



# WILLOW UM CHURCH

THE COMMUNICATOR

October 2013



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARIANNE



**Galatians 5:1 (NIV) It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.**

One of my favorite “trick or treat” memories is when Matthew, our oldest son, was about 12 years old. He was feeling a bit old to trick or treat, but he loved to wear masks and to pretend to be someone else – it’s the actor in him. Anyway, he wore his Boy Scout uniform and covered his face with a George W. Bush mask and went door to door asking people for canned food for the hungry in our community.

I wonder if covering his face made it easier to ask for those donations – the folks would have been rejecting “George W. Bush” not “Matthew McMunn” that way.

I read the following devotional on line and found it great food for thought: “Many of us wear masks everyday. Depending on the occasion or circumstance we throw on a mask to fit our need. We have become afraid of letting people see the *real* us. We are afraid of letting someone see our shortcomings out of the fear that they will not like or love us. At work we may throw on a mask of authority and power in order to seem in control. At home we may throw on a mask of contentment, a mask of everything is okay, out of fear our spouse may not love someone with problems. At church we throw on a mask of ‘I’m good – I have it together, thank you.’

On and on we go, shuffling our masks on and off from situation to situation, until one day our masks fail us. No matter how good you are at this game, eventually cracks develop from all the wear and tear of changing masks, as the cracks develop people start seeing the real you in-between the cracks. Some may even reach out to help, but that mask of pride, which has now become a prison of pride, will not allow anyone inside. All the masks will become prisons of guilt, resentment, self-centeredness and on and on. The prisons can become solitary confinement, locking out even God. In addition you lose your identity. You lose the core you, the real you.

If you find yourself in a prison built in your mind, built by your actions, built by losing the real you somewhere behind these masks. I urge you to pour your heart out to God and cast the masks upon Him. It's time to find the core you and to let others inside to help you.”

Ecclesiastes 4:10 says (NIV) If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Dear God, help us to admit our shortcomings and our imperfections. Thank you for loving us at our worst. In Jesus name, Amen.

Let's take our masks off and be free indeed!

My love to you, Pastor Marianne



### October Sermon Titles and Scriptures

October 6: “Why God’s Love Prevails

October 13: Pulpit Exchange with Milford UMC

October 20: “Augmented Reality Check”

October 27: “The Vertical Race”

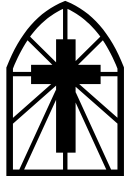
Romans 8:28, 35, 37-39

Rev. Doug McMunn preaching

II Timothy 3:14-4:5

II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

# Ministries of Willow Church



## Food Pantry

Ethel's food pantry offers short term assistance for any in need. 1 bag of groceries at a time. The food pantry is open 24/7. Please call the church for information or to request assistance.

## Spiritual Growth and Bible Study

A weekly study fellowship with emphasis on deepening personal spirituality with practical disciplines. Study group meets Thursdays at 7:00. All are welcome.

## Prayer Ministry

Our congregation offers through prayer and meditation, intercessory prayer for any concern 24 hours a day. Please call the church office to leave your prayer requests.

## AA Ministry

Utilize a 12 step spiritual program to help those suffering the effects of alcohol addiction. Meetings are held Wednesdays 6:00 pm here at the church.

## Music Ministry

Choir and worship opportunities through music participation. Practice is every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

## Children's Ministry

Christian education during worship service is offered twice a month to foster and guide our children in their faith under the direction of Jeanne Lochner. Children's Church the first Sunday of the month coordinated by Jennifer Johnson.

**Parenting Study Class** The Basics of becoming a proactive parent...call the church for details

## Scrip Program



Our church benefits from the purchase of Scrip gift cards. Every time you purchase a card we receive a percentage of the purchase price. Use the cards not only to give as gifts, but also consider buying them for your own personal use, i.e. dining out, home improvements, gas, personal items. If you would like an updated list of retailers, please see Martha Molnar.

Thank you for your continued support

This newsletter is compiled by Donna Lee Hornyak. A special thanks to Gail Sobecki and all who submit articles for our newsletter.

If you would like to add to "The Communicator" please email : **dhornyak2@gmail.com** (Donna Lee Hornyak)

**Jesus, Name above All Names**

**Jesus, Name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living word.** The Faith We Sing Hymnal



**Ethel's Food Pantry** Ethel's Food Pantry is an outreach of our church and community as we strive to help those who are in need of food assistance. All food is donated. If you would like to donate at any time, see Helena, contributions are always needed. Please remember, misc. items are needed all the time. This month's item: **JELLY**

