

WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE COMUNICTOR

JUNE 2015



I Corinthians 3:6-8: "My job was to plant the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God, not we, who made it grow. The ones who do the planting or watering aren't important, but God is important because he is the one who makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose. Yet they will be rewarded individually, according to their own hard work."

Let the planting begin! Doug and I don't do much planting of seeds in our yard – although I did scatter a few wild flower seeds in front of our compost pile in hopes of blocking it a bit. We have been in our home for over 2 years now and we continue to be amazed at the seeds that others planted before our arrival. Our fence row is full of lilac bushes – we didn't plant them. Our front yard has hosta and lily of the valley – we didn't plant them. And to our neighborhood's chagrin, the large tree in our front yard is in full bloom with "helicopters!" And, now they are flying! But, we didn't plant it.

As Christians, it IS our job to plant seeds – seeds of God's love and grace. Seeds of hope and peace. Seeds of faith. We cannot make the seeds grow – it truly is God who does the growing. But, we must never quit the sowing projects.

Many people in our past history planted seeds in the faith community we lovingly call Willow United Methodist Church. These seeds have grown into a vital plant that continues to grow and reach out in Christ's name. It is our job as followers of Christ to continue to sow good seed.

Where will you cast your seed today, this summer, this coming year?

Your sister on the journey,
Pastor Marianne

Sermon Titles and Texts for June:

June 7: "By Reason of Insanity"

Mark 3:20-35

June 14: "Love As I Have Loved You"

John 15:9-17

June 21: "Sowing Good Seed"

Mark 4:26-34

June 28: "For the Love of Children"

Matthew 18:1-4, Mark 9:33-37, Luke 9:46-48





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 the first and third Sunday of the month coordinated by Jennifer Johnson.

Altar Flowers: Alter 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. 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.

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: Even if the future appears bleak to us, God has another outlook.

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.

Favorite
RECIPES

Willow Church Cook Book



Please remember to bring in some of your favorite recipes to be included in the church cookbook. You can give them to Jennifer Johnson, Jan Holland, Holly Morrison or Martha Molnar. Your assistance in helping us to create the best cookbook ever is greatly appreciated.

Martha Molnar

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Sunday Service 9:30 AM

Jeanne Lochner: Children's Ministry Director

Karen Struble Organist and Music Director

FOOD PANTRY 24/7 734-753-4320

Sunday, June 14 we are honoring our community's First Responders during our Worship Service.



Police Chief Robbins will be speaking and Officer Nicrand and Jim Katona, Fire Department, will be participating in Faith Interviews. Special music will be shared by Calvin Haydamacker and Jim Farr and a lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall by the VanMeer and Tarr families.

All First Responders and their families have been invited to attend. Please feel free to invite any First Responders you would like to honor and please plan to attend this special service in honor of these folks who serve our community so well.

This is a time when we can reciprocate the goodwill and thoughtfulness these fine folks show us every day."

Please plan on attending

NOW SHOWING

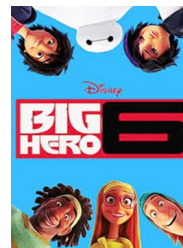
2 FREE Movie Nights at Willow United Methodist Church

36925 Willow Road, New Boston, Mi 48164

Everyone Welcome!

Food Served at 8:00 Movie begins at 9:00pm

Enjoy a FREE movie, free hot dogs, free popcorn, & free beverages.



July 17 August 21

Thank you Choir and Karen Struble for your ministry of music each week during the year.

Thank you for sharing your time, energy and talents through the Christmas and Easter Cantatas. Enjoy your summer Sundays off and we look forward to your return in the Fall.

Love, Willow UMC

Many thanks to each and every one of you who lead us in our Chicken Dinner fundraisers! Not only do we make great food together, we enjoy the time we have working together as the church family. And, thanks to all who inventory, purchase, clean chicken, fry chicken, bake pies, make coleslaw and gravy and beans. To those who set up, tear down, wash dishes, serve coffee, refill bowls, package rolls, sell tickets, seat and welcome guests and all the other gifts of service this operation requires! Thank you, thank you!!

Special thanks to those who serve in the Meal Ministry sponsored by the Women's Group at Willow UMC. Your care for one another in this loving and practical way is of great encouragement. God bless you!

Thank you, John, Joyce and family and Tom and Mary and family for hosting and coordinating the Movie Night and Food Events in Willow UMC's front yard. What a blessing this ministry is for our community families! May God add his blessing to this outreach.

The Women's Group, led by Jennifer Johnson, has been actively sprucing up "the house" from the inside - out! Thanks to all who have spent time organizing (Jen and Laura Haydamacker) and muscle hours in caring for the building we call our "Church Home." Thanks to all the children who shared in the labors!



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.

New Members Class set for June 28

Are you interested in or curious about becoming a member of Willow UMC? If so, you are invited to meet with Pastor Marianne after Worship on June 28.

