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## WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

# FEBRUARY 2025 Happenings



## ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

### HIGH PRIEST

*<sup>29</sup> "Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD. <sup>30</sup> Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron's heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD. Exodus 28:29-30 (NIV)"*

Perhaps you spent time watching the summer Olympic Games. One of the highlights of the games is watching the opening ceremony and seeing the select athletes of Team USA carrying in the flag of our country. It is a high and weighty honor as they carry the flag that not only represents them personally and their fellow teammates, but that flag they carry represents all the citizens of the United States of America. In a sense, they carry the names of all the people of our country into the competition.

As Cindy and I have been reading through Exodus this past week, we came to the instructions that the Lord gives to the Israelites concerning the creation of the garments that Aaron, the high priest, was to wear as he entered the Holy Place to minister before God.

Because we are also studying the Letter to the Hebrews in our Bible study class, I am understanding the instructions to Moses and Aaron very differently, being reminded that the instructions God gave to Moses concerning worship in the tabernacle/temple was only a copy/model of the true worship that

takes place in the true and heavenly Temple of God. Christ, who is the superior and perfect High Priest, perfectly represents us, bearing the names of His people before the Father in the heavenly Temple, making it possible for us to enter into the very presence of our most holy God.

With this in mind, read again the opening verses in this article from Exodus 28. Can you see how the ephod and breastplate Aaron was given foreshadows the perfect Breastplate of Righteousness that Jesus wears before the Father in the most holy place. Notice the purpose for which Aaron was to wear that breastplate over his heart. He bore the names of God's people as he entered the Holy of holies, representing the twelve tribes of Israel in the presence of the Lord. That is so significant when you think about what Jesus, our true High Priest, does for us as He sits at the right hand of the Father in glory. In His pure righteousness, He is able to approach His Father, and He does so on our behalf. In the truest sense, our names are included on His Breastplate of Righteousness and

Jesus continually bears our names over His heart. Hebrews 10:19-22 describes how through Jesus – the One who bears the names of His people – we enter into the presence of God: *<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* (NIV)

The Westminster Larger Catechism speaks of this ministry of intercession that Jesus provides for all those who trust in Him:

Q. 55. How does Christ intercede?  
A. Christ intercedes by continually appearing in our human nature before the Father in heaven. There he makes his will clear that his own merit of obedience and sacrifice on earth be applied to all believers; he answers all the accusations against believers and makes sure they have peace of conscience, in spite of their daily failings;

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and he welcomes them without hesitation to the throne of grace and accepts who they are and what they do for him.

Next time you go before the throne of grace in prayer, take a moment to recall our Great High Priest, Jesus, the One who has opened the way for us to come into God's presence and the One who bears the names of His people – our names – continually before the Father. And give Him all the praise and glory.

In God's Grace,   
Pastor Kevin



## Save the Date

...For These Upcoming Events!

- Men's Breakfast, March 22, 9 a.m.
- Easter, April 20
- Ladies Tea, May 17, 1-3 p.m.
- Rummage Sale, August 15-16
- Men's Dinner, October 4, 5:30 p.m.
- Shining Star Bazaar, November (TBA)



## True Love

Many of us celebrate Valentine's Day in both fun and serious ways. Children exchange treats and humorous cards with classmates and friends; some bring home handmade cards for the adults in their lives. Romantic partners may go out to eat and present each other flowers, chocolate, a fancy card — maybe even an engagement ring!

As playful as Valentine's Day can be, it's also a great time to remember the serious side of love, as indicated by these quotes:

- "When you love someone, you love the whole person as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be." —Leo Tolstoy
- "You don't love someone because they're perfect; you love them in spite of the fact that they're not." —Jodi Picoult
- "Love ... is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. ... It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses." —Ann Landers

We can do the difficult work of true love — actions, not just feelings — only because God loved us first. He did (and does) so despite our imperfection, and in Jesus, God shows us how to share true love with others. This Valentine's Day, if you don't remember any other profound quotes, hold this one in your heart: "We love because God first loved us." —1 John 4:19 (NCV)

*(From the NewsletterNewsletter)*

## Women's Wellness Clinic

The Women's Wellness Clinic is a local ministry supported by our church. The Women's Wellness Clinic of Woodland is the intersection of God's Love, high quality medical services, and medically accurate education that empowers women to be informed and supported in all aspects of their lives. The clinic exists to heal, restore, and build up women and families in our community through Jesus Christ. The 2025 goal of WWC is to launch a mobile unit, which will allow them to expand their outreach. They will be able to provide care and support where it's needed most throughout the community. WWC's goal is to reach \$100,000 by June of 2025.

