

WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Communicator

July 2015



Psalm 121:2 NKJV "My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

"In Silent Strength for My Life," Lloyd John Ogilvie tells the story of a young boy he met while traveling. The boy was waiting alone in the airport lounge. When boarding proceeded, he was sent ahead of the adult passengers. When Ogilvie arrived to his seat, it was beside this boy. They engaged in polite conversation and then the boy spent time coloring an airline coloring book. He showed no signs of worry or anxiety as the plane took off. During the flight, the plane flew into a bad storm that caused a lot of turbulence on the plane and some of the passengers showed their fear – but the young boy seemed to take it all in stride. A passenger across the aisle from the boy asked him, 'Little boy, aren't you scared?' He looked up from his coloring book and replied, 'No, Ma'am, my dad's the pilot.'"

We experience times in our lives when we feel like we are in a turbulent storm – it can be very scary. However, God promises to be with us in the storms of life. If uncontrollable fear begins to creep up into your heart, say to yourself, "My dad's the pilot!"

May the grace, peace and strength of God lift you up today.

In Christ,

Pastor Marianne



Sermon Titles and Texts for July

July 5 "Take Nothing for the Journey"

Mark 6:1-13

July 12 "Coming Clean"

Psalm 24

July 19 "The Greatest Gift of All Time"

Ephesians 2:11-22

July 26 "Bless the Beasts and the Children"

Matthew 6:25-33

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.



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: Tending the garden of life with prayer will produce the blooms of a beautiful spirit.



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.



Willow Church Cook Book

Thank you to all who submitted recipes for the Willow Church Cook Book. Recipes have been submitted to the printer and we are waiting for the first proofing. 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

Were you here????

When Pastor Marianne asked us..."Are you crazy for Jesus?"

When Lilly and Haley Johnson sang the praises of FATHER'S DAY?

When the church's COMMUNITY GARDEN was planted?

When our congregation was asked to "look to the cross" - to draw our strength from Christ?

When we were reminded that "THE CROSS CHANGES EVERYTHING."

When our sermon explained that "God's hand is in our lives."

When we learned that "The Gospel seeds we gather are growing."

When our congregation "SHOWERED" our church kitchen with gifts?



FUN CORNER

A SUNDAY School teacher began her lesson with a question,

"Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked..."You know...OUR FATHER, WHO DOES ART IN HEAVEN.."

Kids' Riddles I don't have lungs or a chest but I need air, I am not alive, but I grow: I don't have a mouth and I'm allergic to water. What am I??? (answer below)

If you chop it, it heals at once. What is it?? (answer below)

SUCH AN ANGEL

I heard a story about a mother who was sick with the flu. Her darling daughter wanted so much to be a good nurse. She fluffed the pillows and brought a magazine for her mother to read. And then she showed up with a cup of tea.

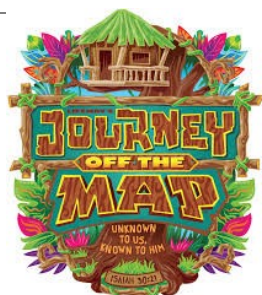
"Why, you're such a sweetheart," the mother said as she drank the tea. "I didn't know you could make tea." "Oh, yes" the little girl replied. "I put the tea leaves in the water like you do, and I boiled it, and then I strained it into a cup. But I couldn't find a strainer so I used the flyswatter."

1st Riddle Answer: Fire 2nd Riddle Answer: Water

Thanks to Kathy Farr and Wanda Young for the FUN FILLERS!



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Thank you Jeanne Lochner and Crew
Another Wonderful Vacation Bible School!

This year's theme was **JOURNEY OFF THE MAP**

The children were blessed with fun activities, great leadership and took a journey off the map!

Thanks, Mrs. Lochner and Crew!



