

Words from Woodforest

September Newsletter

A Word From the Pastor – Helping in times of Disaster

With all of the news about the suffering in Haiti and Afghanistan sometimes it is hard to know what to do about it. Some may be able to give to Presbytery Disaster Assistance. I know that they always do a great deal to help. But not everyone may be able to give right now. With Covid and travel restrictions, going in person to help, is probably out of the question right now, as well.

One thing that we can do is pray. Pray for those who are suffering from the earthquake and tropical storm in Haiti. Pray for the rescue and aid workers who are there trying to help. Pray for the governments of the nations to be wise and compassionate in their dealings. Pray for the people of Afghanistan. Pray for an end to the violence. Pray for safety for the women and for those who fought against the Taliban who are now in danger and hoping for rescue.

You can go to Presbyterianmission.org. Not only can you donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for both Haiti and Afghanistan, they also have other ways to help. They often have ways to contact our politicians with letters or petitions. They have specific prayers for you to use for the situations. They even have study materials for Sunday School use to help us learn what our mission dollars are doing around the world.

There are a couple more things that you can do. If you shop on-line you can sign up for Amazon Smile. They have a list of causes that you can support like the Red Cross. Every time you make a purchase they donate to your chosen charity.

One last thing that I do every day, may seem a little silly. Every morning during my devotion and prayer time I go to greatergood.com. They have a section called "Click to give". You can click for free to donate to 12 different charities including hunger relief, breast cancer, veterans, autism, diabetes and more! Their advertisers make a donation every time someone clicks. Thousands of dollars are given to good causes every year through them.

Our world's problems may seem overwhelming and we may feel small. But each one of us can work together to make a difference. Whether it is making a daily click, collecting spare change to give to help, or praying we can and do make a difference.

Worship

Beginning in October we will be using gluten free bread for communion.

We are continuing to wear face masks in an abundance of caution

If you are unable to be in church on Sunday morning, check out the service on Face Book live www.facebook.com/woodforestpc/live

If you are not receiving the Worship Order for Sundays please make sure that your email address is correct.

You can email any corrections to SECRETARY@ WOODFORESTPC.ORG or if you want to receive the newsletter by email.

Mission

Sept 5- Oct 3 -- Season of Peace -- Now is the time to think

of the "Peace and Global Witness Offering " which we receive on **World Communion Sunday**. (**Oct 3**) By giving to this

offering we work to share Christ's Peace with one another, not just at home but with people everywhere. Never has this been more important.

Outreach

Thanks to all who donated **school supplies**. The event was very successful and greatly appreciated by the recipients.

The supplies were delivered on Aug 17th.

Remember our **Blessing Bags**. Never Know when you will see someone who needs one.



Congregational Life

It is extra challenging to plan for the future during these times of Covid. But with extra precaution we carry on. The best we can.

We have tried to have a small celebration for Cassandra but it has not been possible to meet safely. So the new plan is to have a picnic outside in October or November . Watch for updates.

Garage sale on Saturday, October 23.

What My Grandmothers Taught Me Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus By Merryl Blair

With Suggestions for Leaders by Magdalena I. García

Presbyterian Women's Study

The **WOMEN'S CIRCLE & LUNCH BUNCH** meets for Bible study at **10:30 am on** the third Wednesday of every month, beginning **September 15, 2021.** Lunch Bunch follows at noon. You can pick up a study book from Pastor Karen.

In 2021, the Women's Circle is looking at the women in Jesus' family tree through studying "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" by Merryl Blair. Let's learn about grace and faithfulness through our foremothers in faith.

The study will also be livestreamed on the WoodforestPC Facebook page.

We will also be starting **Lunch Bunch Potluck at 12 noon.** Following Bible Study. Bring a dish and enjoy the great fellowship that we have been missing. You can go to Bible study and not lunch bunch or not Bible study and come to Lunch Bunch. Or come to both and be doubly blessed..

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Keep in Prayer

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

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

Luke 1:37