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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025 ***Happenings***



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

ONE LAST THING BEFORE I LEAVE FOR SABBATICAL

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

Proverbs 3:5-8 (ESV).

As I mentioned this past Sunday, I joined in on a webinar that was dedicated to the topic of planning a sabbatical. It seemed a little late to be attending a planning session when I was only a week away from beginning my sabbatical, but as I listened to the presentation, I saw how the Lord has been leading and preparing our church for OUR sabbatical (that's right, this is a sabbatical for the whole church family).

First, I am not taking a sabbatical to take a break from my church family, nor are we discouraged in ministry at WPC. Though Cindy and I will be away from you during this time, it is not because we need a 'time out' from all of you. I know I've tried in the past to express how much Woodland Presbyterian means to us. We came here eight and a half years ago hoping we could experience true community in Christ. Our time here thus far has far exceeded our deepest hopes and dreams. This church family has, for us, become our home, and we hope

to continue here until I enter into the new phase of ministry called retirement. This sabbatical is meant to refresh and enrich all of us so that Cindy and I can continue to offer our gifts in ministry for the coming years.

Second, this sabbatical gives me an opportunity to step away from my usual duties so that I may concentrate on some areas of personal and vocational development that is difficult to do while occupied with full-time ministry. Since the COVID pandemic, I have been exploring the use of liturgy in my personal, daily devotions. This has enriched my prayer life and daily communion with God. I plan to spend much of my sabbatical time developing and cultivating personal liturgical materials that will not only assist me in personal worship of the Lord, but perhaps it will be of help to some in our church family.

The third point – and the most crucial point – is that this is a time

to remember that our hope is always and only in the Lord. Several times during the webinar, the presenters pressed the point that a sabbatical can initially be difficult on both the pastor and the church. There is a crisis that occurs, because we often falsely believe that the church can't function without the pastor. Recently I spoke to a pastor on sabbatical who said that he was having a tough time, because while he had been away, the church ministry was not falling apart, but in fact, the ministry was actually thriving! How many of you remember when the church was without a pastor for three years? Do you remember the prayer gatherings, the congregational meetings, the important discussions about the biblical calling and direction for the church ministry? Do you also remember the blessings of Christ you experienced during the pastoral search as God was providing, blessing, and causing you to grow?

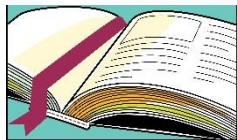
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All that provision and growth - and *without a pastor!* I remember hearing Pastor Jack Hayford once declare that as a pastor, he wanted his congregation to become so mature in Christ that they did not need him anymore, and yet, that he was so cherished within his church family that they could never imagine life without him.

I know that these next few months will fly by quickly. Your elders and deacons will be providing good leadership and care. Wonderful, godly guest preachers will bring the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit will speak clearly through them. We will be challenged in ways yet unseen and unknown. But in this time, The Lord will remind us all that He reigns supreme, and in Him, we will find rest.

In God's Grace,
Pastor Kevin



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Operation Christmas Child

Helpers are needed to help organize the shoeboxes and to prepare for 'packing' for next fall.

Please see Juanita if you can help.



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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	2 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
3 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	4 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	5 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga 6:30 p.m. Narnia Reading	6 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	7	8 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	9 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
10 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	11 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	12 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga 6:30 p.m. Narnia Reading	13 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 1:30 p.m. Game Day	14	15 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Rummage Sale	16 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Rummage Sale
17 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	18 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class ...	19 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga 6:30 p.m. Narnia Reading	20 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	21	22 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	23 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
24 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	25 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	26 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga	27 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	28	29 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	30
31 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Gratitude Bag Sunday						

Financial Report: Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION	JUNE 2025	DECEMBER 2024
Total Assets	\$125,697.22	\$231,013.89
Total Liabilities	-\$610.00	-\$555.00
Total Net Assets	\$126,307.22	\$231,568.89
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$125,697.22	\$231,013.89

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.



August Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Janet Clock
- 2 Jim Blair
- 5 Mike & Suzy Ferguson
- 9 Karen Wilson
- 10 Mark Hover
- 11 Randy & Carol Brown
- 16 Kevin & Cindy Leach
- 17 Jerry Silvers
- 17 Acenath Morgan
- 18 Rick & Janet Syring
- 21 Gary Oyer
- 22 David Bozorth
- 22 Donnie Shiplier
- 23 Sherry Bozorth
- 23 Suzy Ferguson
- 30 Brian & Margaret Sukkari

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

August Prayer Families

Week of...

- August 3 Richard & Laura Long
Melinda McTaggart
- August 10 Julie Lyon
Curtis & Rebecca McDonald
- August 17 Juanita MacMahon
Rick May
- August 24 Deana MacPherson
Thom Mattison
- August 31 Mary Arquette
Sandy Wyzanowski



August Sermons

- 3 – *The Basis of Forgiveness, Part 1*
Ephesians 4:31-32, Mike Ferguson
- 10 – *The Kingdom of God, Part 1*
Genesis 1-3, Nathan Hager
- 17 – *The Bruised Reed*
Matthew 12:18-21, Rick Licata
- 24 – *Why People Hate the Gospel*
Romans 1:18-23, Rick Licata
- 31 – *The Extent of Forgiveness, Part 2*
Matthew 18:21-22, Mike Ferguson

Sunday Morning Live

Adult Sunday School

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

August WPC Rummage Sale

It's Rummage Sale Time!

Our Bargain Basement Blast RUMMAGE SALE has arrived!

Friday, August 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bring it in! You may bring your rummage sale items to the Fellowship Hall beginning Wednesday, August 13, at 11:30 a.m.

There will be volunteers to help you unload items Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., and Thursday beginning at 9 a.m.

Like to help? There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for volunteers to help during the setup, sale, and clean up times.



PASS ON YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO PASTOR KEVIN

Note from Pastor Kevin:

"While on sabbatical, I will be limiting my email activity. However, I do want to continue to pray for you. If you have a prayer request, please send your requests to the office (office@woodlandpresbyterian.org) and Charlotte will forward them to me.

Thank you,
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

Shining Star Bazaar

Lazy days of summer?

Calling all vendors!

Registration forms for the bazaar are now available on Facebook and on the events page on our website

Know a vendor who might like to be a part of our bazaar?

Please help us spread the word!

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!



AUGUST 2025 Happenings

Save the Date

For These Upcoming Events!



- **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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