

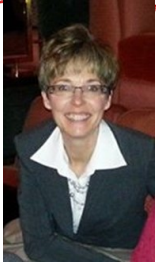
WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

36025 Willow Road, New Boston, Michigan 48164

Reverend Marianne McMunn, Pastor

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 2015



A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARIANNE:

Pastors' Column for Two?

My dear Marianne had a bad cold in mid-September as the newsletter deadline approached. She was miserable and unable to concentrate, so I offered to write the 'Pastor's Column' for the Willow UMC newsletter, and she happily accepted my offer. So, warm greetings to readers of both church newsletters, Willow and Milford UMC's! Marianne and I are scheduled to exchange pulpits on Sunday, October 25. The Milford United Methodist Women asked if she could preach for their celebration of UMW Sunday, and we're overdue for our thrice-annual exchange.

Did you ever wonder what Marianne and I talk about on Sundays when we return home from the two churches? You can probably guess- we talk about church! Lately we are most eager to share about the children in church. We each think our church has the best kids in the world, and the congregations love their youthful faith, love, and energy! At Willow, children sing in the adult choir, serve as liturgists, and light candles. Recently a little girl even sang an extemporaneous spiritual song, simply singing whatever came out of her beautiful soul. The congregation loved it. At Milford, a small group of young children planned their own "concert" during fellowship hour. When they finished their own rehearsal, they invited adults to be their audience in a small room. The whole concert was one original song, with only one line. They joyfully sang, "We never want to leave each other!" One Sunday in September, we celebrated a baptism, and the family brought the baby's cousins to visit our church. It was a beautiful site when about 15 extra children came up for the children's message!

Henri Nouwen (Reaching Out, Doubleday Image, 1985) said "Many parents question the value of baptism of newborn babies. But one important aspect of early baptism is that, when parents bring their child to the church, they are reminded that the child is not their own private property, but a gift from God given to a community that is much larger than the immediate family."

Raising up the youngest generation, and sharing our faith with them, is one of the many ways our congregations serve God. It is a sacred privilege in the community of faith. Let us continue to welcome the little ones. The Kingdom of heaven belongs to them, and often they show us the way.

Love to all,

Pastor Doug (and Pastor Marianne) McMunn

Sermon Titles and Texts for October

October 4: World Communion Sunday: A World in Communion

I Corinthians 11:17-34

October 11: The Surgical Scriptures

Hebrews 4:12-16

October 18: Ransomware

Mark 10:35-45

October 25: Rev. Doug McMunn preaching



Willow Church Ministries

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 pm.

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 program to help those suffering the effects of alcohol addiction. Meetings are held at the church Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Music Ministry: Choir and worship opportunities through music participation. Practice every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Children's Ministry: Christian education during worship service is offered weekly to foster and guide our children in their faith under the direction of Jeanne Lochner. Children's Church is held each Sunday, coordinated by Jennifer Johnson.

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 vases are purchased is \$12.50 each. Make all checks to Darlene's Flowers. Please contact Vanessa Lenz at 734-731-9611. Orders and payments are required 2 weeks prior to date.

Script 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 Molar.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sunday Service 9:30 AM

Jeanne Lochner: Children's Ministry Director

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FOOD PANTRY 24/7 734-753-4320



Willow Church Cook Book

Thank you to all who submitted recipes for the Willow Church Cook Book. **NOW ON SALE!!! \$10.00 each. Great Christmas gift!!!** Please see Martha Molnar

This newsletter is compiled by Donna Lee Hornyak. A special thanks to Gail Sobecki and all who submit articles. If you would like to add to "The Communicator", please e mail me at dhornyak2@gmail.com.

Thought for the Day: Every care that I can turn over to God makes room for another blessing.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: I will go through my day with a prayerful heart.

WERE YOU HERE?

When Reverend Kim from Carleton UMC held a "Growth and Revitalization Workshop" for Willow Church.

When Willow Church held "Rally Day", "Blessing of school backpacks", "Dedication of our Teachers" and the "giving of Bibles to our 3rd graders."

When our choir was joined by youthful voices.

When Pastor Marianne's sermon explained to us that "we are the the cornerstone of Christ", "Where we go.....the church goes."

When our sermon asked us if: we were looking to God daily for guidance and wisdom.



APPLE FEST

October 3 and 4 is New Boston's Apple Fest Weekend. Willow UMC will be sponsoring a booth, selling Apple Fritters and games for the kids. Please contact Laura Haydamacker or Helena Lilly if you have any questions or would like to participate in the community event.



ETHEL'S FOOD PANTRY

Each month our Willow Church Food Pantry serves those in our community who are in need,. To fill our shelves is a task that needs constant attention.

