



WILLOW UMC CHURCH



A Note from Pastor Marianne

A Report on Course of Study

Perhaps some of you may have heard about the pastor going to school at one time or another and wondered what that is about.

For quite a few years, now, the Willow UMC has had Local Pastors appointed by the Bishop and Cabinet of the Detroit Annual Conference. A Local Pastor is different from an Elder in the UMC, who is ordained after completing a Masters degree from a seminary and completing the probationary and ordination processes.

I am a Local Pastor, and I am required to continue in a Course of Study at an approved United Methodist Seminary, while serving in a ministry setting. I have been attending Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL these past 3 summers for 10 days each year. Prior to going to Garrett for 2 classes each year, I am engaged in studying and paper writing which is due in June of each year. This has been such a wonderful, though I have to admit at times, stressful, experience. This year I completed courses in Spiritual Formation and Hebrew Bible I. I have found my classes to be informational, practical, challenging and spiritually renewing. I believe that my studies not only inform me, but transform me as well. My hope is that the growth and transformation I experience will make me better equipped to be the best pastor I can be.

The Course of Study this year really brought it home, to me, that personal study as well as study in community is so very important for our spiritual growth. I experienced that once again in my classes with fellow Local Pastors. My challenge and encouragement to you is, if you are not already studying the scriptures with some consistency, to determine to do just that. And, to join a Christian study of some kind – at least try out a short term one. At Willow we offer a Christian Parenting Study. (Please read the article in this newsletter). In the Fall we will begin a weekly Bible Study – no prior Biblical knowledge needed – just an open heart and desire to learn together. Periodically throughout the church year, seasonal short term studies will be offered on Sunday mornings – consider these when the invitation is made. I'm not saying that you can't learn and grow on your own, it's just that when we come together in community to focus on the scriptures, something different happens. Often new insights and encouragement is gained by listening to one another's thoughts and experiences.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 12:2 encourages us to "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." Studying the scriptures alone and in a group help us on our journey with God.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Marianne

August Sermon Titles and Scripture Texts

August 4: "Barn Raising" Luke 12:13-21

August 11: "From a Distance" Luke 12:32-40/Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

August 18: "Divisive Jesus" Luke 12:49-56

August 25: Pulpit Exchange with Carleton UMC – Taek Kim will be
preaching



We're on the WEB!!!

www.willowchurch.org

Check us out!!!

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)



Inseparable Love

...nothing can ever separate us from His love. Death can't, and life can't...Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow....

ROMANS 8:38—39



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**

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.**



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

Pulpit Exchange with Carleton UMC

August 25 Willow UMC will be participating in a pulpit exchange with Carleton UMC. Rev. Taek Kim is a delightful young pastor and I can't wait for you all to meet him and be blessed by his preaching/pastoral ministry. Rev. Kim is active on the Detroit Annual Conference. He has a passion to assist men and women to consider a call to full time Christian ministry as a clergy in the United Methodist Church.



Pastor Taek Kim (pronounced "tech") entered into ministry in 1992. He has been in previous ministry settings working with youth in Washington, D.C.; Baltimore, MD; Arlington, VA; and other churches in Flint, Birmingham, Walled Lake (2004-2012).

Originally from Seoul, Korea, he was raised in Waterford, Michigan. His early spiritual formation took place in the Korean United Methodist Church in Troy, MI. He began his undergraduate studies at GMI Engineering & Management Institute and then transferred to Wayne State University, graduating with a BA in Speech Communication to begin preparations for full-time ministry. Post Graduate experiences include Clinical Pastoral Education at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. and receiving a Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC.



Pastor Taek was ordained as an elder in 2005. He and his wife Jamie were married on July 6, 2002. And they are joyful parents of daughter Rebekah and twin sons Andrew and Jonathan.

Outdoor Family Movie Night

Willow United Methodist Church will be hosting "Family Friendly" outdoor movie viewing this summer. Free popcorn, hot dogs and beverage will also be available.

Where: Willow United Methodist Church

36925 Willow Road

New Boston, Mi.

734-654-9020

When: Friday August 30th

**Time: 8:00 Gathering
Movie Begins at Dusk**

Cost: No Charge



So bring your lawn chair or a blanket, your family and friends and join us for Outdoor Movie Night

A Special THANK YOU to the sponsors of our August Outdoor Movie Night: Steve and Janine Chont, their neighbors, friends, and Huron Township Rotary Club members.

New Parenting Study to begin!

“Communication With Your Child or Teen”

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.

“Communication With Your Child or Teen” is a 4 week study to help adults learn to become better listeners and model good communication techniques for the whole family.

The class will meet on the following dates:

August 11

August 25

September 1

September 22

The study starts at 11:00am with snacks and ends at 12:00pm.

Meet in the home of John and Laura Haydamacker at 24340 Waltz 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). Jeanne Lochner, Children’s Ministry Director, will provide a Children’s teaching time at the Haydamacker’s home during the study. If you have questions regarding children’s time, please contact Jeanne at (734-243-3163).



Free “Senior Trip” to Detroit Institute of Arts



Sunday, August 4 after Worship Service

Age: 50 years old and up

Transportation Information: The bus has room for 2 guests in wheelchairs, so please let Pastor Marianne know if you require a wheelchair for transport there and back on the bus. If you need to bring your own wheelchair, for the guided tour at DIA only, please let Pastor Marianne know that as well so that she can inform the bus company.

The DIA has only 2 wheelchairs available on site and they are on first come, first served basis.

Itinerary:

11:00 a.m.: Bus leaves Willow United Methodist Church Parking Lot to go to DIA.

11:45 a.m.: Arrive at DIA.

Coffee and cookie reception.

12:15 p.m.: Guided Tour of Gallery.

12:45 p.m.: Lunch at Museum (on your own - not free)

Finish browsing as you like.

2:00 p.m.: Bus leaves DIA to go back to Willow UMC.

Please sign up at entry table at Willow UMC or call Church Office (734-654-9020) to make a reservation. There are just a couple spots left on the bus. So hurry and make your reservation!

WERE YOU HERE?????

When Jeanie Lochner asked us “have you shown your neighbor that God and Willow Church welcomes and love them?”

When Pastor Marianne reminded us that “The World is our Parish and that our actions of love and kindness advance the meaning of God here on earth.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL....THANK YOU MISS JEANNE!!!!

Ode to Pill



Little pill, here in my hand, I wonder how you understand,
Just what to do or where to go,

To stop the ache that hurts me so.

Within your covering relief.

You work alone in unbelief,

You sink to regions there below,

As down my tender throat you go,

But, what I wonder, little pill, how do you know
where I am ill?

I've got a headache, that it true, my aching back needs
attending to.

So, how can anything so small, help my ache in no
time at all?

Do you work alone, or hire a crew, to do the good things
that you do?

I'm counting on you mighty strong, to get wherever you
belong.

Don't let me down, please don't shirk, but do your
undercover work.

So, down my throat be on your way, and end my ache
again today.

Don't take a wrong turn, is my plea, 'cause I can't take
another one 'til three.



Submitted by Helen Koszykowski



SANCTUARY

**Lord, prepare me to be a
sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried and true. With
thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.**

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.

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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



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