



OUR PURPOSE

Woodland Presbyterian Church exists to GLORIFY God, BRING people to membership in His family, GUIDE them toward Christ-like maturity, and PREPARE them for a ministry of outreach and service.

Sunday Worship

Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m. (in person or www.woodlandpresbyterian.org/worship)

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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

Happenings



✝ From the Pastor's Desk ✝

"...give thanks in ALL circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

HAPPY "Phew" Year

Let's not be in a rush to say goodbye to 2020. Instead, let's end this year with hearts that are tuned to His grace and mercy. There is so much to be grateful for, even on the hardest days. Will we see it, or will we shove the year out the door and refuse to lift praise to the One who is giving us the very breath in our lungs each moment? This year will be analyzed again and again, by psychology experts, historians, critics of all kinds. Surely God's own children can take a close look at it, too, realizing anew just how worthy He is of all our worship and praise. 2020 may not be our favorite year to look back on, but never let it be said that it was a year in which we didn't receive the goodness, mercy, and kindness of the Lord. He has been so good. Can you see it? [Don't Be in a Rush to Bid This Year Goodbye \(yourmomhasablog.com\)](http://yourmomhasablog.com)

Long before I read these words, this message was on my mind. I was telling Cindy the other day that I wanted to write about the blessings that have come to us in a

year filled with difficult experiences. As God's people, we should constantly be reminding one another that though we live IN this world, we don't live FOR this world. If that is true, then we must look beyond the temporary hardships and trials as we ask the questions like these: "In these days, what does God want us to learn?" and "How is He using these experiences to cause us to grow?"

When I think about the COVID-19 outbreak, I can see how God's people have grown during this time. We have learned to adapt our ministry to changing times, and we have seen how God has provided resources so that we could quickly respond to the ever-changing ministry challenges. Have we always responded well in the last several months? No. But I know one thing that I have learned in all of this is that I need more of God's grace and mercy (and less of Kevin's complaining). During this past year, we have learned to use technology in a new way (forcing your "dinosaur"

pastor to become more proficient in the use of technology and social media - albeit with much kicking and screaming through the process). I have reconnected with dear friends and prayer partners who live clear across the country.

The difficult days of summer were filled with riots and destruction in our cities, rising racial tensions and a heated political season. How could we experience anything good out of that? From what I've seen, it has caused God's Church to go to prayer, to repent of our sins of commission and omission, to examine our thoughts and actions, asking the Lord to change in us what is not reflecting the glory of Christ. Personally, I have had to learn to tone down my emotionally reactive comments and become a better listener. God is changing us in these days and with His grace, we will become better witnesses for the Lord.

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January 2021 Sermons

- 3 - "Our Top Priority" Exodus 33:12-23; 34:1-9
- 10 - "On and On It Goes" 2 Timothy 2:1-14
- 17 - "A Look Under the Hood" Romans 12:9-16
- 24 - "Answering the Call" Acts 16:11-15
- 31 - "What's Old Is New" 1 Thess. 1:2-10

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We have also seen how our gracious and generous God provides for us. Many financial needs have been presented to us, and every need has been met. There have been times when we were worried that our benevolent funds might not be enough; and yet, the Lord has shown us that we can trust Him and His word - He has and He always will meet our needs. We have seen how God has supplied even in ways we would not have ever expected (almost out of the blue, the gifts of God appear!). If we were never tested in the way we have been the last few months, we might not have witnessed the power of God to provide for us.

I could go on. For many of you, you have not been in the church for quite some time. The fact that the church building has been somewhat empty has meant that some improvements could get done with little or no disruption. Our cleaning staff have been able to do special projects that have improved our facility. When we return to our gatherings in the fellowship hall, we will have something that many of you have been requesting for years (hint - to make it happen, we had to bring in "water" and convert a "closet").

So, let's not quickly forget 2020 without taking time to give thanks to God for everything that we have learned and the many ways we have been blessed through what has been very trying times. God is gracious, and He is at work in us - no matter the circumstances we encounter. Praise God for 2020, and let us enter in this new year with anticipation for what He will do in 2021.

In His Grace,
Pastor Kevin



The Encouraging Word

The Encouraging Word is re-starting. If you would like to receive this weekly email of the prayers from the Sunday service, or if you do not want to receive it, please call or email Claralee Williams.

ADULT SUNDAY S.S. CLASS

Hoping to start sometime in January, the Adult Sunday School will start a new series based on Gregory Koukl's bestselling book, *Tactics, A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*.