**Altar Flowers** Altar flowers can be displayed as a memorial or in honor of someone or something or a special event. Cost per bouquet if only 1 bouquet is purchased for the same week is \$15.00. Cost if 2 bouquets are purchased for the same week is \$12.50 each. Please remember.. Do not take the vases. They must be returned to the florist. Make all checks payable to Darlene's Flowers. If interested in donating altar flowers please contact **Vanessa Lenz** at 734-731-9611. **Please get your flower order and payment to Vanessa 2 weeks ahead of time or your order may be canceled. If you have an altar vase, please return it to the church.**



# WHAT IS GOD LIKE

submitted by Vanessa Lenz



God is like Coca-Cola	He's the real thing
God is like Pan Am	He makes the going great
God is like Bayer aspirin	He works wonders
God is like Hallmark cards	He cared enough to send the very best
God is like Tide	He gets the stain out that others leave in
God is like Dial soap	Aren't you glad you know Him? Don't you wish everybody did?
God is like Sears	He has everything
God is like Alka Seltzer	Try Him; you'll like Him!
God is like Scotch Tape	You can't see Him, but you know He's there.
God is like McDonald's	He'll do it all for you.
God is like American Express card	Don't leave home without Him!

## Women's Group Nominations

The women's group is now taking nominations for officers.....this group takes little of your time, is a wonderful mission for Willow Church and as an added bonus, it's FUN! Why not step forward and take a leadership position...this just may be your chance to take part in the "happenings" of Willow Church!

## Woman's Group Meeting September 1, 2013



Kathy-cutting boards

Woman's group will donate \$50 to cutting boards. Kathy will purchase. Group voted and everyone agreed.

Helena Lilly-Cig butt holder

Holding off on this.

Mom2Mom sale run by Laura Haydamacker

Jan and Helena will work the entry way.

Profits from Mom2Mom sale will go towards Thanksgiving basket out reach program,

Woman's group to help with a bake sale?

Venessa will run the bake sale.

Helena Lilly-backpack program

Jennifer will email Helena and tell her that the womans group voted and agreed to donate up to \$100 for the back pack program. Helena can turn in receipts to Kathy for refund.

Donna Lee would like to host woman's social in October or December per Gail Sobecki

Donna Lee will host October. Jennifer will notify her thru email.

Donna Lee-painting the church office

Done, need to turn in receipts.

Hollie Morrison-coupon class to be offered at church, \$25 per person

Group voted and no interest in the class at this time. Too much money.

Mission Statement/Direction for the group to go in!

Will work on this with the current officers in the group. Will take in group input.

Will work on setting up nominations for new officers for the group.

Jennifer will notify Donna Lee about putting something in newsletter to bring in new people to the group.

Budget report-\$2,242.98 balance in account. Only activity was check to Jennifer Johnson for painting the door to the church



# Parenting Study

## “Handling Anger in Your Home”

Willow UMC continues to offer a free parenting study for parents of children of all ages. The study utilizes a parenting series by Jim Williams who is a national parenting advocate and speaker and the director of Parent Education and Asset Development for STARS, a school based program helping students make healthy lifestyle choices.

“Handling Anger in Your Home” is a 4 week study to help parents learn new ways to manage their own feelings of anger and frustration. By modeling good habits of control and communication, parents can better teach their children to handle their own emotions in a positive way.

All are welcome.

Dates of the study are Sundays – October 27 and November 24. Break for Christmas and then again meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in January and February.

The study starts at 11:00am with snacks and ends at 12:00pm.

Meet in the home of Tyler and Jennifer Johnson at 25305 Bernadine Rd., New Boston.

If you have any questions about the class or location, please contact Pastor Marianne, parenting study facilitator (248-875-3783), Jennifer Johnson, co-coordinator (734-625-5750).



## Take a Spiritual Renewal Retreat

Pastor Doug and Marianne will serve as spiritual directors at a three-day retreat at our beautiful, Lake Huron Retreat Center, near Port Huron. You are invited to register for this October 28-30 event! Enjoy sunrise devotions over Lake Huron, or sleep in if you need the rest, and enjoy yummy mealtimes overlooking the lake. Come away to this quiet place for personal spiritual renewal. Save the date! Go to [www.lakehuronretreat.org](http://www.lakehuronretreat.org).

### RETREAT SCHEDULE

*Nurture the Soul* is a new, three-day personal retreat experience designed for clergy and laity alike. This retreat, while following a simple schedule, is designed to provide time for participants to do what they need – read, pray, sleep, converse or simply rest.

Spiritual Director(s) are on site to provide opportunity for conversation, guidance and prayer during the Personal Times listed on the schedule. The retreat opens and concludes with worship in our Poole Chapel and also includes worship experiences on Day Two. Community time occurs in Kresge Dining Hall, where participants can experience our excellent cuisine as bread is broken together.

