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THE LEAFLET

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A Pastor's Word

Hello Dear People of Woodland!

This is one of my favorite times of the year, when the weather starts warming and signs of new life start popping up everywhere. As any Kansan can tell you, though, the coming of spring is not a linear progression. My hyacinths learned that lesson; a late hard frost cut short their blooming time this year. One day they were beautiful and fragrant; the next they were lifeless, their blooms splayed across the earth. Lent teaches us that same lesson, that death and resurrection are both part of our experience, and that progress isn't linear. On Good Friday, we remember THE crucifixion and on Easter we celebrate THE Resurrection, but as Paul teaches, for us, this isn't a one and done deal. To follow Christ is to die daily - we die to our desire for worldly goods, we die to our need to please others, we die to our own pride and selfish motives. AND, we rise from those deaths, free to live our lives grounded in Christ, free to live our lives centered in love, free to both offer and receive grace. We've got to experience death before we can experience resurrection. Lent helps us remember that.

In that spirit, I invite you to fully embrace holy week this year. The church is offering a few different opportunities to help; check out the rest of the newsletter to learn more.

May the Holy surround you in this season that includes both death . . . and resurrection.

Pastor Valecia



Upcoming Events

Come Celebrate With
Woodland United
Methodist Church
1100 15TH ST N

Palm Sunday

March 29

9:45-10:45 am Fellowship Hall
Snacks! * Crafts! * Games!

Palm Sunday Party.....Mar.29,9:45 a.m.

Choral Cantata.....Mar.29,11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday.....April 2, 6 p.m.

Easter.....April 5, 11 a.m.

Holy Week

Our Maundy Thursday service is on April 2 at 6 p.m. Come experience the stories of Jesus's last days on this earth in an interactive, multisensory, and intergenerational format. Maundy Thursday prompts deep reflection as it reminds us that we can't get to resurrection without the cross. We also have daily devotions for Holy Week written by Brad Friesen that will be shared on FaceBook. A few hard copies will be available this Sunday at the Palm Sunday Party and after service for those who need them. If you'd like to request a hard copy delivered to you, please let Valecia know: pastor@woodlandumc.com or 316.323.3821.

Easter

Who do you know who might benefit from being a part of an open and loving church family? Please invite them to join you for Easter services on April 5 as we celebrate Resurrection!

Share Your Gifts Sunday!

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Because of Easter, we will be doing Share Your Gifts Sunday on the second Sunday (April 12) instead of the first. Please bring a dish to share if you are so inclined!

Woodland UMC needs

Volunteers!

Please let us know if you are intrested in being a volunteer for IRC!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

MARCH

NAME & BIRTH DATE

Kay Bright 3-9	Mark Smith 3-22
Hershel Wagoner 3-10	Anne Housholder 3-23
Asa Lyda 3-17	Ruby Moore 3-23
Luke Rohrback 3-17	Kurt Baergen 3-31

Resisting Christian Nationalism Workshop

We will be hosting a workshop on resisting Christian Nationalism for our Conference on April 18. They have asked us to provide cookies and other snacks for about 75 people, and we will need a few hosts to direct traffic, answer questions, and make sure we have drinks available to participants throughout the day. If you're interested in helping, please let Valecia know ASAP! Let's provide a typical warm Woodland welcome!

Music

Our beloved accompanist, Sun Bogan, will be moving next year to Virginia to live with her husband. While we wish her all the best, we also acknowledge that it will be sad to see her go!

We will be doing a bit of experimentation with music over the summer to see what the future sounds like for Woodland's worship. If you have an interest and gift for music or other performance arts (creating poetry, dance, spoken word, etc.) that you are willing to share, or if you have interest in learning and starting something new, we'd love to know about it! Click [here](https://woodlandumc.breezechms.com/forum/musicinterest) (<https://woodlandumc.breezechms.com/forum/musicinterest>) or call the office and we'll be in touch soon.



Home Remodel Discount

Homeland Construction is doing the work in our kitchen and is offering Woodland folks a 30% discount on any job. Contact Valecia if you're interested!

Signs and Wonders

Next Sermon Series



Reports

Kitchen Remodel

Thanks to some grant funding secured by Children 1st, one of our community partners, our kitchen is getting a bit of an overhaul! This first phase included removing the large, malfunctioning dishwasher, moving the stainless sinks and a set of cabinets, leveling the floor where the dishwasher was, new tile where the dishwasher was, and an easier to use, under the counter industrial dishwasher! The next phase is a bit flexible; as we live with the changes, we will better learn what else is needed to make the kitchen function for its current and future uses.



Sunday School

Class Notes

March 15, 2026

Prayers concerns & Joys

- Craig is recovering from a serious car accident. We will be providing meals for him.
- Janice Brown is home recovering with a wound VAC for several weeks
- Jim G thanks us for his card.
- Don Had eye surgery.
- Pastor Valecia visited Marty Hartwell and had a great visit.
- Kevin Marshall, former electrician for Woodland passed away. His funeral was yesterday here at woodland per his request.
- Ohlson's granddaughter, Dana, is expecting in September.
- Taunya had a joyous weekend seeing old friend in KC
- Linda will enjoy spring break with her 8yr. old grandson.

Announcements

- **Look forward to Palm Sunday-Crafts! Snacks! Games!**

Lesson Leader: Linda G.

Notes: Linda opened her lesson with a goofy joke. This is week 4 on the book "Give Up Something Bad for Lent." Today we discussed giving up running away from our problems

When have you faced problems and you wanted to run away? Coping takes patience, but we live in a quick fix world these days. This week, practice putting...

..your problems on the run rather than running away from your problems. Enlist God and others to help you conquer obstacles you face.

Submitted By: Anita M.

March 22, 2026

Prayers& Concerns & Joys:

- Returing of Craig - still in pain but brave to attend.
- Melodee attacked by 3 dogs on the job.
- Dan's sister, Mary, has a spot on her lungs. b
- Annette- celebrating her 58th wedding anniversary!
- Happy eary B-day to Kurt!
- Ohlson's son Ammon's bad is playing at Gilley's Sunday Easter 5th at noon.
- KS Veterans Ceremony 1 p.m. Veterance Park March 29

Lesson Summery

For the fifth week in Lent our continued study of the book "Give Up Something BAD for Lent" focused on Luke 19:1-10 the story of Zaccheus, the tax collector. We used this story as an example of how we can exchange bad habits for good. The steps outlined were: recognize your bad habit and call it by name, make up your mind to stop the bad habit now, replace your bad habit with a good habit, realize that you have an outside source of strength.



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OFFICE HRS

MON	10AM-2PM
TUES	10AM-2PM
WED	11AM- 3PM
THURS	10AM-2PM

FRI-SUN
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