

August 2026

Happenings

Summer Reading Quest



Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Thru-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

GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL A WORLDWIDE IMPACT Changing Lives for More than 100 Years

Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20. We can't all travel to the far corners of the world, but we can all support those who can.

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments across the globe. While they are often recognized for their work with hotels, they also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations, so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not yet have discovered the Good News of the Gospel message and hope in Jesus Christ.

As one of the missions of WPC, there is a rack of Gideon cards in the Welcoming Center that are provided at no charge. Select an appropriate card from a variety of Christian greeting cards to send to a friend or loved one. Fill out the recipient's name and address, add your message and mail it, or request the Gideons mail it for you. There is a donation envelope provided to designate how many Bibles or New Testaments at \$5 each you want to donate. Thank you for your contribution to the ministry.

A Course on Sharing Our Faith

The Gideons will be offering a three-week course on sharing our faith with others, in September, during the Adult Sunday School time, September 13, 20, 27, from 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Bob Casey and Jason Wolk will be leading this class.

Plan to attend. This is a gift to our church from the Gideons.

Save the Date

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.

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

FINANCIAL POSITION	MAY 2026	DECEMBER 2025
Total Assets	\$112,623.96	\$88,670.59
Total Liabilities	-\$235.00	\$12,625.00
Total Net Assets	\$112,858.96	\$76,045.59
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$112,623.96	\$88,670.59



- 2 – *So long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye*
Acts 20:17-38
- 9 – *Prayer to Be Grounded in Christ*
Ephesians 1:15-23
- 16 – *Prayer to be Strengthened in Christ*
Ephesians 3:14-21
- 23 – *To the Ephesians, with Love*
Revelation 2:1-7



August Prayer Families

Week of...

- August 2 Richard & Laura Long,
& Jonathan, James
Jake & Rachel Marugg
- August 9 Julie Lyon, & Madeline,
Charlotte, Elsie, Lucy
Deana MacPherson
- August 16 Juanita MacMahon
Matt Tricola
- August 23 Mary Arquette
Steve & Cindy Wallace
- August 30 Yvonne Barker
Lloyd Walton



August Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Janet Clock
- 2 Jim Blair
- 5 Mike & Suzy Ferguson
- 9 Karen Wilson
- 10 Mark Hover
- 11 Randy & Carol Brown
- 16 Kevin & Cindy Leach
- 17 Acenath Morgan
- 17 Jerry Silvers
- 18 Rick & Janet Syring
- 21 Gary Oyer
- 22 David Bozorth
- 22 Donnie Shipler
- 23 Sherry Bozorth
- 23 Suzy Ferguson

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

From the
rising of the sun
to its going down
the LORD's name is
to be praised.

Psalms 113:3, NKJV





AUGUST 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	3 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	4 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6-7:30 p.m. Reading Quest	5 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 2:00 p.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	7 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Rummage Sale	8 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rummage Sale
9 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	10 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	11 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6-7:30 p.m. Reading Quest	12 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 1:30 p.m. Game Day	13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	14 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	15
16 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	17 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	18 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	19 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	21 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. FC Mtg	22 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
23 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	24 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	25 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	26 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	28 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	29 10:00 a.m. Worship Mtg
30 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Gratitude Bag Sunday</i>	31 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class					

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LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.
'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'
'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the
blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my
meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

In God's Grace,
Pastor Kevin



And the peace of God,
which surpasses all
understanding, will
guard your hearts and
your minds in
Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7, NRSV

Graduation to Glory

Steve Taxon died on July 30, 2026. His son, Steve, was with him when he passed. We give praise to God that Steve placed his trust in Christ and was baptized last year. Continue to lift up his grieving family in prayer.

I also received word that Richard Licata died on Sunday, August 2, 2026. His cancer began to rapidly progress in the last few months. We had a wonderful conversation last week, and he mentioned how thankful he was to the Lord for our church family and to express to you his love. You all were a great encouragement to him.

We will continue to update you concerning memorial service arrangements that are made for both Steve and Richard.

Grace and Peace in Our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
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.

It Is No Secret: A Song Born of Transformation

Billy Graham's public ministry gained national attention at the Rose Bowl in 1949, where a remarkable response marked the beginning of a historic movement. He returned to the same venue in November 2004, 55 years later, to commemorate that milestone.

Before the 1949 event, Billy appeared as a guest on a radio show hosted by songwriter and performer Stuart Hamblen. During the broadcast, Hamblen encouraged listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving, Billy invited Hamblen to attend as well. Though not a Christian at the time, Hamblen agreed. (His wife, however, was a believer.)

That evening, Hamblen did not go forward with others to profess faith in Christ, but he left deeply unsettled. Later that night, he went to Graham's hotel, where he shared his restless spirit. Through Billy's witness and prayer, Hamblen gave his life to the Lord.

Soon after, actor John Wayne asked him, "Stuart, what's this about you hitting the sawdust trail?"

Hamblen replied, "That's no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else."

Wayne responded, "That sounds like a song. Why don't you write one?"

And so, "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)" was born.

Hamblen later wrote many Gospel songs, once saying, "I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat."

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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

THE GIFT REVISED

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Isaiah 55:1-3 (ESV)

With surprise, you carefully untie the ribbon, unwrap the box, and open the lid to find a very expensive, beautiful gift. Questions run through your mind: "Why are you giving me this gift?", "I don't deserve something so costly and beautiful," or "I will never be able to repay you with a similar gift." Then you place the present back into the box, place the lid on top and give the gift back to the giver, with your humble response, "Thank you so much but I can't possibly accept this! It is way too expensive, and I am not worthy of such a gift."

This illustration may sound a bit contrived and unrealistic, and yet, it is often the way we respond to God when being offered the grace and love of Christ. Though we know better, we often default to our fallen nature when it comes to responding to the Lord's gracious gift that comes to us through Christ: "Thank you but I cannot

possibly accept this, because I haven't done anything to deserve this."

Every time we refuse a precious gift someone freely gives us, we fool ourselves into thinking we are displaying humility by rejecting the gift, saying, "No, I really don't deserve this and can't accept it." In reality, this is a response of pride, thinking that whatever I have in this life, I must earn. This is all the more true when it comes to God's gift of salvation.

Here's the problem that accompanies this kind of response to God's grace: **For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...** (Romans 3:23, ESV). And then later in Romans, Paul makes this familiar statement: **For the wages of sin is death, ...** (Romans 6:23a, ESV). If we insist upon claiming only what we earn in life...well, you see what wages we will reap. Instead, we ought to respond in true humility to the gift God gives us in Christ – a response that offers

nothing in return except a heart of gratitude - **Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!** (2 Corinthians 9:15, ESV). I know that this article is like *preaching to the choir* for most of you. However, if the illustration with which I opened sounds even vaguely familiar, I would encourage you to reconsider the way you have responded to God's gift of life and forgiveness. No, you and I are not worthy of such a gift, but the Giver of the Gift is sincere and generous beyond our human comprehension.

It was many years ago that I was first introduced to the poems of George Herbert. One of his poems expresses the reluctance - then the grateful reception - of God's free gift of salvation given to us through Christ. I hope you will find instruction, encouragement, and joy in this beautiful poem simply entitled, "Love."

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