



WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 2013

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARIANNE

Do you ever worry? I do. And I don't like it! I've been working on "the worry problem" most of my life. And I'm gonna keep working on it – because I don't want to live that way. I want to walk in faith, trusting that God will be with me and hold me up when challenges come my way. I Peter 5:7 tells us to "Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you." Worry doesn't add a single minute to your life. (Where have I heard that before? – Oh yeah, it's in the Bible!)

I read about a "Worry Table" that a military chaplain drew up based on the problems men and women had brought to him over the years and this is what he found:

Worries about things that never happened – 40%.

Worries about past, unchangeable decisions – 30%.

Worries about illness that never happened – 12%.

Worries about adult children and friends (who were able to take care of themselves) – 10%.

Worries about real problems – 8%."

Based on this chart, 92% of our worries are about things we have no control over. Lesson here? Let go and let God – cause we can't in our own strength and in our worry change things.

I read a quote that says, "I've suffered a great many catastrophes in my life. Most of them never happened.

May God grant us the grace to surrender all our cares and anxieties to the one who is able to bear them up and bear us up as well.

And, in the words of Bob Marley, "Don't worry, be happy!"

My love to you, Pastor Marianne



Sermon Titles and Scripture for April:

April 7th: "The Assurance of Hope"

John 20:19-31

Mark Buttignoli, Certified Lay Speaker and Lay Leader of Willow UMC

April 14th: "Do You Love Me?"

John 21:1-19

Jeanne Lochner, Lay Speaker and Children's Ministry Director of Willow UMC

April 21st: "We Reap What We Sow"

Acts 9:36-43

April 28th: "Recalculating Our Map"

Acts 11:1-18



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 weekly 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

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.**



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 items:

Dry 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 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)

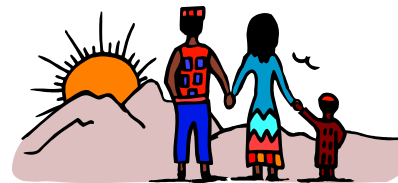
INCREDIBLY MADE



I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful, I know that full well

PSALM 139:14

Parenting Study



Willow UMC is offering 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. "Parenting 101: The Basics of Becoming a Proactive Parent." Is a 4 week study with the following titles: "Navigating Through Troubled Waters," "Developing a Parenting Plan," "Managing the 'Balancing Act,'" and "Keeping Your Family Strong." "This Proactive Parenting series is about choosing to live in a circle of influence with God in the center. It's about learning how to parent with a plan so that you can become the kind of parent that God wants you to be." The class meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 11:00am to 12:00pm in the home of Tyler and Jennifer Johnson, who live about 2 minutes from the Willow UMC at 25305 Bernadine Rd, New Boston. Jeanne Lochner, Children's Ministry Director, provides a Children's teaching time during the parenting study which is also held at the Johnson's home. Our first class began on March 10. The format includes opening prayer, 15 minute DVD teaching by the author, Jim Williams, and group discussion. Please join us! 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). If you have questions regarding children's time, please contact Jeanne Lochner, Children's Ministry Director (734-243-3163).

vacation

Pastors Marianne and Doug are taking vacation time April 1 to April 19. Rev. Taek Kim from Carleton United Methodist Church will be on call for pastoral care emergencies. Please contact Mark Buttignoli, Lay Leader at 734-497-4082 or Jeanne Lochner at 734-243-3163 and they will contact Rev. Kim.

Lay Servant Ministries Classes

Members Mark Buttignoli and Jeanne Lochner are considered lay speakers for our church. They have attended classes at least every 3 years to maintain this classification. This past year, the United Methodist Church at large has changed the titles of Lay Speakers to Lay Servants. This name change reflects the fact that this particular program teaches more than speaking or preaching, but rather it includes a variety of church ministries. The Lay Servant Ministry Program is a spiritually enriching opportunity for personal growth and gives instruction for ministries in the church. Anyone is invited to participate in this training and be a Lay Servant. Won't you consider this wonderful opportunity? Please speak with Mark or Jeanne regarding their stories.

Lay Servant Ministry Classes for Spring will be Saturday, April 20 and Saturday, May 4th. The classes will be at the First UMC of Saline.

First time attendees would register for the Basic Class – "What is a Lay Servant?"

Pastors Marianne and Doug and Mark Buttignoli will be facilitating the Advanced Class, entitled, "Growing Spiritually."

