

July
2025



Community Presbyterian Church of Waldport

THE WINDOW

Pencil It In!

July 03 12Noon Bible Study - Guild Room
July 04 Fourth of July—Office Closed
July 05 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
July 06 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom / Communion
July 10 12Noon Bible Study—Guild Room
July 10 1:30pm Finance Committee Meeting
July 12 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
July 13 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom
July 17 12Noon Bible Study—Guild Room
July 17 1:30pm Stated Session Meeting
July 19 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
July 20 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom—Coffee Mingle
Olson's last day with us.

July 24 12Noon Bible Study—Guild Room
July 26 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
July 27 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom—Coffee Mingle
July 31 12Noon Bible Study—Guild Room

Special Thanks to—

- Wendy & Mark Olson for their 71/2 years with us.
It has been a pleasant ride!
- For the Elders who will be selecting a replacement for the Olsons, under the leadership of Rev. Ken Hood, Chair of the Committee on Ministry.
- For Barbara who manages the church office and serves as Clerk of Session.
- Lyle Seaman & Rick Adams who keep us aware of our money situation.
- McKibben, pianist, Mary, violinist, Lyle & Stella, hymn leaders, for their beautiful music each Sunday

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A treasured collection...

Some of you are beachcombers. You walk along the beach, gathering shells, agates and drift-wood treasures that roll in as gifts from the sea. I am a different kind of “comber”. I stroll along conversations and gather words, phrases, prayer bits. I gather them in my soul and carry them there. When I am home, I unpack my treasures and display them.

You see, the walls of my home office are spackled in sticky notes, strips of paper parts of cards. They each carry a treasure I have gathered over the years. One such note reads:

“You are probably someone’s prayer.”

My friend, Gloria, said this many years ago. Her words linger to remind me that something we say or do or ARE, might be the very thing someone has asked for in prayer. I think we usually don’t even know it. This little pink sticky note whispers to me with encouragement to act like I am someone’s prayer! I haven’t seen Gloria in years, but there her words sit on my wall, speaking to me every day.

I am embraced in a tiny museum of wisdom, encouragement and clarity that people have offered up. Each scrap washing over me again and again.

“Do you understand all of this?” “Yes?”, they said. *Matthew 13:51*

Jesus speaks these words to some disciples. (I added the “?”) I think they didn’t understand much at all but they didn’t want to let Jesus know that. Silly disciples. These words hang on my wall.

“New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings.”

These words of the ancient Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu, hang out in a mosaic of wise words I’ve assembled. Right now I need these words. I don’t like them but I need them.

Our leaving you all sure feels like a painful ending. I am trying to trust that, both for you and for us, it is also a new beginning.

YOU are on my wall! Your notes piled among my riches, your quotes hanging out with Gloria’s and Lao’s and Jesus’. Thank you. Thank you for seven and a half years of love and wisdom and treasured conversations. I pray you have many conversations that cling to your heart, thoughts that buoy you up and quotes aplenty to make you ponder.

Our last Sunday with you will be July 20th. We will make before then, for some good, treasured conversations, and together holding on to what new beginning God has for you, for me.

Blessings, Wendy

Church Financial Report

For May 2025 General Fund Income received \$29,919.31

For May 2025 General Fund Expenses were \$40,649.75

This leaves us in the red by \$10,730.44



Birthdays

Anniversaries



Session Highlights / Barbara Hare, Clerk

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June 19th, 2025

Dear Community Presbyterian Family,

We pray all is well with you.

We began our ministry with you almost 8 years ago, when you stepped into new territory by hiring a clergy couple who lived 50 miles away! Together we have weathered a world-wide pandemic, closed and opened and closed and reopened programs, learned new ways of connecting, undertook a major siding project, reshaped and expanded the Saturday Breakfast Program and saw a resurgence in our music program. We said goodbye to many dear friends and welcomed wonderful new ones. It has been a wonderful partnership in ministry.

