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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2025 Happenings



From the Pastor's Desk



In my childhood, there was a standard assignment for elementary students just coming back to school after summer break. You might recall this exercise - writing a short essay entitled "What I did on Summer vacation." This is my "What I did on Sabbatical" essay. Two months away from the church and three months out of the pulpit is a long time. I praise God for providing such capable and godly preachers who filled the pulpit during my absence, and I thank the Lord for a congregation that welcomed them with open arms (and welcomed me back also).

What was I doing during my time away? There are many types of pastoral sabbaticals - some are purely for rest, some are primarily for study, and still others are for an extended time to spend with family apart from the daily demands of vocational ministry. Usually, however, a sabbatical involves a combination of all three and more. I would put my sabbatical in the latter category.

In August and September, I had the opportunity to relax and rest, spending extended time with family and friends. Cindy was able to join me - that is, when she was not working.

I began my sabbatical spending precious time with my oldest brother, Don, and his wife, Jan - nearly two weeks (and they didn't throw me out). I stayed in their home in Wenatchee, enjoying their hospitality, great moments of conversation, and times of prayer. I also enjoyed worshipping with EPC brothers and sisters at Saddleback Presbyterian Church.

After leaving Wenatchee, I traveled down to Prosser, WA to spend a few days with two special friends from college. It was truly a blessing to spend some time with my dear friends, sharing stories and marveling at the Lord's faithfulness through the years.

I was also able to spend a week with my brother, Bob, and his wife, Kathleen, who live in Mukilteo. Cindy was able to join me for a few days; and then, after she left, to travel back to Woodland. I stayed several more days with Bob and Kathy, as I enjoyed many relaxing conversations on their deck that overlooks the Puget Sound.

I returned home for a week - spending time in the library and at McDonald's reading books on worship and working on my sabbatical project.

Then the time finally came for Cindy and me to fly to Greece and Rome and tour some of the sites where the Apostle Paul traveled on his mission journeys. This was a trip we had been planning for two years, and I must admit, it lived up to our expectations and more. We enjoyed getting to know others on the tour and saw such amazing sites. For a discount on the tour, I agreed to lead some bus and site devotions, which was a wonderful privilege. We came home with great memories, a few souvenirs, and some facts and stories that will aid me in my future preaching and teaching.

Finally, the last week in September, we traveled to New Hampshire to attend a wedding, visit family and friends, and enjoy peak of the fall foliage for which New England is so famous. Upon our return from New England, I was back in the office and resuming most of my pastoral responsibilities.

In this time away, Cindy and I enjoyed attending other churches in this area, having a chance to see the way others worshipped the Lord and enjoying the fellowship of the wider Church.

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My sabbatical was also a rare opportunity for me to dedicate a good block of time to work on daily devotional material. I realized something during my personal study: In the last few years, I've become such a liturgy geek. The word, "liturgy" comes from a Greek word that simply means, "worship." A liturgy is a guide used for worship, whether it refers to the order of worship we use on Sunday or the order of worship for daily worship. Shortly after the COVID pandemic, I began to use a daily liturgy by Jonathan Gibson titled, *Be Thou My Vision*. It is based on liturgies developed by the Protestant Reformers and was written to provide Christians a form or guide for daily worship and prayer. Ever since adopting that liturgy, my walk with the Lord has changed dramatically. God has used this devotional liturgy to draw me closer to Him with a consistency and intensity that for so many years had escaped me. Initially, I was only using Gibson's liturgy, repeating the 31-day cycle over month after month. I decided that if/when I took a sabbatical leave, I would attempt to write a personal 31-day liturgy for daily devotions. For a majority of these last three months, my morning routine has been to go to a library or coffee shop and spend three to four hours of research, reading, and writing. I sought out prayers of the church fathers and reformers, chose Bible passages that supported the various components of the daily order of worship (i.e., Adoration, Confession, and Pardon, Daily Bible Readings, etc.), and began to develop the daily liturgy. I completed the project and enjoyed teaching a class in October, explaining the value of using a daily liturgy for personal devotions and handing out this liturgy to those who attended the class. This liturgy is readily available to all who would like to try using a daily liturgy. We will also soon be putting the class videos on our church website for anyone who would like to learn more about the history and use of a daily liturgy.

Thank you, Church family, for giving me this opportunity to take time away from the church to rest, reflection, and restoration. I pray and trust that the benefits of a sabbatical leave will become clear to you - even if you may still be a bit skeptical and think that I was just taking a long vacation. Regardless of how you feel about sabbaticals, please know that Cindy and I were unbelievably blessed and are so very grateful to you for all the prayers and support you offered while we were away. Oh, and did I mention how good it is to be back?

