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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021

Happenings



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

KEEP THIS SECRET

“PSSSST! Hey, can you keep a secret?” It’s a really important secret. One that we cannot – or should not – ignore. I know you’ve been disappointed in secrets before. Buying the new, improved product that now contains a ‘secret ingredient’ only to realize it is the same ol’ product and the only new ‘secret ingredient’ is the 20 percent markup in the cost of the product. Or how about those many ads that advertise the ‘secret’ of losing the weight that you’ve gained during the pandemic (been there, done that, and got the extra-large T-shirt!). I understand because, like you, I too have been disappointed in these so-called ‘secrets.’ But, we really need to hear this secret – especially now – Now that we are dealing with another round of COVID. We must hear this secret after a year and a half of wearing masks, keeping our distance, of having our hopes rise and then dashed time and time again. We need to hear this secret because

there is a lot of discouraging news and circumstances that we face on a daily basis. OK, you’ve had enough of me whipping up the anticipation. “Just get it out, Kevin, what is this huge, life-changing secret that we can’t live without?” It is found in Philippians 4:11-13:

“Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Maybe this is not a new ‘secret’ to you. Perhaps you are a little disappointed that this is all I’ve got for you after such a prolonged build-up. Every Christian knows this passage; and in fact, many of us have a picture or a plaque hanging up in our homes that quotes Philippians 4:13. But I know that we all have a tendency to overlook the very things that are right in front of

our noses (like pictures and plaques that hang in our homes). I need to hear this secret again, because after a year and a half of COVID and the seesaw of the imposition of and lifting of and then the reimposition of restrictions, I start to develop a bad attitude, and I am tempted to cause a big scene – a ‘stompin’ my feet and screamin’ at the top of my lungs kind of temper tantrum that would rival anything that a ‘terrible twos’ toddler could generate. Things were just beginning to look up again. Fewer cases of COVID were being reported. Better attendance in worship. Activities were starting up again. You could eat indoors, and masks were no longer required. During the summer, our Vision Team has been preparing a “Welcome Back to Church” Sunday with a celebration meal and testimonies of God’s faithfulness. And then – BOOM – things seemed to go backwards overnight. Once again, our plans are postponed, and we are disappointed.

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September 2021 Sermons

- 5 – What’s Shakin’? Rev. 16:17-21
- 12 – Beauty and the Beast Rev. 17
- 19 – And Great Was the Fall of It Rev. 18
- 26 – A Wedding Reception You Don’t Want to Miss Rev. 19:1-10

Blessing Bag Outreach Returns!

What is a Blessing Bag? Blessing Bags are gallon-size Ziploc® bags that contain items that people who are experiencing difficult circumstances or are homeless find useful.

Why have Blessing Bags? They are a way to demonstrate God’s Love for others by the act of giving in the face of a need instead of just driving by or walking away without responding. The bags we put together can be kept in your car, so when you encounter a person who is experiencing homelessness, you can offer the Blessing Bag. Some Blessing Bags will also be kept in the church office, so when someone comes in who needs help, we can offer them a bag.

How can you help? We will be collecting items to fill the Blessing Bags. The list below will help you know what things are most needed. *It is important to remember that the items need to fit in a gallon-size Ziploc® bag.* **There will be a collection box in the Narthex in September, and we will be begin assembling the Blessing Bags in October for fall and winter giving.** The Membership Care Committee will be using some funds (you can donate for this, too!) to purchase additional items needed along with devotional booklets and notes of encouragement.

We look forward to beginning this beautiful way of reaching out and blessing others. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the Membership Care Committee.

Necessary Items: Tissues, Wet Wipes, Bandaides & First Aid kits, Hand Sanitizer, Feminine Products

Clothing Items: Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Warm white socks (not tube socks)

Personal Care Items (hotel, travel, trial size):
Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Dental Floss/Dental Picks, Mouthwash, Face/Body Lotion, Sunscreen, Lip Balm, Deodorant, Cotton Swabs


Non-Perishable Food Items (long shelf life; non-melting): Granola Bars/Energy Bars, Small Bottled Beverages, Beef Jerky, Nuts/Trail Mix, Fruit Leather/Raisins, Chicken/Tuna in Pouches, Plastic knife, fork, spoon, Instant Oatmeal, Gum/Hard Candy, Hot Cocoa, Cider Mix Packets

~ Membership Care Committee

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As you all know, planning is difficult when things are so uncertain.

Dark clouds of depression can quickly form over us in these days in which we are living. That is exactly why we need to be let in on this secret once again. We can do - and endure - all things through Him who strengthens us. It’s not just a nice saying that looks good in calligraphy...it is the truth of God’s Word and the hope of God’s people in all times and in all situations – in plenty or hunger, in abundance of need. If we look for answers in anything or anyone besides Jesus, then we can be certain that we will live in a world of continual disappointment. Here is the secret that we need to hear and we need to get out – Christ is sufficient to meet all our needs, and He will help us through these days. Now that’s a secret worth keeping – and worth sharing.

