



Willow United Methodist Church



THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 2014

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARIANNE

John 14:1-6 Common English Bible (CEB) "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. ² My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? ³ When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. ⁴ You know the way to the place I'm going." ⁵ Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

I feel so very grateful that I was brought up in the Church. As a child, the teachings of Jesus I received in Sunday School taught me about Christ's way and gave me a foundation for my walk with God each day of my life. Thank you, Jeanne and Jennifer and all of you who contribute time, energy, finances and all of you who give love and encouragement to our "little ones" Willow UMC.

My prayer is for all of us to continue to grow in our knowledge of God and in following the way of Christ. As maturing Christians we need to build on the strong foundation that we received as "children" in Christ. It is up to each one of us to pursue growth.

As we approach the Lenten season, let us seek to increase in knowledge and in service of this awesome God that we love and serve. I'm excited to embark on a Lenten Series, "The Way," as we follow the footsteps of Jesus' life, ministry, and teachings. In addition to Sunday worship services, you are invited to Bible Study each Thursday evening at 7:00pm at the home of Wanda Young. This study will include a short DVD teaching/commentary/video footage of the Holy Lands, by Rev. Adam Hamilton, United Methodist pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Jesus said that the "Father's house has room to spare." As followers of Christ's way, we are called to share that way with others. Who could you bring to Worship or Bible Study during this Lenten Season?

Sermon Titles and Texts for March and Through Lent:

March 2: "God Spoken"

2 Peter 1:16-21

March 5: **Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm**

March 9: "The Way: Striving to Resist Temptation"

Mark 1:9-13

March 16: "The Way of Compassion and Healing"

Luke 4:18-19

March 23: "Proclaiming the Kingdom"

Matthew 7:24-29

March 30: "Calming the Storm"

Mark 4:35-41

April 6: "The Way: Through Samaria"

John 4:3-10

April 13: Palm Sunday

Choir Cantata

April 20: Easter Sunday

"The Way of Resurrection"

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 and third Sunday of the month is 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.

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)



And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. — Romans 8:28

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 .**





Parenting Study "Handling Anger in Your Home"

Willow UMC offers 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 STARS, a school based program helping students make healthy lifestyle choices.

This study helps parents learn new ways to manage their own feelings of anger and frustration.

All are welcome! Dates of the study are the 4th Sundays of the month.

The class will meet March 23, at 11:00am. We enjoy snacks, teaching and discussion time and close with prayer 12:00pm. The study is held 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). Hope to see you there!

Would you like to become a member of Willow United Methodist Church?

If you are considering becoming a member of Willow UMC, you are invited to attend Membership Classes. There will be 2 classes in a session. The first class will include some history about the United Methodist Church (UMC) as well as a question and answer time where you will be invited to ask your questions about the UMC and/or Willow UMC. The second class will include a look at the vows of membership for your prayerful consideration. If after these 2 classes you decide that you do indeed want to take the vows of membership, we will receive you into membership during a Sunday morning worship service.

The first session of Membership Classes for 2014 will be held March 16 and March 30 right after the Worship Service. **Membership Sunday** for this session will be **April 13**.

The second session of Membership Classes for 2014 will be held September 14 and October 5 right after the Worship Service. **Membership Sunday** for this session will be **October 19**.



Please speak with Pastor Marianne about your interest. If these dates do not work for you, we can be flexible.



Save the Dates: Church Pictorial Directory pictures will be taken April 10, 2014 at Willow UMC. Watch for Sign up at Worship on Sundays.

Palm Sunday, April 13, we will be taking an all church photo in front of the church building.

CHICKEN SUPPER TIME!!!

Wednesday March 12th 5:00 PM Carryout's begin at 4:30

Help is needed Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings at 8:30 for preparation

Adults: \$10.00 Children \$5.00

Donated Pies can be brought to the church anytime Tuesday or Wednesday

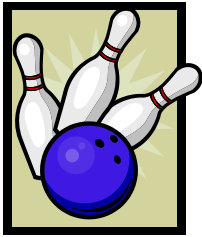
Willow United Methodist Church
February Administration Board Meeting
February 16, 2014

Meeting opened at 10:38 a.m. with prayer by Mark Buttignoli.

- ATTENDANCE:** Janet Holland, Jim & Kathy Farr, Jim and Katherine Buck, Donna Lee Hornyak, , Martha Molnar, Mark Buttignoli, Sheryl Karls, Amy Harrison, R. P. Lilly & John Tarr.
- ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:** The January minutes were read. A correction that the December Financial Report was not voted on due to a correction. Mark motioned to accept the January minutes as amended. R.P. supported. Motion carried.
- PASTORS REPORT:** N/A.
- TRUSTEES:** John Tarr addressed the snow removal issue making sure the snow is removed on days that events are being held as the church. A light intensity study/report was done on our electronic sign.
- FINANCIAL:** The December 2013 Financial Report as reviewed with the correction. Jim Farr motioned to accept the report. Sheryl supported. Motion carried. January Financial Report was reviewed. John motioned to accept the report. Jim Farr supported. Motion carried. The budget is slightly behind.
- OTHER:** Martha reported that April 10, 2014 is our church directory picture taking day. Times will be according to appointment. A signup sheet will be available. Since it is only one day, Katherine asked to consider the people who work and to have enough evening times available. On Psalm Sunday a group picture outside in front of the church will be taken. Kathy reported Chicken Supper will be start on Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Jim & Kathy will continue to chair. The prices will remain the same.
- ADJOURNMENT:** Jim Farr motioned to adjourn. John supported. Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Recording Secretary – Janet Holland





Relay For Life

“Relay for life Hula for a Cure!”