In God's Grace, 
Pastor Kevin

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. This year, both holiday offerings will go towards the Medical Benevolence Fund (MBF) to provide assistance with medical premiums for ministers in need. In times of grief or hardship, this financial support serves as a meaningful expression of care and encouragement for these devoted shepherds. Thank you for your support of these special causes in EPC life!

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



Santorini, Greece



From the Island of Patmos



NOVEMBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 STANDARD TIME BEGINS 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	3 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	4 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga	5 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	6 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga 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. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	10 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 11:00 a.m. C.E. Meeting	11 VETERANS DAY 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	12 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 1:30 p.m. Game Day	13 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga 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 1:30 p.m. Jim Pool & Jeri Stocker Wedding at WPC
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23 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service With Ve Iglesia 11:30 a.m. Meal	24 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	25 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class Chair Yoga	26 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class		28 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	29 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Advent Workshop
30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Gratitude Bag Sunday</i>						

Financial Report: Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION	SEPTEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2024
Total Assets	\$106,328.53	\$231,013.89
Total Liabilities	\$1,335.00	-\$555.00
Total Net Assets	\$107,663.53	\$231,568.89
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$106,328.53	\$231,013.89

November Prayer Families



Week of...

November 2 Randy & Carol Brown
Lloyd Walton
November 9 Debbie Caffall
Steve & Cindy Wallace
November 16 Cliff Campbell
Matt Tricola
November 23 Chet Chafton
Sean Taylor
November 30 Janet Clock
Steve Taxon



November Sermons

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

1 Peter 1

- 2 – *The Blessing of Salvation*, 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 9 – *The Blessing of Sharing the Blessing*
1 Peter 1:10-12
- 16 – *The Blessing of a Changed Life*
1 Peter 1:13-21
- 23 – *The Blessing of Love*, 1 Peter 1:22-25
(a Thanksgiving service with Ve Iglesia)
- 30 – First Sunday of Advent

TRUTH RISING

CHOOSE TO SEE...CHOOSE TO
BELIEVE...CHOOSE TO ACT

We are living at an epic turning point – one where our society will either renew or collapse. That is why Focus on the Family and the Colson Center are excited to introduce TRUTH RISING - a powerful 90-minute documentary film examining the decline of truth in our Western Civilization.

This groundbreaking film will expose the civilizational crisis shaking the foundations of faith, identity, and morality. This timely documentary equips you to embrace your calling in a civilizational moment – seeking the truth as reality, not opinion.

TRUTH RISING features bold perspectives of prominent speakers from all over the world. It is hosted by Oz Guinness. This is an important and critical film which addresses the major challenges that are facing our country and Western civilization. It is a challenge to be informed and also to act.

We are showing the film after church this Sunday, November 2. Starting the following Sunday, November 9, we will be having a 4-part teaching series as a part of our adult Sunday School and 'What's Now' Classes.

For more information, go to TruthRising.com.

You can also view this online.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Gary & Janet Oyer
- 3 Elaine Blair
- 14 Sam LaPore
- 17 Pat Clock
- 17 Jim Pool
- 19 Samuel & Jennica Jouwsma
- 23 Jim & Elaine Blair
- 27 Goni Laseke

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



Shining Star Bazaar is almost here!

Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. is the big day of our bazaar. **We will be selling your handmade craft items and homemade baked goods, and providing an excellent lunch of homemade soups, home baked rolls, and a cookie.**

It is going to be a busy and fun day! We also have various community vendors selling their wares, and there is still table space available if you know of someone who might like to rent a table to sell their goods! Applications are on our website and also on Facebook along with additional information. Questions? See Janet Syring.

As you can imagine, an event this big will need lots of helpers! **There will be a sign-up sheet for the various areas needing volunteers.** We will begin getting ready on Friday, November 21, 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. Bring them to lunch, too!

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



Thank you for your donations and help in preparing the Shoeboxes.



Jim Pool & Jeri Stocker Wedding Announcement

We are pleased to announce the wedding of Jim Pool and Jeri Stocker, on November 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian Church.

The church family is invited to join this blessed celebration. If you plan to attend, please place your name on the sign-up sheet that is on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

Coming in January!

The new year is almost here! This year, at the Annual Meeting and Potluck, in January, will be the return of the Service Auction and Basket Auction! So much fun!

What is a Service Auction? You know you are a gifted and unique person, right? This is your chance to share your gift with someone else! What is your specialty? Can you teach someone how to knit or quilt? How about taking someone fishing? Maybe you would like to help someone organize their kitchen, or help plant their garden or ??? The list is never ending! Start thinking about sharing one of your talents with someone! Be watching for more information to come!

Your Fellowship Committee

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Save the Date

.....*For These Upcoming Events!*

- Standard Time Begins, November 2
- Shining Star Bazaar, November 22,
9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.
- Hanging of the Greens (upstairs) &
Advent Workshop (Fellowship Hall),
November 29, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



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