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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024 Happenings



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠



GIVE THANKS

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

The blessings of God are so many – too numerous to count. Because we are very aware of the work of Christ in our lives, Christians should be seen and known as a most thankful people. This Thanksgiving season, I just wanted to take a few minutes to Give God thanks for how He has blessed our church family.

Last week, I was called downstairs into Fellowship Hall by the SAIL group. “Was I in trouble because I still haven’t joined them for a session?” (I thought to myself). But instead, they presented me with a sizable donation to help with the renovations that are being made downstairs. SAIL continues to be a blessing to this church in so many ways. The way they care for our facility, the service they render – free of charge – to our community, and the continual encouragement they extend to me and our church family. *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!*

Last week, I was invited by Pastor Martin to bring the Sunday

message to Ve Iglesia. You wouldn’t believe the respect and love they showed to me on Sunday. But that respect and love doesn’t just end with me – it is extended to the whole WPC family. Because of their love for Christ and for us, they keep serving us in ways that most of our church family will never know. Cleaning, painting, yardwork – it seems they never tire of expressing praise to God through their service. *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!*

Alyssa Root from Fellowship of Christ Athletes treated Cindy and me to tea the other day as she shared the growth that the ministry is experiencing in Cowlitz county. There is growing excitement as FCA is reaching students, parents, and coaches with the Gospel message. And our gracious God has allowed us to partner with FCA in the effort to play an active role in the discipling of these students. Every week, the middle schoolers express thanks to our church

family for providing breakfast and a space to meet. They are the most courteous young people you can imagine. Most of these kids are Christians, and those who are not, are hearing the message of Christ every week. *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!*

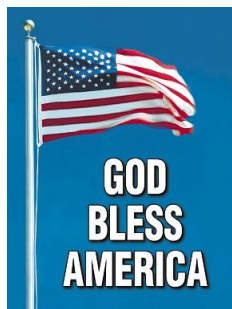
Though I could ramble on, let me give one last example of how Christ is blessing us. Have you seen the kids in our church? Of course you have, you can’t miss them (nor would you want to miss them). Though we are only talking about a few kids, I believe this is just a start. So many have been praying that we might experience an increase in young families, and it is happening. And just wait until we join with Ve Iglesia for worship on November 24 at 10 a.m. There’s going to be a *children’s sermon* and a combined *children’s choir!* *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!*

In His Grace,
Pastor Kevin



PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

In a recent study of Evangelical Christians, it was estimated that 40% will not vote in the upcoming elections. I encourage our church members not to fall into this sad statistic; but rather, be a good citizen (of heaven and earth), and prayerfully **cast your vote on November 5th**. It is not only an act of privilege, but one of thanksgiving to God who has blessed us to live in a land that honors its citizens with the right to elect leaders.



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.



WPC Bazaar, November 23

Shining Star Bazaar Is Almost Here

Our Shining Star Bazaar is almost here! We are very excited to host this community event on Saturday, November 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We will have 24 tables of wonderful items for sale, including YOUR handmade craft items and homemade baked goods (which are individually wrapped), and providing an excellent lunch consisting of homemade soups, home baked rolls, and a cookie. It is going to be fun day!

As you can imagine, an event this big will need lots of helpers! There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for the various areas needing volunteers, and also, if you are planning on donating some items for the sale. We will begin setting up on Friday, November 22, starting at 11:30 a.m. This will be to set up table areas and for you to bring in your items to price and display. On Saturday, we are looking for helpers to work at our craft tables, greet shoppers with a friendly smile, and other hands-on help. Sign up early to pick your spot! Of course, we will also need a clean-up crew beginning at 3:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Invite them to lunch, too!



Thank you!

