

**MARCH 2026**

**Happenings**

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## Save the Date

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

- Men's Breakfast, Saturday, March 14, 9-11 a.m.  
Sign up now. \$5.00
- Easter Sunday-April 5: Breakfast, 9 a.m. & Service, 10 a.m.
- Women's Tea, Saturday, April 25, 12-2 p.m.
- Mother's Day Celebration, May 10

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## A Key to Security!

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The Stewardship Committee recently met with two officers from the Woodland Police Department to further discuss the security of our building and review our safety protocols. The purpose of this meeting was to ensure that our facility remains safe and secure for all occupants.

One of the main suggestions from the discussion was to update the door key system used for our facility. As a result, we anticipate that the current door keys will soon be replaced. Please note that once the new system is implemented, your current keys will no longer function. Updates will be provided as the process moves forward, so please look for further announcements.

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## Outdoor Clean-up Day

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Ready for spring? On Saturday, **March 7**, (weather permitting) beginning at 9 a.m., we will be spreading bark dust around the church and perking up the grounds surrounding our campus. Many hands make light work! Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Now, we know this is the Pacific Northwest! If it is going to rain on March 7, we will reschedule for March 21. Great to have a back up plan!

Hope to see you there!

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## Mike & Tammy, Missionaries

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Please pray for missionaries, Mike and Tammy who are working in Southeast Asia supported by EPCWO through churches like ours. Their goal is "for the Glory of God, seeing all peoples worshipping and following Christ."

They are asking for prayer in the following areas at this time: Their five-day spiritual retreat combined with a visit to fellow workers—they pray to be an encouragement to them. Mike requests prayer for his health as he is dealing with some issues. Pray for them to glorify the Lord during neighbor visits and road trips to other districts. They have a pastor friend who desires to initiate a prayer movement in their area.

Please include Mike and Tammy in your daily devotional/prayer time as they face many challenges. Your prayers of encouragement will bless them and help grow the Kingdom of God.

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- Pies for Guys, Sunday, **June 21**
- Rummage Sale, Friday, **August 7**, 9-3 p.m. & Saturday, **August 8**, 9-1 p.m.
- Church Picnic, Sunday, **September 13**, 11:30-2:00 p.m.
- Men's Dinner, Saturday, **October 17**, 5:30 p.m.
- Church Bazaar, Saturday, **November 21**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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## Collecting Shoebox Items

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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, toothbrushes, comb, hairbrush, deodorant)

June-Toys

July-Clothing items (socks, shoes, t-shirts, dresses...)

August-School supplies

September-Games

October-Letter & photo

November-\$10 Donation for postage

December-Prayer



## Financial Report: Summary

<u>FINANCIAL POSITION</u>	<u>JANUARY 2026</u>	<u>DECEMBER 2025</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$83,302.91	\$88,670.59
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$1,880.00	\$12,625.00
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$81,422.91	\$76,045.59
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	\$83,302.91	\$88,670.59

## Praying for Persecuted Christians

Many of us feel a deep, heavy sense of helplessness when we hear about our brothers and sisters in Christ suffering persecution across the globe. While we may not be able to physically stand beside them, we can close the distance through prayer—I Corinthians 12:26 “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” Here are some ways to support our missionaries:

1. Pray for the encouragement from the Lord and a strong relationship Him. Pray that their faith would remain strong and they would not lose heart.
2. Pray for strength to endure and they would remain faithful. One leader said, “Don’t pray for persecution to stop. Don’t pray for a lighter load, pray for a stronger back.”
3. Pray that they would show the love of Christ to those who persecute them.
4. Pray that they would glorify God in their suffering.
5. Pray for strong leaders who can lead the churches.
6. Pray that those who persecute will come to faith in Christ. No one is beyond the love of God.
7. Pray for the families. They are often left to fend for themselves as the bread winners are often away preaching the gospel, in prison, or even dead.
8. Pray the church will grow both in strength and numbers.

These are the top five countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution:

1. North Korea: The most dangerous place, where owning a Bible or practicing faith leads to execution, or, at best, forced labor camps.
2. Somalia: Christians, especially those from Muslim backgrounds, face immediate, often fatal, targeting by extremists.
3. Yemen: Faith must be kept strictly secret, with severe discrimination and danger for converts.
4. Sudan: Christians face high levels of violence and legal restrictions, with church closures and attacks.
5. Eritrea: Christians in unregistered groups face arbitrary detention and torture, often called the “North Korea of Africa.”