It has been a wonderful ministry for which we are deeply thankful but we sense that it is time for us to change our ministry. At a meeting on Thursday afternoon we notified the Session of our resignation as your pastors. Our final Sunday worshipping with you will be July 20th.

We have put much prayer, tears and reflection into this hard decision. We are not leaving because of problems or because things have gone wrong. We are resigning because Mark has had some health struggles which need attending to and, with his 71st birthday quickly approaching, we need to pull back some.

Our love and affection for you runs deep and the ministry here has been a rich blessing. You have taught us so much and we are better people and better pastors and better disciples of Jesus Christ for having journeyed with you.

In the weeks ahead, we will take the time to reflect together, to celebrate what we have shared, to grieve what we won't share and to say goodbye. We will be sad together. You may be mad at us. That's OK. You may be happy to hear this news. That's OK too. You may want to try to change our decisions. We understand, but that won't happen.

Through all of this, the Presbytery will partner with you to plan what comes next. Rev. Ken Hood is your Commission on Ministry liaison, and he has already been praying for you and will work with Session to move you move forward. There are already some positive possibilities for what is next.

We trust both our and your future to the good care of Christ.


With love and blessings,

Mark and Wendy

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare & not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me & come & pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29: 11-13

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Understanding Expiration Dates

We don't recommend anyone eat curdled yogurt for the sake of saving the environment, but if you're tossing bread and OJ as soon as they hit the sell-by date, you could be wasting a lot of perfectly good foods.

When people see a best-before date, they assume it means the date the food goes bad. Whenever they don't consume packaged food before the best-before date, most people throw it in the trash—contributing to food waste.

Food waste is a global problem. Food waste occurs at all levels of food production to consumption. In the U.S., 40% of the food supply becomes waste annually.

How to Read Expiration Dates on Food Labels

- 1. Best if used by/Best before/Best by date.** *Best if used by* or *best before* dates signify the period when the product's flavor and quality are at their best. Once the date has passed, the quality or taste might be reduced, but it's still safe to eat.
- 2. Freshest-by.** A *freshest-by* date shows the period a food product can maintain peak quality. Once the freshest-by date passes, the quality or taste might be reduced, but it's still safe to eat.
- 3. Use-by date/ Expiration date.** The *use-by-date* is also similar to the best-before date. It is the last date to use a product at its best quality. Food manufacturers use *expiration dates* on perishable items like fresh meat, dairy products, fish, and other chilled ready-to-eat food.
- 4. Sell-by date.** The sell-by dates on food items show how long a store should put the products on sale for inventory management.

How Long Are Foods Good After the Expiration Date?

With the exception of infant formula, if the date passes during home storage, a product should still be safe and wholesome if handled properly until the time spoilage is evident." You can tell if a food is spoiled if it has an off odor, flavor, or texture.

What Foods Can You NOT Eat after the Expiration Date?

Most shelf-stable foods are safe to eat much longer than their expiration date. The same goes for frozen foods, as bacteria cannot grow in the freezer. But things like milk, cheese, fresh vegetables, and fruit should not be eaten past their prime because they can harbor bacteria that can be dangerous to your body. This is caused by the natural breakdown of organic matter. You'll also be able to tell that these foods have gone bad based on their appearance and smell.

Proper Food Storage

It is important to store food properly according to the manufacturer's instructions to validate the dates on the package.

There are a number of techniques that can help extend the shelf life of everything in the kitchen. One is to keep the fridge and freezer cool enough — 40°F (4°C) and 0°F (-18°C), respectively. Unpack groceries as soon as you get home from the store. Store flour-type items (flour, pancake/waffle mix, bread) in the freezer to extend shelf life.

****Always exercise caution when eating foods that can harbor bacteria, such as meat, untreated and fresh dairy, fish and shellfish. Don't consume these food types if they are old, smell bad, or have deteriorated.***



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**Sunday Worship Service 10:30am
LIVE & via Zoom and Facebook**

**Free Saturday Breakfast &
Saturday Food Box Giveaway
9:30am to 10:30am**



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