



Words from Woodforest

September 2022 Newsletter

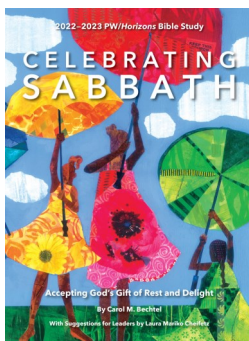
A Word From the Pastor

Have you ever felt at a loss for words? When someone dies, when a friend or loved one is in the hospital, when someone loses a job, or someone you care about is facing struggles that you can't understand. What do you say?

In my pastoral care class they told us that sometimes the best thing you can do is just be there. Rather than fill up awkward silence with empty words, just sit with them. They call it a ministry of presence. It reminds them that they are not alone. Our presence can be a symbol that God is present, too. As Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The same goes for prayer. When you don't know what to pray, God does. You can tell God, I don't know. God can still intervene. We have been promised that the Holy Spirit will help us in our prayers. Romans 8:26 tells us, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words."

Society says that you should have an answer for everything, and that often leads to people saying things that aren't helpful or even hurtful. So if you don't know what to say or do, practice holy silence. Be a loving presence. Just be there and it will be enough.



The Presbyterian Women will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. This year's Study is "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and delight" by Carol M. Bechtel. Study books are available in the pastor's office. They are \$10. We will have a pot luck lunch following the study. All women are invited to join us for this time of study and renewal.

Donate to the church from the web page.

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click on **About us**

A drop box will open and then click on **donations.**

Great work Ann!

September 25th
End of the month fellowship potluck

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Synod of the Sun Sunday on September 18.

Sunday, September 18th we will be celebrating Synod of the Sun Sunday. We will celebrate all the wonderful things that we can accomplish together with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters.

OUR MISSION: The Synod of the Sun of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) serves Christ by connecting, equipping, and empowering Presbyterians for Christ's mission within and beyond the Synod's bounds. **BECAUSE:** We believe when we work together across boundaries, we make visible the Good News and find wholeness as the Body of Christ. In our common calling, we Impact lives together

We are a network of Presbyterians from 11 Presbyteries, approximately 700+ congregations, in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Over 150,000 members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Through the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

25% of the Offering stays with local congregations, and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions.

The remaining 50% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

This offering will be received on **World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022.**

We have added a new note to our Blessing Bags. We are now inviting those who receive the bags to join us for lunch on the End of the Month Fellowship Potluck. This is a great way to share what God has provided to us.



Our **Only Fundraiser** for the year **Garage Sale October 22, 2022**

We need your old treasures. Clean out those closets. Won't it be nice to have some free space. We also need hands on the day of the garage sale!



Sunday Morning
Adult Study

The adult Sunday school class is continuing a study of 1 Samuel led by our favorite Sunday school teacher Marjory Sutton. This study is available on Facebook so you are able to view past lessons to join in at anytime.

Save the Date

Sun. Sept. 25th
End of the Month Potluck Fellowship
Sun. October 2nd World Communion Sunday
Sat. October 10th Pop up Market
Sat. October 22nd Garage Sale
Sun. November 20th Church Celebration
Sat. December 17th Live Nativity



September 10th. It was a beautiful day!

North Shore Community Market

October 8, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm we will be hosting another Pop Up Market with KDA Markets. This Month's market will have a Fall Festival air. Come in costume to take pictures with the kids who attend! Bring some candy for us to pass out to them at our booth. (Something that won't melt, please.) We will also have a chance to advertise our Fall Church Garage Sale to the community.

We will need people to set up, man, and tear down our Woodforest Presbyterian booth. There will be sign ups on Sunday morning or you could email Pastor Karen. If you can't help with the booth, be sure to stop by to see what is going on and to support local community artists and small business owners! This is a great opportunity to serve and support our neighbors!

In September our table featured our Blessing Bag ministry. Over a dozen bags were passed out to people who will carry them in their care and pass them out to those in need of a little help.



**Choir rehearsals are Sunday at 9 AM
Come and join in the fun!**

Keep in Prayer

Healing and comfort for Sandra Horton, Darlienne Powell, Shar Baker, Krista Bartel, Billie Vickery, Kathleen Watson, Johnny Powell, Alice Drennon, the Mendosa family, Anna Marshall, Alice Morgan, Judy and Chuck Kirkpatrick, the family of Irma McCloud, Marjory Sutton, and Diana Black

Last Word

You are more than...

Your past
Your financial situation
Your personality
Your job
Your triumphs
Your failures

You are a child of God

John 1:12