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Sunday Worship  
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## WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

# Happenings



## † From the Pastor's Desk †

*Let my soul be at rest again, for the LORD has been good to me. Psalm 116:7 (NLT2)*

### REST FOR THE WEARY

Having just returned from Orlando, Cindy and I are so thankful to the EPC and to our church family for this special retreat we were able to attend. EPC Pastors and spouses came from all over the country to enjoy a time of healing and reflection. The mornings were filled with excellent teaching and profound discussions within our small groups. Leading the morning sessions was an Anglican couple, Jim and Shari Hobby who took us through a teaching on Psalm 13 entitled, *“Moving Out of the COVID Wilderness: Working through Trauma and Transition.”*

It was really about the process of lament. Psalm 13 lays out that process that goes from LEAVING (grief – vv. 1-2) to WANDERING (intervention – making requests – vv. 3-4) to HOPE (rejoicing – vv. 5-6). Walter Brueggemann states it another way: Orientation to Disorientation to New Orientation. COVID took us from a place of what we once thought was “normal” and dismantled it. We found ourselves wandering in the wilderness of disorientation, crying out, “How long?” As we have been moving in the wilderness, grieving various losses during COVID, we have begun to make requests of God to lead us into a new place of stability and rejoicing.

Jim and Shari helped us to process what we have been through in ministry these last few years. They did so by sharing their own personal experiences of lament, interspersed with laughter and tears. In our small groups, we discussed various challenges we have gone through and spent time in prayer. We enjoyed the time of singing led by Zac and Abby Hicks, who combined music with prayer and Scripture readings (liturgy), leading us into the presence of Christ.



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## **March 2022 Sermons**

- 6 – *The Subtle Slide*  
2 Peter 2:1-3
- 13 – *God Knows*  
2 Peter 2:4-10a
- 20 – *Their Cover is Blown*  
2 Peter 2:10b-16
- 27 – *A Pig with Lipstick*  
2 Peter 2:17-22

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We had lots of time to rest and play as well. The national leaders of the EPC acted as our hosts and made sure that we were given every opportunity to experience a time of refreshing and renewal through the Holy Spirit. We got to know several couples during the retreat, and we will be looking forward to reuniting with some of them at General Assembly in Detroit this June. We were treated to a ride on an airboat through the swamps and marshes of Florida. Perhaps you saw the Facebook post of Cindy wrestling an alligator!



After the retreat was over, we had the opportunity to spend a few days with Cindy's parents who winter in Florida. That was a very special time to catch up with them. It had been two years since we last visited (our last trip to see them was a few weeks before the COVID lockdown began). We spent the day with them touring the Magic Kingdom. The sun finally came out during our stay with Cindy's parents.

God is so kind and gracious in blessing us with a caring denomination and a loving church family.

In God's Grace,  
Pastor Kevin and Cindy



## **Food & Supplies Drive for Woodland Action Center**

Woodland Action Center (WAC) has been low on specific nonperishable food and personal/hygiene items at this time. During the month of February, our church collected food and supplies and monetary donations for WAC.

**A big thank-you** to all who participated in the food and supplies drive for Woodland Action Center. You are a huge blessing to the community.

## **Card Making Class**

Ladies,

Join us on Monday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the Glass Chapel, for a Card-Making Class.

Sarah Wolk will show you how to re-use your cards you have collected and make something new. This is a ministry of Sarah's, and we look forward to being blessed.

## **March 5**

### **Voice of the Martyrs Movie**

"*Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years*" will be shown at Woodland Presbyterian Church on Saturday, **March 5, at 2 p.m.** Richard and Sabina

Wurmbrand suffered imprisonment and torture as they took a stand for Jesus under Nazi and Communist regimes. This movie deals with Sabina's experiences under the Nazis.

### **Visit from Jonna Reeder of Frontier Fellowship**

#### **Ministries**

**Sunday, March 13**

Jonna will speak briefly during the worship service. A question and answer session will follow.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	3 <b>Today: Friends of Library Sale at WPC</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4 <b>Today: Friends of Library Sale at WPC (thru Saturday)...</b>  4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	5 10 a.m. Worship Mtg 1:00 p.m. Missions Mtg <b>2 p.m. Movie, "Sabina"</b>
6  9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. C.E. Mtg	7 10:00 a.m. Card-Making Workshop 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 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Jonna Reeder  	14	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 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Meal with GO Iglesia Church 	21 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
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## Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00
Receipts	16,389.00	21,135.70
Disbursements	<u>23,200.88</u>	<u>18,406.93</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(6,811.88)</b>	<b>(2,728.77)</b>
<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>		
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## Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>JANUARY-</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Receipts	8,238.68	3,430.05
Disbursements	<u>3,049.31</u>	<u>69.17</u>
<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>		
Beginning Balance	247,279.95	287,260.68
Receipts	8,238.68	3,430.05
Disbursements	<u>3,049.31</u>	<u>69.17</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>252,469.32</b>	<b>290,621.56</b>
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<b><u>NET FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>245,657.44</u></b>	<b><u>293,350.33</u></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.

