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Sunday Worship  
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## WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

*JULY 2025*

# Happenings



## ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

### **SABBATICAL LEAVE**

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

<sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Exodus 20:8-11 (ESV)

To begin with, Thank you, church family. In a month I will begin a sabbatical leave which has been in the planning stages for two years now. In December 2023, as Cindy and I celebrated our seventh year of ministry at Woodland Presbyterian Church, the elders and I began to discuss a sabbatical leave. The session drew up a proposal for a Lilly sabbatical grant, which was submitted in March of 2024. Unfortunately, we did not receive the grant. Rather than postponing my sabbatical leave another year to pursue the grant in 2025, the session decided that it would be more beneficial to take a sabbatical leave in 2025. My sabbatical will take place in August and September. Thank you for your prayers and grace.

Just what is a sabbatical? Is it an extended vacation? It is a study leave? Why is it necessary? Those are all good questions, and you may have even more questions concerning my time on Sabbatical.

A sabbatical leave is an extended time away from daily church ministry to enjoy a time of rest, renewal, and an opportunity to pursue spiritual development that will enhance my spiritual growth and prepare me for ministry in the future. Typically, a sabbatical in ministry is to occur every seven years; but practically, it happens a few times in the span of one's ministry career. My last sabbatical leave was in 1998. Practically, what does my leave mean to you, my special church family. Your elders have arranged for the pulpit to be filled in my absence. The ruling elders will be available to minister to your needs, and we are making arrangements for local pastors to assist our church family if/when significant pastoral needs arise.

What will I be doing while away from daily ministry responsibilities? Our original sabbatical proposal to the Lilly Foundation was entitled,

"Daily Rhythms in our Journey of Sanctification." This theme, in part, was chosen, because I have a growing desire to develop a personal daily liturgy for prayer and devotions. This time away from the daily routine of ministry will give me opportunity to focus on and develop this material, which I hope will not only refresh my soul, but will be beneficial to all of you as well. When I return in October, I will not resume preaching duties until the fourth Sunday. The first three Sundays in October, I will be sharing the results of my devotional project with the congregation during the Sunday school hour. Perhaps you have an established daily rhythm of devotion and prayer, or maybe you have thought about it, but have not yet incorporated a rhythm of devotion into your daily routine. My hope is that we all will benefit from what I learn and develop while on sabbatical.

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While I am away, I will be spending extended time with family and friends while I work on this devotional material. Cindy and I will be worshipping at churches near and far, savoring a season of special spiritual nourishment.

The other activity that Cindy and I are looking forward to is a trip to Greece and Rome, following the footsteps of Paul. This will be a 12-day tour that will not only be a trip of a lifetime for us, but will also prepare me to bring back fresh insights for my preaching and teaching ministry in the coming years at WPC.

Again, thank you for this privilege, and do not be shy to approach me with any concerns or questions you might have as Cindy and I prepare for our sabbatical leave.

In God's Grace,   
Pastor Kevin

## **Roof Update**

As you probably now know, the roof project has been completed. We are grateful for a company that was ready and willing to complete the project during the dry months of the year. We are still raising funds, trying to reach the \$60,000 goal (which is being matched by funds from our investment accounts). If you are able, please consider contributing to the roof fund (even a second or third donation if God so leads you).

You may even consider a continuing contribution, setting aside a little money each week/month to help meet the costs of the new roof. We have raised close to \$35,000, but we are still short of our goal. Thank you for your generous giving. This new roof will be benefitting the next generation of Christian servants who worship and serve Christ at Woodland Presbyterian Church.



## **Hymn Sing**

**SUNDAY, JULY 13, 4 p.m.**

Join us for a Hymn Sing in July. You will have an opportunity to submit your favorite hymns a few weeks before.

So, be thinking about that now. Following the Hymn Sing, we will enjoy a dessert of Strawberry Short Cake together.



## **Cannon Beach Women's Conference**

**October 3-5**

A fun filled weekend of rich fellowship, inspiring biblical teaching, and relaxing on the beach.

Speaker: Carol Kent

A trainer, international speaker, and author of 25+ books who colorfully, humorously, and effectively weaves together narratives with spiritual truths.

Includes: 2 nights, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and registration: \$259.

Deposit of \$100.

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# JULY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga  6:30 p.m. Narnia Reading	<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	<b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga  6:30 p.m. Narnia Reading	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  1:30 p.m. Game Day  7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  <b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Church Hymn</b> <b>Sing</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  ...	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga  6:30 p.m. Narnia Reading	<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  <b>Meet at</b> <b>WPC 5 p.m.</b> <b>Dayspring Trip</b> <b>to Ridgefield</b> <b>Baseball Game</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga  6:30 p.m. Narnia Reading	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>Church Picnic</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>29</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga  6:30 p.m. Narnia Reading	<b>30</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>31</b>		

## Financial Report: Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION	APRIL 2025	DECEMBER 2024
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$230,028.85	\$231,013.89
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-\$850.00	-\$555.00
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$230,878.85	\$231,568.89
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	\$230,028.85	\$231,013.89

## July Prayer Families

### Week of...

July 6	Goni Laseke Linda Muthandi
July 13	Kevin & Cindy Leach Margaret Morrison
July 20	Betsy Lessard Acenath Morgan
July 27	Richard Licata Jim & Marilyn Miller



## 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.



## July Sermons

- 6 – *To Have or to Hold*  
Mark 10:13-22
- 13 – *Mission Impossible*  
Mark 10:23-31
- 20 – *Descending into Greatness*  
Mark 10:32-45
- 27 – *Seeing and Believing*  
Mark 10:46-52



## July Birthdays & Anniversaries



1	Betsy Lessard
4	Mike Ferguson
8	Claralee Brannan
10	Dave & Shirley Reed
12	Margaret Sukkari
19	Patty Graybill
20	Mark & Liz Hover
28	John Svensson
30	Jim & Karen Wilson

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

## Sunday Morning Live

### Adult Sunday School

SML has begun its summer break. There will not be classes in July and August. We will resume this class again on September 7. See you then!

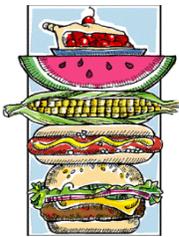
## **July 17 Dayspring Trip**

Hey, Batter, Batter! Our July Dayspring Trip is off to the ballgame!

We will enjoy time together rooting for the Ridgefield Raptors v. Cowlitz Black Bears. The game is Thursday, July 17 at 6:35 p.m., at the RORC (Ridgefield Outdoor Recreational Complex).

The cost is \$19.00. Gates open at 5:35 p.m. Vans will leave at 5:15 p.m. from church. There will be no cost to ride the van.

If you want to join us at the park, the address is:  
3101 S. Hillhurst Road, Ridgefield, WA 98642.



## **WPC Annual Church Picnic**

SAVE THE DATE for  
**Sunday, July 27**  
Following Worship  
Be ready for great food & fun!



### **Coming Soon...**

***The WPC Bargain Basement Blast!!!***  
**RUMMAGE  
SALE**

**Friday, August 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

## **Shining Star Bazaar**

Lazy days of summer?

Now is a great time to start those beautiful, handmade items to sell at this year's Shining Star Bazaar!

Start now, and be ready for the fun at the bazaar here, on November 22!



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## Save the Date

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*For These Upcoming Events!*



- **Hymn Sing**, Sunday, July 13, 4 p.m.
- **All Church Picnic**, July 27, in Fellowship Hall, following Worship
- **Rummage Sale**, August 15-16, in Fellowship Hall
- **Men's Dinner**, October 4, 5:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall
- **Shining Star Bazaar**, November 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



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