



# Woodstock Presbyterian Church *This Week*

August 3, 2014



*The New York Times* reports that the Chinese government has begun a crackdown on Christian churches in China, apparently because of the widespread growth of Christianity there. Recently, the Chinese government forced the removal of prominently visible crosses from two churches in the coastal province of Zhejiang, one pictured below. Demolition notices have been issued to more than 100 other Christian churches in the same area.



I had the opportunity a number of years ago to visit China with a mission agency that transported outdated medical equipment and supplies from U.S. hospitals to remote areas. Though there were state-sanctioned Christian churches in China, we knew for every government-sponsored church there were hundreds if not thousands of home churches where Christians met secretly.

Many Christians around the world continue to struggle through major opposition and persecution. Ironically, that is where the Christian faith continues to flourish while Christianity seems to languish in Europe and the United States.

Nevertheless, God's Word tells us God's kingdom will continue to grow. We'll talk about that this week in Sunday's sermon.

Until next week, Pastor Don Esa

## PCUSA General Assembly Commissioner To Speak at Trinity Church



Judy Bullard, a longtime member and ruling elder/deacon at Marietta's First Presbyterian Church, will be at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 3, to report on her recent experience as a commissioner at the PCUSA General Assembly meeting in Detroit. The meeting will take place immediately after the worship service (approximately 12:15 p.m.) Judy was one of two commissioners representing Cherokee Presbytery. She was assigned to serve on the GA

Divestment Committee that dealt with a controversial issue regarding three companies dealing with Israel. She will have some of the materials that the committee received during its deliberations.



## Joys and Concerns

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."  
Romans 12:15)*

**Joys:** Judy Haworth (excellent heart function report, continue prayers for her cancer treatment); Judy Haworth's cousin's successful delivery of a baby, Marcus' 33rd birthday  
**Healing:** Chuck Wharton (knee replacement rehabilitation); Susie Showalter's cousin Jack Tooley (hip replacement) Judy Haworth's cousin Joyce (cancer) and a terminally ill uncle and his wife; Sarah Berry (foot surgery recovery); Marilyn Fegyo (tests); Carol Berry's friend Rebecca Broggi's father; Rebecca Blackwell and her husband Wayne (Alzheimer's); Geneva Barber's family (medical tests)  
**Comfort in grief:** Eva Rose in loss of her daughter  
**God's help, protection, guidance:** Sharon Shuda's job and others laid off at her company; all who are seeking employment; the conflict between Israel and Palestine and in Iraq, Syria; our military personnel; recent air plane crash victims' families; Christians in harms way  
**Homebound:** John Graul, James Ray  
**Woodstock/Trinity Churches, PCUSA:** our leaders including our Session, Pastor Esa, June and John Keith Cowan

## Worship This Week

9:00 a.m.

Coffee at 8:30 a.m.



## Praying His Prayer: Thy Kingdom Come

Matthew 6:9-13

"Thy kingdom come." (Matthew 6:10a KJV)



## Holy Communion

Fellowship time, coffee, munchies following the worship service



Please bring your school supplies this Sunday to fill the backpacks for two Cherokee County foster children. See page 2 for details.



It takes \$1487 each week in contributions to meet the regular budget at Woodstock Presbyterian Church. Thank you for keeping your commitment to your church current.



## Small Group / Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

This study group is ideal for those who are available during the day. The group is currently using "The Story," a unique overview of the entire Bible.

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

Romans contains some of the richest theology in the New Testament. Join this group, led by elder Marci Rosa, for a growing experience.



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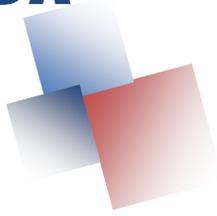


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Woodstock Church is working with Cherokee County Foster and Adoptive Parent Association to provide a school backpack filled with school supplies to two foster children entering kindergarten. In addition, we are collecting school supplies for middle school foster children in Cherokee County. Please bring your supplies and put them in the big bins at the front of the sanctuary.

**SCARLETT – Kindergarten student at Johnston Elementary**

- 1 pair Fiskar blunt tip for kids scissors
- 1 box tissues
- 1 pkg washable water colors
- 1 box 12 count crayons
- 1 box 16 count crayons
- 1 4-oz bottle of glue
- 1 box washable markers
- 1 pkg glue sticks
- 2 boxes of pencils(no mechanical or names)
- 1 pkg large pink erasers
- 2 boxes baby wipes
- 1 pkg Expo markers
- 2 primary composition notebooks (no spiral notebooks)

**JOHN— Kindergarten student at Woodstock Elementary**

- Pkg of 12 #2 plain Ticonderoga pencils (no mechanical)
- 3 4-oz bottles Elmer's glue
- 5 boxes- 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1 10-pk washable Crayola thick classic markers
- 6 Elmer glue sticks
- 1 school box hard plastic space maker brand 8x5
- 1 blunt 5" Fiskar scissors
- 3 Fruit of the Loom white T-shirts(child size 10-12, large)
- 3 boxes tissues
- 3 containers antibacterial wipes
- 1 container hand sanitizer
- 1 box gallon size resealable storage baggies
- 1 box small Band-Aids

**Middle/High School foster children at various Cherokee county schools**

- Pkgs of mechanical pencils
- Pkgs of black ink pens
- Pkgs of blue ink pens
- 1 subject notebooks
- 3 subject notebooks
- 5 subject notebooks
- Flash Drives
- College ruled notebook paper
- Pkgs of Index cards (3x5)
- College rule composition books
- Pkgs of highlighters
- Pkgs of sticky notes (assorted sizes)
- Walmart gift cards
- Target gift cards