## March Prayer Families

### **Week of...**

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| March 6  | Debbie Caffall<br>Matt Tricola               |
| March 13 | Cliff Campbell<br>Sean Taylor                |
| March 20 | Pat & Janet Clock<br>Steve Taxon             |
| March 27 | Kevin & Karen Cochran<br>Rick & Janet Syring |



## March Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|--------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>March</u> | 6 ..... Richard Long             |
|              | 8 ..... Brian Sukkari            |
|              | 14 ..... Jim & Marilyn Miller    |
|              | 15 ..... Richard Benney          |
|              | 18 ..... Joyce Sixberry          |
|              | 19 ..... Marilyn Miller          |
|              | 21 ..... Joe 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

## Meal with GO Iglesia

On Sunday, **March 20**, following the Worship service, we will be gathering with GO Iglesia Woodland Church to share a meal. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship with our brothers and sisters from GO Iglesia Woodland Church.



## Carolyn Ford, Missionary

From her January 2022 Letter...

*Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion.  
For the LORD is a God of justice.  
Blessed are all who wait for him! Isaiah 30:18*

Twenty churches in Highlands County where I live are participating in twenty-one days of prayer and fasting. Most of us are not fasting completely for the whole twenty-one days, but we were encouraged to “exchange” something we usually do – like eating lunch or playing games or watching a television show – for something that will help us draw nearer to the LORD – like praying with other believers or studying His Word or reading a spiritually edifying book. What we are especially requesting of God is the outpouring of His Spirit to bring us, His people, to repentance and revival. We recognize that we have conformed too much to the godless culture around us, adopting many of its selfish values. We know that if our nation does not turn back to Him in repentance, He will judge us as He judged the nation of Israel. It is a time of both challenge and blessing.

Matt was checking translation with the Tsara team for most of December. During his time with them, he learned that neither they nor the other professing Christians in Tsara have really understood the Good News about Jesus Christ. They still turn to traditional rituals whenever there is a crisis, which means they are still in spiritual bondage. Matt is working to help them understand the Truth. He commented that even though they have gone over the translation of all four Gospels once, they will need to do so again. Key terms have been expressed in different ways in the same context. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of translators Peter, Teshaale, and Girso to grasp the truths of God’s Word and apply them in their own lives. Then they will be able to help their families and others understand who Jesus is. Matt became ill the last day they were together. He struggled with COVID for three weeks before he felt better. He still has a residual cough and mild headache. He is loving his work, and I praise God for that.

My tangible goals for 2022 include finishing a draft of my memoirs and de-cluttering. While both are a challenge, the LORD has been helping me work on both fairly consistently. Please pray that continues.

Praise God with me for:

- The promise of Isaiah 30:18 quoted above, and the extra time we are spending in prayer
- Matt’s joy in ministering to the Tsara translators, helping them understand the truth about Jesus so they can have abundant life and a more accurate translation of the Bible into Tsara
- Good progress on de-cluttering and writing my memoirs
- The decrease in conflict in northern Ethiopia
- Successful cataract surgery in both eyes – With glasses, my distance vision is now 20/20.

Please pray with us for:

- God’s miraculous intervention to bring genuine reconciliation and an end to war in Ethiopia
- Health and insight for Matt as he works with the Tsara translation team
- The Tsara translators to come into a genuine personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- The Kafa church leaders to send us an updated report of how many Kafa Bibles have sold
- Right ordering of my priorities as I seek to walk in deeper intimacy with the LORD, minister to others, write my memoirs, and de-clutter

Thank you for your prayers and support, your Christmas greetings and photos, and your friendship.

Joyful in His Grace,

*Carolyn Ford*

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## **Hearts & Crafts**

Hearts & Crafts is meeting on the second & fourth Saturdays, from 10 to 12.

In March, we will meet on the 12th & 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bring your craft project and share a time of crafts and fellowship.

If you have questions, ask Betsy Lessard, 360-225-7515 or Claralee Williams, 360-921-4089.

## **Lenten 40 Days of Prayer**

The Vision Team is encouraging all our members to join in 40 days of prayer for renewal.

You can pick up the prayer guide at the church (on the information table).

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2.

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