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**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

**FEBRUARY 2022**

# Happenings



### † From the Pastor's Desk †

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 3:15*

### ONE MORE THING

Quite a few years ago, I came across an article that laid out a challenge – “The Challenge of the Ones.”

These kinds of challenges or goals for the Christian should always be understood not as dictates to follow religiously simply because the pastor has brought them forth. Rather, we should view them as helpful reminders of the opportunities we have to grow deeper in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Through years of trial and error in ministry, it has become clear to me that behavior can never be changed through a scolding rant pronounced from the pulpit – “You should do this or that because God says so!” That gives far too little credit to God’s working in our lives and far too much credit to my own abilities to change a heart (which, the last time I checked, my ability to change my heart – let alone the heart of another - stood at about 0%).

Now let me get back to my point. The ‘Challenge of the Ones’ is meant to be seen as an encouragement towards growing more and more in Christ. First, this year get involved in **one fellowship group** if you are not already participating in one. We have several groups in the church (sermon discussion after church, one of our bible studies or prayer meetings, or). There are other Christian groups that are offered outside the church setting (Bible Study Fellowship, Grief Share, Divorce Care, etc.). These kinds of groups offer support and encouragement to grow in the grace of God as the group studies God’s Word and participates in the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, find **one ministry** in which you can invest your spiritual gifts and your time. You are important in the body of Christ and if you are not using your spiritual gifts, the whole body of Christ suffers.

Charles Stanley states, “Hanging back instead of seeking a place to serve is a form of thievery: you’re robbing the Lord’s church—His people—of your unique contribution. Your role might be small or go unnoticed, but it is vital to Jesus Christ and to the smooth functioning of His body on earth.” Where is that place you are to serve in the fellowship of the church family? You may already be serving on a committee or leading a Bible study. Maybe you are just trying to figure out what your gifts are and where you are to use them. May this be the year you discover your place in ministry and discover the joy of “one” ministry.

Finally, find **‘one’ person** you can really invest in (I am not legalistic here – that one person may actually be two or more but not too many or it will become a small group and dynamics will change. Frederick Buechner, in his book ‘Telling Secrets,’

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## February 2022 Sermons

- 6 – *Anticipating a Bumper Crop*  
2 Peter 1:8-11
- 13 – *Total Recall*  
2 Peter 1:12-15
- 20 – *Guest Pastor*
- 27 – *A Commanding Voice*  
2 Peter 1:16-18

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recalls a trip to England and specifically, a visit to the famed Tower of London. He was intrigued by the oldest portion of the castle called the 'White tower.' On the second floor there was a Norman chapel called the Chapel of St. John, a room of silence and stillness, of purity and peace. Directly underneath was the most awful torture chamber of all the torture spaces found in the Tower of London called the "Little Ease" - a cramped room where a person can neither stand up straight nor lay out flat. He suggests our lives are similar to the White Tower. We want to find that place where we can enter into the sacred space and worship the Lord with undisturbed liberty but too often, we find ourselves trapped in the 'Little Ease,' a place where we feel bound and trapped, suffocating in the mass of life's trials. I suggest that we all need that one close Christian friend (or two) who will walk with us in those times when we feel trapped and bound, reminding us that Jesus has truly freed us and that He ushers us into the most holy place where the Most high dwells. And we play a reciprocal role in aiding the other.

There you have it, the three 'ones' that will bless our lives in Christ. Of course, finding one small group, one ministry, and one close friend who walks with us must be undergirded by the most important ONE - that is, one on one time spent with Jesus every day.

In His Grace,  
Pastor Kevin 

## Food & Supplies Drive for Woodland Action Center

Woodland Action Center is extremely low on specific nonperishable food and personal/hygiene items at this time.

During the entire month of February our church family has the opportunity to bless those in our community by providing these needs. **Monetary donations will also be collected.** Checks can be made out to Woodland Presbyterian Church, and be sure to designate your gift for the Woodland Action Center.

### Specific Food Items (cans with pull tabs)

Soups  
Ravioli  
Canned fruits  
Canned vegetables  
Chili

### Specific Personal/ Hygiene Supplies

Body Soap  
Body Wash  
Shampoo  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Personal Hygiene items

Note: Please be sure that nothing donated is past its pull date.

Boxes for your items will be located near the front door. Your caring and sharing is greatly appreciated.



## Looking For a Few Good Men

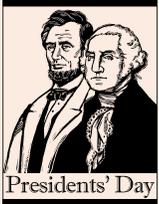
Are there a few men in the church who would like to organize a monthly Men's Breakfast? This would involve planning the meals and deciding on a monthly topic and/or speaker. If you are a man who like to plan, let me know. This ministry would be a blessing to other men within and outside our church family.

