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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Happenings



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Remember the old campaign ad that posed this question: "What would you do for a Klondike Bar?" Seemingly, the Klondike is so delicious that people would do the craziest things just to get a bite of one. Here's a more serious question – "What would you do for the Lord?" What would you be willing to give up for the Lord? Where would you be willing to go for the Lord? What powers would you be willing to oppose for the sake of serving the Lord?

As we approach Reformation Day on October 31 (and celebrate the Reformation on Sunday, November 3rd), we will be remembering some of the men and women who were willing to give up everything – even their lives, to serve the Lord and His Bride, His beloved Church. This "full surrender" of one's life has always been the call for those who would follow Christ.

Christians throughout the centuries have been faced with difficult choices, which all boil down to this: Will we serve Christ as Lord, or will we declare another as lord?

William Tyndale lived what we would consider to be a short life (1494-1536).

He is often referred to as "the Father of the English Bible." He produced the first translation from the original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures to be printed in English. As this was illegal at the time, he did his translation work in Germany, and these Bibles had to be smuggled into England. As a result, Tyndale was outlawed and condemned to death. On October 6, 1536, he was burned at the stake. His dying prayer: "Lord, open the King of England's eyes," was remarkably answered. Within two years, by order of King Henry VIII, every parish church in England was required to make a copy of the English Bible available to all its parishioners.

The courageous persecution of some Christians down through the ages are well remembered. There are countless more Christians throughout history whose names are not preserved, but whose trials have served to preserve, as well as propel, the message of Christ to future generations. In a recent Voice of the Martyrs posting, we read about the current persecutions of Christian brothers and sisters going on in East Asia:

The early 2000s, many unregistered churches enjoyed some freedom from government intrusion and harassment despite their illegal status. However, in recent years, restrictive religious regulations and persecution have increased significantly. Hundreds of churches have been forced to close, pastors and church members have been arrested or detained and the online sale of Bibles has been prohibited. The government has installed hundreds of millions of facial recognition cameras, many in or near churches, to identify those who attend worship services. Church leaders are under intense pressure to join the government-controlled, secular church. It is illegal to disciple anyone younger than 18. Christians are often charged with participating in cults or with other spurious accusations, such as "bad business practices" or "intent to undermine the state." Religious persecution includes loss of livelihood, the separation of families, torture and death.

The Apostle Paul knew that his days on earth were drawing to a close. He would be killed for his faith in Christ. Paul described his filled with persecution and sacrifice this way:

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"6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:6-8, ESV).

I'm sure Paul had those moments when he struggled with doubt, and yet now, as he is coming to the end of his ministry, he can look back and say, "I have fought the good fight." This is the goal of every one of us who calls Jesus, "Lord"—fight the fight of faith (even when it is difficult or unpopular).

Recalling the lives of the reformers and recounting their stories of courage and sacrifice is an important, annual exercise. Each Sunday in October, we will highlight a reformer and the contributions that were made to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I trust God will use the stories of these important leaders of the Reformation to encourage us to see that God's call on the life of the Christian is not a half-hearted venture into shallow end of religion, but a full plunge into depths of commitment of serving our Savior and Lord.

With that in mind, again I ask, "What are you willing to do to serve and glorify the Lord?"

In His Grace, Pastor Kevin



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-\$9 Donation for postage

December-Prayer

Sunday Morning Live

Sunday Mornings, 9 a.m.

in the Upper Room

We are studying "Discipleship-The Study," Season 3, by Ray Vander Lann, looking at the cultural and historical call to be a follower of Christ through the lens of Scripture.

Would love to have you join us.

Samaritan's Purse Packing Party, October 26

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - WPC's Contribution

If you'd like to help get the Christmas Child Shoeboxes ready to be sent out, we will be having a **Set-up time on Friday, October 25 at 10 a.m.** and the **Packing Party the next day, on Saturday, October 26, at 10 a.m.** Thanks so much for your help and donations throughout the year as we prepare and contribute for the Packing of the boxes to send out the gifts for all the children, to different places they get sent to around the world.

The Organization of Samaritan's Purse serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We participate every year with filling shoeboxes with gifts.

Every gift-filled shoebox is a tool for evangelism and discipleship for a local church around the world. At Operation Christmas Child outreach events, boys and girls hear the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ and receive a tangible expression of God's love through one of your prayerfully packed shoeboxes.

