

MAY 2026

Happenings

UpComing Events

- **May 7** – National Day of Prayer, 12-1 p.m. at Horseshoe Lake Park
Gather with other Christians at Horseshoe Park in Woodland, as we pray for our community and our nation.
- **May 10** – Mother’s Day Celebration, following Worship
- **June 21** – “Pies for Guys” (Father’s Day), following Worship
- **August 7-8** – Rummage Sale at WPC
- **September 13** – Church Picnic, following Worship



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Shared Hope Ministries

This year, **Shared Hope** is focusing on *Keep Our Kids Safe*, a growing initiative centered on community-based prevention and early intervention that equips communities to recognize grooming, understand online risks, and step in before exploitation takes hold. It's a powerful reminder that protecting children isn't just the work of a few. Everyone has a role to play in the fight against trafficking. When a whole community understands how traffickers operate, children become much harder to manipulate and abuse.

Currently, Shared Hope has a *Matching Challenge*. Any donation you make will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$170,000 total. Please prayerfully consider how you might help support this important mission of our community and church.



We Remember

More than 150 years ago, **Memorial Day** took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.

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Save the Date

2026 Upcoming Events at WPC

- 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.

Calling All Chefs & Bakers...

Do you like to cook or bake?
We are looking for people to volunteer to help provide a light meal or dessert during our fellowship time this summer, while Goni's away.
We will have a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

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, 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>MARCH 2026</u>	<u>DECEMBER 2025</u>
Total Assets	\$80,439.17	\$88,670.59
Total Liabilities	-\$2,490.00	\$12,625.00
Total Net Assets	\$82,929.17	\$76,045.59
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$80,439.17	\$88,670.59

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp 2026

**Send a Student to the Best Week
of Their Summer!**

Church Family! We are thrilled to partner with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) to get our local student-athletes to camp, and your help is needed to make it happen.

Why FCA Camp?

FCA Camp is not just about sports; it's about "Inspiration and Perspiration." It is a high-energy, high-impact environment where kids are removed from the routine of daily life and placed in a setting focused on growing in their faith.

The Stats Prove It: This is the Prime Age!

Studies (Barna Group Research and FCA) show that the teenage years are crucial for spiritual development. FCA camps are designed to reach students right when they are making major life decisions. Last year, **over 53,000 students made decisions to follow Christ** at FCA camps, and thousands more were equipped to be spiritual leaders on their campuses. Your support is a direct investment in the next generation of Christian leaders.

Your Impact: "The Power of Multiplication"

When you sponsor a camper, you aren't just paying for a trip; you are transforming a life. One week at camp can change a student's trajectory forever, impacting their family, school, and team when they return.

How You Can Help (Cost: \$399 per student)

We want to send as many students as possible. WPC has sent at least 12 students each year to camp over the last few summers. Whether you can cover a whole camper or part of one, your generosity makes a difference. Please write checks out to **Woodland Presbyterian Church with FCA in the memo**. If you are giving cash, label the **envelope for FCA**. Any amount is appreciated! As a faith-funded ministry, FCA relies on the generosity of local churches like ours to make these opportunities possible.

- **Full Camper Sponsorship: \$399**
- **Half Camper Sponsorship: \$199.50**
- **Quarter Camper Sponsorship: \$99.75**



May Sermons

- 3 – *Trial and Error*
Mark 14:53-65
- 10 – *(Mother's Day) Plausible Deniability*
Mark 14:66-72
- 17 – *Nathan Hager – Guest preacher*
- 24 – *A Trial and a Trade*
Mark 15:1-15
- 31 – *Such a Dying Shame*
Mark 15:16-32

May Prayer Families



Week of...

- May 3 Rita Hudson, Miranda
Steven & Kari Paulson
- May 10 Sue Jenkins
Gary & Janet Oyer
- May 17 Clyde & Sharron Johnson
Joey & Sarah Ostrand
- May 24 Sam & Jennica Jouwsma,
George, Meagan, Jack
Bob & Ann Norton
David, Danielle, Kristin
- May 31 Jeanne Kaschmitter
Frank & Valerie Nichols



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	2
			NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 7, 12-1 P.M. HORSESHOE PARK			
3 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	4 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	5 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:00 p.m. Meet & Greet Mike & Tammy	6 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	7 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	8 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	9 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
10 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	11 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	12 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg	13 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 1:30 p.m. Game Day	14 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	15 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	16
17 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	18 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	19 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:00 p.m. Outreach 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg	20 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	21 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	22 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10 a.m. Fellowship Mtg	23 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
24 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	25 MEMORIAL DAY 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	26 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	27 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	28 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 10 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	29 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	30
31 9:00 a.m. S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Gratitude Bag Sunday</i>						

