



A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARIANNE

Nicolo Paganini was a well known violinist in the 19th century. His most memorable concert was marked by a difficult test rather than with ease.

The concert was held with a full orchestra in a packed house in Italy. Those who were there spoke of Paganini's incredible performance, how he held the audience in the palm of his hand; mesmerizing them. And then, near the end of an intricate composition, one string on the violin suddenly snapped. Paganini, briefly frowned, shook his head and continued to play, improvising now with one less string.

Then, the unthinkable happened – a second string broke. He continued playing and then a third string snapped! It was almost like a comedy routine. Paganini did not let this stop him. Instead of leaving the stage to repair his violin, he played on before an awed crowd with the 3 strings dangling.

He calmly completed that difficult piece with one remaining string. That performance won him enduring fame.

When the “strings” of our lives suddenly snap, it can be confusing, scary, lonely, and even maddening. We may be tempted to just “give up.” But, this is the time we need to hold on tight to God and the strength and hope that a relationship with him provides.

And, like the violinist, your best work may be performed under these tough and unusual circumstances. So, don't give up. Just keep playing!

Psalm 28:7: “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in God, and I am helped.”



November Sermon Titles and Scriptures

November 3: “Up a Tree”

Luke 19:1-10

November 10: “A Marriage (Not) Made in Heaven”

Luke 20:27-30

November 17: “How to Live When the World's on Fire”

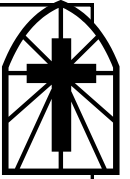
Luke 21:5-19

November 24: “Let's Make a Christ Wish List”

Colossians 1:11-20



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

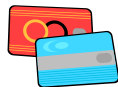
Christian education during worship service is offered twice a month to foster and guide our children in their faith under the direction of Jeanne Lochner. Children's Church the first Sunday of the month coordinated by Jennifer Johnson.

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



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: **CEREAL**

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 Sobacki 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)

Where Children Belong



This is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong

From The Faith We Sing Hymnal

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.**



Were you here????

When Pastor Marianne answered the question “Why God Prevails”

When Pastor Doug McMunn encouraged us to use our “License to Glow” and to be faithful even if we have to suffer—remember Jesus Christ.

When we heard that the “WORD” of God has the power to transform us?

When we heard one Sunday in October that if we lift our eyes upward “focusing on Christ” the prize is in His Kingdom.

When our “**God Winks**” Bulletin Board went up? (Thanks Vanessa and Bob Lenz!)

When the ladies group decorated pumpkins?



When the Mom 2 Mom sale was held?



**“I always pray before meals,
but when I open my eyes the
vegetables are still there!!!”**

MITTEN and HAT TREE

During the holidays it’s important to think how you can give to others...providing them with some warmth during the cold Michigan winter is a great place to start.

Please donate NEW mittens and hats for the children in our area. Just “hang” them on the mitten tree in the vestibule.



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 4th 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).

COMING SOON TO WILLOW CHURCH

November 30th 9 am: Hanging of the Greens (Decorating the church for Christmas)

In December: Poinsettia Sale for the Altar **(Are you interested in helping with this ministry? Please contact the church office.)**

December 1st: Advent Begins

December 7th: Progressive Dinner

December 15th: Children's Program & Cookie Walk

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.



Advent Devotionals

The first Sunday of Advent will be here before we know it!

Willow UMC will be offering a daily Advent Devotional to be used starting the first Sunday of Advent, which is December 1st. The cost is \$1.00.

You can sign up for a devotional at the church, call the church office, or contact Pastor Marianne to reserve your copy. They will be ordered November 18th to be available on December 1st.

Harvest Dinner

Milford United Methodist Church

November 16, 2013

4:00 to 7:00

1200 Atlantic, Milford

248-684-2798

Adults - \$11 Seniors - \$9

Children (5yrs to 12yrs) - \$6

*Turkey, Stuffing, Squash,
Homemade Mashed Potatoes,
Jello Salad, Green Beans with
Almonds, Dessert*



Willow United Methodist Church

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Marianne McMunn, Pastor

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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

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Sunday Service 9:30 AM

Jeanne Lochner: Children's Ministry
Karen Struble: Organist and Choir Director

FOOD PANTRY 24/7 734-753-4320

Willow United Methodist Church
October Administrative Board Meeting
October 20, 2013

Meeting opened at 10:48 a.m. with prayer by Donna Lee Hornyak .

- ATTENDANCE:** Janet Holland, Pastor Marianne McMunn, Jim and Kathy Farr, Jim and Katherine Buck, Donna Lee Hornyak, Martha Molnar, Sheryl Karls, Amy Harrison, Tina Szalek, John Tarr, Linda Kemp & Mary Krezmenski.
- ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:** September Minutes were read. John motioned to accept the minutes as read. Amy supported. Motion Carried.
- PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Marianne reported she received \$1,000 grant money from the district for our sound system. The pastor presented a mission project. Our sister church in Liberia has a health project through the Ann Arbor District. They have a onetime donation or it can be set up for a 3 year commitment. After discussion, Jim Farr motioned Willow UMC to contribute one time \$100 from the mission item on our budget. Martha supported. Motion carried.
Pastor Marianne received a thank you letter from Brown Elementary School for the donation of back-packs.
A picture day for the church directory will be Thursday, April 10, 2014.
The nomination committee has filled in officers for 2014.
Charge Conference is Sunday, October 27, 2013. Pastor Parish meets at 2:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 2:30 p.m.
- TRUSTEES:** John Tarr is looking for the church property deeds. Our Food License has expired. Someone needs to complete the course to get a food handler's card. Kathy Farr will check with Lorraine Fowler to see if she has one.
- FINANCIAL:** August financial report was reviewed. Kathy motioned to accept the report. Jim Farr supported. Motion carried.
September's financial report was reviewed. Donna Lee motioned to accept the report. Mary supported. Motion carried.
Budget's on track. The projected budget of \$70,254.30 for 2014 was presented. Jim Buck motioned to accept the budget. Jim Farr supported. Motion carried.
- ADJOURNMENT:** John motioned to adjourn. Jim Farr supported. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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.*

FOR SALE: Church Pews...8 feet long and 16 feet long...makes excellent entry benches....please see Karen Wilson...Best Offer

November 2013



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					<p>1</p> <p>Robert Lenz</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Fall Back</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time</p>
<p>3 Holy Communion</p> <p>Children's Church</p> <p>New Member Class</p> <p>Women's Group Mtg.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p>	<p>6</p> <p>AA 6:00</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Membership Sunday</p> <p>All Church Breakfast</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Samantha Bailey</p> <p>Tyler & Jennifer Johnson</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Chicken Supper Prep 8:30</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Chicken Supper 5:00</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Harvest Dinner At Milford UMC</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Children's Church</p> <p>Ad Board Mtg.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p>	<p>20</p> <p>AA 6:00</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Parenting Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 9 am</p> <p>Hanging of the Greens</p> <p>8 am 2pm Goodfellow's Paper Drive</p>