Samaritan's Purse also offers shoebox recipients their follow-up discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey." Through trained local teachers, boys and girls learn to follow Jesus and share Him with friends and family.

If you would like to help with this or would like more information, please see Juanita MacMahon.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	3 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	4 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class October 4-6 Cannon Beach Fall Women's Conference	5
6 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	7 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10 a.m. C.E. Mtg	8 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	9 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	11 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Comm. Mtg	12 9:00 a.m. Fall Clean-up 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
13 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	14 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  <i>Columbus Day</i>	15	16 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	18 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	19
20 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	21 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	22 7:00 p.m. OT Mtg	23 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	25 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10 a.m. Set-up for Packing Party Samaritan Purse Shoebboxes	26 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts 10 a.m. Christmas Shoebox Packing Party
27 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Gratitude Bag Sunday)</i>	28 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	29	30 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	31 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir		

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beginning Balance	15,830.01	18,771.19
Receipts	19,559.01	47,837.00
Disbursements	<u>20,261.07</u>	<u>24,945.10</u>
Ending Balance	15,127.95	41,663.09
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	99,617.73	131,462.60
Disbursements	<u>84,489.78</u>	<u>89,799.51</u>
Ending Balance	15,127.95	41,663.09

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beginning Balance	205,135.64	256,700.86
Receipts	19,016.41	6,999.41
Disbursements	<u>59,212.05</u>	<u>5,013.71</u>
Ending Balance	164,940.00	258,686.56
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	237,352.89	221,033.00
Receipts	22,685.62	52,980.32
Disbursements	<u>95,098.51</u>	<u>15,326.76</u>
Ending Balance	164,940.00	258,686.56
NET FUNDS	180,067.95	300,349.65

Shining Star BAZAAR

WPC Shining Star Bazaar

Saturday, November 23

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Are you ready for our 3rd
Annual Shining Star Bazaar?

Let's get started now, so we can fill our table with beautiful crafts and gift items handcrafted by you! If you know of a local vendor/crafter who may be interested in renting a table space, pass on the word about the Shining Star Bazaar! An information sheet and registration forms are available on our website and on our Facebook page!

Should be lots of fun!

October Prayer Families

Week of...

- October 6 Yvonne Barker
Carollynn Woodward
- October 13 Jeanne Beesley
Bill & Gail Woodard
- October 20 Richard & Janet Benney
Donnie Womelsdorf
- October 27 Jim & Elaine Blair
Jason & Sarah Wolk



- 6 – *When Something is Something Else*, Mark 1:29-45
- 13 – *More than a Healing*, Mark 2:1-12
- 20 – *At Home with Sinners*, Mark 2:12-17
- 27 – *Guest Speaker*



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Rick Syring
- 2 Jim Miller
- 3 Janet Benney
- 10 Pastor Kevin
- 16 Sam & Toni LaPore
- 18 Richard & Janet Benney
- 20 Jean Eddy
- 22 Steve Wallace
- 29 Cynthia Svensson

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

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 \$1250 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.

Voice of the Martyrs

Missions

Today 215 million Christians suffer under high levels of persecution. This represents 1 in 12 Christians worldwide. Islamic oppression fuels persecution in 8 out of the top 10 countries. 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.

It's Blessing Bag Season

As fall arrives and the weather begins to cool, those struggling with hunger and lack of housing need your help. Please pick up a Blessing Bag or two to have with you or to carry in your car. When you see a person who could benefit for the contents of the bag, offer a Blessing Bag to them with a smile. This is a wonderful way to share God's love with them. Blessing Bags are available in the church entryway.

Fall Clean-Up Day!

Inside, Outside, Over, and Under! Lots of projects to work on to prepare our church campus for the fall and winter seasons! Hope you can join us as we tidy up here and there! Join a crew of happy helpers on Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. Remember your work gloves and any special tools you may want to use to get those jobs done! Thank you! ~ Your Stewardship Committee

THANK YOU!

A Big Thank-You to all the wonderful chefs who helped prepare the food we all enjoyed following worship this past summer. Fellowship and food are a great combination as we spend time getting to know and appreciate one another better. We are thankful for sharing your time and talents with us! Welcome back to Goni who continues her mission to use her cooking/baking talents with us in so many ways throughout the year.



FALL CLEAN-UP

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

*You are invited to come to the church if you'd like
to help us do some fall 'clean-up.'*

Thank you!



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