



Words from Woodforest

Summer Newsletter

A Word From the Pastor

Summer is upon us. Seniors are graduating. People are planning vacations. Usually the church slows down. But this year may be a bit different. As covid restrictions loosen and more people are vaccinated we are actually becoming busier! Vacation Bible School will kick off the month of June on the 7th, 8th, and 9th. Adult Sunday School will resume on June 13th. With coffee and refreshments after worship things are actually starting to feel more normal.

Looking back at the past year things were definitely not business as usual. The past year was hard on many of us. People felt isolated. Some people lost their jobs. We all had to adjust to social distancing, masks, and staying home. Many of us long for things to go back to normal.

The Pandemic did make us face some good changes as well. Most churches have a much better online presence. We stepped up to keep in touch. Our online worship is reaching more people than we expected. It allows those who are sick, or traveling, away at school, or home bound to worship with us. With the online views our attendance is actually better than before the pandemic. It has made us be more intentional in checking on each other. In some ways we may be closer to one another than we were before.

I have definitely come to appreciate the connectedness of the church. I am looking forward to getting back to hugging and pot luck suppers. It makes me realize just how much love and support the church really gives one another. It has challenged all of us to look for new and creative ways to be the body of Christ. As we make our way back to some new form of normal remember what it says in Psalm 139: 7-10:

“ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.”

God goes with us in good times and bad and will continue to lead us no matter what the future brings.

Blessings,

Pastor Karen

Mission Committee

Blood drive results: 12 units of blood were collected. Thanks to all who shared the gift of life. Our donation was able to help 21 people. We are in the planning stages of another blood drive possibly in June. Watch for more details.

Blessing Bags are available at the church. They are in the cabinet marked Blessing Bags.



Vacation Bible School for June 7-9. 6-8 pm

Who's ready for some summertime fun? And why is that crazy suit of armor in the church's front hall??

Woodforest Presbyterian Church is getting ready for Vacation Bible School 2021 - **The Knights of North Castle : Search for the Kings Armor**

Join us on a quest for the Breastplate of Justice, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation, while children learn to be strong in the Lord. This annual event includes Bible stories, crafts, songs, and games, and is free to both church and community members.

Sunday School

Teen class is meeting with Ann
Adult class is about to begin with our favorite
Sunday School Teacher Marjory Sutton on June 13

Congregational Life

Sunday May 23 the installation for Rev Karen Estes was held at 3:00 pm A reception followed with light finger foods, coffee and Tea. Thank you team Linda Norris, Mary Ellen Baker, and Shar Baker for all you did.

On Aug 28, We will finally get to say good-by to our beloved Rev. Cassandra Dahnke. She was our pastor of 19 years. Immediately following the church service we will have a Congregation Dinner provided by the church. Cards of thanks would be appreciated.



Worship

May 23, 2021 What a great day for WPC. We celebrated Pentecost by wearing red, lighting many red candles, and singing Spirit filled songs. The lightening that struck the church did not stop us.

For Mothers day we enjoyed Joseph Mendoza, Kaylee Shockey, Chris Shockey, and Colt Lyles assisting with worship.

Installation May 23 at 3:30 pm



Easter Lilies were donated by:

One name was omitted from the list Darlienne Hamilton Powell.

Keep in Prayer

Healing and comfort for Sandra Horton, Darlienne Powell, Shar Baker, Krista Bartel, Billie Vickery Kathleen Watson, Kevin and JoAnn Nichols.

For those who grieve, the family of Glenda Leggett , the Prasco family, Alice Morgan..

The family of Billie Vickery as they go through some difficulties

Last Word

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



**Welcome to our newest members
Joseph Mendoza, Jeff Hoofhard, Jon-Paul Estes**

