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Sunday Worship
Adult Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m. (in person or
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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023 Happenings



From the Pastor's Desk



PREPARING OURSELVES FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

This coming Sunday, we will approach the Lord's Table for Communion. The Apostle Paul, when instructing about the Lord's Supper, said these words: *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes* (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). When the Lord instructed us to "do this in remembrance of me," did He mean that the Lord's Supper is only a commemorative act? I do not believe this is what Jesus or Paul is declaring at all. The Lord's Supper is to be a time when we remember all that Jesus has accomplished for our sake – past, present, and future.

In remembrance of what Jesus has done: Surely, as we partake of the bread and cup, we remember that night when he gathered together with His disciples and shared in the Passover meal with them. As they retold the story of the first Passover, Jesus spoke of a new covenant that would supersede and fulfill the old covenant of the law. We are to recall the questions that the disciples asked one another as they were trying to understand the meaning of Jesus' instructions. Most importantly, we are to remember Jesus, *the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God* (Hebrews 12:2).

In remembrance of what Jesus is doing: There is a present grace that accompanies the sharing of this meal. We should approach the Lord's Supper with a very real – even urgent – sense of our total dependence upon God for our spiritual sustenance. During the Passover meal, Jesus was giving

instructions to His disciples in the Upper Room. He said to them, *"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you* (John 14:26) *and later He said concerning the Holy Spirit, "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you* (John 16:7). We partake of the bread and the cup to remind us that God will give us everything we need in the present for life and godliness through Jesus. God nourishes and provides for us perfectly through Jesus' effectual sacrifice.

In remembrance of what Jesus will do: It is curious that Paul's instruction on communion concludes with the phrase, *"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."* The Apostle Paul is reminding us that there is a future sense to the Lord's Supper as well. We ought to be encouraged every

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JUNE 2023 Sermons

- 4 – *Unbound to be Bound* , Romans 6:15-23
- 11 – *Are You Attached?*, Romans 7:1-6
- 18 – *The Purpose of the Law*, Romans 7:7-14
- 25 – *Guest Preacher, Richard Licata*

May 20 Ladies' Tea



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time we gather and share this meal because we know that as true as it is that Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins, it is also true that He rose to free us from death and grant us eternal life. In 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, we are encouraged: ***Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*** I know that sometimes it seems as if Jesus never will return and usher in the fullness of His Kingdom. But Jesus' promise to return is as sure as His promise that through His death we have been given eternal life. We proclaim this assurance of our hope in Christ (past, present, and future hope) every time we eat this meal.

Teaching on the Lord's Supper, we read in the Westminster Confession of Faith 29.1: *The night Jesus was betrayed he instituted the sacrament of his body and blood, called the Lord's supper, to be observed in his church until the end of the world as a perpetual remembrance of his sacrifice in death and as the seal of all the benefits of that sacrifice for true believers. It also signifies the spiritual nourishment and growth of believers in Jesus and their additional commitment to perform all the duties they owe him. Finally, it is a bond and pledge of believers' communion with Jesus and with each other as members of his mystical body.*

Jesus' death and resurrection means abundant, eternal life for you and me – now and forevermore.

In God's Grace,
Pastor Kevin



Collecting Shoebox Items



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!

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

JUNE 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	2 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	3 9:30 a.m. Worshp Mtg 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
4 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i> 11:40 a.m. Mission Mtg	5 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class	6 7:00 p.m. Vision Team	7	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	9 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class	10 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
11 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	12 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class	13 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	14 	15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	16 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class	17
18 FATHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	19 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class	20 <i>Tues.-Thurs.</i> <i>General</i> <i>Assembly</i> 7:00 p.m. OIT Mtg	21 SUMMER BEGINS	22	23 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Committee	24 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
25 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (Adult S.S.) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Blue Bag Sunday)</i>	26 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class	27	28	29	30 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:15 a.m. Slow & Go. Class	

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	-12,286.82	15,830.01
Receipts	14,081.00	19,559.01
Disbursements	<u>20,134.08</u>	<u>20,261.07</u>
Ending Balance	(18,339.90)	15,127.95
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	83,531.70	99,617.73
Disbursements	<u>101,871.60</u>	<u>84,489.78</u>
Ending Balance	(18,339.90)	15,127.95

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	272,043.85	211,059.15
Receipts	4,131.84	2,320.00
Disbursements	<u>17,158.37</u>	<u>16,221.90</u>
Ending Balance	259,017.32	197,157.25
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	234,761.75	237,352.89
Receipts	45,847.44	19,016.41
Disbursements	<u>21,591.87</u>	<u>59,212.05</u>
Ending Balance	259,017.32	197,157.25
NET FUNDS	<u>240,677.42</u>	<u>212,285.20</u>

June Prayer Families

Week of...

