



EXALT



EQUIP



ENGAGE

Sunday Worship

Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m. (in person or
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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

Happenings



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

THE FIRST CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE AT WPC

Beginning Sunday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m. (Meal Provided)

The Vision Team unveiled our new vision statement, which is really not a statement, technically speaking. It consists of three words that all begin with 'E'. These three words are at the heart of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We exist to **EXALT**, **EQUIP**, and **ENGAGE**. The team wanted to create something easy to remember and yet profound in the expression.

First, we are a church that seeks to **exalt** the Lord in everything we do and in all areas of our lives. Certainly, when we gather for worship, our aim and desire is to exalt God. But the same is true when we are at work, in the park, or at the grocery store. In the coming months, we will be encouraging our members to exalt the Lord through worship, through the reading and reflection on His Word, through prayer, and through the generous use of our gifts and resources.

Second, we are called to be a church that **equips** God's people. We must be serving one another and encour-

aging one another to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. This takes place through the small group experiences like home groups, Sunday school and Bible studies. It also happens when we open our homes to one another for the ministry of hospitality.

Finally, we are a church family that needs to **engage** with our community and with our world. There is an old quote that says, "Jesus calls us to be fishers of men but we've become keepers of the aquarium." We've exchanged the call to 'go and make disciples' with the comfortable posture of 'stay and disengage.' In the coming months, the Vision Team will be focusing on ways to help all of us live out the mission to bring the Good News to the world.

As we think about engaging with others, I would like to invite you to join us for something that I believe can be a great tool for sharing our faith with others. It is a course called "**Christianity Explored**," and in 2021, we will be offering this eight-week course primarily to our church mem-

bers. We first want you to experience the **Christianity Explored Course** (which takes you through the Gospel of Mark) so that you will see that this is a non-threatening way of introducing someone to the Good News of Jesus. This is just one tool that we will use to **equip** you - our church family - to **engage** with those who need to hear the Good News. This first course will be offered on Sunday afternoons at the church. We will practice social distancing while at the same time, meet in person for a meal from 4:30- 5:00 p.m. After the meal, we will interact with the study material and one another. If you would like to be a part of this 'pilot' course, please either sign up at church, or contact the church office to reserve a spot. I would love to see at least 10 of you join our trained leaders for this first course.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Kevin



To watch the introduction to Christianity Explored, go to [Christianity Explored Official Leader's Trailer - YouTube](#)



March 2021 Sermons

- 7 – Pergamum: “Repent” Rev. 2:12-17
- 14 – Thyatira: “Hold On” Rev. 2:18-29
- 21 – Sardis: “Wake Up” Rev. 3:1-6
- 28 – Philadelphia: “Endure Patiently” Rev. 3:7-13
(Palm Sunday)

Easter Outreach Opportunity

The deacons and OIT team will be hosting an Easter event for the children at two of the RV parks in town. We want to be able to bless these children and families that are in need. We will be collecting items for Easter baskets to bring to the children and will also be doing a craft with them. We will be sharing the Easter story with the children. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the event. Sign up at church, or call the church office to help.

Date: Saturday, March 27th

Time: 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Where: Echo Park RV, 3125 Lewis River Road, Woodland and
Stevens Moorage RV Park Camp, 4005 Dike Access Rd, Woodland

Items Needed for the Easter Baskets:

(For Approximately 40 children.)

Plastic Easter Eggs

Easter Candy

Small Toys for Boys and Girls

Stuffed Animals

Packages of Crayons

\$5 Gift Cards to McDonalds, Burgerville or Dairy Queen for the Children.

Monetary donations can be made out to the church to purchase the above supplies.

Daylight Saving Time

BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Don't forget to “SPRING AHEAD” your clocks!

SEDER MEAL PRESENTATION

Our friends, Dr. Jack and Alice Meadows, from Chosen People Ministries will be joining us on Wednesday, **March 31 at 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall** for a special presentation of the Seder (Passover) meal. In this presentation, we will see how our Messiah Jesus is clearly presented in the Passover. You are cordially invited to come and participate in this Holy Week event. We will practice social distancing and wearing of masks. Come and be blessed. Sign up at church, or call the church office.

The Worship Committee

THE VOICE OF THE MARTYRS (VOM)

VOM will be sponsoring a **virtual event on Friday, March 5, 4:30 p.m., at WPC**, featuring Christians who have endured persecution simply because of their faith in Christ. Andrew Brunson (Turkey), Peter Jasek (Sudan) and Dan Baumann (Iran) will share their experiences in prisons that were overcrowded and filthy, but God was faithful. VOM works extensively to be aware of these situations and to provide help whenever possible. You are encouraged to join us at the church on March 5 (4:30 p.m.) as we participate in this event via the internet. In our comfort and safety, we must not forget our brothers and sisters who are suffering and in constant danger. Remember those who are in bonds, as bound with them; and those who suffer adversity, as being yourself also in the body. Hebrews 13:3

Sign up at church, or call the church office.

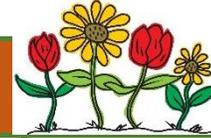
“Jesus Encounter” Prayer Experience – HOLY WEEK 2021

As we anticipate the church opening up a little more as we approach Holy Week, we will be offering the “Jesus Encounter” prayer experience at the church during Holy Week – Wednesday, March 31, through Friday, April 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. You will be asked to sign up for a time slot to come to the church and journey through various spaces/stations that focus on Christ and His journey to the cross. Be watching for further details as we draw closer to Holy Week.