Pricing is based on single or double occupancy and includes two overnights, five meals and two snacks. Single adults and married couples are all welcomed to participate in this event. Please register by Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Single Occupancy - \$200 per person

Double Occupancy - \$150 per person



#### Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

3:00-5:00 pm Check-In - Littleton Lodge  
(Arrive at your leisure)  
5:00-5:45 pm Opening Worship - Poole Chapel  
6:00 pm Dinner - Kresge Dining Hall  
7:00 pm Personal Time  
9:00 pm Evening Prayers - Poole Chapel

#### Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Morning Prayers - Poole Chapel  
8:00 am Breakfast is served  
9:00 am Personal Time  
NOON Lunch is served  
1:00 pm Personal Time  
6:00 pm Dinner is served  
7:00 pm Personal Time  
9:00 pm Evening Prayers - Poole Chapel

#### Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Morning Prayers - Poole Chapel  
8:00 am Breakfast is served  
9:00 am Personal Time  
10:45 am Check Out of Guest Rooms  
11:00 am Closing Worship - Poole Chapel  
NOON Lunch is served  
1:00 pm Depart for Home



The Reverends Doug and Marianne McMunn come to serve our community as Spiritual Directors. Doug serves as an Elder in the Detroit Annual Conference, and has been in ministry since 1986. He currently serves the Milford United Methodist Church. Doug has received training as a Spiritual Director and most recently taught a Lay Servant Ministry Course on Spiritual Practices in the Ann Arbor District.

Marianne has been a local pastor since 2010, currently serving the Willow United Methodist Church. The practice of Journaling and Daily Quiet Time has always been a vital component of Marianne's spiritual walk. She has been a past retreat leader.

Doug and Marianne have three children (all young adults now in their 20's) and now open their lives to an exchange student from Chile. Both avid readers, Doug and Marianne enjoy visiting Boyne Mountain in the off season for hiking and quiet time.

We look forward to Doug and Marianne being with us to lead in worship and offer spiritual counsel and guidance to all interested participants.

## JUDGE NOT!

Submitted by Gail Sobecki

I was shocked, confused, bewildered

As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its decor. ...



But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp--  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,  
So somber - give me a clue.'  
'Hush, child,' He said,  
'they're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

**JUDGE NOT!!**

Remember...Just going to church  
doesn't make you a  
Christian any more than standing  
in your garage makes you a car.

Every saint has a PAST...  
Every sinner has a FUTURE!

## Visitation Opportunity

While visiting with the pastor in their home, Ed and Jean Miller shared that they would love to have you, church friends, come and visit them anytime you can. Please call Jean at 734-753-9260 to make arrangements, as she has dialysis on Mon/Wed/Fri.

## Willow United Methodist Church Membership Classes Offered

For those wishing to join the membership of Willow United Methodist Church, you are invited to Membership Classes on October 13 and November 3. Pastor Doug McMunn will lead the first class – church history and your questions about what it means to be a United Methodist. Pastor Marianne will lead the second class in preparation for membership. Membership Sunday will be November 10. Please let Pastor Marianne know if you are interested in becoming a member of Willow UMC. If these class times do not work for you, arrangements will be made.

Any questions? Please call Pastor Marianne at 248-875-3785.

## Willow UMC Choir wants YOU!



*Choir Rehearsal has begun and it's not too late for you to join! Choir Rehearsal is every Wednesday at 7:00pm for one hour.*

*Please contact Karen Struble, Choir Director.*

**Jesus had no servants,  
yet they called Him Master.**

**Had no degree,  
yet they called Him Teacher .**

**Had no medicines,  
yet they called Him Healer.**

**Had no army,  
yet kings feared Him.**

**He won no military battles,  
yet He conquered the world.**

**He committed no crime,  
yet they crucified Him.**

**He was buried in a tomb,  
yet He lives today.**

**Feel honored  
to serve such a Leader  
who loves us.**





Willow United Methodist Church  
August Administration Board Meeting  
September 15, 2013

Meeting opened at 10:48 a.m. with prayer by Mark Buttignoli .

- ATTENDANCE:** Janet Holland, Pastor Marianne McMunn, Mark Buttignoli, Jim and Katherine Buck, Donna Lee Hornyak, , Martha Molnar, Jeanne Lochner, Sheryl Karls, Debbie Carter, John Tarr, & Helena & R.P. Lilly.
- ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:** August Minutes were read. Mark motioned to accept the minutes as read. R.P. supported. Motion Carried.
- PASTORS REPORT:** Pastor Marianne reported the grant application for the sound system has been submitted. A tech team is needed to run the computer during worship. Cameron Buck volunteered to create the slides, etc John Tarr will also help. Anyone with computer knowledge is asked to contact Pastor Marianne. The nomination committee is going well. The calendar planning meeting for 2014 will be held sometime in January. After some discussion regarding the church directory, Mark motioned to set up a time in the middle of April to have pictures taken. Donna Lee supported. Motion carried. Martha will be the contact person for the directory.
- TRUSTEES:** The trustees voted and approved the following: Purchase & had installed video & sound equipment, purchased a new lap top, printer for the church; approved the amount to remove the pine tree at the front of the church, sealing of the parking lot cracks. The tree removal & crack repair are not completed. They are meeting with the Huron Township Planning Committee regarding an electronic sign.
- PASTOR PARISH:** Helena reported the Pastor Parish Committee will submit their recommendations for Pastor Marianne's salary to the Finance Committee.
- FINANCIAL:** Not available at this time.
- CHURCH USE:** Helena motioned that the Good Fellows are allowed to use the church to count the funds they raise during the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Debbie supported. Motion carried.
- ADJOURNMENT:** Mark motioned to adjourn. Martha supported. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**Financial Report:**