For God's Glory,  
Pastor Kevin



# FEBRUARY 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	5 10 a.m. Worship Mtg
6 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. C.E. Mtg	7 6:45 p.m. Vision Team Mtg	8 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg	9 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11	12 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
13 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Missions Mtg	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18 10 a.m. Membership Care Mtg	19
20 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	21 OFFICE CLOSED  Presidents' Day 6:45 p.m. OIT	22	23 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	25	26 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
27 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	28					

## Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Beginning Balance	-56,595.93	-49,663.51
Receipts	20,127.00	27,578.61
Disbursements	21,079.14	31,009.42
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(57,548.07)</b>	<b>(53,094.32)</b>
<u>Year to Date</u>		
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00
Receipts	207,353.57	216,048.93
Disbursements	264,901.64	269,143.25
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(57,548.07)</b>	<b>(53,094.32)</b>

## Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>DECEMBER-</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts	12,020.29	12,099.15
Disbursements	744.13	385.23
<u>Year to Date</u>		
Beginning Balance	234,891.03	340,355.00
Receipts	124,251.04	139,579.40
Disbursements	88,328.12	101,052.42
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>270,813.95</b>	<b>378,881.98</b>
<b>NET FUNDS</b>	<b>213,265.88</b>	<b>325,787.66</b>

## Food for Fellowship (Formerly 'Baking Buddies')

Fellowship time is so important to our church family and is always even more enjoyable when munching on a snack. **Please join us in providing a tasty snack for our Food and Fellowship time.** Doesn't have to be fancy and doesn't have to be homemade - just needs to be tasty. This is not for women only. You men are also more than welcome to participate. The sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board, which is on the wall next to the door to the Glass Chapel. We are all looking forward to some tasty treats.

## February Prayer Families

### Week of...

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| February 6  | Betty Bottemiller<br>Claralee Williams |
| February 13 | David & Sherry Bozorth<br>Ruth Wendt   |
| February 20 | Tom Brannan<br>Connie Watson           |
| February 27 | Larry & Portia Brown<br>Lloyd Walton   |



## February Birthdays & Anniversaries



- February 4 ..... Margaret Morrison  
 9 ..... Cal Schurman  
 10 ..... Ann Norton  
 20 .... Bob & Bette Krueger  
 24 .... Bette Krueger  
 25 ..... Sally Hager  
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The people listed in the Birthday and Anniversary list  
are members of WPC

## WINGS Annual Giving

For the last several years, WINGS (Women IN God's Service) has made an annual mission giving gift from their funds. This year we sent a \$1000 contribution to World Relief for Welcome Kits, which outfit a room or kitchen for those Afghan refugees who are resettling in the United States. EPC is cooperating with World Relief in response to this current need. We are thankful and blessed to be able to assist in this important mission.

## **World Outreach Global Missions**

World Outreach, the global missions arm of the EPC, focuses its work in “The Hard Places” of the Middle East, North Africa, and other predominantly Muslim areas of the world where few, if any, have access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The vision of World Outreach is to glorify God through full-cycle church planting that firmly establishes the Church of Jesus Christ among the least-reached peoples on earth, with a primary focus on the Muslim world.

This vision is central to the EPC as a whole. In fact, fully 20 percent of Per Member Asking contributions supports the ministry of EPC World Outreach.

The Woodland Presbyterian Church has chosen to support several ministries whose main emphasis is on taking the gospel to the unreached. In addition, we support a number of other Christian ministries, both worldwide and local. Ministries we support are listed below:

**Frontier Fellowship** - Ministry to unreached people including Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists.

**Mike and Tammy** - Unreached people, chiefly Muslims (visited Woodland in August, 2021).

**Mike and Stephanie Kuhn (EPC global workers)** - Mike’s ministry focus is among Arab Christians and those who have come to Christ from a non-Christian background.

**Elisha and Crystal Stock** - Air flights people, Bibles, medicines, food, etc. to unreached in East Africa.

**HeartCry Missionary Society** - Work with indigenous missionaries primarily among unreached groups.

**Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF)** - work includes providing crucial funds for health care, disease prevention, education, and the love of Jesus in impoverished developing communities.

**The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM)** - Serving Persecuted Christians throughout the world.

**Carolyn Ford** - Worked for years on translation of Bible into Kafa language. Bible completed and dedicated in Bonga, Ethiopia in May 2021. Carolyn was able to attend the dedication.

**Shared Hope International** - strives to prevent conditions that foster sex trafficking, restore victims of sex slavery, and bring justice to vulnerable women and children.

**Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan’s Purse)** - has delivered 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes with the gospel message to boys and girls around the world.

**Port Orchards Church Plant** - Newly established EPC church in Port Orchards, Washington.

**Cannon Beach Conference Center** - Christ-centered family and adult conferences and programs.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** - local chapter Woodland Middle School.

**The Gideons International** - reach lost souls in 200 nations with Bibles and New Testaments.

**Woodland Action Center** - a non-profit community action organization that provides basic needs.

**Woodland Mobile Meals**

**Woodland High School Senior Breakfast (Gift Pack In 2020 and 2021)**

**Woodland Back to School Project**

**GriefShare** - support group

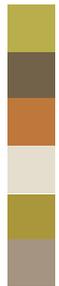
**Table Church (Andy Withrow)**



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