August 13, Thursday – McMunn's Deck Party in Milford Concert and Food

August 23 Outdoor Worship at Apple Charlie's

All Church Picnic

Saturday, July 25 at 12:00noon
under the tent on the Willow UMC front lawn
Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Beverages provided
Bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair, a lawn game



JULY OUTDOOR MOVIE Friday, July 17th

BIG HERO 6

Free movie, hotdogs, beverage and snacks...BRING A FRIEND..LAWN CHAIR..OR BLANKET.

Food served at 8:00 MOVIE begins at 9:00 pm



Thanks to July Outdoor Movie Night Sponsors

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

John and Joyce Tarr sponsored our opening night movie license for Paddington in May!
Thank you so very much!!

Bill and Carol Wiley, owners of Wiley Coyote Grill in New Boston
are our sponsors for the August movie.
If you dine there, please give them many thanks!

Our sponsors are a wonderful blessing to the Willow Church financially and to the community at large. Thank you for allowing us to offer these movie night events for free and helping to make fun experiences and memories for families in our area!

Thanks to John and Mary Cossins of McDonalds for providing orange drink
for the next two movie nights!
Also, thanks to Linda Kemp and Mary Krzeminski for
their donations toward the movie night events!





Our special service for the First Responders of our community was a huge success!

Thanks to all who made it such a blessing for our First Responders!

Special thanks goes to Mary VanMeer and Joyce Tarr for preparing and serving the delicious dinner after the service! And thanks to the generosity of their families, and of Linda Kemp and Mary Krzeminski, there was no cost to those who enjoyed it!

Continue to lift up our First Responders in prayer, as they face many challenges in their day to day work. And, don't forget to pray for their families as requested by Sgt. Brian Ttitye, Firefighters, Terry Allore and Kyle Hensley, and Police Chief Robbins.

WE HONOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS



First Responders



Linda Kemp and Son



Huron Township Police Chief



R.P. Recognized our First Responders Calvin Haydamacker Honors the Grand Ole Flag Jim Farr ..sings 9-11

Bow wow...*WOW...*



Look at what Willow Church is
doing now!

Willow Church invites our friends and neighbors to join us
on July 26th for a Blessing of the Animals service. Come
out and bring your family friendly pet(s) and enjoy with us,
the joy and chaos of Willow's very first Blessing of the
Animals service!

Please be sure your animal is:

Socialized

Free of contagious illnesses

Up to date on all shots

Leashed (or in an animal carrier)



FRIENDLY! *(All breeds welcome but we ask that
both big and small dogs to be...FRIENDLY!)*

Willow church is located at:

36925 Willow Road, New Boston, MI 48164 (734) 654-9020

Service begins at 9:30 AM

Willow Church is hosting a...

Please join us on
July 11th

*(or July 18th in case of rain
delay) 10 am—3 pm*

For a free car wash (ok we're hoping for a small donation) to benefit and extension of our community outreach activities.

Come on out and while you are waiting for your vehicle to be cleaned and dried, enjoy our 50's & 60's style pricing on hot dogs, popcorn, & lemonade! A buck will get you a hot dog, popcorn, & drink!

Look for us at:

Willow United Methodist Church – 36925 Willow Road, New Boston MI

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Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 AA 6:00	2 Laura & John Haydamacker	3	4 
5 Holy Communion Children's Church Women's Mtg.	6 Vanessa Lenz	7 Rotary 6:30 Jack Nobles	8 AA 6:00	9 Shirley Olson	10	11 WILLOW CHURCH CAR WASH
12 Coffee Hour 	13	14 Rotary 6:30	15 AA 6:00	16 Shelley Gardynik Andrea & Don Gambino	17 Outdoor Movie BIG HERO Six Pastor's Course of Study in Ohio	18 Pastor's Course of Study in Ohio
19 Children's Church Advisory Board Meets	20	21 Rotary 6:30	22 AA 6:00	23	24 Stephanie Baker	25 All Church Picnic 
26 Outdoor Worship Blessing of the Animals Worship Service	27	28 Rotary 6:30	29 AA 6:00	30	31 