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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

Happenings



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

THE MOST DREADFUL TRANSACTION EVER MADE

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, ...” Titus 3:4-5a

You know what really makes my day? When I secure a real bargain. In this way, I'm a lot like my father, Robert Leach, who was constantly looking to 'seal the deal' and make out like a bandit. So, now guess what really sets me off and ruins a perfectly good day for me? When I discovered I made a bad purchase or got a raw deal. When I discover I overpaid for an item that was a lot less expensive somewhere else. Not only do I feel bad in the moment I made the discovery of my poor transaction; but, the thought of it will haunt me for days to follow (A little, annoying voice will continue to harp in my mind - "What were you thinking, Kevin? How could you be so foolish? Do you realize how much you just lost?"). I just hate failing at the 'art of the deal.'

So, now that you know this about me, imagine how I reacted to the following quote by Samuel Rutherford that speaks of the 'worst' deal ever made (humanly speaking, of course): *Oh, what love! Christ would not entrust our*

redemption to angels, to millions of angels; but he would come himself, and in person suffer; he would not give a low and a base price for us clay. He would buy us with a great ransom, so as he might over-buy us, and none could over-bid him in his market for souls. If there had been millions of more believers, and many heavens, without any new bargain, his blood should have bought them all, and all these many heavens should have smelled one rose of life; Christ should have been one and the same tree of life in them all. Oh, we underbid, and undervalue that Prince of love, who did overvalue us; we will not sell all we have to buy him; he sold all he had, and himself too, to buy us.

When this statement came up in my Lenten devotion, it stopped me in my tracks. Aware of the depraved, rebellious sinner I am, I had been confronted with the fact that God outrageously overbid when it came to the salvation of my soul! The price Christ paid for me was perhaps the worst deal ever made (again, humanly speaking).

I am so thankful that God's ways and thoughts are so much higher than mine. I guess I shouldn't have been so surprised by thoughts in this quote by Rutherford, because throughout the Scriptures, we are told of this scandalous 'overbid' that the Lord offered to redeem us. In Romans 5:8-9, we are reminded, "...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God." It wasn't after we stopped our mutiny and cleaned up our ways that God saved us.

It was while we were in the midst of our red-hot rebellion against Him and while we were still in the process of our open and outright defiance of God that Christ overpaid the great price. Again, this act of redemption defies all worldly wisdom; but, it does help us to understand a little better what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:18-19:

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For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

In Rutherford's description of the overpayment that the Lord made to save us and reconcile us to God, he also brings up another very important issue that we must face when he states, "*Oh, we under-bid, and undervalue that Prince of love, who did overvalue us; we will not sell all we have to buy him; he sold all he had, and himself too, to buy us.*" I would encourage us to make this thought our focus for these waning days of Lent as we approach the recounting of the events of Holy Week and which will bring us to the foot of the cross on Good Friday: *Am I underbidding and undervaluing the One who has overbid on and overvalued us? How might I respond differently to the Lord as I become more aware of the extravagant overpayment He has made for me?* (If you want an example of a proper response, take a moment to read Luke 7:36-50, and then fall before Him in worship!)

In God's Grace,
Pastor Kevin



Christian Symbol

PALM BRANCH — When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing.

Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death.

As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God's throne.

From "Church Art Pro"



Save the Date

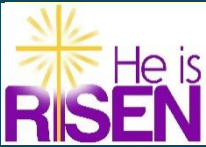
...For These Upcoming Events!

- Easter, April 20
- Ladies Tea, May 17, 1-3 p.m.
- Rummage Sale, August 15-16
- Men's Dinner, October 4, 5:30 p.m.
- Shining Star Bazaar, November (TBA)



