

September 2026 Happenings

Church Picnic

Sunday, September 13

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Our annual church picnic is coming up on Sunday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m., after our worship service. This year the picnic will be held in the Hoffman Community center park (which was the old library- right next to our parking lot). You will need to bring a lawn chair, as there are only two picnic tables available to use. Please sign up at the Welcome Center, to bring a dish to share. We will be having lawn games and a great time of fellowship. Please consider inviting friends and family to join us that day.



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The Table Church

"Dear friends at Woodland Presbyterian Church, Woodland has a special place in my story. I grew up at WPC from kindergarten through Grade 12, worked there for a couple of summers, and was formed in many important ways by the people and ministry of the church. Woodland also generously supported me when we first planted *The Table Church* in Victoria, so I'm grateful for the opportunity to send a brief update.

On the Home Front, Katie and I are excited for our eldest's Senior Year of High School (Savannah). Emmett (14) is going into grade 10, and Ira (11) is starting Middle School - Grade 6.

The Table is now entering its 17th year of ministry in Victoria. We remain committed to a simple vision: To see Jesus Christ revealed in our common life as we love God, love one another, and bless our neighbours.

Today, our life together centers around our larger **Big Table** gatherings and smaller **Neighbourhood Tables**, meeting in homes and neighbourhoods around Victoria. Much of my work is focused on preaching and teaching, developing leaders, strengthening these neighbourhood communities, welcoming and discipling newcomers, and helping our church remain both deeply rooted in Christ and genuinely hospitable to people who may have little experience of Christian faith.

A few things you could pray for:

- For deeper discipleship and growing faithfulness in our community.
- For new and maturing lay leaders, especially for our *Neighbourhood Tables*.
- For wisdom and energy for me and our staff as we lead *The Table* into its next season.
- That God would continue to make Jesus known through our common life and our presence in Victoria.

I remain very grateful for the ways Woodland helped form me and supported this ministry from its earliest days. Thank you for continuing to pray for us."

Andy Withrow



Save the Date

2026 Upcoming Events at WPC

- Church Picnic, Sunday, **September 13**, 11:30-2:00 p.m.
- Women's Cannon Beach Conference, Friday-Sunday, **October 2-4**,
- Men's Dinner, Saturday, **October 17**, 5:30 p.m.
- Church Bazaar, Saturday, **November 21**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Missions

Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you all for the donations we have received! We are so blessed to have so many people who want to be involved in this ministry. There is still time to give for this year!!! Items we could use more of are small toys, school supplies like pencil pouches and pencils, hair pretties or small jewelry, small stuffed animals, crafty things.. we will continue to update our Amazon wishlist. It is full of lots of ideas. Thanks again for all your support! Please continue to pray for these boxes and the kids receiving them!

Many Blessings

Jennica and Jennifer

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, toothbrushes, comb, hairbrush, deodorant)

June-Toys

July-Clothing items (socks, shoes, t-shirts, dresses...)

August-School supplies

September-Games

October-Letter & photo

November-\$10 Donation for postage

December-Prayer



Financial Report: Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION	JULY 2026	DECEMBER 2025
Total Assets	\$123,862.10	\$88,670.59
Total Liabilities	-\$720.00	\$12,625.00
Total Net Assets	\$124,582.10	\$76,045.59
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$123,862.10	\$88,670.59



September Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Cindy Wallace
- 6 Meagan Jouwsma
- 7 Dale Hanley
- 12 Tom & Claralee Brannan
- 18 Darin & Sally Hager
- 19 Jessica Ferguson
- 19 Sandy Wyzanowski

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

Rummage Sale Update

Thank you to all who participated in our annual rummage sale this year. We had a record breaking event, raising \$3,100. Thank you to all who donated goods and helped at the event. We were able to make monetary donations to the Woodland Action Center and the Women's wellness clinic. A portion of the money raised went to putting up new blinds that are safety compliant in our kids kingdom room. We also have started a fund to help offset funds for the fellowship food hour.



September Sermons

- 6 – *And Can It Be?*
Hosea 2:3-23
- 13 – *The Ultimate 'Buy-Back'*
Hosea 3:1-5
- 20 – *The Destroyer in Your Midst*
Hosea 4:1-5:15
- 27 – *Your Reason for the Return?*
Hosea 6:1-11



September Prayer Families

Week of...

- September 6 Josh & Darcie Barnes
Connie Watson, Jennifer Solid,
Jeffrey Judge
- September 13 Richard & Janet Benney
Tim & Lee Hutton Welch
- September 20 Jim & Elaine Blair
Ruth Wendt
- September 27 Dale & Janet Boon
Jim & Karen Wilson

Shining Star Bazaar



Coming Up Soon...

