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Sunday Worship  
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## WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

# MARCH 2024 Happenings



## ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

### A SLICE OF HUMBLE PIE

*<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

Psalm 51:3-4 (ESV)

Through this month, we journey on in the Lenten season. It began with Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Week to Resurrection Day, March 31.

There are several different themes that one can focus upon during the days of Lent; and, I would suggest that we ought to focus on these themes often throughout the year: Fasting and prayer; the earthly ministry of Jesus; character studies of the various people who surrounded the Lord during His ministry, and in His last hours before the cross; or the various Old Testament passages that foretold the suffering of Christ.

One of the themes to consider is that of humility. When we ponder our Savior who came for the sole purpose of suffering a cruel death on a cursed cross so that He might seal our redemption, how can we not be humbled?

The Lenten season is a time to examine our lifestyles in light of our commitment to the Lord.

It is a season for self-interrogation and serious reflection as we stand exposed in the light of Christ. Here are a few questions to consider, which may direct us to the path of humility:

*“Am I heeding the call of my Master to come and follow Him?” “Where do my treasures lie, in earthly or in heavenly things?”*

*“Does my life reflect the love and mercy of my Savior, or does it reflect a person living for myself?” or “What do the Scriptures mean when they declare that we are to become ‘like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead?’” (Phil. 3:10-11).*

Questions like these cannot and should not be answered with haste or in a casual manner. They cut to the very core of our faith and reveal much about our level of commitment to Christ.

I guarantee you that if we dare to begin such an inquiry into the secret places of our souls, we certainly will find ourselves knocking on the door of the house of humility.

In the book, *Valley of Vision*, a puritan prayed, *“Thou dost not play in convincing me of sin, Satan did not play in tempting me to it, I do not play when I sink in deep mire, for sin is no game, no toy, no bauble; Let me never forget that the heinousness of sin lies not so much in the nature of the sin committed, as in the greatness of the person sinned against.”*

David acknowledges a person's need to understand the seriousness of his/her sin and to humble oneself before the Lord: *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise* (Ps. 51:17). Our humility does move the Lord. We can observe this in the accounts of King Manasseh and King Ahab. These were two very wicked kings who deserved God's punishment for their evil practices. Yet, when they humbled themselves before the Lord, God heard and forgave them (2 Chronicles 33:12-13 and 1 Kings 21:28-29).

As we travel through the Lenten season, may we do so with a

## Mike & Tammy EPCWO Missionaries

Prayer is the life-blood of missions. God calls, sustains, and rewards prayer. As you know, for missionaries to be successful, we must pray for them.

Mike and Tammy are missionaries working in Southeast Asia, supported by EPCWO through churches like ours. Their goal is to “for the Glory of God, seeing all peoples worshipping and following Christ.”

They are asking for prayer in the following areas:

- To seek God’s will for their team goals for the year;
- Lead Tammy as she serves as a language coach, guide her language helper with scheduling issues,
- Mike and Tammy are joining with neighbors for their family gathering in February,
- Their team will be traveling to the east coast (of their country) to “pray, bless, and share” in late February, boldly and faithfully share the Gospel, and for new partnerships that are forming this year.

Please include Mike and Tammy in your daily devotional/prayer time as they face many challenges. Your prayers of encouragement will bless them and help grow the Kingdom of God.



- 3 – *I Am the Bread of Life*, John 6:25-40
- 10 – *I Am the Gate*, John 10:7-10
- 17 – *Mike Ferguson to preach*
- 24 – *I Am the Good Shepherd*, John 10:11-15
- 29 – (Good Friday) *I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life*, John 14:1-7
- 31 – *I Am the Resurrection and the Life*, John 11:17-27

## 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



...continued from the Pastor’s Desk...

humble and repentant heart. As we consider the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus (who came and suffered for our sakes!), may our understanding of His grace grow all the more. Most importantly, we must take time, real time, to ponder anew the glorious saving work of God our Redeemer and kneel in awe of His love for us.

*Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with pow’r.  
He is able, He is able,  
He is willing; doubt no more.*




In God’s Grace  
Pastor Kevin





# MARCH 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Mtg	<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
<b>3 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i> 11:00 a.m. C.E. Mtg	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>5</b>  7:00 p.m. Vision Team	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>10 4th SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>12</b>  7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  10 a.m. Fellowship Committee Mtg	<b>16</b>
<b>17 5th SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>19</b>  7:00 p.m. OT Mtg	<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
<b>24 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Gratitude Bag Sunday)</i>	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	<b>28 MAUNDAY THURSDAY</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>29 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  <b>7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 EASTER</b> 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Worship Service						

## Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	-54,108.22	-17,765.65
Receipts	24,922.96	37,796.41
Disbursements	18,091.96	28,231.73
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(47,277.22)</b>	<b>(8,200.97)</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	184,212.87	259,414.09
Disbursements	231,490.09	291,688.02
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(47,277.22)</b>	<b>(32,273.93)</b>

## Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	241,690.26	232,225.75
Receipts	3,170.12	19,864.96
Disbursements	1,101.17	2,388.01
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>243,759.21</b>	<b>249,702.70</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
Beginning Balance	226,637.02	237,352.89
Receipts	95,970.00	95,453.73
Disbursements	78,847.81	79,499.66
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>243,759.21</b>	<b>253,306.96</b>
<b>NET FUNDS</b>	<b>196,481.99</b>	<b>221,033.03</b>

### Prayer Walk

Come and join us in  
a prayer walk on  
**March 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.

## March Prayer Families

### Week of...

- March 3 Kirsten Marie Dean  
Brian & Margaret Sukkari
- March 10 Jean Eddy  
Jeri Loretta Stocker
- March 17 Charlotte Ellis  
Jan Stenberg
- March 24 Doug Ferguson  
Jason Snider
- March 31 Jim Ferguson  
Carolyn Smith



## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 Richard Long
- 8 Brian Sukkari
- 14 Jim & Marilyn Miller
- 15 Richard Benney
- 17 Jason & Sarah Wolk
- 18 Joyce Sixberry
- 19 Marilyn Miller
- 21 Joe Bozorth
- 22 John & Cynthia Svensson
- 31 Dale Boon

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

### 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.





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

From her February 2024 Letter...

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*“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”*  
Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

Corporate as well as individual prayer has always been our weapon of choice in fighting spiritual battles. As the world grows darker, we must all the more bring our petitions and thanksgiving to the throne of grace in order to receive God’s mercy and grace to help us in our time of need. Our SIM leadership recognizes this, facilitating prayer gathering online as well as in-person.

I was especially moved by the 2024 National Gathering for Prayer and Repentance held at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on January 31. You can watch it at [ngpr.org](http://ngpr.org), and I urge you to watch even just the first five or ten minutes. I watched it in smaller time portions as I was able. Unless we who call ourselves Christians repent deeply of our lukewarmness and pride, God’s judgment will come upon us even as it did on Israel.

Wycliffe Ethiopia dedicated their new building the weekend of February 3-4. At the same time, they held a virtual dedication of the New Testament in four languages, including Tsara. Matt spent many hours readying the Tsara text for this. About 100 copies of the New Testaments were printed in each language and will be distributed, read or listened to, and discussed by the mother-tongue speakers of each language. The feedback received will enable the translators to revise their translation so that it is clear and accurate, and so that the text sounds natural to the mother-tongue speakers. Praise God for this major milestone, and please keep praying that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts and minds of these people groups to understand and receive the truth of God’s Word.

I have not made as much progress as I had hoped to on writing my memoirs. I am up to 2009.

My neighbor Cora, who fell and fractured her spine, is doing very well and able to walk without a cane now. Praise God! And thank you for your prayers for her.

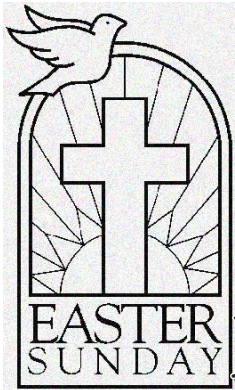
Our beloved village manager, Tim, has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s and has asked SIM USA to begin looking for someone to replace him as manager. We are heart-broken; but, we know that our Father doesn’t make mistakes. Tim and his wife, Brenda, have given themselves in serving us, even filling in at our Lodge (assisted living facility) as cooks, caregivers, and whatever else is needed, in addition to Tim’s role as manager. Please ask the Lord to bless them greatly and to bring His choice of a new village manager at just the right time. Praise Him for providing new staff for several other roles, including a maintenance director for the village, and a custodian, additional caregiver, and additional cook for the Lodge.

Prayerfully,

*Carolyn Ford*

To support my ongoing ministry, give online at: [simusa.org/give/](http://simusa.org/give/) Type my name into the box marked “Select Designation,” click on Carolyn Ford – Ministry. Or send a check made payable to SIM USA with designation “for Carolyn Ford – Ministry Account #19489” to:  
SIM USA; 14830 Choate Circle; Charlotte NC 28273

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Please join us for our Good Friday Service: March 29, at 7 p.m.

AND

Sunday, March 31, at 9 a.m. for Easter Breakfast, and then

10 a.m. for Easter Sunday Worship Service

**MARCH 31**

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