Please see Pastor Marianne for a registration form, which is due April 4.

Willow UMC History Night

You are invited to come together to celebrate the life and history of Willow UMC on Saturday, April 27. We will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish to share. We will start the "story telling" at 7:15pm. The evening will include sharing of special events that have happened through the years, sharing personal stories and remembrances of those who have gone before us. If you have any pictures or memorabilia that you would like to display, please bring them. We will begin the making of a timeline of our church's history by the utilization of a chart system so that anyone can add their remembrances to the timeline. This timeline will remain posted so that the congregation has several weeks to view it and add to it. Come and join in this fun and "historic moment."

Watch for the sign up for the potluck and the event.



Willow Church Free Style

TAKE THREE!!!

What?

Willow Church will once again be hosting a FREE (GENTLY USED) clothing event to benefit anyone in the community struggling to afford these items. Just show up, take what is needed and pass it on....! No questions asked.

If you or anyone you know is in need of clothing items, please come by....and pass the information on to anyone you think may be in need.

When?

Please join us on Saturday, April 6th from 10:00—3:00 (or until all items are gone) in our Church basement and take home any clothing items that you might need. Remember...TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

Where?

You can find us at

Willow United Methodist Church

36925 Willow Road

New Boston, MI 48164

Phone 734-654-9020

Don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions

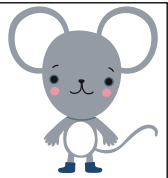


FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

A special note of thanks to everyone that donated items for this event and helped sort, stack, fold and clean up. Because of you, someone in need has one less worry.

WE ARE **NOT ACCEPTING FURTHER DONATIONS**....Thank you for your consideration

The Church Mouse Says:



*Have you found me in the sanctuary? I'm very close to many folks...can you find me???? (the church mouse is watching over our congregation...can you find where???)

*Coming soon to our church: Mother/Daughter Brunch (May 4), Chicken Dinner April 10th, Free Style April 6

*Congratulations, Willow UMC!

As a part of the Ann Arbor District, Willow UMC has been participating in a program for church vitality through the High 5 Program. Every 3 months the pastor reports the membership, worship attendance, total giving, and prayer life and spiritual growth developments. At the recent Ann Arbor District Leadership Training Day at Plymouth UMC, it was reported that in regard to growth percentage, Willow was #30 out of 83 churches in membership growth, #8 in increase in attendance, and #3 in total giving increase. We are blessed to be a blessing. May we continue to grow in our love for Christ and for each other and in service to the world around us.

Were You Here???

When we were asked if "we were experiencing a spiritual diet" in our lives?

When the ladies gathered to celebrate Pastor Marianne's new home?

When Hannah Seward gave her faith testimony?



When we were reminded by Pastor Marianne to "Look for God's HANDPRINT" in our lives.

When we were asked "how are we ambassadors for Jesus Christ?"

When our church family and the community enjoyed a MAGIC SHOW at Willow Church!

When we realized Jesus slayed the giants of sin & death with the power of ONE.



Willow United Methodist Church

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Rev. 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

Sunday Service 9:30 AM

Jeanne Lochner: Children's Ministry

Karen Struble: Organist and Choir Director

FOOD PANTRY 24/7 734-753-4320

COMING IN MAY:

"GIRLS JUST WANT TO
HAVE FUN!"

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/
GIRLS BRUNCH

CELEBRATING MOTHERS AND
DAUGHTERS...HAVING FUN!

Saturday, May 4

11:00 AM

Adults \$8.00

Children \$5.00





See if you can find 16 of the books of the Bible in the following article. Answers on the next page of this newsletter...don't PEEK!!!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu - kept people looking so hard for the facts, and for others it was a revelation.

Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized.

But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job.



We want it to be a most fascinating moment for you. Yes, there will be some easy ones to spot, other may require judges to help them. I quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when they are found.

A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete.

Relax now for there really are sixteen names of the book of the Bible in this story.

Good luck! One preacher found 15 books in 20 minutes but it took him three weeks to find the 16th one.
(From A New Heart magazine)

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Willow United Methodist Church is a participant of the Meijer Community Rewards Program.

About the Program

Enrolled members shop Meijer, simply paying with cash, PIN-based debit card or linked Meijer Credit Card. Purchases made with a linked Meijer Credit Card earn 1%. Purchases made with cash or PIN-based debit card and a swiped Meijer 1 CardSM earn 0.5%.

