

**APRIL 2026**

**Happenings**



## **Ladies' Tea**

*.....Porcelain & Lace Tea Party*

*Join us for our Porcelain & Lace Tea, on Saturday,  
April 25, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Tickets are just \$10 per person and are on sale now.  
This event is for ladies of any age, including our little ones.*



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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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## EPC Missionaries Supporting Pastoral Training in South Asia

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Imagine leading a church where you have very little access to the basics. Of the 227 people groups in this region (undisclosed to protect missionaries), 96% are unreached (Joshua Project 2024).

This missionary couple teaches one-week courses with a concise version of evangelical theology that works cross-culturally and across denominations. Pastor-leaders often ride motorcycles 10 hours through mountainous terrain to bring this teaching to other pastors in remote areas.

N and K are dedicating their lives to training these leaders. They are providing essential Bible training, building up pastors to maturely lead their congregations and to withstand significant spiritual challenges.

By joining their mailing list, you are directly supporting the strengthening of the church in one of the most challenging, yet spiritually ripe, areas of the world. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer.

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## Save the Date

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### 2026 Upcoming Events at WPC

- Good Friday Service, April 3, 7 p.m.
- Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 5, 9 a.m. & Service, 10 a.m.
- Women's Tea, Saturday, April 25, 12-2 p.m.
- Mother's Day Celebration, Sunday, May 10
- 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

FINANCIAL POSITION	FEBRUARY 2026	DECEMBER 2025
Total Assets	\$83,719.79	\$88,670.59
Total Liabilities	-\$3,345.00	\$12,625.00
Total Net Assets	\$87,064.79	\$76,045.59
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$83,719.79	\$88,670.59

## Praying for Persecuted Christians

To continue our series of praying for persecuted Christians, we are including the next five top countries:

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 with 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:

6. **Nigeria** – A Christian dies nearly every two hours on average.
7. **Pakistan** – Every Christian is a second-class citizen and faces discrimination in every aspect of life.
8. **Sudan** – Christians are caught in the crossfire of war. Islamic extremists have a renewed foothold in the country.
9. **Iran** – Being a Christian is a “crime against national security.”
10. **Afghanistan** – If an Afghan’s Christian faith is discovered, it can be a death sentence, or they can be tortured into giving information about fellow believers.



### April Sermons

- 5 – (Easter Sunday) *Buried Treasure*  
Mark 14:1-11
- 12 – *Dinner by Design*  
Mark 14:12-25
- 19 – *Denying Denial*, Mark 14:26-31
- 26 – *The Garden of Sorrow*  
Mark 14:32-42



## April Prayer Families

### Week of...

- April 5 Harry & Barbara Harlow  
Jim & Jeri Pool
- April 12 Bob & Pam Hasbrouck  
Judy Peterson
- April 19 Trudy Haveman  
Virginia Pennington
- April 26 Mark & Liz Hover  
Dick Pedersen





# APRIL 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 11:00 a.m. CE Mtg 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>3 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	<b>4</b>
<b>5 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 1:30 p.m. Game Day	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10 a.m. Fellowship Comm Mtg Work Party	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10 a.m. Fellowship Comm Mtg 11 a.m. Tea Set-up	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts <b>12-2 p.m. Ladies Tea</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Gratitude Bag Sunday</i>	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	<b>29</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>30</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir		

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This means having faith in Jesus and all that He has done for us, we no longer must decorate our burial place with items that hide the reality of death. We can cease filling up our caskets with provisions that will never be consumed after we have breathed our last breath. No longer do we need to view the earthly grave as our “final resting place.” If we are united with Christ, what is true about Him is also true about us: “We are not here (in the grave), we are risen with Christ just as He said!” That might be a worthy epitaph to put on our gravestone in order testify to any visitors who, by their own devices, may still be foolishly trying to defy or deny death. Jesus alone has conquered the grave and therefore, if we have placed our trust in Him, we will truly and eternally rest in His peace.

In God's Grace,   
Pastor Kevin



## April Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 9  | Jason Wolk    |
| 15 | Laura Long    |
| 17 | Trudy Haveman |
| 26 | Janet Syring  |

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

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## Missionary, Carolyn Ford

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February 2026 Letter

*“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.”*

Psalm 67:1-2 (NIV)

My sister Peggy continues on Hospice care. She is no longer able to get around much, even in her home. I am so grateful for her husband Charlie, and her children and grandchildren who help her. I talk with her on the phone pretty much daily. The conversations are short, as she tires easily. Still, God's grace is evident to all of us. Thank you for your continued prayers as Peggy looks forward to going Home to Jesus.