Bowling Fundraiser at Flatrock Lanes

14700 Telegraph Road

Flat Rock Michigan, 48134

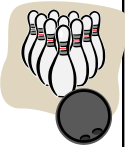
Saturday, March 8th, 2014

Check in: 9:00 pm Bowling Begins: 10:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00 per person/\$100.00 for a Team

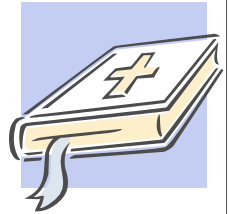
Includes: 3 games of bowling, shoes, pizza, pop

For Information, please call Hollie at 734-770-4741



Bible Headlines

Identify the person to whom the headline refers: (e.g....Dead Man Returns to Life. Answer: Lazarus.)



1. Youth Slays Giant with Slingshot. Answer _____
2. Man Swallowed by Giant Fish. Answer _____
3. Man Builds Giant Boat. Answer _____
4. Man Survives Lions' Den. Answer _____
5. Woman Reports Resurrection. Answer _____
6. Farmer Kills Shepherding Brother. Answer _____
7. Man's Wife Turned Into Pillar of Salt. Answer _____
8. Unarmed Man Kills Lion. Answer _____
9. Father Blesses the Wrong Son. Answer _____



ANSWERS TO BIBLE HEADLINE QUIZ

1. David 2. Jonah 3. Noah 4. Daniel 5. Mary Magdalene 6. Cain 7. Lot 8. Samson 9. Isaac

Were you here?

When we were told that a wife and husband, whenever possible, should “forgive each other” and Give it to God.

When we were asked to RAP: R = Remember your own shortcomings

A = Assume the best of people

P = Pray for them

When Justin McDaniel became a member of Willow Church.

When we were asked: “Are you a Baby Christian or are you ready to grow up and teach others about God’s LOVE?”

When we were reminded that “God’s hand works in even impossible situations.”

When Michelle Simon gave her faith interview?

When we read Jesus said “You are the salt of the earth.”

WERE YOU HERE WHEN THIS HAPPENED AT WILLOW CHURCH??



God Winks Bulletin Board



3 Generations Sing



Our Church Future



Our Blessed Choir



Refreshments Anyone?



Free Style Boutique



Free Style Work Crew



Our Crew Leaders



Justin & Pastor Marianne

What is the Administrative Board?

Each month the newsletter will include a description of one of our church committees, their responsibilities and the names of the committee members serving on that committee so that you may contact them. This month we will look at the Administrative Board.

The Administrative Board is the primary governing body of Willow UMC. They are scheduled to meet the 3rd Sunday of each month after Worship. That meeting time is subject to change depending on extenuating circumstances. The following excerpts from The Book of Discipline of the UMC give an overview of the work of the Administrative Board. If you would like more detailed information, please let Pastor Marianne know.

The purpose of the Administrative Board – “shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. (P. 244).

3. *Meetings*—a. . . The chairperson or the pastor may call special meetings. . . It is recommended that the council use a consensus/discernment model of decision-making.

4. “*Other Responsibilities*—a) review the membership of the local church;

c) establish the budget on recommendation of the committee on finance and ensure adequate provision for the financial needs of the church;

d) recommend to the charge conference the salary and other remuneration of the pastor(s) . . . from the committee on pastor-parish relations (staff-parish relations).” For a complete description of the responsibilities of the chairperson, please refer to The Book of Discipline – you can ask the pastor for it.

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Administrative Board 2014

Chair – Katherine Buck, Secretary – Jan Holland, Church Treasurer – Amy Harrison, Financial Secretary – Jan Holland, Asst. Financial Secretary – Kathy Farr, Music Director – Karen Struble, Lay Leader – Mark Buttignoli, Membership Coordinator – Martha Molnar, Children’s Ministry – Jeanne Lochner, Asst. Children’s Ministry – Hannah Seward, Chair of Finance – Jim Buck, Chair of Trustees – John Tarr, Chair of Pastor Parish Relations – Donna Lee Hornyak, Secretary of Nominations – Gail Sobecki, Communion Stewards – Deb Carter, Helena Lilly, Wanda Young, Jeanne Lochner, Lay Member to Annual Conference – Jeanne Lochner, Alternate to Annual Conference – Mark Buttignoli, Communications – Donna Lee Hornyak, Webmaster – Karen Wilson. Ad Brd Members At Large – Mary Krzeminiski, MaryLou Kennedy, Linda Kemp, RP Lilly, Jim Farr, Theresa Buttignoli, Helena Lilly, Sheryl Karls.

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.





March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy-Communion Women's Mtg. Pastor Parish Mtg.	3	4 Rotary 6:30	5 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00	6 Bible Study 7:00 Wanda Young's Home	7	8 Gail Sobecki
9 "The Way" Series Begins All Church "Brunch"	10 Doug & Marianne McMunn	11 Chicken Supper Prep 8:30 Rotary 6:30 Kathy Holland	12 Chicken Supper 5:00	13 Bible Study 7:00 Wanda Young's Home	14 Martha Molnar Lauren Tilley	15 Sharon Dagenais
16 Pulpit Exchange Membership Class Ad. Bd. Mtg. Dallas Kennedy	17 	18 Rotary 6:30 Kyle Buttignoli	19 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	20 Bible Study 7:00 Wanda Young's Home	21	22
23 Parent Study	24	25 Rotary 6:30 Jack Nobles	26 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	27 Bible Study 7:00 Wanda Young's Home	28 Nathan Adkins Danielle Mathews	29 
30 "One Great Hour of Sharing" Membership Class #2	31 RP Lilly Walter & Terry June	1 Rotary 6:30 	2 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	3 Bible Study 7:00 Wanda Young's Home	4	5