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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024 Happenings



† From the Pastor's Desk †

“You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.” 2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

The theme of this year's General Assembly was "Next," based on 2 Timothy 2:2, "You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others." We gathered in Memphis to focus on our Gospel priority to bring the good news of Jesus to the next generations, passing the baton of faith and ministry to those who will run the race of faith after us.

One of the highlights of our gathering was the way the presenters modelled for us the concept of reaching the next generation. Many of our denominational leaders were accompanied by their children and grandchildren as they led us in the reading of the Scriptures and prayer. This type of intergenerational ministry is something that our leaders at WPC have been discussing as we have been working through ministry material called, "Growing Young."

By the way, we will be introducing this material to our congregation this summer, so I hope you all will be willing to participate. I believe the Lord will use this material to help WPC to 'grow young' in Christ.

As I mentioned on Sunday, our business meetings included some serious debate and even disagreement. It is not unlike what any church or presbytery must go through as we seek the mind of Christ on important issues that will shape the future of our denomination.

For the last two years, a committee has been working on a pastoral letter on the subject of race, lament, and hope. It is good that as a denomination, we are becoming more diverse in terms of ethnicity. As we grow more diverse, we need to minister to the spiritual needs and concerns of all our people. We were able to agree on accepting this letter, which is to be used within our denomination to help us as we deal with issues of race.

Our primary goal is to honor Christ and seek the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

We were also dealing with issues that had to do with ordination and the Sacrament of Communion. Because these are very important issues, it was determined that they will require more study and discussion before any changes are made to our Book of Order. What is always encouraging to me is that whenever debates get heated in our business meetings, a simple call from the floor will bring the members of the General Assembly to prayer (which happened often).

The worship and preaching were rich and deep. Hope Church in Memphis is a diverse congregation, and we were treated to a combination of contemporary worship along with powerful gospel music. Cindy and I also attended an evening of psalm singing. While this may sound a bit old fashioned, it was a highlight of our time.


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A room filled with worshippers who joined in singing the psalms – how the Spirit moved! Most of us were novices; but, by the end of the evening, we left convinced that this is something we should do in our churches. Stay tuned.

We had two guest speakers, Jim Davis and Sam Rainer, who addressed issues concerning our future ministry and reaching the next generation with the gospel of Christ. While their presentations were loaded with statistics and current trends (enough to make heads spin), the general message was very encouraging. The trends seem to be turning away from the megachurch model (most popular in the 80's through 2010) and moving back towards the smaller neighborhood/community church. The next generations are choosing to plant themselves in a community and stay there rather than move every few years. They are inclined not to drive several miles to attend church, but would rather worship locally. That means that the neighborhood church will have opportunity to reach people who are looking to plant roots in a town or city. It will mean that we must become more serious about growing in our faith, reaching out to our community, and establishing an authentic community/family that is built on the love of Christ.

We are so grateful for the opportunity to attend our 44th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and may our time spent in Memphis produce fruit that abides for eternity.

For God's Glory, Pastor Kevin 

Please Join Us for

A Baby Shower Luncheon

Honoring the Parents-to-Be:
Nathan and Sarah Hager
Sunday, July 7, at 11:45 a.m.
In WPC Fellowship Hall



Rummage Sale

Bargain Basement Blast!

Friday & Saturday, **August 16-17**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Start saving your good, clean, usable items for our big sale! Furniture, household goods, books, decorations, tools, and more, are welcome! Sorry, no clothing at this time.

More details coming soon!

Like to help before, during, and/or after the sale? See Janet Syring.

All proceeds from the sale will be going toward new flooring for the Fellowship Hall.



All-Church Picnic

Sunday, September 8

Following Worship
Fellowship Hall

Save the date,
and join us for this
Patriotic Party!

July Dayspring Trip

We are going antiquing in Old Town Battleground for our July Dayspring Trip! Join us on Wednesday, **July 24**, at 9:30 a.m., at church for a light breakfast. Vans will leave at 10:15 a.m.


We'll start at Nest Vintage, 601 E Main Street, Battle Ground. This shop has 64 vendors with a mix of the old and the new. There are several shops in close proximity, so there will be opportunity to look around. Meet back at the vans at 12:45 p.m. to return to church.

Please see Carol Brown if you have any questions.



