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Sunday Worship
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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023 Happenings



MISSIONS



SAMARITAN'S PURSE Operation Christmas Child SHARING GOODNEWS GREAT JOY!



Every gift-filled shoebox is a tool for evangelism and discipleship for a local church around the world. At Operation Christmas Child outreach events, boys and girls hear the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ and receive a tangible expression of God's love through one of your prayerfully packed shoeboxes.

I'd encourage you to include a letter and a photo along with your gift, as these often become cherished items for the child. One of our ministry partners in Liberia who is also a dean at a Bible college said that some of her students still have the letters they received in their shoeboxes years ago.

We also offer shoebox recipients our follow-up discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey." Through trained local teachers, boys and girls learn to follow

Jesus and share Him with friends and family.

We thank God that through our decades of delivering shoebox gifts, we've shared the Gospel with millions of children in over 160 countries and territories. In the last couple of years, we've also expanded our efforts to remote Pacific islands where we've already communicated this life-changing message to tens of thousands of children. We're also working in unreached ethnic groups, some of whom have never heard the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ before. Praise Him new churches are starting!

I am thankful for your interest in this unique Samaritan's Purse project. God is working mightily through your generosity.

May God bless you,
--Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

SENDING THE GOSPEL to the Ends of the Earth.

Samaritan's Purse is bringing shoebox gifts and the Good News of Jesus Christ to some of the most remote corners of the globe! We praise God for that.

Some examples:

120,000-plus children on Pacific islands have received a shoebox gift.

2000-plus churches have been started around the world in the last two years in part through Operation Christmas Child.

250-plus Unreached People Groups will receive shoebox gifts and the message of the Gospel by 2024.

*Samaritan's Purse, International Relief; Operation Christmas Child;
samaritanaspurse.org; 2021*



SEPTEMBER 2023 Sermons

- 3 – *The Crux of the Matter*, Romans 9:30-10:4
- 10 – *The Plan of Salvation*, Romans 10:5-21
- 17 – *The Unfolding of God’s Plan*, Romans 11:1-24
- 24 – *We Love a Good Mystery*, Romans 11:25-36

God-Sized Confidence in a Post-Christian World

“This life will not be easy, because there is raging around us ‘a continual and irreconcilable war,’ and neutrality is not an option. Life may get harder. Society may get unfriendlier. Faith in Christ may become still more unacceptable and obedience to Christ still more costly. But ... Jesus reigns, and Jesus will return. We may not understand every part of the picture ..., but stand back and see the broad sweep of it. God has won. God wins. And so, we will prevail too, beyond the battle that you and I are a part of and must fight well in.” —Alistair Begg

The prevailing wind is no longer at the back of the sails of professing Bible-believing Christians. Many of us appear to be completely overwhelmed by the reality that some of our views are no longer deemed acceptable. So what does it look like to live as Christians in a society that does not like much of what Christians believe?

Based in Alistair Begg’s book “Brave by Faith,” our **Sunday Morning Live! class is diving into the book of Daniel** and will give you a deeper understanding of how to stand firm and live bravely as a Christian when the wind is blowing hard against you. In this nine session class, we will learn to set our hope on the God of Daniel as we live as strangers and exiles in this world. Lessons include Scripture passages, hymn lyrics, and questions for contemplation and deeper engagement. **Please join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for this exciting look at Daniel and the lessons we can learn from him in this Post-Christian world.**

Fun and Fellowship Events

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!



SEPTEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	2 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
3 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	4 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 	5 7:00 p.m. Vision Team	6 9:00 a.m. CE Mtg	7	8 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Mtg	9 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
10 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	11 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	12 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg	13	14	15 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Committee	16
17 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:15 a.m. ALL CHURCH PICNIC	18 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	19 7:00 p.m. Outreach Team	20	21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	22 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg	23  10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts 1-4 p.m. "Worship in the Park" (WWC)
24 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Blue Bag Sunday)</i>	25 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	26	27	28 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	29 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	30

September Prayer Families

Week of...

- September 3 Betsy Lessard
Bob & Ann Norton
- September 10 Richard Licata
Frank & Valerie Nichols
- September 17 Richard & Laura Long
Dirk & Darlene Muyskens
- September 24 Juanita MacMahon
Linda Muthandi



Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>JUNE</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	-23,673.07	3,712.02
Receipts	11,193.22	18,932.23
Disbursements	<u>30,585.47</u>	<u>35,565.41</u>
Ending Balance	(43,065.32)	(12,921.16)
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	108,083.92	132,341.96
Disbursements	<u>151,149.24</u>	<u>145,263.12</u>
Ending Balance	(43,065.32)	(12,921.16)

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>JUNE</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	218,512.29	205,848.13
Receipts	12,333.30	17,260.74
Disbursements	<u>434.63</u>	<u>10,495.08</u>
Ending Balance	230,410.96	212,613.79
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	226,637.02	237,352.89
Receipts	71,966.74	45,673.97
Disbursements	<u>68,192.80</u>	<u>70,413.07</u>
Ending Balance	230,410.96	212,613.79
NET FUNDS	<u>187,345.64</u>	<u>199,692.63</u>

Prayer Walk

Come and join us in a prayer walk on **September 2, 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.



September Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Cindy Wallace
- 7 Dale Hanley
- 18 Darin & Sally Hager
- 19 Jessica Ferguson
- 19 Sandy Wyzanowski
- 26 Pat & Janet Clock

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



CASTING CALL

For a radio theater production of

"A Christmas Carol"

We will be looking for readers who want to participate.

No memorizing of lines – just 'expressive' readers.

We will also need musicians (singers and instruments), and others, to provide the sound effects for the show.

Stay tuned for more information...

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Cannon Beach Conference

October 6-8

Speaker Dr. RoseAnne Coleman
Contact Martha Swanstrum at
360-546-2948

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 23, 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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