Total received for the month of August – N/A

Total expenses for the month of August – N/A



## A Mom2Mom sale is coming to Willow!

On Saturday, October 12, 2013 parents of young children will be offering great deals on gently used clothes, toys, books, strollers and other items in our fellowship hall. 9m to 1pm. An entrance donation of 1 non-perishable food/toiletry item or \$1. Early bird entrance donation of 2 non-perishable food items/toiletry items or \$2 would be greatly appreciated at the door.

The Women's group will also be selling a variety of baked goods, including apple fritters. All proceeds go to the Willow Women's group Thanksgiving Basket Community Outreach Program.

**Interested in selling your things?** Tables are \$20 each on a first come, first serve basis.

Space is limited so email ASAP at [Willowumc@gmail.com](mailto:Willowumc@gmail.com)

# WERE YOU HERE????

When at the September Chicken Supper the **POWER** went out at the church and the **POWER** of the church took over?

When we were asked "Why do the innocent suffer?"

When we were asked "Why do my prayers go unanswered?"

When we were asked "Why can't I see God's Will for My Life?"

When our third graders received their Bibles?

When John Tarr explained our new Video Equipment?



When our children and their backpacks were blessed.



## LISTEN!!!

The Wind is Rising and the Air is wild  
with Leaves, we have had our summer evenings:  
**NOW FOR OCTOBER EVES!!!**

**Mark you calendar for the Women's Social On Friday,  
October 25th at Donna Lee's home.**

Come join us! All the ladies of the church are welcome...no matter what age. We gather every other month to enjoy fellowship, fun, and join in the knowledge that God is present and that we can experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.

We've had some wonderful times together, ice cream socials, Halloween Parties, cookie exchange, making ginger bread houses at Christmas time, swimming parties, and much more! Stop by...October 25th...around 6:00...27303 Bell Road...we'll celebrate October...Fall...and all the wonderful fun of being together.

The ladies group is now in the process of electing new officers—think about it! This might be the time for you to get involved. If you would be interested in holding an office for the women's group, please speak to Jennifer Johnson.



## COOKIES?????

The Mom 2 Mom Sale will be held October 12th and the Ladies Group is hosting a bake sale. If you would like to donate some cookies or other baked goods, please do....this would make the day extra special!

Let Laura Haydenmaker know...and pass the word on

## Willow United Methodist Church

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Marianne McMunn, Pastor

Email address: [marianнемcmunn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marianнемcmunn@sbcglobal.net)

Pastor's Schedule: Monday—day off Tuesdays and Thursdays at church  
Wednesday—home office and choir rehearsal at Willow Church  
Friday—Study Day Saturday—Home office

734-654-9020

Sunday Service 9:30 AM

Jeanne Lochner: Children's Ministry

Karen Struble: Organist and Choir Director

**FOOD PANTRY 24/7**

734-753-4320





# October 2013

Sun

Mon


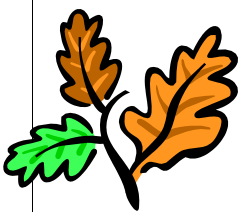

Tue

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Sat

		1 Rotary 6:30	2 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	3 Bible Study 7:00 at church Theresa Buttignoli Karla Clark	4 Linda Kemp	5 Apple Fest
6 World Communion Sunday Children's Church Women's Mtg. Apple Fest	7	8 Chicken Dinner Prep 8:30 am Rotary 6:30	9 <b>Chicken Dinner 5:00</b> 	10 Bible Study 7:00 at church	11	12 Mom-2-Mom Sale 9—1 Sirena Mandelka
13 Pulpit Exchange with Milford UMC All Church Breakfast New Members Class	14 Mike Odom Tom VanMeer David & Jeanne Lochner	15 Rotary 6:30	16 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Donna Dent	17 Bible Study 7:00 at church Mike & Sheila Odom Nick Wilson	18	19 Ralph Cannon
20 Ad Board Mtg.	21	22 Rotary 6:30	23 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Anne Mathews	24 Bible Study 7:00 at church Ariel Dagenais	25	26 
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