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Sunday Worship
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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

Happenings



† From the Pastor's Desk †

If a man guilty of a capital offense is put to death and his body is hung on a tree, you must not leave his body on the tree overnight. Be sure to bury him that same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse. You must not desecrate the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (NIV)

THE CHERISHED TREE

"I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree." So begins that famous poem, "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. Trees often represent life to us. We look at the trees in our yards this time of year, and we see life as they are budding and blooming, preparing for a new season of growth.

Yet, trees also remind us of death, especially as we process toward Holy Week. It was in the garden that the Lord instructed Adam and Eve that there was a tree that carried a curse and would bring them death. Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV) states, "And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

There is no ambiguity or nuance in what God communicates to Adam.

But soon the serpent enters the scene and begins to suggest there is some wriggle room in God's commands: "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5 (NIV). We fell for Satan's lies, we ate from this tree of death and we died. A tree of death. In Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (above), the curse of the tree is proclaimed and identified as a desecration in the Promised Land. Anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse!

However, I started by saying that trees often represent life to us. This truth is clearly seen in Revelation 22:2-3 (NIV): "...down the middle of the great street of the city.

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse."

On Calvary, we see a fusion of these two trees: a single tree that represents both death and life, blessing and curse. This is by God's design to fulfill His purpose. Here is the one tree where these two representations meet. It is a tree that bears the curse but also produces life. The tree on which our Savior hung is the tree where death is experienced and punishment is exacted. It is also the tree where life is offered and blessings are extended. It is the place where the Savior bore our curse and at the same time, He brought us new life.

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April 2022 Sermons

- 3 – *The Search: Have You Found What You’re Looking For?* John 1:35-42
- 10 – *The Search: Sign or Savior? (Palm Sunday)* Matthew 12:38-50
- 17 – *The Search: Eternally More Than Expected* John 20:24-31 (Easter Sunday)
- 24 – *The Cover Is Blown*
2 Peter 2:10b-16

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Peter puts it this way: “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV). On that one tree at Calvary, Jesus delivered us from the curse of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil while on that same tree, He has positioned us to receive the eternal blessings from the Tree of Life.

Kilmer’s poem ends by declaring, “Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree.” Only God could make a tree that is both death and life, curse and blessing. A tree where God’s Son bore our curse so that we could experience the blessing of life in Him. That’s why we cherish the old rugged cross.

In God’s Grace,
Pastor Kevin



Carolyn Ford at WPC

Carolyn Ford will be in the Woodland area from Wednesday, April 20 through Tuesday, April 26. She has several supporting churches and relatives in the Woodland area. She plans to be here at WPC, Friday, **April 22**, 3-5 p.m. for a “Meet and Greet,” in the Koinonia room to meet with friends and supporters from our area.



Shared Hope International

One of the missions we support at WPC is Shared Hope International. Sex trafficking is an ongoing problem especially during this time of pandemic, with increased isolation and economic uncertainty. Shared Hope International has a three-fold mission: “to prevent the conditions that foster sex trafficking, restore victims of sex slavery, and bring justice to vulnerable women and children.” The organization envisions “a world passionately opposed to sex trafficking and a community committed to restoring survivors to lives of purpose, value, and choice—one life at a time.”

The Values of Shared Hope: “As Christian abolitionists, we believe trafficking survivors deserve the opportunity to be restored to dignity and purpose, regardless of their faith or system of belief. As Christian stewards, we prayerfully seek to use wisdom and Biblical guidance for every dollar we spend. As Christian leaders, we seek to inspire change by informing and empowering activists, providing strategic guidance to local shelter and service partners, and influencing policy makers and first responders.”

Please continue to support Shared Hope International with your prayers and financial offerings. For more information go to <https://sharedhope.org/the-problem/>
Thank you!

Renovation Information Banquet

Sunday, May 1, Following Worship
Meal Order Form

Name _____

Yes, (I/We) will be attending the **Church Renovation Information Banquet** on May 1.

Please reserve the following meal(s):

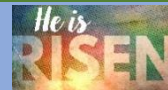
- #___ Salmon Dinner
- #___ Chicken Dinner



Join Us! Reserve Today!