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| June 4 | Dale Hanley
Jerry Silvers |
| June 11 | Harry & Barbara Harlow
Donald Shipler |
| June 18 | Bob & Pam Hasbrouck
Al & Connie Sandblast |
| June 25 | Trudy Haveman
LaVerna Ruckman |



Prayer Walk

Come and join us in a prayer walk on **June 3, 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.



June Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 3 | Yvonne Barker |
| 11 | Bob & Ann Norton |
| 15 | Roy & Jean Eddy |
| 18 | Juanita MacMahon |
| 19 | Ruth Wendt |

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

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Cannon Beach Conference

October 6-8

Speaker Dr. RoseAnne Coleman

Deposit Deadline, June 7.

Contact Martha Swanstrum at 360-546-2948

WALK FOR LIFE

JUNE 9, 2023, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

To Support Women's Wellness Clinic
Will be walking around Horseshoe Lake

\$25 for Adults/\$15 for under 18 yr old

\$50 for Families of 3 or more.

Celebrate the Gift of Life



Presbytery 2024 Planning

Our church has the opportunity to host Presbytery, February 1-3, 2024.

We will need lots of volunteers to help with this gathering.

Mark your calendars now,

and begin praying on how God would use you to help serve at this meeting.

Thank you.

Mike & Stephanie Kuhn Missionaries

Mike Kuhn serves with **World Outreach** as the director of ITEN (International Theological Education Network). Previously, he and Stephanie lived and served over twenty-five years in the countries around the Mediterranean (France, Morocco, Egypt, and Lebanon). Recently, he served as professor of Discipleship and Biblical Theology at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut Lebanon (2012-2018).

Mike's role with ITEN allows him to observe the global church in diverse settings. He assists in training leaders for the church by teaching in the areas of the Trinity, Christology, Biblical theology and spiritual formation. He enjoys acting as an informal mentor for a number of students and aspiring leaders of the church in the Muslim world and beyond.

He is a Teaching Elder (Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest) and served as an assistant pastor for six years at Cedar Springs Presbyterian (Knoxville, TN).

Mike is married to Stephanie. They have three adult daughters, three sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren. Stephanie is also an educator and serves ITEN by helping assess our educational methods, build our team, and communicate with the ITEN team and partners.

Mike's doctoral studies were in the area of Christian theological response in the Arab Muslim context. He authored *Fresh Vision for the Muslim World*, *Finding Hagar*, *God is One*, and *In Quest of the Rock: Peter's Transformational Journey with Jesus*.

Special thanks to Woodland for your prayers for us. Following are a few items that we'd appreciate you lifting to the Lord in your prayers.

1. Wisdom to lead ITEN. We are in a phase of rebuilding, completing some sites where we work and establishing new ones.
2. Filling of the Spirit to teach and engage with enthusiasm and joy.
3. In the next two weeks, ITEN will be completing a 12-course program in Hanoi Vietnam. Ed and Nan McCallum will be there as Ed teaches a course on pastoral ministry from the book of 1 Corinthians. Mike will be teaching a spiritual formation course based on Jesus' discipleship of Peter. Pray for a uniquely blessed course and a completion ceremony that honors the Lord and builds the church among the Hmong people of N. Vietnam.

A Note from Carolyn Ford, SIM Missionary



Dear Friends at Woodland Presbyterian Church,

It is always a joy to receive your church newsletter and read about all the Lord is doing through you. We have had some good opportunities for extended prayer fellowship this year: Several churches in the county collaborated for 21 days of prayer and fasting leading up to Easter Sunday. Each person was free to decide how much he/she participated. I was blessed to be part of a group who met in our village 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. 6 days a week to pray for revival, for the persecuted church, and for various ministries. Then during the 30 days of Ramadan we had videos and zoom prayer times, and our monthly "Day of Prayer" with emphasis on needs in the SIM world. And the National Day of Prayer May 4 with a very evangelical gathering at the courthouse as well as a special time of prayer here in the village. Now we look forward to "10 Days of Prayer" between Ascension and Pentecost (starting May 18). I think prayer is the most important ministry we can have, so I am grateful for all of these opportunities.

With genuine thanks for your prayers and friendship and financial support,
Carolyn Ford

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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.

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