RIGHT NOW...we're asking that you consider donating food to fill those shelves.

Any and all items are welcomed. We are considerably short on: canned soups, crackers, jelly, Mac& cheese, pancake mix, corn muffin.



Children's Church meets every Sunday.

After the Children's Time – Story and Discussion and Singing - in the Worship Service, children of all ages are invited to the Children's Church Area in Fellowship Hall.

Children's Church includes a Bible Story time and activities for the children to participate in to enhance their time of learning.

Jennifer Johnson is our Children's Church Coordinator.

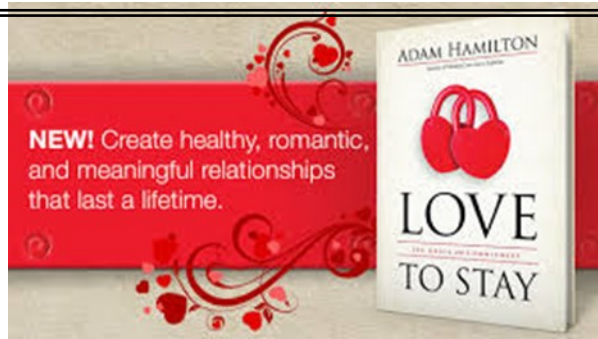
Children's Church Team includes Jennifer Johnson, Jeanne Lochner, Donna Dent, Hannah Seward, Raeann Burkhart, Tessa Bailey, Krista Burkhart, and Hollie Morrison. Thank you all for serving our children!

Do you know a child/ren and/or family who would benefit from our community of faith? Why don't you take time to invite them to church on Sunday!

Daily Devotional Available

Did you know that Willow UMC offers free daily devotional materials each month? They are called "The Upper Room" and you may take one home for your use. The Upper Rooms are located in the back of the sanctuary – large print is available. Speak with Pastor Marianne if you have any questions.





“Falling in love is easy, but staying in love takes courage, hard work and lots of grace.”

Are you engaged to be married, married for several months or for 30 plus years? Then this study is for you! Willow UMC is offering a marriage study once a month.

“**Love to Stay: Sex, Grace, and Commitment**” is the title of the study written by Rev. Adam Hamilton lead pastor at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Hamilton is a nationally known speaker and author and leader in the United Methodist Church. In this study “Hamilton explores the ups and downs and how to’s of marriage and how; with God’s help, we can make love last.”

This study facilitated by Pastor Marianne (married over 31 years to husband, Doug) meets once a month. The **class begins at 11:00am** with gathering time and snacks. Study time **concludes at 12:30pm**. We meet in the home of John and Laura Haydamacker at 24340 Waltz, New Boston. If you have any questions about the class or location, please contact Pastor Marianne, marriage study facilitator (248-875-3783), Jennifer Johnson, co-coordinator (734-625-5750). Hope to see you there!

EMBRACE THE DAY

“In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.”

COLE SLAW BEE

Thank you to all who helped to make Cole slaw for our Chicken Dinners.



October 2015



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4 <div> <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>Women's Mtg.</p> <p>Children's Church</p> <p>Apple Fest</p> </div>	5	6 <div> <p>Rotary 6:30</p> </div>	7 <div> <p>AA 6:00</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p> </div>	8 <div> <p>PPRC meets with District Superintendent</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Conference at Willow UMC</p> </div>	9	10 <div> <p>MOM 2 MOM SALE</p> <p>Here at Willow Church</p> </div>
11 <div> <p>Children's Church</p> <p>Coffee Hour by Kevin Burke</p> <p>Marriage Study</p> </div>	12 <div> <p>Women's Craft sign making 6:30 in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Sirena Mandelka</p> </div>	13 <div> <p>Chicken Supper Prep 8:30 am</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p> </div>	14 <div> <p>CHICKEN SUPPER</p> <p>Jeanne & David Lochner</p> <p>Tom VanMeer</p> </div>	15 <div> <p>Bible Study 7:00 pm</p> </div>	16 <div> <p>Women's Halloween Social at Donna Lee's</p> </div>	17 <div> <p>Nick Wilson</p> </div>
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25 <div> <p>Pulpit Exchange with Milford UMC</p> <p>All Church Breakfast—sponsored by Willow Church Men</p> <p>Children's Church</p> </div>	26 <div> <p>Pastor Marianne Vacation through Nov. 3rd</p> </div>	27 <div> <p>Rotary 6:30</p> </div>	28 <div> <p>AA 6:00</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p> </div>	29 <div> <p>Bible Study 7:00 pm</p> <p>Julie Struble</p> </div>	30 <div> </div>	31