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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2025 *Happenings*



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

HAPPY "ASCENSION AND DESCENSION" DAYS!

I loved to hear my mother say, "Aunt Marge is coming for a visit!" She was a wonderful person, and her visits were always very special. She would come with all kinds of activities to do. Half the fun of Aunt Marge's visits was the anticipation. The news of her coming would always fill me with a sense of wonder and delight – "I wonder what we are going to do this time?" I am sure my mom tired quickly of my constant questioning, "When will Aunt Marge be here?" (Similar to the repetitive droning of children on a trip – "Are we there yet?"). And then finally the day came, Aunt Marge walked through the door, and the fun began!

Did you know we are entering a church season similar to the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons? But the truth is, this current season often goes unnoticed. I'm speaking of the season of Ascension/Pentecost. All these seasons of the church year have this in common – they all focus first on the promise and then celebrate the arrival of the promise (like my childhood excitement of the promise and arrival of my Aunt Marge).

During Advent, we prepare ourselves for the commemoration of the birth of Christ by reading passages about the promises of His birth. The same is true for the Lenten season as we anticipate and prepare to celebrate our Savior who died and rose from the dead. The days of Lent are filled with preparation for the celebration of the day of resurrection. And then we excitedly rejoice when Christmas and Easter finally arrive.

The ascension of Jesus is very significant in that it is a time to prepare, pray, and anticipate the promise being fulfilled. The ten days between the ascension of Jesus and the descension of the Holy Spirit is a time to recall the event of Jesus ascending to the right hand of God and promises of the arrival of the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Christ – upon God's people. The disciples spent those ten days in prayer as they waited in Jerusalem for the promises of Jesus to be fulfilled. These powerful promises are found in both the Old Testament and the Gospels. Joel speaks of that day: ²⁸ *'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and*

daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days (Joel 2:28-29, NIV). Jesus promised that after His ascension, His followers would be filled with power to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). Jesus prepared His disciples for His ascension and the Holy Spirit's coming in John 16:7:

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

So, why is it that the Ascension/Pentecost season often goes unnoticed? Perhaps partly because the other two seasons have become such a commercial success in our secular society. As both Christmas and Easter approaches, commercials hit the airwaves, and we prepare for these holidays by spending a lot of time and money on celebrating many things – most of those things are not even related to the biblical celebration of our faith. What would we even sell during the Ascension/Pentecost season? Doves, wind machines,

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and flame throwers! In reality, the secular traditions of Christmas and Easter have superseded or replaced the deep, powerful, and biblical traditions of the church. And the events of the ascension of Jesus and the arrival of the Spirit are not even given an honorable mention.

Our society might not make much of this Ascension/Pentecost season, but the family of God should. This year, May 29 marks the Day of Ascension, and June 8 we celebrate the Day of Pentecost. I'm not suggesting that we set up an Ascension tree in our homes or fill a Pentecost basket with chocolate doves and fireball jawbreakers. But, I would suggest that we take some time in the next few weeks to consider the prophecies and promises in Scripture that speak of the ascending of our risen Lord to His high and holy place, giving God thanks for the benefits and blessings we experience because Christ is seated at the Father's right hand (as He ushers us into the Father's presence and is our constant advocate to the Father). And then to rejoice in the new life we have because Christ has sent us the Spirit to dwell in us, to impart life to us, to convict us of sin, grant us pardon, and continually be conforming us into the image of the Son. That would be a good start to preparing for and celebrating this special, holy season.

Although we will not be handing out chocolate doves and fireball jawbreakers on Pentecost Sunday, wouldn't it be special if everyone wore something red on June 8 in a way to acknowledge the significance of the season?

In God's Grace,
Pastor Kevin



But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom
the Father will send in My name,
**He will teach you all things,
and remind you of all that
I said to you.**

John 14:26, NASB



Hymn Sing

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 4 p.m.

