

**JULY 2026**

**Happenings**

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## Summer Reading Quest

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**Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., June 30-August 11**

Please join us on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, for the reading of Prince Caspian.

We will begin with dinner, from 6:00-6:40 p.m., and then will listen to Mark Hover as he reads two chapters a night from Prince Caspian.

All ages are encouraged to attend, and invite your friends to join us as well.

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## Missions

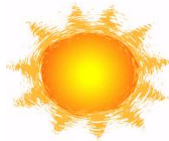
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### FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP

Frontier Fellowship is a missions organization dedicated to bringing the gospel to frontier areas, that is, to areas in the world where the Good News of Jesus is largely absent. Their vision is to create an indigenous church for every people and to give every church a missions vision. They are committed to invite, educate, inspire, engage and equip the followers of Jesus to embrace their God-given role and makes the name of Jesus known among every nation, tribe, people and language.

### MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION

The Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) is one of the mission organizations that Woodland Presbyterian has supported for many years. The MBF promotes the good news of Jesus by providing medical care for those in impoverished communities suffering from acute and chronic illness. In providing medical care to the poor they strive to give those they serve the opportunity to discover and develop a lifelong relationship with God. The good news is modelled and shared in culturally sensitive ways. By providing quality medical care to the poor and disadvantaged, they model the love of Jesus which opens hearts and minds to hear the good news of Jesus.



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## Dayspring Trip

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Please join us on Friday, July 17  
for our next Dayspring activity.

We will be headed to Long Beach, Washington  
for the 2026 Sand Castle Competition.

The vans will leave the church parking lot at  
9 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Van ride cost: \$10.

Bring money for lunch.

If you're interested, please sign up in the  
Narthex.

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## Save the Date

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### 2026 Upcoming Events at WPC

- Rummage Sale, Friday, **August 7**, 9-4 p.m.  
& Saturday, **August 8**, 9-1 p.m.
- Church Picnic, Sunday, **September 13**,  
11:30-2:00 p.m.
- Women's Cannon Beach Conference,  
Friday-Sunday, **October 2-4**,
- 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.

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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>MAY 2026</u>	<u>DECEMBER 2025</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$112,623.96	\$88,670.59
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-\$235.00	\$12,625.00
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$112,858.96	\$76,045.59
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	\$112,623.96	\$88,670.59



## July Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Betsy Lessard
- 4 Mike Ferguson
- 8 Claralee Brannan
- 10 Dave & Shirley Reed
- 12 Margaret Sukkari
- 16 Chet Chafton
- 19 Patty Graybill
- 20 Mark & Liz Hover
- 28 John Svensson
- 30 Jim & Karen Wilson

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



## July Sermons

- 5 – *Preparation for Ministry*  
Acts 18:18-28
- 12 – *Pentecost Comes to Ephesus*  
Acts 19:1-10
- 19 – *Ain't Nothin' Like the Real Thing!*  
Acts 19:11-20
- 26 – *The Riot Place at the Riot Time*  
Acts 19:21-41



## July Prayer Families

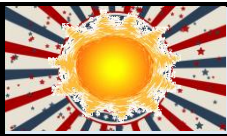
### Week of...

- July 5 Goni Laseke  
Melinda McTaggart
- July 12 Kevin & Cindy Leach  
Curtis & Rebecca McDonald
- July 19 Betsy Lessard  
Rick May
- July 26 Richard Licata & Richard A,  
Lucille H, Elizabeth N  
Thom Mattison & Noah,  
Isabella, Isaiah



*Happy 4th of July*





# JULY 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>4</b>  <i>Happy 4th of July</i>
<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga  <b>6-7:30 p.m. Reading Quest</b>	<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. Bible Study	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<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 & Deacons Mtgs <b>6-7:30 p.m. Reading Quest</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  9 a.m. DaySpring Trip to Long Beach	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 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>6-7:30 p.m. Reading Quest</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. FC Mtg	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>26</b> 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>6-7:30 p.m. Reading Quest</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>30</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>31</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	

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do not enjoy back in their home country. They are openly displaying ...gratitude! Here they are - guests from other nations who are recognizing and experiencing the many freedoms and benefits of our nation (the same freedoms and benefits I take for granted daily) - AND here am I, a US citizen who is just a few days away from celebrating our 250<sup>th</sup> birthday as a nation, grumbling and discouraged. And the Spirit of God reminds me to be grateful to the Lord - for the benefits and opportunities I have been given because I was born in this land. I am still learning how to be a thankful and wise steward of God's good gifts.