### March Sermons

- 1 – *David’s Son and David’s Lord*  
Mark 12:35-37
- 8 – *Big-Headed Scribes and a Big-Hearted Widow*  
Mark 12:38-44
- 15 – *Then and Now*, Mark 13:1-8
- 22 – *A Preview of Coming Distractions*  
Mark 13:14-23
- 29 – (*Palm Sunday*) *Do Not Be Surprised*  
Mark 13:24-37

### March Prayer Families

#### **Week of...**

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| March | 1  | Donna Gosney<br>LaVerna Ruckman                      |
| March | 8  | Chuck & Patty Graybill<br>Debbie Robinson            |
| March | 15 | Linda Green<br>Jennifer Rice                         |
| March | 22 | Darin & Sally Hager<br>Dave & Shirley Reed           |
| March | 29 | Dale Hanley<br>Magdalena, Ramirez &<br>George Okiyih |





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga  5:45 p.m. Lenten Series	<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. CE Mtg 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>7</b> 9-12 p.m. WPC Clean- up Day 10 a.m. Worship Committee Mtg
<b>8</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga  5:45 p.m. Lenten Series	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  1:30 p.m. Game Day	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  10 a.m. Fellowship Comm Mtg	<b>14</b> 9 a.m Men's Breakfast  10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>17</b> STPATRICK'S DAY 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:45 p.m. Lenten Series 	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>20</b> SPRING BEGINS 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga  5:45 p.m. Lenten Series	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>29</b> PALM SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Gratitude Bag Sunday</i>	<b>30</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>31</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga  5:45 p.m. Lenten Series				

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<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58, ESV).

By all means, celebrate the temporary victories, but more importantly, let us *truly cherish* the imperishable crown and offer endless praise and adulation to the Victor who has secured that lasting triumph for us and has invited us to join the triumphal celebration that never ends!

In His Grace, ✝  
Pastor Kevin

## Faith That Blooms Anew

“Why are you anxious?” asked our Lord. Then He said, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” (Matthew 6:28-29, NIV)

Jesus’ words remind us that just



as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives. People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter’s gray. God’s reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:  
*God does not send strange flowers every year,  
When the Spring wind blows o’er the pleasant places,  
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,  
The violet is here.*

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.

From *TheNewsletterNewsletter*

## Thank you Juanita Operation Christmas Child

We have been blessed by the faithful leadership of Juanita over the past several years. Her dedication to organizing our **Operation Christmas Child** has been a true labor of love, touching countless lives of children all over the world. We cannot thank her enough for her time, energy, and compassionate heart.

As Juanita steps back from supervising this ministry, we are looking for new leadership. If the thought of taking this on solo feels like too much responsibility, we encourage you to team up with a friend. This role is perfect for a duo who wants to serve together, sharing the tasks and the joy of ministry. The best part? Juanita has offered to stay on as a guiding hand to help with the transition.

We are eager to continue this vital mission, so we are asking everyone to fill a box with specific supplies/gifts each month. A new list of requested items is now available for the coming months.

### Get Involved on March 15!

Interested in taking over supervision? Or ready for packing your first box? Please join us **after services on Sunday, March 15**. Boxes and instructions for packing will be available in the foyer.

Let us celebrate Juanita’s incredible service and embrace the next chapter of this ministry together!



## March Birthdays & Anniversaries



6	Richard Long
14	Jim & Marilyn Miller
15	Richard Benney
17	Jason & Sarah Wolk
19	Marilyn Miller
21	Joe Bozorth
22	John & Cynthia Svensson
31	Dale Boon

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



**EXALT**

**EQUIP**

**ENGAGE**

Sunday Worship  
Worship: 10 a.m. (in person or  
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## WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

#### **A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT**

What a great start to 2026 this has been for the avid sports fan. Just a month ago, we in the Pacific Northwest were celebrating a Super Bowl championship, capping off a stellar season for the Seattle Seahawks. I was especially happy for those in our church family who are the true and faithful fans. Each season they pour their lives into rooting for their team and more often than not, the season closes short of achieving that coveted prize – that Vince Lombardi Trophy - that stands as the crowning symbol of ultimate NFL achievement. But, for Seahawk fans, this year was different.

If football is not your thing, what about the Winter Olympics! So many wonderful stories of how members of Team USA overcame adversity to secure a medal in the winter competitions. Perhaps the most spectacular wins were recorded by the Women's and Men's Hockey teams, both having defeated the very talented 'neighbor to the north' to win the gold. Celebrations are still going on as the wins entered into the record books only a few days ago.

Sports may not be your thing, but most likely, whatever captures your interest (music, theater, science, writing, spelling, etc.), there is most likely a competition associated with your area of interest with awards regularly given out to the top contenders of said field. And no doubt, you find yourself rooting for and celebrating your favorite 'champions.'

Which all brings me to the point of this article. Though celebrating great victories is a **momentous** occasion, I think there is a reason that the word "moment" is the root of a word that is often used to describe special, celebratory events. Momentous achievements - such as Superbowl championships, Olympic triumphs, and other great human accomplishments, while worth celebrating, are always fleeting. The tickertape parade is always a memory to cherish, but the following day, all that remains of the celebration is a pile of tape to be swept up and discarded. I don't mean to 'rain on your parade,' but someone needs to help keep a proper perspective when it comes to human victories (and defeats, I might add). Fortunately for me, I'm not the one

on whom this responsibility falls. The Apostle Paul, who no doubt sat as a spectator of athletic games in his day, made the point for us:

*<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.* 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (ESV)

It is good and right to enjoy the temporary human achievements that we experience in this world, but we ought to do so remembering that there is an eternal victory that we ought to celebrate continuously. Again, Paul guides us as he exclaims, *<sup>27</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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