In His Grace, 
Pastor Kevin



A NOTE ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER: Because of the new covid restrictions, those who are unable to attend worship Sundays and can watch online are invited to participate in communion. ~ Pastor Kevin



SEPTEMBER 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	
5 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 12 p.m. C.E. Mtg 3:00 p.m. Worship Mtg 4:30 p.m. Christianity Explored Course	6  6:45 p.m. Vision Team Mtg	7	8 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	9 10:30 a.m. Membership Care Mtg 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	13	14 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons & Session Mtgs	15 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	16 10:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17	18 2:00 p.m. Ladies' Garden Party
19 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	20 6:45 p.m. OIT Mtg	21	22 First Day of Autumn 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	23 10:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	27	28	29 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	30 10:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>JULY</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Beginning Balance	-31,027.63	-41,831.48
Receipts	16,488.00	17,602.12
Disbursements	<u>21,468.69</u>	<u>19,465.09</u>
Ending Balance	(36,008.32)	(43,694.45)
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance		
Receipts	117,274.10	118,278.12
Disbursements	<u>153,282.42</u>	<u>161,972.57</u>
Ending Balance	(36,008.32)	(43,694.45)

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>JULY-</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts	12,062.28	6,887.55
Disbursements	<u>614.84</u>	<u>62.75</u>
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	234,891.03	301,828.02
Receipts	72,834.07	89,015.50
Disbursements	<u>74,683.02</u>	<u>75,470.47</u>
Ending Balance	233,042.08	315,373.05
NET FUNDS	<u>197,033.76</u>	<u>271,678.60</u>

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, 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



September Birthdays Anniversaries



- September 7 Dale Hanley
 9 Charlotte Ellis
 18 Darin & Sally Hager
 19 Jessica Ferguson
 19 Sandy Wyzanowski
 26 Pat & Janet Clock
- October 2 Rick Syring
 2 Jim Miller
 3 Janet Benney

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

Ladies! Save the Date!
"Faith, Fellowship, & Flip Flops"
A Hawaiian Garden Party
Saturday, September 18th
Time: 2:00 PM Cost: \$7.00
Tickets go on sale August 29th

Speaker—Elizabeth Bricknell

Island Food Games Music Prizes

Great fun and fellowship!

Drawings Craft Contests Dance

Mumus and flip flops encouraged!!!

Sponsored by WINGS



Carolyn Ford, Missionary

From her June 2021 Letter...

Happy is the one who reads this book, and happy are those who listen to the words of this prophetic message and obey what is written in this book! For the time is near when all these things will happen. (Rev. 1:3 TEV)

SIM's Tom Fifield took a photo of "The Bible in Kafa Hands." That has been our goal for many years, and it happened on May 22! Tom Fifield drove several of us to the Dedication of the Kafa Bible. We enjoyed the view of forest-covered mountains and green valleys along the way. The Dedication was held in the new cultural center in Bonga. There were many speeches and testimonies. I felt that the Holy Spirit orchestrated all that was said to emphasize the value of this newly published Bible for the Kafa people. A lady and two boys read from the Kafa Bible to demonstrate that it is for everyone, not just for grown men. You can see a video clip from the Dedication at <https://www.facebook.com/Ethiopian-Kale-Heywet-Church-Communication-1568823503183232/videos/381425146552251>. They handed out certificates of appreciation to various people who had been involved in the translation effort, including Ruth Cremer, who had overseen the translation of the New Testament, and Gezahegn, who had worked on the Old Testament until cancer took his life in 2014.

After the Dedication, the Bibles were on sale at a subsidized price (about \$3 each). I don't know yet how many Bibles had been brought, but all of them sold out within a few minutes. A pick-up truck was sent to bring more. The truck never made it inside the gate, but was stormed by the crowd, and every Bible it had brought also sold. The people were saying, "Why did you only print 10,000? That isn't nearly enough for all of us!" Tom said it looked like a famine-relief truck being stormed by hungry people. In a spiritual sense, I think it was. Praise God!

Matt had worked very hard to get the audio recording of the Kafa Bible synchronized with the written text. He made several Apps, which were put on micro-SD cards that can be inserted into smart phones. These were also available in limited quantities and will help people become fluent readers. They can also just listen to the audio recording.

Praise God for:

- The enthusiasm with which the Kafa Bibles were received
- Safe travel for all of us who attended the Dedication

Please pray with us that:

- People will read and listen to the Kafa Scriptures daily, resulting in transformed lives
- God will renew my strength (traveling has always been draining for me, more so now)
- Matt and family as they transition into life as Wycliffe-Ethiopia missionaries

With a Heart Full of Praise,

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



Samaritan's Purse

Samaritan's Purse is a non-denominational evangelical Christian International Relief Organization, based in Boone N Carolina, providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world.

Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus

Christ. We participate every year with ShoeBoxes.

Our annual Shoebox 'Wrapping Party' will be held October 23, 9 a.m.

Faith, Fellowship, and Flip Flops Hawaiian Garden Party

Ladies!!! Ready for some fun? WINGS will be holding a summertime garden party on Saturday, **September 18**. This outdoor event will be held at the home of Kari Paulson and will feature some Hawaiian treats, speaker Elizabeth Bricknell, and events to remind you of a relaxing day in an island paradise. So, pull out your moo moo dress, slip on your flip flops, and maybe practice with your hula hoop! Mark your calendar, and get ready for some fun! Tickets are on sale now.

Wednesday Prayer - Noon

We will again open the sanctuary on Wednesdays at noon for a time of prayer.

Bible Study

We're moving our Tuesday morning Bible Study to Thursday mornings, 10 a.m., starting Sept. 16.



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