In the month of February, we will have **baby bottles** available to fill with change, cash, or checks (check payable to: Women's Wellness Clinic of Woodland, Inc.). Please **return** your baby bottle by **Sunday, February 23**. Also, there is a great need for **baby wipes** and **diapers**. The proceeds collected will be given to the clinic. If you want to donate directly to WWC, the mailing address is: P.O. Box 223, Woodland, WA 98674.



# FEBRUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
2 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	3 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10 a.m. C.E. Mtg	4	5 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	7 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	8 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
9 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	10 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  ...	11  7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	12 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	14 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  	15
16 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	17 <b>President's Day</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 	18	19 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	21 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  10 a.m. Fellowship Comm. Mtg	22 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
23 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	24 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	25	26 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	28 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	

## Financial Report: Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION	DECEMBER 2024	JANUARY 2024
Total Assets	\$231,013.89	\$209,723.20
Total Liabilities	-\$555.00	\$2,780.39
Total Net Assets	\$231,568.89	\$206,942.81
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$231,013.89	\$209,723.20

## 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.



## February Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Barbara Ann Kenney
- 4 Margaret Morrison
- 10 Ann Norton
- 20 Sarah Wolk
- 25 Sally Hager

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

## February Prayer Families

### Week of...

- February 2 Doug Ferguson  
Jeri Loretta Stocker
- February 9 Jim Ferguson  
Jan Stenberg
- February 16 Mike & Suzy Ferguson  
Jason Snider
- February 23 Erma Gettman  
Carolyn Smith



## February Sermons



- 2 – *A Commanding Voice*  
Mark 4:35-41
- 9 – *The Bay of Pigs*  
Mark 5:1-20
- 16 – *Divine (Dis)Appointment*  
Mark 5:21-43
- 23 – *Hometown Letdown*  
Mark 6:1-6



## A Prayer for Presidents' Day



Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest gratitude for this country and the freedom to worship you. Stir up a sense of stewardship so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it.

We pray especially for our leaders, that you will bless them with wisdom and humility. Prompt everyone in positions of authority to pursue righteousness, justice, and the welfare of all. Remind us of the psalmist's teaching: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise be fulfilled "from sea to shining sea." Amen.

*(from the NewsletterNewsletter)*

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## **HeartCry Missionary Society**

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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.

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## **EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest Report (EPCPNW) – January 31, 2025**

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Last week, Jason Wolk, Steve Wallace, and Kevin Leach represented our church at the 22<sup>nd</sup> stated meeting of the EPCPNW gathering at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Kent, WA. Cindy Leach and Cindy Wallace also attended as observers, and Sally Hager was present, as she serves as the chair of the Session Review Committee.

We arrived on Thursday to participate in the Missions Workshop where we heard reports concerning the ongoing work of EPC World Outreach. Did you know that there are currently 14 million people from unreached people groups residing in the U.S.(mostly refugees)? What an opportunity we have right here in our backyard to spread the Gospel to those people who up to this time, have had little or no exposure to the Good News of Jesus. Thursday evening, Cindy Leach led the women's link discussion on the various discipling ministries currently offered within our churches and encouraged the churches in our presbytery to be involved in women's discipleship.

Our business meeting took place on Friday. Throughout the day, we had several opportunities to worship, pray, and conduct our necessary business. We did not have any ordination exams on the docket at this meeting, but we did examine and vote to receive two candidates into the care of the presbytery, as they begin a process that, by God's grace and guidance, will lead to ordination. Praise the Lord that there seems to be a positive upward trend of young men and women training for ministry within the EPC.

We ended our time with a communion service on Friday evening, communing with Christ and one another in song, word, prayer, and sacrament.



**FEBRUARY 2025      Happenings**



**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.



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