Outdoor Movie Night Sponsorships

This is a wonderful social time for our congregation, but it is even a more wonderful opportunity to offer Christian hospitality to our community.

If you would like to contribute to this community outreach won't you consider making a donation to sponsor one of our movie nights? Last year several community and church families sponsored our movies.

Steve and Janine Chont, Huron Township Rotarians, are sponsoring "Big Six Hero." If you see them, please give them many thanks!

The cost is \$175.00. (full or partial sponsors are encouraged) Please speak with John Tarr - coordinator. We need a sponsor for "Cinderella!"



KITCHEN SHOWER

Our church kitchen is always in need of items to replace those that are used up, worn out , misplaced or just plain on our "wish list!"

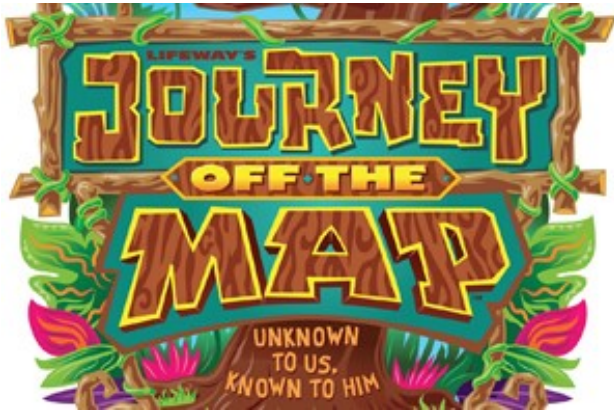
So we're planning a kitchen shower to fill our cupboards with needed items on that wish ...all to enable us to fulfill God's mission to serve.

If you would like to bring a gift...please do on Sunday, June 28th...**UNWRAPPED**..and place it on the rail or steps at the altar. Pastor Marianne will say a blessing over them and the ladies of the church will move them to the kitchen and put them away.

Thank you for caring

Some of the many items needed. (more to come with a posted list in the narthex)

Paper towels	8 oz. Styrofoam cups	Hand Bar Soap
Rubber handled tongs	Foil	Liquid hand soap
Laundry basket for dirty towels	Ziplock Bags	Tall kitchen garbage bags
Dawn soap	Large Dinner Plates for Chicken Supper	Large black garbage bags
Kitchen disinfectant spray	Carryout containers	Dish towels and dish rag
Regular Coffee	Garlic Salt	Paprika
Salt and Pepper	Decaf Coffee	Non stick cooking spray
Dinner Napkins	Tea Bags	Parchment paper



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday JUNE 22 through Friday JUNE 26th

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

All are welcome

Students will “set out on a journey to uncharted territory where they will encounter the unexpected waiting around every bend. On this expedition of a lifetime, kids will need to stick close to their guide in order to survive. They will discover that Jesus is the ultimate guide on a journey uncharted by them, but known

by Him.”

Each day kids will discover more truths about Jesus as their guide. Participants will learn to trust Jesus as Savior and walk along the journey of life becoming more like Him as they traverse the adventures

July 17

Outdoor Movie Night
“Big Six Hero”

July 25

Willow UMC Church Picnic

July 26

Blessing of the Animals
Outdoor Worship at Willow UMC

August 23

Outdoor Worship at Apple Charlie’s



PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE



Join us in the Fight against Cancer

RELAY FOR LIFE of FLAT ROCK

June 6th, 2015 from 10:00 am—Midnight

Huroc Park Sponsored by the American Cancer Society

Please contact Holly Morrison if you need more information



June

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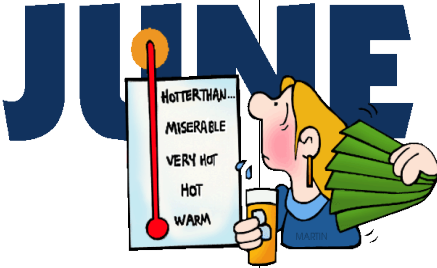



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Sat

	1	2 Rotary 6:30 Karen Struble	3 AA 6:00 John Haydamacker	4	5	6 Justin McDaniel
7 Holy Communion Women's Mtg.	8	9 Rotary 6:30	10 AA 6:00 Terry June	11	12 Women's Social at Willow Church	13
14 Strength for Service Sunday Honoring First Responders Sunday Lunch following Service Nelson Haydamacker	15 Mary & Tom Van Meer	16 Rotary 6:30	17 AA 6:00 Judy Buttignoli	18	19	20
21 Fathers Day Children's Church Ad Board Mtg.  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22 Kimberly Cole	23 Rotary 6:30	24 AA 6:00	25	26 	27 
28 Kitchen Shower Blessing Bring in your kitchen items please.	29 Marianne McMunn	30 Rotary 6:30 Mary Lou & Dallas Kennedy Alexis Gambino	1 AA 6:00 JULY	2	3	4