Now is a great time to start those beautiful, handmade items to sell at this year's Shining Star Bazaar!

Start now, and be ready for the fun at the bazaar here,
on **November 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m..**

Registration forms for the bazaar will soon be available on Facebook and on the events page on our website.

Know a vendor who might like to be a part of our bazaar?
Please help us spread the word!



SEPTEMBER 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	2 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	4 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	5
6 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	7 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 	8 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	9 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 1:30 p.m. Game Day	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	11 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	12 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
13 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Church Picnic	14 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	15 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	16 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	18 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. FC Mtg	19
20 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	21 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	22 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 	23 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	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 Gratitude Bag Sunday	28 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	29 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	30 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class			

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class is always in session. We would be wise to follow David's lead as depicted in Psalm 25. Grateful and thrilled to be in the presence of the Master – learning from Him, delighting in His knowledge and ways, humbled that we have been chosen to sit in His presence and have been granted the privilege to get to know him better - more personally and in ever deepening intimacy.

A few verses later, David expresses this gratitude when he exclaims. ⁸ *Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.* ⁹ *He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.* ¹⁰ *All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies* (Psalm 25:8-10, ESV). What a contrast between the nightmare classroom drama that is filled with only fear and trepidation, and the picture of the classroom scene that David paints for us in Psalm 25. Class is in session, the Instructor and Master is ready to begin. Are you present, ready, and eager to interact with Him?

In God's Grace, 
Pastor Kevin

The Gift of Work

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot considered work a gift and a blessing. Ponder the following quotes of hers as you celebrate Labor Day. How do they mesh with your own views of work?

"This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness."

"Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and he gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures."

From "Churchart" (NewsletterNewsletter)



Adult Sunday School

A Course on Sharing Our Faith

Starting on Sunday, September 13, during the Sunday School hour 9-9:45 a.m., a 3-week course will be offered by Bob Casey who is a member of the Gideons International. Jason Wolk will be assisting him. Here is the description of the course:

Even though every Christ-follower is called to regularly share their faith, few actually do. "Conversations: A Simple Approach to Sharing the Gospel" is an exciting new way The Gideons International seeks to partner with pastors and local churches through offering a personal witnessing training course.

Through this three-week course, participants will discover the simplicity of the Gospel and learn practical ways to share their faith with confidence.

Over the three weeks, the following topics will be covered:

Topic One | *What is the Gospel?*
Topic Two | *Why Share the Gospel?*
Topic Three | *Basics of Sharing the Gospel*
Topic Four | *Tools and Resources*
Topic Five | *Call to Commitment*

I hope you will plan to attend this three-week course as we begin a new Adult Sunday School season.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Kevin



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Sunday Worship
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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

CLASS IS IN SESSION

⁴ "Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Psalm 25:4-5 (ESV)

The new school year has begun. Buses are back on the road, the school parking lots are full, parents are dropping off their kids, teachers have spent the last few weeks getting the classroom all prepared for a new year. What good times, right?

I, for one, am thankful my school days are in the past. For years after I had completed my seminary degree, I had this recurring nightmare that it was the end of the semester, finals had begun, and I hadn't attended my class all semester, nor had I completed any of my assignments. Now the day of reckoning had arrived! Years ago, I had a colleague who experienced the same exact, repeated nightmare and had gone through therapy to find out what it meant. He said to me, "It's just best that I leave it alone – you really don't want to know what it means." Yikes!

I am foolish to think that my school days are behind me.

According to Psalm 25, David understands that when it comes to his relationship with the Lord, class is always in session, and it is a delight to be in class. In fact, he sounds like the kind of student who loves learning, and with each new day, he can't get to the lecture hall fast enough. He arrives early to class – notebook opened and pencil sharpened – eager once again to delve deeper into the subject matter, desirous to become more acquainted with his Master, knowing that his Teacher will never fail to deliver what he so desires in life. Watch now as the Master enters the lecture hall. David, unable to contain his enthusiasm, and with unbridled excitement, exclaims to his Instructor: *"Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long."* (for those who remember the sitcom, 'Welcome Back Kotter,' think of the enthusiasm of Arnold Horshack raising his hand and crying, "OOOOOOHHHHH! OOOHHHHH! MR. KOTTAH! MR. KOTTAH!")

ME! PLEASE ME!
OOOOOOHHHHH!")

David's delight in learning the ways of the Lord as portrayed in Psalm 25 is the exact opposite of that 'student' in my recurring nightmare who hasn't attended a single lecture, done any of the assignments, and now is filled with terror, because it is time for the final, and there is no hope of passing that final, let alone the class. It sounds a bit like the scene that Jesus speaks of in Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV) ²¹ *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'*

When it comes to learning and growing in the ways of the Lord,

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