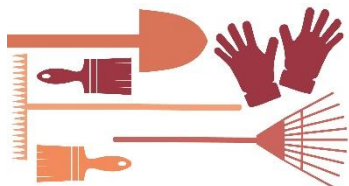


WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Happenings



Fall Cleanup Day!

Saturday, October 10

9:00 a.m.



Like to help prepare our church campus for the fall and winter seasons?

We hope you can join us as we tidy up our landscape!

Join the crew of happy helpers on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 9 a.m.

Remember your work gloves and any special tools you may want to use to get these jobs done!

We are working on a new project in the back parking lot too.

Thank you!

Your Stewardship Committee

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Carolyn Ford Ministry

August 2026 Letter

“Duba and Fikadu worked with me on the Aari New Testament translation and almost half of the Old Testament. In 2005, a translation organization, called Word for the World, took over the project at the request of the Aari church leadership. The whole Aari Bible was approved for publication about 2022. They decided to publish it in both Saba and Latin script. The Aari Bibles have finally been published, and the Dedication is scheduled for November 29. Praise God!...At this point, I am not certain how everything will work out, but Tom Fifield has offered to make arrangements for travel, once we receive invitations. Please pray for the Lord’s will to be done in all of this. He will give me strength if He wants me to attend. Please pray that the church leaders will really use the Aari Bible and preach from it, also letting the Lord use it to transform their own lives. Pray that all the Aari people will read or listen attentively to God’s Word in their heart language.

Praise God that the Tsara and Mursi New Testaments are also being published in print as well as audio form and will be dedicated next February. Matt has worked with both teams, and I was privileged to be with him when he began working with the Tsara team several years ago. Praise God for progress in revising the draft of my memoirs and for a friend here who is reading them and offering suggestions. I still need to cut out a lot more; so, appreciate your continued prayers.

SIM missionary Kevin Rideout, kidnapped in Niamey, Niger, last October, and held for over nine months, has been released. Praise God with us for this answer to prayer.

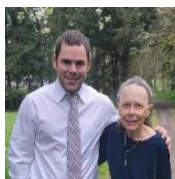
Thank you for continuing to partner with me in the effort to get God’s Word to all the peoples of the world in their heart language.”

Let all that I am praise the Lord!

Carolyn Ford



Duba Gersi



Carolyn with
Grandnephew,
Jonathan Farnell

Save the Date



2026 Upcoming Events at WPC

- Women’s Cannon Beach Conference, Friday-Sunday, **October 2-4**,
- Fall Clean-up Day, Saturday, **October 10**, 9:00 a.m.
- 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

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. Join us on **Saturday, October 24, at 10 a.m. for our Shoebox Packing Party** as we prepare the boxes to be sent out. Our goal is to make up 150 boxes.

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	AUGUST 2026	DECEMBER 2025
Total Assets	\$127,409.33	\$88,670.59
Total Liabilities	-\$1,929.00	\$12,625.00
Total Net Assets	\$129,338.33	\$76,045.59
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$127,409.33	\$88,670.59



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Rick Syring
- 2 Jim Miller
- 3 Janet Benney
- 10 Kevin Leach
- 18 Richard & Janet Benney
- 18 Bryne Rice
- 20 Jean Eddy
- 22 Steve Wallace
- 29 Cynthia Svensson
- 20 Michele Uplinger



- 4 – *Great Is Your Faithlessness*
Hosea 6:4-6, 8:11-14
- 11 – *Misplaced Trust*
Hosea 7:8-16, 8:7-10
- 18 – *All Hat, No Cattle*
Hosea 8:1-6, 10:5-6, 11:1-4
- 25 – *Abounding and Abandoning*
Hosea 10:1-2, 12:7-9

Attention all Men!

You are invited to a Men's dinner on **Saturday, October 17**, in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. Goni will be preparing a fabulous meal, and we will have a Men's trio - *Cool Waters*, as our guests. They will be singing gospel songs as well sharing their testimonies. It will be an evening of refreshment and fellowship. The cost is free, but donations are accepted. Sign up at the welcome center by October 13. Please consider inviting a neighbor or a friend. This is a great outreach to share a meal and the gospel together.



October Prayer Families

Week of...

- October 4 David & Sherry Bozorth
Jason & Sarah Wolk, & Jerry
- October 11 Tom & Claralee Brannan
Donnie Womelsdorf
- October 18 Larry & Portia Brown
Bill & Gail Woodard
- October 25 Randy & Carol Brown
Carolynn Woodward

Shining Star Bazaar



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 are 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!

