go on sale April 28. Mark your calendar, and invite your friends and family to join us for an afternoon of wonderful fellowship and delightful food.

For our **April Dayspring Trip**, we will be traveling to Vancouver to enjoy a pipe organ concert at the First Presbyterian Church in Vancouver. This event will feature the accomplished international concert organist, Douglas Cleveland. The concert is on **Sunday, April 28**. We can enjoy our after-Worship snack at WPC and then head to the concert in the church van or in our personal cars. What a fantastic way to spend a Sunday together! Our church **Rummage Sale** to be held in August! Watch for more details coming soon!!!

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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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