Shared Hope International

Shared Hope International is one of the missions of WPC. They have a powerful initiative for 2025 called "Just Like Me" campaign, that amplifies the voices of survivor advocates and leaders, shedding light on the harsh reality of minor sex trafficking in America. Children nationwide are being CHOSEN every day by predators who meticulously select their victims, employing calculated methods to lure them into a world of exploitation. They deliberately target youth in places we assume are safe-from online platforms to sports practices. The focus of the campaign is on justice and comprehensive care-ensuring survivors get access to medical and mental health services, education, and job training-while restoring their dignity and hope. Thank you for your financial support and prayers.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	4 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Seder Meal	5 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
6 5th SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	7 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	8 1:30 p.m. Game Day Glass Chapel 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	9 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:15 p.m. Dinner/Prayer/Worship	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	11 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	12 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	14 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class ...	15	16 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:15 p.m. Dinner/Prayer/Worship	17 MAUNDY THURS 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	18 GOOD FRIDAY 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Mtg 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	21 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	22	23 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	25 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	26 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
27 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	28 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	29	30 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class			

Financial Report: Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION	FEBRUARY 2025	DECEMBER 2024
Total Assets	\$243,347.98	\$231,013.89
Total Liabilities	-\$2,795.00	-\$555.00
Total Net Assets	\$246,142.98	\$231,568.89
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$243,347.98	\$231,013.89

April Prayer Families

Week of...

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| April | 6 | Darin & Sally Hager
Debbie Robinson |
| April | 13 | Dale Hanley
Jennifer Rice |
| April | 20 | Harry & Barbara Harlow
Dave & Shirley Reed |
| April | 27 | Bob & Pam Hasbrouck
Jim Pool |



April Sermons

- 6 – *Crimes of the Heart*
Mark 7:14-23
- 13 – *A Song of Hope*, Palm Sunday
Psalm 123
- 20 – *A Song of Victory*, Easter Sunday
Psalm 16
- 27 – *A “Scrappy” Exchange*
Mark 7:24-30

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.

Sunday Morning Live

Adult Sunday School

Come join us on Sunday mornings, at 9 a.m., in the Upper Room (next to the Bell Choir room) as we study the book of Ephesians, directly from God’s Holy Word, including God’s word on important and sometimes controversial topics, such as: Chosen by God, Saved by Grace through Faith, Life in the Church, life in the Spirit, Marriage and Submission, and the Full Armor of God.



Birthdays

April Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Anniversary!

- 9 Jason Wolk
- 15 Laura Long
- 17 Trudy Haveman
- 26 Janet Syring

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

Roof Raising Fund

We are excited to announce the launch of a fundraising campaign dedicated to replacing some of the roofing of our church facility. This effort is crucial for ensuring the longevity and safety of our aging buildings. The project will upgrade the flat roof over the Fellowship Hall wing and the roof over the Narthex/Chapel. Both roofs have served us well and are reaching their end of life. The Stewardship Committee has sought and received cost estimates. Initial estimates indicate \$120,000 for both roofs. Competitive bids will be solicited to cover the cost of quality materials, skilled labor, and necessary permits.

When are these projects going to take place?

The Fellowship Hall flat roof is the highest priority, as the existing roof is showing signs of failure. It is planned to be completed this summer. The roof over the Narthex/Chapel will be addressed in the next two years depending on roof aging conditions and funds availability.

How are these projects being paid for?

To replace the roofs, we have set a fundraising goal of \$60,000. The Session has approved an additional matching amount of \$60,000 from our reserve funds.

There are several convenient ways to contribute to our fundraising campaign:

Online Donations: Visit our church's website and click on the "Giving" menu selection to make a secure online donation. Use the note section to designate the contribution to the "Church Roof Fund".

Mail-In Donations: Send a check payable to the church noting the contribution to the "Church Roof Fund."

In-Person Donations: Drop off your donation at the church office during regular hours, or place it in the donation box during Sunday services; and again, please note "Church Roof Fund."

Thank you for your consideration!



Save the Date! **Annual Ladies' Spring Tea**





"Precious in His Sight"
Saturday, May 17
1:00 p.m.

*Join us for a delightful
afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun!*

Tickets go on sale April 27

Would you like to be a table hostess?
Please contact
Janet Syring
for more information.



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Happenings

Seder Meal

Seder Meal with Chosen People
Friday, April 4, 6 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Choir Cantata with Bells

Walking Together with Jesus to the Cross

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

LENTEN MEAL SERVICES

Wednesdays, from March 5 through April 16

Dinner at 6:15 p.m., Prayer & Worship at 7:00 p.m.



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