The Cost for a Space is Just \$30



OCTOBER 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsals	2 Presbytery Meeting 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	3 Presbytery Meeting
4 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	5 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	7 FCA, 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsals	9 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	10 9 a.m. Church "Clean-up" 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts 11 a.m. Richard Licata Memorial Service in Kenton Church
11 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship	12 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class  6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	13 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	14 FCA, 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 1:30 p.m. Game Day	15 9:15 a.m. Missions Mtg 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	16 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. FC Mtg	17 12 p.m. Dolores Wolk Memorial Service WPC 5:30 p.m. Men's Dinner
18 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	19 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	20 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	21 FCA, 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsals	23 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	24 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts 10:00 a.m. Worship Mtg 10 a.m. 'Shoebox' Packing Party.
25 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Gratitude Bag Sunday	26 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	27 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	28 FCA, 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsals	30 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	31 

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death and how, in Christ Jesus, He has placed us into this endless life of fellowship with Him (Romans 8:19-23, ESV): ¹⁹ *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.* ²⁰ *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope* ²¹ *that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.* ²² *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.* ²³ *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”* In Christ, God has broken the cycle of life and death and replaces it with a promised progression from death into ceaseless, glorious life (Romans 8:28-30, ESV): ²⁸ *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* ²⁹ *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* ³⁰ *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

I still love the beauty of the autumn leaves changing. As I observe this marvelous spectacle, I am fully aware that the beautiful presentation of multi-colored foliage before my eyes is a precursor to a soon coming display of deterioration and death. However, because we have hope in Christ, we can be certain that a new season is upon us – a season that will never cease to be and one that will always flourish because Christ has taken us out of the cycle of sin and death (Revelation 21:4) and He has brought us into a perpetual season in which He is making all things new (Revelation 21:5). Enjoy the season of fall and yet, more than that, enjoy the season in which ‘The Fall’ is no more!

In His Grace,
Pastor Kevin



Voice of the Martyrs

Today, 388 million Christians are currently suffering high levels of persecution and discrimination worldwide. Last year, 224,129 Christians were forced to leave their homes, go into hiding in-country, or leave the country. In Nigeria, last month alone, 199 Christians were killed for their faith.

Voice of the Martyrs is an interdenominational Christian Missions Organization dedicated to serving our persecuted family worldwide. They provide housing, practical relief, and spiritual support. In addition, they provide Bibles, vocational training, food, and encouragement to help them get back on their feet.

They help persecuted Christians rebuild their lives. They also equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who oppressed them and oppose the gospel. They also inform the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians. Hebrews 13:3 instructs us to “Remember the prisoners as if chained to them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.”

Please remember to pray for the persecuted and for the ministry of Voice of the Martyrs.

HEAVEN Video Series

Beginning on Sunday, October 4, Adult Sunday School will begin a 6-week video series featuring best-selling author, Randy Alcorn. Discussion will follow each DVD. Learn what the Bible teaches about heaven, and reflect on the hope of heaven. Learn to cultivate an eternal perspective. In this series, we will learn about the eternal home God has provided us. In a troubled world longing for peace, Heaven is what we are all waiting for.

Please join us at 9 a.m., in the Glass Chapel (Library).



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✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

TO FALL OR NOT TO FALL

⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:4-5 (ESV)

Having lived in New England for over thirty years, it is no wonder why autumn has become my favorite season of the year. I love the cool mornings, visiting the apple orchards and getting a dozen freshly made apple cider doughnuts, and the renewed activity on the school campuses after the summer hiatus. But the annual highlight a New England fall season is the changing colors of the leaves – there is nothing like it.

I wonder, however, what it was like for Adam and Eve when they witnessed for the first time the leaves of the trees changing colors. It must have been so lovely at first until those same leaves began withering – then shriveling up, they lightly floated to the ground - dead. It was a new sight and experience for them during that first autumn season – a beauty that ultimately resulted in decay and death.

Ever since that first fall season after “The Fall,” humans have

been experiencing the cycle of life and death – a cycle that we have been caught in since the rebellion and rejection of God by Adam and Eve. The author of Ecclesiastes would describe this way: *“⁸ All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It has been already in the ages before us.”* (Ecclesiastes 1:8-10 ESV).

Along with the wonder of the beauty of the changing seasons also comes a sadness – a sadness that there will be an end to this beauty that is before us right now. Autumn gives way to winter, winter to spring, spring to summer and summer to autumn, as the cycle begins all over.

And yet, even in the sadness of the inevitability of the changing of the seasons, for the people of God, there is hope. Again, the author of

Ecclesiastes speaks of the seemingly endless cycle when he says in Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (ESV) *“¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;...”* You may ask, “Where is the hope in that?”. Well, read on a little further and you will see: *“¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.”* (Ecclesiastes 3:11, ESV). God made us for eternity, and it is firmly entrenched in the hearts of His creatures. He made us not to be stuck in an endless cycle of life and death, but He formed us with His hands to commune with Him for all eternity. Paul explains how the Lord has rescued us from the monotonous repetition of life and

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