WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN NEWSLETTER

November 2026 Happenings



Hanging of the Greens

Join us as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. We will gather on Saturday, November 28, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 22, we will have another opportunity to worship with Go Iglesia in a combined Thanksgiving Service. Even more reason to prepare our hearts in the coming weeks, so that we will all enter into this combined worship service with a sense of unity as we declare with one voice, *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!"*



TOY DRIVE

The NW Corvette Association delivers toys to the children at Randall Children's Hospital each Christmas. If you'd like to contribute to this worthy cause, please bring unwrapped toys to the church by Sunday, **December 6** for children ages 2-18. It is wonderful fun to find toys for younger children, but the older kids need gifts too! Thank you for your generous spirit and willingness to serve in this way. Merry Christmas!



Advent Workshop

November 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us downstairs, in the fellowship hall, to make a Cross Advent to use during the holiday season.

Sign up in the Welcome Center, so we can have enough supplies.

Light refreshments will be served.

Save the Date

2026 Upcoming Events at WPC

- Church Bazaar, Saturday, **November 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**
- Thanksgiving Sunday, **November 22,** Joint Service with Ve Iglesia
- Advent Workshop, **November 28, 10 a.m.**
- Dayspring Activity, Friday**, December 11, 5:20 p.m.** – Singing Christmas Tree.

Singing Christmas Tree

A Dayspring Activity

Friday, December 11, 2026

We'll meet at 5:20 p.m. at WPC to go to Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene, and then return afterwards to WPC at 8:15 p.m.

The Singing Christmas Tree is a choir, which fills the room with the sounds of Christmas.

The event is free

Please sign up in the WPC Narthex if you'd like to attend with our church group.

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	SEPTEMBER 2026	DECEMBER 2025
Total Assets	$134,428.36	$88,670.59
Total Liabilities	-$1,899.00	$12,625.00
Total Net Assets	$136,327.36	$76,045.59
Liabilities & Net Assets	$134,428.36	$88,670.59



November Birthdays & Anniversaries



1	Gary & Janet Oyer
3	Elaine Blair
11	Aurelia Rice
14	Sam LaPore
16	Jennifer Rice
17	Pat Clock
17	Jim Pool
19	Samuel & Jennica Jouwsma
23	Jim & Elaine Blair
27	Goni Laseke



November Sermons

1 – *From Bad to Worse to Wonder*
Hosea 13:14-16

8 – *Wrestling with God*
Hosea 11:12-12:6

15 – *The Candle in the Window*
Hosea 14:1-9

22 – *Combined Service with Ve Iglesia*
Isaiah 12:1-4

29 – *Christ Came Down-To Reconcile Us to God* Colossians 1:19-23



Shining Star Bazaar

Coming Up Soon...

Hi Church Family,
Our Shining Star bazaar is coming up on Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are looking for volunteers that can help at our WPC table during the event. We will have a sign-up sheet at the welcome center this weekend, so if you can help out, please sign up for a time slot.
We also need your craft donations for our table. We will be setting up on Friday, November 20, so you can bring your donations in on that day. We are looking forward to another successful Shining Star bazaar.
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

Fellowship committee

November Prayer Families



Week of...

November	1	Debbie Caffall Sandy Wyzanowski
November	8	Cliff Campbell Jerome & Michele Uplinger
November	15	Chet Chafton Debra Winter
November	22	Janet Clock Rick & Janet Syring
November	29	Pat Clock Martha Swanstrum

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
1 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service *Communion*	**2** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	**3** 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	**4 FCA, 7:30 a.m.** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg	**5** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:30 p.m.Bells 7:30 p.m.Choir	**6** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	**7**
8 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	**9** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	**10** 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 7:00 p.m. Session & Deacons Mtgs	**11 FCA, 7:30 a.m.** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 1:30 p.m. Game Day 	**12** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:30 p.m.Bells 7:00 p.m.Choir	**13** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class OFFICE CLOSED	**14** 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Crafts
15 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship	**16** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	**17** 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	**18 FCA, 7:30 a.m.** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class	**19** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 5:30 p.m.Bells 7:00 p.m.Choir	**20** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 10:00 a.m. FC Mtg 11:30-5:00 p.m. Bazaar Setup	**21** 9 a.m.-3p.m. WPC Church Bazaar
22 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	**23** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	**24** 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga	**25**	**26** 	**27** OFFICE CLOSED	**28** 9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens 10:00 a.m. Advent Workshop
29 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ***Gratitude Bag Sunday***	**30** 10:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Class					

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Lord (no matter how far away you have drifted). If it is true that our top priority in life is to know the living God, then we need to truly believe that our Savior Jesus has made this reunion possible. Hosea 2:23 speaks of the kind of relationship that is born out of God's work of grace in our lives: *"I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.' 'I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'"* As we experience this kind of love, acceptance, and forgiveness from the living God through Christ, how can we not respond in worship and in thanksgiving?