As always, teaching is shared and rotated between Sally Hager, Mike Ferguson, and Richard Benney. When it starts, the class will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., or you can read the book along with a friend. We will supply books to anyone who is interested, please let us know.

Mission ConneXion Northwest Global

January 15-16, 2021

"Speak His Name...JESUS!"

Mission ConneXion Training Events help people hear from God and serve Him all over the world and right here at home—wherever God calls them.

For many years Jim and Karen Wilson have had the privilege of attending the Mission ConneXion annual conference either in Vancouver or Portland. Last year one of the workshops Karen participated in was "Apologetics," being able to make a case for what we believe as a Christian. Another workshop option might be "Prayer or Spiritual Warfare," "Reaching the Unreached," "Effective Evangelism," or "The Persecuted church." There is something for everyone depending on your interest.

Due to the pandemic, the 2021 event will not be in person, rather it will be on-line (virtual). Perhaps this will be a way of becoming familiar with the event from the comforts of your own home! There will be four Plenary Sessions where the entire group will be invited to hear special presentations. Also, there will be 100 workshops with 25 tracks to choose from. For a full description go to

<https://missionconnexion.com/mc2021/workshops/>

You can participate in as much of the event as you want. The Exhibitors will have virtual booths which you can visit today. Why not mark your calendar and plan to attend online? Register today at <https://missionconnexion.com/mc2021/>

JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	2
3 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. C.E. Mtg 3:00 p.m. Worship Mtg	4 6:45 p.m. Vision Team Mtg	5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	6 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	7	8	9 9 a.m. New Officers Training 11:00 a.m. Session Mtg/Retreat
10 EPIPHANY SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Take down decorations</i>	11	12 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg	13 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	14	15	16
17 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	18 6:45 p.m. OIT Mtg	19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	20 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	21	22	23
24 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	25	26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	27 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	28	29	30
31 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:15 a.m. Annual Mtg						

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Beginning Balance	-64,008.83	(47,309.77)
Receipts	20,097.49	24,055.00
Disbursements	<u>25,634.99</u>	<u>33,341.16</u>
Ending Balance	(69,546.33)	(56,595.93)
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	(20,370.68)	
Receipts	197,772.62	187,226.57
Disbursements	<u>246,948.27</u>	<u>243,822.50</u>
Ending Balance	(69,546.33)	(56,595.93)

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Receipts	4,930.70	4,346.79
Disbursements	<u>3,988.79</u>	<u>1,218.67</u>
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	234,891.03	266,344.40
Receipts	94,545.09	112,230.75
Disbursements	<u>46,092.56</u>	<u>87,584.29</u>
Ending Balance	283,343.56	290,990.86
NET FUNDS	<u>213,797.23</u>	<u>234,394.93</u>

Collecting Shoebox Items

If you would like to collect items for the *Operation Christmas Child Shoebox for kids* year-round, you could either purchase items all at once, or collect a few per month leading up to the end of October of 2021. If you need boxes, please see Juanita MacMahon.

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, soap, toothbrushes, comb, hairbrush, deodorant)

June-Toys

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

August-School supplies

September-Games

October-Letter & photo

November-\$9 Donation for postage

December-Prayer



SERVING ON OUTREACH COMMITTEES

The Nominating Committee would like to personally invite you to consider serving on one of our outreach committees. You do not need to be a member to serve on these committees. For fresh vision, we need fresh voices and fresh ideas. We need you! If you are interested, please talk with any elder or committee chairperson, because they would love to talk with you.

Christian Ed - 1st Sun/mo., 11:30 a.m. Directs the education ministry—Sunday School, summer programs, nursery, youth, Jr. Church, Bible Studies, Small groups.

Membership Care - 4th Tues/mo., 6:30 p.m. Oversight of congregational care ministries, visitor calling, new member seminars, member rolls, coffee chapel, WINGS.

Mission - 2nd Tues/mo., 11:30 a.m. Directs mission interpretation & outreach of our church—community, evangelism, special offerings, recommends designation of Giving monies, in touch with mission causes.

Stewardship - 1st Fri/mo, 4 p.m. Directs financial program and stewardship campaign, wills & memorials, church use by outside groups, approves establishment of all Trust & Endowment funds, oversight of vans, property, buildings, rentals, & grounds.

Worship - 1st Sun/mo, 3 p.m. General oversight of worship ministry, includes choirs, bell choir, Praise Teams, worship, audio visual system, weddings, sanctuary decoration, ushering, hospitality, special services, communion, & baptisms.