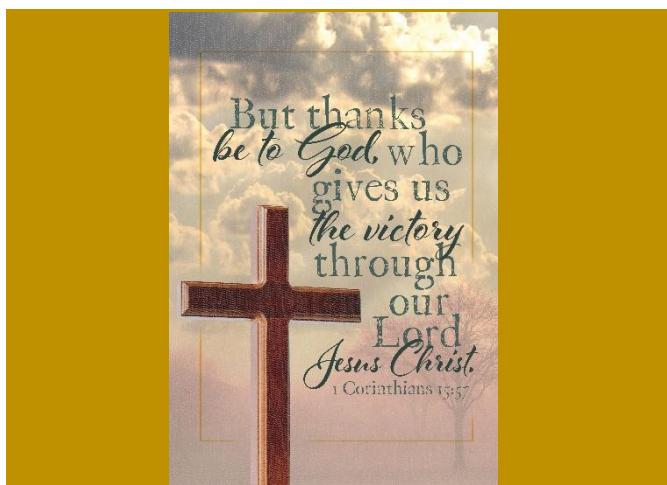
Work on my memoirs has not progressed as I had hoped. I continue to covet your prayers for the Lord's ordering of my priorities, and for mental and emotional strength to work on the memoirs.

The Tsara New Testament is one of three that Wycliffe Ethiopia has sent to the publisher. Praise God! Please pray for the printing, shipping, and safe arrival of these precious books. Matt completed the online typesetting course and had a part in typesetting the New Testaments. He is now checking the translation of John's Gospel into the Komo language, which is spoken by an estimated 25,000 to 30,000 people in three countries – Ethiopia, Sudan, and South Sudan. Praise God for the number of Bible translation projects, which has accelerated rapidly over the past several years. Not only that, but many of the most useful linguistic tools are now available in at least 10 languages, which makes them accessible to many more translators. My niece and her husband tell me that there may be a translation of Scripture into the heart language of every people group on earth within their lifetime (they are almost 40 years younger than I am, but that is still very exciting!).

Thank you so much for your part in our ongoing SIMUSA missionary ministry.

Let all that I am praise the LORD!

Carolyn Ford





**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 ✠

#### **DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE IN THE GRAVE**

<sup>5</sup> **But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.**

<sup>6</sup> **He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.** Matthew 28:5-6 (ESV)

Every year, people all over the world spend millions (billions?) of dollars trying to defy and deny death. We pay for procedures and products that come with the "fountain of youth" guarantee: that we can greatly slow down the aging process. While there may be some truth or benefit to adopting a healthier lifestyle, we all know that we cannot stop the process of death in these earthly bodies of ours.

There are many stories of those who, when realizing they were near death, made provisions to ensure that they had a way out of the grave. One article tells the tale of Timothy Clark Smith who "wasn't satisfied with just one of the usual precautions like installing a bell above his gravesite that he could ring from inside his coffin. His whole tomb was a precaution — he had the bell, but he also had a breathing tube and a staircase, you know, in case he felt able to walk out of his grave after waking up. The most notable precaution was the installation of a window, which was placed six feet

*above his face so visitors could look down and confirm that he was, in fact, dead. Smith still lies in the same grave, so evidently his fears didn't amount to anything, which is kind of unfortunate in retrospect. And over the years, the window fogged up, so he's finally got some privacy, too."*

Still another account is that of Socialite Sandra West who wanted to drive her Ferrari through the Pearly Gates. "She made absolutely sure that her afterlife wishes would be carried out when she made up her last will and testament. Amongst her demands: She wanted to be buried in her 1964 powder-blue Ferrari 330 America "with the seat slanted comfortably." (<https://www.grunge.com/264190/historys-most-bizarre-burials/>)

I guess that it is not much different from the tombs of the Pharaohs, the ancient Chinese emperors, and other rich and powerful dignitaries throughout history - buried with artifacts and provisions to sustain and entertain them in the afterlife.

But, when we get down to the truth, there is nothing we can do to

escape the inevitable – earthly death is a reality. In Ecclesiastes 3:20 (ESV), the Preacher gives an apt description of our end, even if we try to defy death: <sup>20</sup> **All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.** We may make plans to decorate our tombs, both outside and inside, trying to convince ourselves - and others - that we are still alive even though our casket-bearing tomb tells a different story. We deceive ourselves and others through these kinds of futile practices.

This is what makes the announcement by the angels in Matthew 28:6 so powerful: "**He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.**" There is only One who could do the impossible – defeat the last and greatest enemy – death. And the promise of the resurrection is extended to all who have union with Christ.

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