Join us for a Hymn Sing in July.
You will have an opportunity to submit
your favorite hymns a few weeks before.
So, be thinking about that now.
Following the Hymn Sing, we will enjoy a
dessert of Strawberry Short Cake together.



Cannon Beach Women's Conference

October 3-5

A fun filled weekend of rich fellowship,
inspiring biblical teaching, and relaxing on
the beach.

Speaker: Carol Kent

A trainer, international speaker, and author of
25+ books who colorfully, humorously, and
effectively weaves together narratives with
spiritual truths.

Includes: 2 nights, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and
registration: \$259.

Deposit of \$100 to the church by June 2.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	2 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	3	4 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg 1:30 p.m. Game Day	5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	6 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	7 11:00 a.m. Prayer Walk
8 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	9 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	10 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	11 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	12 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	13 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	14 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
15 <i>FATHER'S DAY</i> 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>"Pies for Guys" following Worship</i>	16 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class ...	17	18 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	20 <i>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</i> 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	21
22 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	23 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	24	25 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	27 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	28 9:30 a.m. Worship Mtg 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
29 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	30 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class					

Financial Report: Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION	APRIL 2025	DECEMBER 2024
Total Assets	\$230,028.85	\$231,013.89
Total Liabilities	-\$850.00	-\$555.00
Total Net Assets	\$230,878.85	\$231,568.89
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$230,028.85	\$231,013.89

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.



June Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3 Yvonne Barker
- 11 Bob & Ann Norton
- 18 Juanita MacMahon
- 19 Ruth Wendt

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

June Prayer Families

Week of...

- June 1 Sam & Jennica Jouwsma
Gary & Janet Oyer
- June 8 Barbara Kenney
Joey & Sarah Ostrand
- June 15 Bob & Bette Krueger
Bob & Ann Norton
- June 22 Sarah Lail
Frank & Valerie Nichols
- June 29 Sam & Toni LaPore
Dirk & Darlene Muyskens



June Sermons

- 1 – *His Glory Revealed and Reviled*
Mark 9:2-13
- 8 – *Honest Doubt*
Mark 9:14-29
- 15 – *Make Humility Great Again*
Mark 9:30-41
- 22 – *A Road Paved with Bad Intentions*
Mark 9:42-50
- 29 – *Family Matters*
Mark 10:1-12

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.

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 indicated \$120,000 for both roofs. Competitive bids were 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 by this summer.

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!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Each week our church sponsors a breakfast for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). Kids from middle school through high school enjoy a great meal, a message, and fellowship. FCA is a community working to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. They seek to make disciples through a strategy of engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same.

Every summer FCA sponsors camps, and WPC was able to send twelve athletes in 2024. During camp, many young people are saved, dedicating their lives to Jesus. Camps are a time of "inspiration and perspiration" for athletes and coaches who want to reach their potential through comprehensive athletic, spiritual, and leadership training. The desire of FCA is to see every coach and athlete enter into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

This year the FCA camp will be held at the University of Portland, July 1-3, 2025. The cost for each camper is \$299. Let's start now to prepare to grow the Kingdom and change lives of young people for eternity.

- Pray that campers who don't know Christ as their Savior will be led to dedicate their lives to Him.
- Pray for all campers—that their relationship with Jesus will be strengthened through their experience at camp.
- Pray for the coaches that will be leading the camps.
- Pray about how you might contribute financially to help send a kid to camp.

As you plan to give, make sure your envelop is labeled for **FCA**. Any amount you are able to contribute will impact the world for Jesus!

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Save the Date

For These Upcoming Events!



- **Pies for Guys**, June 15, following Worship
- **Hymn Sing**, Sunday, July 13, 4 p.m.
- **All Church Picnic**, July 27, in Fellowship Hall, following Worship
- **Rummage Sale**, August 15-16 in Fellowship Hall
- **Men's Dinner**, October 4, 5:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall
- **Shining Star Bazaar**, November 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



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