*Dates & times of mtgs may change in 2021



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

- January**
- 1.....Dirk & Darlene Muyskens
 - 2.....Jim Ferguson
 - 3.....Cliff Campbell
 - 5.....Dirk Muyskens
 - 7.....Jeri Stocker
 - 10.....Rachel Marugg
 - 12.....Barbara Curry
 - 13.....Shirley Reed
 - 17.....Connie Watson
 - 23.....Myrtle Adams
 - 29.....Toni LaPore
 - 29.....Jean Cowden

February 4.....Margaret Morrison

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



Carolyn Ford, Missionary

From her December 2020 Letter...

David ... danced before the LORD with all his heart. 2 Samuel 6:14

Praise God that the needed information for shipping the Kafa Bibles was obtained. They left Hamburg, Germany on November 20. They will change ships in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and are scheduled to arrive in the Port of Djibouti December 14. A clearing agent is to receive them there and clear customs inside Ethiopia. We are trying to arrange for him to transport them to the Kafa area, where church leaders have prepared a place to store them. They hope to open a book shop from which people can purchase the Bibles (at a subsidized price) and other Christian literature. We are waiting for the shipping company to send the bill of lading, which the agent needs in order to take the Bibles from Djibouti.

Meanwhile, two days before Thanksgiving, I opened my carport door to find a carton with five Kafa Bibles that were sent to me. My heart danced like King David in praise to God. The printing quality is excellent. Praise God! Matt and two Ethiopian missionaries plan to travel to the Kafa area this month to plan the Bible dedication and promotion of Kafa Scripture use.

I am making better progress on my memoirs. I have not sent anything to my reviewers because the mid to late 1980s were so chaotic that I need to go back and put things in logical rather than chronological order. Those were challenging years, and God worked mightily.

Praise God for:

- The published Kafa Bible
- Completion of the recording of the Kafa Old Testament for audio use
- The relative peace in northern Ethiopia, alleviating concerns for transporting the Kafa Bibles from Djibouti Port to Ethiopia
- Progress on my memoirs

Please pray for:

- Timely collection of the Kafa Bibles in Djibouti, their clearing and safe transport to Kafa
- God's empowering to record the Kafa New Testament for audio use
- The Kafa people to be prepared by God for receiving His Word in their heart language
- The Holy Spirit's leading and empowering to produce the most effective media resources for getting God's word into the hearts of the Kafa people
- His enabling and emotional strength as I continue work on my memoirs

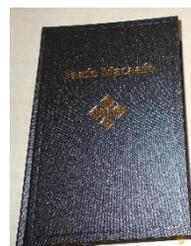
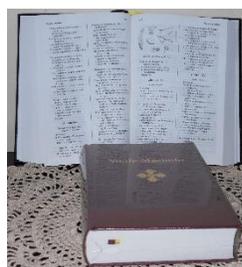
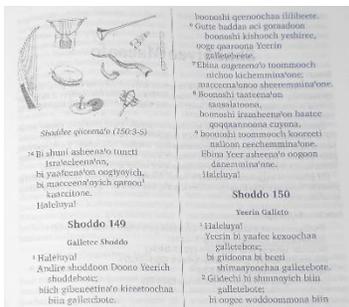
Have a Blessed Christmas!

With a Dancing Heart,

Carolyn Ford

To support the Kafa Linguistics Project, give on line:

<https://www.simusa.org/give?id=092402-091&dsg=Project> OR send a check made payable to SIM USA with designation "for Kafa Linguistics Project #092402 (Ethiopia)" to: SIM USA; P.O. Box 7900; Charlotte, NC 28241-7900.

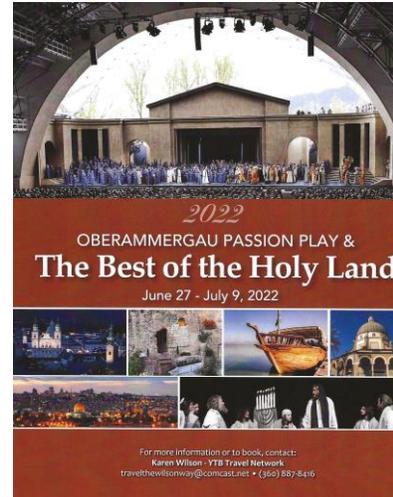


Oberammergau Passion Play

June 27- July 9, 2022

The famous Oberammergau Passion Play, which happens only every 10 years, was postponed until 2022, due to the pandemic.

Registrations are now open for a group tour to Germany and Israel in 2022. Pastor Bill Knepper from Mountain View Baptist in Centralia will be the spiritual leader. There is an Early Bird Special if registered by December 31, 2020. See Karen Wilson for more information and brochure.



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