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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023 *Happenings*



From the Pastor's Desk

FAMILY MATTERS

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. Galatians 3:27-29 (ESV)

When we first formed our Vision Team back in 2018, we were spending much time in prayer and discussion about the various ways to minister in Woodland and how we can reach the lost within our community. If you recall, we did a door-to-door survey, and we researched our community concerning various demographics. One of the areas of the demographics that caught our attention was the rising number of Latinos, which at the time numbered just over 20 percent. We began to pray about how we might share the Gospel to this growing Latino population.

The answer came knocking on our door one day...literally! This was the day when I first met Pastor Martin Leyva. He had been visiting Woodland churches, trying to find space that he could rent for a church plant he was starting.

It was only a matter of minutes after we had met that I was sharing with him about our Vision Team and our prayer concerning the growing Latino population. He then began to share with me his similar vision. We knew immediately that even though we serve in different denominations (Pastor Leyva is a Southern Baptist church planter), nevertheless we were connected in Christ, and God had given our two churches the same vision. I have learned so much by watching Pastor Martin and his wife, Graciela, serve in Woodland as church planters.

Fast forward to the present. We rejoice with Go Iglesia that God has helped them through the difficult season of COVID, and now He is blessing them with growth. After our renovations, our Stewardship Committee felt it was time to extend an invitation for Go Iglesia to begin using the upstairs sanctuary.

It has been a delight to briefly fellowship with them on our way out the door as their members are just arriving. It's worth staying just a few minutes after our coffee hour ends just to hear their worship team practicing prior to their service...Which brings me to the reason I have given you this brief history.

On **August 13, at 10 a.m.**, we will be having a joint service with our brothers and sisters from Go Iglesia. Our session has moved communion to the second week so that we can celebrate at the Lord's Table together. Our worship teams will be combining our gifts as we sing together in both Spanish and English. After our service, we will be sharing a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall. This has been a long time coming, but I hope it will be

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AUGUST 2023 Sermons

6 – *Prepared to Stand*, James 1:1-12

13 – Combined Service with Go Iglesia Church
--Communion Sunday

20 – *God's Sovereign Choice*, Romans 9:1-13

27 – *God's Sovereign Mercy*, Romans 9:14-33

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the first of many services that we share together as a Christian family. Pastor Martin said to me that he looks forward to worshipping with the church that has so warmly welcomed them as guests. My response was that I look forward to worshipping with the church that has so quickly become family.

In God's Grace,
Pastor Kevin



Gideons International Missions

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

The Gideons International began distributing the Word of God in 1908. Today, there are more than 269,500 Gideons and Auxiliary – and an untold number of supporters – in some 200 countries, territories, and possessions across the globe. These dedicated individuals have given their time and money to make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word. We have placed and distributed more than 2 billion Bibles and New Testaments around the world.

Fun and Fellowship Events

Dayspring Trip – Kite Festival in Long Beach
9:30 a.m., August 23.

All Church Luau Picnic – Following Worship
Sunday, September 17.

Shining Star Bazaar – Saturday, November 18,
At WPC.



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!



AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00 p.m. Vision Team	2	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	4 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Mtg	5 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
6 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	7 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	8	9 9:00 a.m. CE Mtg	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	11 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	12 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
13 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Go Church <i>Communion</i>	14 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	15 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg	16	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	18 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	19
20 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	21 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	22	23 9:30 a.m. Dayspring Trip – Long Beach Kite Festival	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	25 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Committee 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg	26 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
27 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Blue Bag Sunday)</i>	28 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	29	30	31 10:00 a.m. Bible Study		

August Prayer Families

Week of...

- August 6 Sarah Lail
Dick Pedersen
- August 13 Sam & Toni LaPore
George & Janice Paynter
- August 20 Goni Laseke
Steven & Kari Paulson
- August 27 Kevin & Cindy Leach
Gary & Janet Oyer



Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>MAY</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	-18,339.90	15,127.95
Receipts	13,359.00	13,392.00
Disbursements	<u>18,692.17</u>	<u>25,207.93</u>
Ending Balance	(23,673.07)	3,312.02
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	96,890.70	113,009.73
Disbursements	<u>120,563.77</u>	<u>109,697.71</u>
Ending Balance	(23,673.07)	3,312.02

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>MAY</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	259,017.32	197,157.25
Receipts	13,786.00	9,396.82
Disbursements	<u>46,166.30</u>	<u>705.94</u>
Ending Balance	226,637.02	205,848.13
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	234,761.75	237,352.89
Receipts	59,633.44	28,413.23
Disbursements	<u>67,758.17</u>	<u>59,917.99</u>
Ending Balance	226,637.02	205,848.13
NET FUNDS	202,963.95	209,160.15

Prayer Walk

Come and join us in a prayer walk on **August 5, 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.



August Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Janet Clock
- 2 Jim Blair
- 5 Mike & Suzy Ferguson
- 9 Karen Wilson
- 10 Mark Hover
- 16 Kevin & Cindy Leach
- 17 Acenath Morgan
- 18 Rick & Janet Syring
- 21 Gary Oyer
- 22 David Bozorth
- 22 Donnie Shipler
- 23 Sherry Bozorth
- 23 Suzy Ferguson
- 30 Brian & Margaret Sukkari

The people listed in the Birthday and Anniversary list

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Cannon Beach Conference

October 6-8

Speaker Dr. RoseAnne Coleman

Contact Martha Swanstrum at 360-546-2948



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.

Share Your Talent

Did you hear? WPC is again hosting the Shining Star Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, November 18. We are inviting multiple vendors from the community to participate. We are also going to have a table to sell handmade items made by...YOU! This is a great way to make items that unleash your creativity and bring joy to others! Whether it be building, baking, sewing, painting, printing, jewelry making, handcrafting; you name it, we would love to offer it at our bazaar. And summer is the perfect time to get started! Questions? See Janet Syring.

Also, do you know any local crafters who might like to rent a table to share their wares? Let us know! There is information and registration forms available on our website and on Facebook.

Very Exciting!



Coming in September!!!

An ENGAGEMENT Announcement

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

From your Outreach Team

Deacons Fund

The Deacons Fund is used to help church members and community members with one time or ongoing expenses that they are having trouble meeting financially. Each month, we give out at least a \$1000 a month to those in need. In order to keep meeting those needs, we are reminding you of our Deacons Fund and asking if you are able to do so, to consider making a donation to the deacons fund on our Communion Sunday.

Thank you.

Worship In the Park

The Women's Wellness Clinic (WWC) of Woodland will be hosting their first annual "Worship in the Park" event

at Horseshoe Lake Park

1-4 p.m., Saturday, September 9, 2023.

Please go to www.womenswellnessclinic.org and watch their social media Facebook and Instagram pages, starting in August, for their Worship in the Event postings. Please, if you feel led to share, share, like, and comment on their social media pages to help spread the word on WWC and their first Annual Worship in the Park event.

Raffle Tickets go on sale August 1 and can be purchased on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at WWC (557 Goerig Street). In addition, their WWC Event committee volunteers will be selling raffle tickets with 1st prize, 2nd prize, and 3rd prize winners. They will also have a silent auction with some "musical" instruments available for bidding at the Worship in the Park event.

Raffle ticket winners do not need to be present to win.

There will be various local worship teams/bands performing from local churches, their new Mobile Coffee Cart, BBQ grills to cook up hot dogs and hamburgers, and a few silent auction items. They are raising funds to open their doors to provide life-affirming women's healthcare services to the women in Woodland and beyond.

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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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