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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**

**APRIL 2023**  
*Happenings*



✠ **From the Pastor's Desk** ✠

**WHISTLING PAST THE GRAVEYARD**

The allied troops under General Wellington fought Napoleon, on June 18, 1815, at the battle of Waterloo, a village in Belgium just south of Brussels. News was transmitted by the use of lights across the English Channel to anxious Britishers. The words were spelled out, "Wellington defeated-" and then a fog, so typical of England, fell over the channel, so that the rest of the message could not be received. But they received enough of the message though, "Wellington defeated-" and the news quickly spread, throwing the land into great despair.

Imagine the despair felt by the British-their great General Wellington defeated! They had put so much hope in the man and his troops. What would happen next-would they be conquered quickly by Napoleon and his troops?

Imagine the despair felt by the followers of Jesus that early Easter morning. What a week they had been through—just one

week prior, they witnessed Jesus whom they thought was their Messiah, enter Jerusalem with shouts of praise and triumph! They saw him ride straight to the temple and with authority, throw the money changers out of the temple. But after the Passover meal, things quickly went downhill-almost too fast to believe. The betrayal by one of their own, Judas, the arrest, the beatings and hearings, the angry crowd crying for his death. "It cannot be," the followers must've thought. This is the Holy One of God-surely God will work a miracle. And they waited to see God act.

How closely they must have watched as Jesus carried his cross to Golgotha. It still is not too late-God will rescue his anointed one. As the soldiers went to pound the nails in the hands of Jesus, the disciples thought, "Now, God, do it now." With disbelief, they saw their Christ, dying on the cross. It couldn't be! When Jesus finally breathed his last breath, their hopes too were to live and breathe no

longer. Jesus was right when he declared on the cross-"It was finished!" Where was their Messiah? It became obvious on that day that all this time they had been looking in the wrong place.

One more task was to be done - one that was performed out of respect for everyone who died - even a failed Messiah. *"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus."* (Luke 24:1-3, ESV).

The followers of Jesus were looking in the wrong place. They were looking for Jesus to be in the palace or in the temple. They had been looking for him to be in the front of a great political movement that would put their nation in the number one position. Now their dreams were crushed, and they were now looking for him in the tomb. And the two angels declared, **"Why do you seek the living among the dead?..."**

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## **APRIL 2023 Sermons**

- 2 – All the ‘Glory’ Details Matthew 16:13-23
- 9 – For Those Who Have that Sinking Feeling  
Jonah 2
- 16 – Secured through Faith, Romans 4:13-25
- 23 – Rest in Peace Romans 5:1-11
- 30 – A Matter of Life and Death Rom. 5:12-21

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**He is not here, but has risen.”** (Luke 24:5-6, ESV).

The despair is gone, death is truly defeated, and we have hope! And note what the women did - they immediately went to tell the others the good news. And that is what we continue to do.

You know, I never did end the story that I was telling at the beginning of this article. A dense fog had settled over the English Channel, but the partial message was clear, or was it? The words, "Wellington defeated-" sent the anxious Britishers into a panic-until the fog lifted and the full message was received: "Wellington defeated Napoleon." The whole country exploded in thunderous celebration. Wellington won; Napoleon was conquered.

I wonder if some of us have only heard part of the message-"Christ is dead." You may be lingering about the tomb, searching the tomb for the meaning in life.--YOU ARE LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACE!--Lives filled with despair and hopelessness, because meaning in life cannot be found at the tomb. If any of us find ourselves in this condition, you've not received the full message. God wants this day to be a day of rejoicing for all of us. He is ready to turn your day of mourning into a day of dancing. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is lifting the fog, and you are beginning to see the whole message. Christ died - Christ is risen. Believe the testimony of Scriptures; believe the testimony of the angels at the tomb. Believe the testimony of the women, the disciples, and the saints throughout history. Open your hearts to the risen Savior and Lord. **REJOICE!**

In God’s Grace,  
Pastor Kevin



## **Coffee & Canvas Paint Class**

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
WPC Fellowship Hall

This event is being presented by My Art Design Art Classes with designs that are intentionally created for all comfort levels!

Price: \$35, which includes painting supplies, coffee, and pastries.

Click on or type  
the following link to sign up:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/KDG793ER0SE20/checkout/IQEWK3N3NDCGXFJATJ3QDCGR>

*See Janet Syring for more information.*

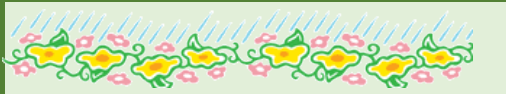


## **Collecting Shoebox Items**



- 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

*There is a designated box in the Narthex by the front door for donated items. Thank you!*



# APRIL

## 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>“I am the resurrection and the life.” John 11:25</p>						1 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg <b>11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk</b> 11:30 a.m. C.E. Mtg
<b>2 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <b>3:00 p.m. Renovation Dedication Service</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>4</b>  7:00 p.m. Vision Team	<b>5</b>	<b>6 MAUNDY THURS</b>  5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>7 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10:30 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg <b>7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service</b>	<b>8</b>  10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>9 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 	<b>10</b> 10:30 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>11</b>  7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>14</b> 10:30 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>17</b> 10:30 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>18</b>  7:00 p.m. OIT Mtg	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Committee 10:30 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Movie Night	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts <b>10:00 a.m.--12:30 p.m. Canvas Paint Class</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>24</b> 10:30 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>28</b> 10:30 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Blue Bag Sunday)</i>						

## Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	0.00	1,447.79
Receipts	21,135.70	48,518.00
Disbursements	<u>18,406.93</u>	<u>26,581.82</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2,728.77</b>	<b>23,383.97</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	21,135.70	67,647.72
Disbursements	<u>18,406.93</u>	<u>44,263.75</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2,728.77</b>	<b>23,383.97</b>

## Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	290,621.56	207,459.75
Receipts	24,601.64	2,519.00
Disbursements	<u>1,354.89</u>	<u>4,843.11</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>313,868.31</b>	<b>205,135.64</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
Beginning Balance	287,260.68	237,352.89
Receipts	28,031.69	3,669.21
Disbursements	<u>1,424.06</u>	<u>35,886.46</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>313,868.31</b>	<b>205,135.64</b>
<b>NET FUNDS</b>	<b><u>316,597.08</u></b>	<b><u>228,519.61</u></b>

## April Prayer Families

### Week of...

- April 2 Jim Ferguson  
Phyllis Surratt
- April 9 Mike & Suzy Ferguson  
Brian & Margaret Sukkari
- April 16 Roger Forgy  
Jeri Loretta Stocker
- April 23 Erma Gettman  
Sharon Stephens
- April 30 Jim Gola  
Jan Stenberg



### Prayer Walk

Come and join us in a prayer walk on **April 1, at 11 a.m.**, in front of the Woodland Presbyterian Church, to walk and pray over the community of Woodland. If you can't walk very far let us know. We can take the van and be out and about town meeting up with our walkers to pray over the lives and work and play of the people in this community.



## April Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 7 Bob Krueger
- 9 Jason Wolk
- 15 Laura Long
- 17 Trudy Haveman
- 26 Janet Syring

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



## Shared Hope Mission

Submitted by Karen Wilson

One of the missions WPC supports is Shared Hope International. Our donations support and empower victims and survivors of child sex-trafficking. It helps Shared Hope's mission to provide what they need to recover and our belief-in-action that there is hope for them; that they are worth the fight --that they are loved-- that they have a future. Our giving also brings justice to survivors through policy initiatives and will prevent the crime of sex trafficking from ever happening to those that are vulnerable. For more information go to <https://sharedhope.org/>

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## **From...Carolyn Ford, Missionary**

From her February 2023 Letter...

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*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” 2 Cor. 8:9*

Five of us in SIM Sebring Retirement Village are named “Carol” or “Carolyn.” At Christmas, we call ourselves the “Caroling Carols” and do a Mime during the village carol sing. This year, I was the “Monotone Angel” trying to qualify to sing in the heavenly Christmas Choir. I never got the tune “quite right,” but in the end, they admitted me to the choir and gave me a halo.

It was a fun evening, but more special to me were the times of worship, contemplating the marvelous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who left His glorious, comfortable home in heaven to become a human being and live among us in order to take the judgment for our sin, conquer death, and offer us His righteousness. It is hard to get my mind around what that cost Him, but it is that love that compels me to live my life for Him and with Him. Thanks to all who sent Christmas cards and greetings. I read every one of them with deep appreciation.

On January 4, several friends joined me to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my first arrival in Ethiopia to minister with SIM. In early February, others joined me to praise the Lord Jesus for carrying me through three quarters of a century. And He has promised to keep on carrying me even to my old age and gray hairs (Isaiah 46:4). I am so grateful!

I am inserting cross-references into the text for display at the bottom of the page in the Tsara New Testament. Because I have done it for several other translations, it is not difficult for me and will save time for the translation team.

Matt has continued checking translation with them. Praise God that they have completed most of the New Testament books. He also checked most of Matthew’s Gospel in Inor and Zay with those translation teams and participated in editing a draft of Matthew’s Gospel in a new Amharic translation.

Praise God for good progress on renovations of the property that Wycliffe Ethiopia bought to use for offices, training, consulting, and guest accommodations. Please continue to pray for smooth completion of the legal process involved in the purchase.

Praise God that the peace agreement, signed between the Ethiopian government and the Tigray People’s Liberation Front in early November, is gradually being implemented. Please continue to pray for reconciliation and peace between the various ethnic groups throughout the country. It seems that genuine peace is still quite tenuous.

On a personal level, I am deeply grateful for God’s provision of a friend here in the village who began helping me with house cleaning and decluttering in December. She charges a very reasonable rate and is gifted in that ministry. While I still feel overwhelmed at times, my stress level has decreased considerably. My eyesight is deteriorating more quickly than I would like, and the cost of treatment has increased significantly. I know that the LORD has all this under His control and that He cares for me and keeps my heart at rest. I am encouraged by Jesus’ assertion in John 9:3 about the man born blind: “... this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.” I want God’s work to be displayed in my life. That is more important than my physical sight.

Thank you so much for continuing to journey with me by your prayers, friendship, and financial support

Rejoicing in His Grace,

*Carolyn Ford*

**APRIL 2023**

**Happenings**

**Volunteer Drivers Needed**

At times, a volunteer driver is needed to give people rides, especially for medical appointments. If you have a few hours available and would like to help out, please leave your name on a list in the church office, or see one of the deacons to discuss.

**Blue Bag Sunday**

The Deacons will be working with the Woodland Action Center to help stock the food pantry. They collect over 70,000 pounds of food monthly that serves over 1100 families. Please pick up a blue bag, and fill it with non-perishable items, and return on the last Sunday of each month. Our donations will be dropped off the first Saturday of each month.



**Ladies' Annual Tea**

**May 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

This year's theme is "Faith, fellowship, & Flip Flops," Hawaiian Garden Party  
Speaker—Elizabeth Bricknell  
Presented by WINGS



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