APRIL 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	2 10 a.m. Worship Mtg
3  9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	4 6:45 p.m. Vision Team	5	6 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	8 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
10  9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Missions Mtg	11	12 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg	13 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Prayer Walk Wed.-Friday 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. C.E. Mtg 5:00 p.m. Bells & Choir Dress Rehearsal	15  7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	16
17  9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:40 a.m. Cross Decoration & Singing 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	18 6:45 p.m. OIT	19 2-4 p.m. Chapel Farewell for Laverna	20 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	22 10 a.m. Membership Care Mtg 3-5 p.m. Koinonia Rm Carolyn Ford 'Meet & Greet'	23 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
24 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	25	26	27 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	28 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	29	30

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Beginning Balance	-6,811.88	2,728.77
Receipts	12,539.00	31,034.00
Disbursements	21,205.55	40,197.66
Ending Balance	(15,478.43)	(6,434.89)
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	28,928.00	52,169.70
Disbursements	44,406.43	58,604.59
Ending Balance	(15,478.43)	(6,434.89)

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Receipts	12,373.70	24,601.64
Disbursements	504.89	1,354.89
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	247,279.95	234,761.75
Receipts	20,612.38	28,031.69
Disbursements	3,554.20	1,424.06
Ending Balance	264,338.13	261,369.38
NET FUNDS		
	248,859.70	254,934.49



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



April 7 Bob Krueger
 15 Laura Long
 17 Trudy Haveman
 26 Janet Syring

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

Bargain Basement Blast

Coming Soon...
 Start saving your good, clean, useable items for an upcoming **Rummage Sale!**
 Our sale will be held the second weekend in July.
 More info coming soon!

April Prayer Families

Week of...

April 3 Jean Cowden
 Martha Swanstrum
 April 10 Barbara Curry
 Bonnie Swanson
 April 17 Kirsten Marie Dean
 John & Cynthia Svensson
 April 24 Jean & Roy Eddy
 Phyllis Surratt



Gift Basket Silent Auction

A Silent Auction is planned *at the "Church Renovation Information Banquet"* (see below). Various groups in the church are preparing a variety of baskets for you to bid on. Something for everyone! All proceeds from the auction will go toward our renovation project.

Join us!



Keep Our Vision

GROWING

Church Renovation Information Banquet

Sunday, May 1 Following Worship

Come hear our plans for renovating our church Sanctuary while enjoying an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and great food. You will have your choice of a delicious salmon or chicken dinner. You won't be disappointed! Sign up by filling out a reservation card on Sunday, emailing the office (office@woodlandpresbyterian.org), or calling the office at 360-225-8941. A Meal Order form is on page two of this newsletter, or you can obtain one at church.

WPC Mission

- ✝ Exalt God
- ✝ Equip God's People
- ✝ Engage Others

HeartCry Missionary Society

The goal of the HeartCry Missionary Society is to glorify God and bring the greatest possible good to humankind through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing indigenous churches and missionaries, especially in areas that have little or no gospel presence. Indigenous missionaries are those who are native to their country and culture. They do not have to learn a foreign language or the nuances of the culture. As a result, they can be much more effective and much more quickly than non-indigenous missionaries. The goal of Heartcry is also that God's name would be great among the nations, and that all people from all people groups will come to worship Him, and this will be accomplished as the Great Commission is fulfilled. In addition, Heartcry has the goal to plant biblical churches that will proclaim God's Word throughout the world. Most of the missionaries in the world go to areas that are already reached. The need is critical and urgent to have indigenous missionaries go to these unreached people groups. Pray for the Heartcry Missionary Society and pray that all peoples of the world will have the opportunity to hear the glorious news of the gospel.



Carolyn Ford, Missionary

From her March 2022 Letter...

*I am always aware of the LORD's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me...
your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever. Psalm 16:8,11*

Is this the testimony of God's people in Ukraine? In Afghanistan, in North Korea, in China? I pray that it is. I pray that it will be my testimony whatever I may face on this earth. I am reminded again that the darkest hour in history, when our Lord Jesus Christ hung dead on a Roman cross, was the hour of greatest victory - our sin atoned for, our redemption gained. We cry out with our suffering brothers and sisters for God to intervene and relieve their suffering. He can. We pray He will. But if He doesn't, we will not give up hope, because our hope is not only for this life (1 Corinthians 15:19).

It has been several weeks since I heard from Matt who works with the Tsara translators to increase their understanding of the truth and to help them improve the quality of their Scripture translation.

It seems that some who were commissioned to sell Kafa Bibles were dishonest in their dealings, and some of the church leaders were jealous of the small commission the sellers were earning. As a result, the remaining Bibles were locked in a storeroom and not distributed. Please pray for repentance on the part of all who have made personal gain a higher priority than getting God's Word to His people.

I plan to visit family in southwest Washington State for about five days in April. For many reasons, I am not able to stay longer. Woodland Presbyterian Church, being central to the area where I have five supporting churches, is kindly hosting a Meet and Greet event on April 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. Please come if you are able. As much as I would like to visit with each one individually, that is clearly impossible. Due to eyesight and other issues, this will probably be my last trip to the Northwest.

I thank God for you and for your continued partnership.

Joyful in His presence,

Carolyn Ford

Good Friday Service

On Friday, **April 15**, please join us at WPC,
for our Good Friday Service,
“Meditations on the Cross.”



7 p.m.

Scripture, Music, Prayer, Reflection

Easter Sunday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:40 a.m. Cross Decoration

10:00 a.. Worship Service



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