JULY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 11:00 a.m. C.E. Mtg	2 7:00 p.m. Vision Team	3 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	4 	5 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Mtg	6 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
7 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Live 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i> 11:45 a.m. Baby Shower/Luncheon	8 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	9 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	10 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	11 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	12 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	13 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
14 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	15 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class ...	16	17 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	18 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	19 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10 a.m. Fellowship Committee Mtg	20
21 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	22 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	23 7:00 p.m. OT Mtg	24 9:30 a.m. Meet at WPC for Dayspring Trip 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	25 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	26 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	27 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
28 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>(Gratitude Bag Sunday)</i>	29 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	30	31 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class			

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beginning Balance	15,830.01	18,771.19
Receipts	19,559.01	47,837.00
Disbursements	<u>20,261.07</u>	<u>24,945.10</u>
Ending Balance	15,127.95	41,663.09
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	-	-
Receipts	99,617.73	131,462.60
Disbursements	<u>84,489.78</u>	<u>89,799.51</u>
Ending Balance	15,127.95	41,663.09

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beginning Balance	205,135.64	256,700.86
Receipts	19,016.41	6,999.41
Disbursements	<u>59,212.05</u>	<u>5,013.71</u>
Ending Balance	164,940.00	258,686.56
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	237,352.89	221,033.00
Receipts	22,685.62	52,980.32
Disbursements	<u>95,098.51</u>	<u>15,326.76</u>
Ending Balance	164,940.00	258,686.56
NET FUNDS	180,067.95	300,349.65

Prayer Walk

Come and join us in
a prayer walk on
July 6 , 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.

July Prayer Families

Week of...

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| July 7 | Rita Hudson
Joey & Sarah Ostrand |
| July 14 | Clyde & Sharron Johnson
Bob & Ann Norton |
| July 21 | Barbara Kenney
Frank & Valerie Nichols |
| July 28 | Bob & Bette Krueger
Dirk & Darlene Muyskens |



July Sermons

- 7 – *A Word to the Wise*, Eccl. 9:13-10:20
 14 – *Don't Just Stand There*, Eccl. 11:1-6
 21 – *Don't Forget to Look Up*, Eccl. 11:7-12:8
 28 – *It Boils Down to This*, Eccl. 12:9-14



July Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 1 | Betsy Lessard |
| 4 | Mike Ferguson |
| 8 | Claralee Williams |
| 10 | Dave & Shirley Reed |
| 12 | Margaret Sukkari |
| 19 | Patty Graybill |
| 20 | Mark & Liz Hover |
| 28 | John Svensson |
| 30 | Jim & Karen Wilson |

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 \$1250 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.

...*from Carolyn Ford, Missionary*



May 2024

The Tsara people live on two mountains, separated by a wide valley. The translators Matt has been working with are from the eastern mountain; but, for two weeks in March, people came from the western mountain as well to participate in a community review of the Tsara New Testament. Three of the 17 reviewers belong to the Orthodox Church. Those on the western mountain did not know some of the key terms; but, they were able to find terms that both groups understood. Praise God! The evangelical Christians had all been using a term for “honor” that the Orthodox don’t know at all. They reviewed about 83% of the New Testament.

Eleven of the 17 met again April 22-26 to finish the review. They were able to agree on a term for “honor” that was acceptable to all of them, and they completed their review of the New Testament successfully. Praise God!

I asked if any of the community reviewers seemed to really grasp the truth of the Gospel. Matt said there were two or three teachers who seemed to understand better than the translators; but, the three pastors did not show much understanding at all. We remembered that the apostle Paul’s letters to the churches in Corinth and Galatia include evidence that many of the believers there did not understand very well either. Please join us in praying for the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of God’s Word to them more adequately.

Praise God that in 2023, over 400 additional languages were engaged for the purpose of starting a Bible translation, 41 language groups received New Testaments, and 12 received full Bibles!* Still, please pray: More than half the languages in the world, as yet, have no Scriptures – not even one verse!

Praise God that I am now into 2012 with drafting my memoirs. Please continue to pray for perseverance and enabling in this task. After I write the draft, I will need to go back and reorganize it, cutting out what isn’t relevant for my purpose, which is to “tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD” (Psalm 78:4).

With gratitude,

Carolyn Ford

*Statistics from Wycliffe Global Alliance

A Prayer for the 4th

“Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.”

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate

From July 2018 Newsletter Newsletter



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



Cannon Beach Fall Women's Conference

OCTOBER 4 6, 2024

This will be a fun-filled weekend of rich fellowship, inspiring biblical teaching, and relaxing on the beach, and includes 2 nights, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, and registration. The cost is \$250.

Speaker: Brooke Andrews

Brooke has collaborated on Bible study curriculum and devotionals, is on staff at The River Church of South Bay, and teaches at Biola University.

For more information and registration, see Martha Swanstrum.



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