~ Pastor Kevin



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:45 p.m. Vision Team Mtg	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	3 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	4	5 4:30 p.m. Virtual Event at WPC "Imprisoned for Christ" (VOM)	6
7 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. C.E. Mtg 3:00 p.m. Worship Mtg	8	9 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons & Session Mtgs	10 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	11	12	13
14 4th SUNDAY IN LENT  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. 'Christianity Explored Course' Begins	15 6:45 p.m. OIT/Vision Team Mtg	16 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	17 ST PATRICKS DAY  12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	18	19	20 SPRING BEGINS 
21 5th SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. 'Christianity Explored Course'	22	23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Membership Care Mtg	24 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	25	26	27 10-11 a.m. Easter Outreach
28 HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Worship Mtg 4:30 p.m. 'C.E. Course' 	29	30 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	31 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 'Jesus Encounter Prayer Experience' 5:00 p.m. SEDER MEAL Fellowship Hall	9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 'Jesus Encounter Prayer Experience'	GOOD FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 'Jesus Encounter Prayer Experience'	

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00
Receipts	15,614.00	16,389.00
Disbursements	<u>20,567.19</u>	<u>23,200.88</u>
Ending Balance	(4,953.19)	(6,811.88)
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance		
Receipts	15,614.00	16,389.00
Disbursements	<u>20,567.19</u>	<u>23,200.88</u>
Ending Balance	(4,953.19)	(6,811.88)

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts	3,535.27	8,238.68
Disbursements	<u>51,870.04</u>	<u>57,597.38</u>
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	234,891.03	301,828.02
Receipts	113,917.98	8,238.68
Disbursements	<u>98,521.15</u>	<u>57,597.38</u>
Ending Balance	250,287.86	252,469.32
NET FUNDS	<u>245,334.67</u>	<u>245,657.44</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



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>March</u>	6Richard Long
	8Brian Sukkari
	14Jim & Marilyn Miller
	15.....Richard Benney
	18Joyce Sixberry
	19Marilyn Miller
	21Joe Bozorth
	22.....John & Cynthia Svensson
	24..... Ted Lail
	26.....Barbara Schurman
	31.....Dale Boon

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

Happy Valentine's Day—Take Two!

The Membership Care Committee and WINGS were in the process of preparing 80 Valentine's Day goodie bags to pass out on Valentine's Day, which just happened to be on a Sunday. Then the snowstorm hit! But, "Love never fails!" The snow only delayed the gift bags as they were filled and ready the following Sunday, February 21. Several people who attended church that day picked up extra bags and delivered those who were unable to come. Thank you for helping! It was a joy to be able to visit with people as the bags were being delivered (socially distanced, of course) and a surprise for those on the receiving end! We ❤️ our church family!





How Gideons Get God's Word in the Hands of the Lost Across the USA

Of course, Gideons are best known for placing Bibles in hotels across the United States. Most major hotel and motel chains still request these Bibles for their rooms. How important are these Bibles? Amazingly, each USA hotel-placed Bible has the potential to impact up to 2,300 guests in a single hotel or motel room.

Gideons also make sure our American military have access to God's Word. They regularly visit and provide Service Testaments at USA Military Entrance & Processing Stations (MEPS) for our young men and women, just before they are deployed for service.

Just as students worldwide receive the majority of Gideon Scriptures, youth throughout the United States are personally handed the largest share of Gideon-placed USA Scriptures (almost one-third).

American students also have another way to receive God's Word. The Life Book includes the Gospel of Mark, in a format that appeals to today's teens. Gideons work through local churches to provide the Life Book—for free. A church's high school students carry free copies of the Life Book with them to share with their school friends who need to know the Lord as Savior.

Annually, the Gideons International also holds highly focused distributions in USA metropolitan areas, called "Scripture Blitzes." Similar to our international Scripture blitzes, millions of copies of God's Word are shared...often including a personal witness to those who need to know the Lord as their Savior. During this past fiscal year, which was significantly impacted worldwide by COVID-19, Gideons and Auxiliary still placed and distributed more than 71 million copies of God's Word (including restricted access Scriptures and Life Books). Most Scriptures were handed out one-on-one.

Since The Gideons International began in 1899, nearly 2.5 billion Scriptures have been distributed and placed around the globe. The Gideons live by their Association verse: "*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void.*" (Isaiah 55:11 KJV)

Thank you for your prayers and donations which go toward the distribution of God's Word.



Diaper Drive a Great Success!

WPC family...THANK YOU! Our recent Diaper and Baby Wipe Drive in lieu of our annual auction at the Annual Meeting was very successful! We were able to deliver 3,140 diapers of varying sizes and 8,532 baby wipes to the Woodland Action Center. Additionally, WINGS matched the monetary donations of \$265 for a grand total of \$530 earmarked for future purchases of diapers and wipes.

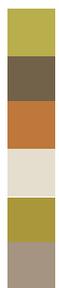
The Action Center divides up the diaper packages and wipes so they can share the supplies with many more families. The need is great, and your donations will go a long way to help many families.

Your generosity is heartwarming! Thank you again! ~ Your Membership Care Committee and WINGS

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“All God’s children have the privilege of being light-sharers powered by the Holy Spirit. We’re designed to live as radiant beacons of God’s everlasting hope and unconditional love. When we’re sharing the gospel and serving others in the name of Jesus, we become brilliant spotlights and living testimonies. Every good deed, kind smile, gentle word of encouragement, and heartfelt prayer produces a beaming reminder of God’s faithfulness and His unconditional and life-transforming love.” (Matthew 5:14-16)

*From “Our Daily Bread” Devotional
February 23, 2021*



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