Each year, at least 6% of Meijer net profits go toward overall community giving - one of the highest percentages in the retail industry!

Our church has earned over \$600 with our member participation. This is FREE money.

If you shop at Meijer's I encourage you to enroll. Please see me for an enrollment application or any questions.

If you have a Meijer Credit card, call or go to the customer service desk and ask them to please link your card to the community rewards program using **our 6 digit code# 986533**.

Thank you, Janet Holland



You are invited to the Ann Arbor District UMW Retreat

"Finding the Spiritual Power Within: Prayer and Healing" is the theme of this year's United Methodist Women's (UMW) Retreat.

Ann Arbor District UMW invites all women to attend the Spring Retreat which will be held at Judson Collins Center (a United Methodist Church Camp and Retreat Center) in Onsted, Michigan on Friday, April 19 through Saturday, April 20. Retreat Leader will be Rev. Paula Timm. For more information and registration please speak with Pastor Marianne.

New Member Class

If you would like to become a member of Willow UMC, please let Pastor Marianne know. New Member Classes will meet after church on the Sundays of May 5 and June 2. We will receive new members on Sunday, June 9, 2013.

Church Bulletin Announcements

If you have announcements that you would like to share in the bulletin on a Sunday morning, please get them to Pastor Marianne by the Wednesday before you would like it printed in the bulletin.

ANSWERS TO: finding 16 of the books of the bible in the following article.

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Willow United Methodist Church March Administration Board Meeting March 20, 2013

Meeting opened at 10:50 a.m. with prayer by Pastor Marianne.

- ATTENDANCE:** Janet Holland, Pastor Marianne, R.P. & Helena Lilly, John Tarr, Jim and Katherine Buck, John Tarr, Jim and Kathy Farr, Donna Lee Hornyak, Amy Harrison, and Debbie Carter.
- ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:** February Minutes were read. Jim Farr motioned to accept the minutes as read. Debbie supported. Motion Carried.
- PASTORS REPORT:** Lenten Services are prepared. Parenting classes went well. There will be a "History" pot luck on Saturday, April 27, 2013. A time will be announced. This is a time when people can share memories of the church of the past and how the church has affected our present day lives. Pastor Marianne will be on vacation April 1- April 19. Mark and Jeanne will be preaching. Jen will teach the parenting class.
- TRUSTEES:** Grub treatment will be done to the church property.
- WOMENS GROUP:** The Mother Daughter Banquet is May 4 at 11:00 a.m. April 6 is the Free Style starting at 10 a.m. April 20 is cleaning day of the garage. If anyone has anything that is of importance please claim it and make sure it is organized and labeled properly on a shelf before that date. Contact Kathy Farr or Donna Lee if you have any questions.
- FINANCIAL:** The February Financial Report was reviewed. Jim Buck motioned to accept the report. Debbie supported. Motion carried. The budget is behind \$1,600.46 year to date.
- ADJOURNMENT:** Jim Farr motioned to adjourn. R. P. supported. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a. m.

Financial Report:

Total received for the month of February - \$4,943.00

Total expenses for the month of February - \$5,147.61

April 2013



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Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2 Rotary 6:30 Sharon Benner	3 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	4 Bible Study 7:00	5	6 Free Style 10—3 pm
						
7 Children's Church	8 Amy Harrison	9 Chicken Dinner Prep 8:30 am Rotary 6:30	10  Dinner Prep 8:30 am Chicken Dinner 5:00 Carry Outs 4:30	11 Bible Study 7:00	12	13
14 All Church Breakfast Patenting Study Robert & Venessa Lenz	15	16 Rotary 6:30 Tamra Gains	17 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	18 Bible Study 7:00	19 Ladies Social at Kitty's	20 Ann Arbor District Lay Servant Ministries Willow Church Garage Cleaning Day
21 Holy Communion Ad Bd. Meets Church Garage Items Giveaway!! Calvin Haydamacker	22	23 Rotary 6:30 Laura Haydamacker	24 AA 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00	25 Bible Study 7:00	26	27 Pot Luck & Church "History Recording"
28 Parenting Study	29	30 Rotary 6:30 Edna Moore	1  Sheryl Karls	2 Jim & Kathy Farr	3	4 11:00 am  Mother/Daughter Brunch Katie Barnett