Your Fellowship Team



NOVEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Mtg	2 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
 3 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i> Reformation Sunday	4 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10 a.m. C.E. Mtg	5	6 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	8 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	9 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
10 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	11 Office Closed VETERAN'S DAY 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class ...	12 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	13 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	14 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	15 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	16
17 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Stewardship Sunday	18 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	19	20 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	22 Office Closed 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Comm. Mtg & Bazaar Set-up 11:00 a.m.	23 9 a.m.-3 p.m. WPC Bazaar 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
24 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Gratitude Bag Sunday)</i>	25 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	26 7:00 p.m. OT Mtg	27 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	28 OFFICE CLOSED  THANKSGIVING Day	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Hanging of the Greens

Financial Report: Summary

SEPTEMBER	September 2024	January 2024
Assets		
Total Assets	\$274,318.79	\$209,723.20
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	(\$3,990.00)	\$2,780.39
Net Assets		
Total Net Assets	\$276,904.44	\$205,538.46
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$272,914.44	\$208,318.85

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.

Pastor Appreciation

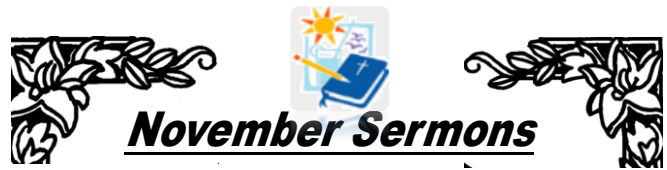
Thank you church family for honoring us on Pastor Appreciation Day. Cindy and I were like kids in a toy store, reading all the messages on the gift certificate cards and then looking inside. The gift cards were so personal and thoughtful. We are always blown away by your kindness and your continual expressions of love. To misquote a proverb (which I don't normally recommend), "There are many virtuous and capable churches in the world, but you surpass them all!"

November Prayer Families



Week of...

- November 3 Dale & Janet Boon
Jim & Karen Wilson
- November 10 David & Sherry Bozorth
Ruth Wendt
- November 17 Tom & Claralee Brannan
Connie Watson
- November 24 Larry Brown & Portia
Lloyd Walton



November Sermons

- 3 – *Not So Fast*, Mark 2:18-22 (Reformation Sunday)
- 10 – *The Sabbath: Duty or Delight?*, Mark 2:23-3:6
- 17 – *Do You Have 'the Touch?'*, Mark 3:7-19
- 24 – *Thanksgiving Service with Ve Iglesia*

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November Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| <i>Birthdays</i> | 1 | Gary & Janet Oyer |
| | 3 | Elaine Blair |
| | 14 | Sam LaPore |
| | 17 | Pat Clock |
| | 17 | Jim Pool |
| | 23 | Jim & Elaine Blair |
| | 27 | Goni Laseke |

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

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HOLIDAY OFFERINGS: Each year, the EPC sponsors two special offerings during the year-end holiday season; one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas. Each offering is designated for a specific purpose. The EPC's annual Thanksgiving Offering alternates each year between a church planting/church health project, and an EPC World Outreach emphasis. Thank you for your support of these special causes in EPC life!

<https://epc.org/donate/thanksgivingoffering/>

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday is **November 17**. You will receive the Stewardship letter. Please prayerfully consider the percentage of your income you intend to give in 2025, and bring your card, sealed in the envelope, to the service on **November 17**. We are grateful for your generosity towards the ministry of Christ.



Hanging of the Greens

Join us as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. We will gather on Saturday, November 30, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Reformation Celebration and Repentance

October 31, 2024, marks the 507th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Germany. This wasn’t an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But, his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ (“the priesthood of all believers”), so there’s no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest, or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church, but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose — Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others — and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults “with the best of them;” the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: “In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 507 years.”

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YOU ARE INVITED TO...

Family Advent Workshop

FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, December 7, 2024

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

We will have an advent workbook for each family attending, to use for your devotional time this season. Enjoy light refreshments, fellowship, and craft time, making a star tree topper for your Christmas tree.

Our theme is "Follow His Star to Bethlehem."

Please come, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us as we prepare for Christmas.

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