In those times when God seems so distant, don't be discouraged – be decisive! Draw near to the Lord, seek His holy face and receive renewal through the glorious Spirit of Christ. Be determined to spend the first few minutes of each day giving God thanks and praise as you recount all that He has done. Just wait and see - you'll soon find yourself at the front of the thanksgiving parade, leading the chorus: *"We are His people and He is our God!"*

In His Grace,
Pastor Kevin



Shared Hope

You are invited to Shared Hope's Annual Christmas Breakfast, on Tuesday, December 8, at 8 a.m., at the Heathman Lodge, in Vancouver, Washington. If interested, or would like to have more information, please contact Karen Wilson and let her know you'd like to go, by November 8. 503-720-3906.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday is **November 15**. No doubt, you received the Stewardship letter. Please prayerfully consider the percentage of your income you intend to give in 2027, and bring your card, sealed in the envelope, to the service on **November 15**. We are grateful for your generosity towards the ministry of Christ.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HOLIDAY OFFERINGS: Each year, the EPC sponsors two special offerings during the year-end holiday season; one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas. Each offering is designated for a specific purpose. The EPC's annual Thanksgiving Offering alternates each year between a church planting/church health project, and an EPC World Outreach emphasis. Thank you for your support of these special causes in EPC life!

https://epc.org/donate/thanksgivingoffering/

HEAVEN Video Series

Continuing on Sundays, through November 8, Adult Sunday is going through a video series featuring best-selling author, Randy Alcorn. Discussion follows each DVD. learning what the Bible teaches about heaven, and reflecting 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 Library.

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Sunday Worship
Worship: 10 a.m. (in person or www.woodlandpresbyterian.org)

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From the Pastor's Desk

HOW TO AVOID A THANKLESS THANKSGIVING

3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them.
4 I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. Hosea 11:3-4 (ESV)

Why has God abandoned me? Why is the Lord so far off? God refuses to answer my prayers. What did I do to chase God away? These are just a few of the typical complaints that people may make when they feel distant from the Lord. In those times when we do not sense God's presence, we often wonder why He left us.

In this Hosea series, over and over we see the Lord blessing His people with prosperity, showering them with love, and issuing frequent invitations for the people to come back to the Lord. An example of this is the enthusiastic invitation Hosea utters in chapter 6: *"Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."* (Hosea 6:3, ESV).

Sadly, the repeated response of Israel to God's gracious calls for her to return to Him sounds something like this: *And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal.* (Hosea 2:8, ESV).

Our top priority and privilege in life is to seek the face of God, to fellowship with Him, and enjoy getting to know Him better each day. That priority is not always foremost in our lives. Too many times, I have found myself uttering those complaints with which I began this article – blaming God for withdrawing His presence from me. During the times when I have drifted away from the Lord, I also felt distant from God's people. I have found myself unable to – and even resisting - fellowship with those who are a part of God's family. Can you relate? Do you have moments when you cannot join in the shared experiences of God's people because God does seem so far away? Those times when you feel disconnected with the Lord and, as a result, disconnected with the body of Christ? We ponder why God has distanced Himself from us, but could it be that it is we who have drifted away from the Lord?

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it occurs to me that it is difficult to give thanks to God when we have had little interaction with Him. It is hard to see the innumerable benefits that He has lavished upon us when we have convinced ourselves that we have somehow ended up on His "Do Not Disturb!" list. If we have no personal recognition of His work in our lives, then it follows that we will have no reason to be grateful. Whenever we enter into a time of corporate thanksgiving to God (perhaps during a worship service or as we gather around a table with family and friends to enjoy a Thanksgiving Day feast) and we do so without a sense of God's gracious work in our lives, we can easily feign a thankful demeanor while still lacking a sincere, heartfelt gratitude.

If you are feeling this way right now, I've got some good news to share with you. Jesus has not only issued us an invitation to draw close to God, but has opened the entryway into the presence of the

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