Even though this year's General Assembly was challenging at times, I am grateful for the EPC for many reasons: I love the elder system of church government and the "teamwork" mentality in ministry that the EPC embraces. Coordinating, planning, and serving alongside other elders suits my personality and style of leadership.

I am also grateful for our leadership in the EPC and the emphasis on prayer in all that we do - always acknowledging our personal deficiencies and seeking the mind and wisdom of Christ. Most of all, Cindy and I are so thankful that in God's sovereign plan, He brought us to you - a Congregationalist who landed in an EPC church where we have truly found a home and become part of a beautiful, godly family.

I would also add that I am learning to be more thankful to the Lord that I was born here in the USA. And I am also asking the Lord to help me to know how to use the freedoms, privileges, and opportunities that I have been given to honor Him in service to Christ.

In His Grace,  
Pastor Kevin



## **WPC Rummage Sale**

**August 7-8**

Save the date for our upcoming Rummage Sale, Friday, August 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, August 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We need donations for the sale. Items can be dropped off beginning on Wednesday, August 5, at 11:30 a.m.

## **Freedom Worth Guarding**

Because many Americans have never known life without freedom, it can be easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites, however, knew the harsh reality of slavery. Yet even after God led them out of Egypt, they struggled to embrace their newfound freedom. Faced with uncertainty, they grew fearful and complained against Moses and Aaron, longing for the familiarity of their former bondage rather than trusting God's provision.

Their story feels surprisingly familiar. As Christians, we have been set free through a far greater deliverance. Our freedom was secured at a great cost through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And yet, we sometimes drift back toward old habits, attitudes and patterns that once held us captive.

Scripture reminds us to stand firm in the freedom we have been given. As Paul writes in Galatians 5:1 (NKJV), "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

True freedom is not simply the absence of restraint. It is the opportunity to live fully in God's grace, walking in obedience, joy and purpose. This kind of freedom is worth celebrating, protecting and living out every day.

*From "Churchart"  
(Newsletter:Newsletter)*



**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 †**

**LESSONS IN GRATITUDE**

*<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

“Why is the pastor quoting this passage in the middle of summer? Isn’t this a Thanksgiving passage?” Unfortunately, we tend to store up our gratitude only to express it on a few special occasions during the year. However, giving thanks, for those who are servants of Christ, ought to be a continual expression. Among my many weaknesses, ingratitude may be near the top of the list. Complaining, being critical, and expressing my ‘superior’ opinions are my strengths. But, when it comes to being thankful, I fall very short. That is why last year, when I was developing my Daily Prayer Liturgy, I included a section at the end of each day on giving thanks. I need a continual reminder to be grateful to God and others. In the past few weeks, I have learned a few lessons about gratitude.

Lesson #1: Many of you stayed after the service to hear our report on the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Evangelical

Presbyterian Church as held in Denver, Colorado from June 16-18. It is true that there were times of discussion and debate concerning profoundly serious issues facing our denomination. A recent article written after our General Assembly suggested that this was the most divided assembly in the history of our young denomination (est. 1981). I admit, it was incredibly stressful at times. I tend to have a quick, reactionary spirit, and I often need to be reminded (chastised) by the Spirit to take a deep breath and consider how the Lord graciously works even in times of disagreement and conflict. Thinking on our experience a few weeks ago, I am so grateful for the time spent with the other commissioners from Woodland Presbyterian (and their spouses). We enjoyed deep conversations, special times of prayer, we worshipped together, and we grew in our faith. Not to mention how thankful I have been for the many friends I have made in the EPC throughout our nation and how I have been encouraged in my walk

with the Lord by my fellow presbyters. God spoke powerfully through the speakers and preachers at GA – I am thankful to God for those anointed speakers. So many times, I caught myself harboring an *attitude of ingratitude* when the Spirit would convict me by saying, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!”

Lesson #2: Have you listened to the news lately and been tempted to despair and complain? If not, check your pulse! I get so irritated and upset with all that is happening in our country. Corrupt politicians, evil people and movements destroying our land and our culture. And I do what I do best – COMPLAIN! Then the Lord directs my attention to a group of visitors who are being interviewed on TV. They are here from various parts of the world to participate in the World Cup events. They sing songs as a tribute to the USA (“*Take me home, country roads...*”), they marvel at the conveniences we enjoy here in the US that they

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