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will not leave us or forsake us. As we actively seek Him, trust Him, and turn to Him in prayer, God prepares us for those times when we will “hit the wall” in life. The Lord’s words to Joshua in Joshua 1:8-9 is a prescription for actively “waiting on the Lord.”⁸ *“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”*⁹ *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

As we run the race of faith, here is the truth about the One who will sustain us and who assures us that He will bring us over the finish line: *“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.”* Therefore, let us actively train ourselves to wait upon the Lord.

In God’s Grace,
Pastor Kevin



Honoring 50 Years of Faith

A Visit with Carolyn Ford



Pastor Kevin and I had the privilege of meeting with Carolyn Ford recently. She was in Woodland due to the passing of her sister, Peggy. She wanted the opportunity to thank WPC for supporting her ministry for nearly 50 years! Though her seasons of active travel with SIM (a ministry dedicated to reaching the unreached) have passed, her ministry is far from over. Carolyn is a prayer warrior, and she is a testament to the truth that prayer is the primary missionary activity. She is also writing her memoirs so she can share her experiences and knowledge with others. Please keep Carolyn in your prayers, as she is having difficulty with her eyesight, making the work on her memoirs a little difficult.

“I thank my God every time I remember you.”

Philippians 1:3

Consoler, Healer, Guide

Holy Spirit, Lord divine,
Come from heights of heav’n and shine,
Come with blessed radiance bright!
Come, O Father of the poor,
Come, whose treasured gifts endure,
Come, our heart’s unfailing light!
Of consolers, wisest, best,
And our souls’ most welcome guest,
Sweet refreshment, sweet repose.
In our labor rest most sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Consolation in our woes. ...

Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin,
Arid souls refresh within,
Wounded lives to health restore!
Bend the stubborn heart and will,
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,
Guide the wayward home once more!

—12th-century hymn

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May Birthdays & Anniversaries



7	Liz Hover
10	Carol Brown
11	Cindy Leach
11	Jennica Jouwsma
12	Jason Snider
15	Donna Gosney
20	Sarah Lail
20	Janet Oyer
25	Melinda McTaggart
29	Thom Mattison

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



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† From the Pastor's Desk †

THE RACE OF A LIFETIME

It happened this past weekend in the United Kingdom. Sebastian Sawe of Kenya became the first human to run a marathon in under two hours! The first three runners to cross the finish line of this past weekend's London Marathon all broke the previous world record of 2:00.35 (which was set in 2023).

This was an amazing feat and will be marked in history as a significant milestone in marathon achievements. How is this possible? Certainly, there is the matter of the talents that one is born with – something we recognize as “God-given” gifts. Yet, there are other factors – a rigorous training regimen, an enhanced diet, constant refining of physical and mental techniques, and even an ever-advancing improvement of running equipment. The spectators who come out to watch the marathon probably think very little about all that goes into breaking a record. They just watch in amazement the raw will and talent on display. However, there are so many factors that are involved in smashing records that once were deemed impossible to break.

There is a well-known and beloved Bible passage that invokes the language of running. It is found in Isaiah 40:28-31 (ESV) ***Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.***

“Waiting for the Lord” is often falsely identified as a passive posture – a “Let go and let God” mentality. However, I would suggest that there is nothing passive about waiting upon the Lord. Just like the marathon runner must train, so too those who wait upon the Lord must train by actively pursuing the Lord day after day. In order to wait upon the Lord, we must grow in our trust and in understanding of our complete dependence upon Him. The marathon runner will never

achieve his or her goals by just thinking about running or by just repeating a mantra, “I am a winning marathon runner.” Likewise, a Christian who is only thinking about faith but not actively living out a life of faith, it merely pretending. Like James reminds us, ***Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*** (James 1:22, ESV). To truly “wait upon the Lord,” we must train ourselves to trust in the Lord and in His Word even in those times when the lies of the evil one try to convince us that God will not come through and He will abandon us. A marathon runner often will “hit the wall” – the moment when your body is spent and your mind becomes convinced that you cannot make it. In those moments, the runner needs to consume some “fuel,” stay hydrated, and mentally must recall the goal of finishing the race. So too, in order to effectively wait upon the Lord, we must be in constant training in God's Word and find nourishment in His presence, recalling His promises that He

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