

WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 2015



Bucket Filler or Bucket Dipper?

"Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let him be your example in humility:]" Philippians 2:5
(Amplified Bible)

As followers of Christ, we are called to reflect the character of Jesus. We are to have the same attitude that he had. That sounds a bit daunting doesn't it? But, we should remind ourselves that the same Holy Spirit that filled Jesus, is also available for us as well. That Spirit of Christ indwells us, equipping us to live like Jesus – in our attitudes and in our actions towards others.

Carol McCloud wrote the children's book, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" that illustrates this concept. The author shares how each of us carry an invisible, emotional bucket. When our bucket is full, we feel happy, satisfied and encouraged. And, when our bucket is empty, we feel down and discouraged. She goes on to say that in this world there are "bucket fillers" and there are "bucket dippers." A bucket filler follows the example of Christ and adds to others' lives by being encouraging and loving through word and action. When a bucket filler is pouring life into another, they soon find that their own bucket is filling up too. On the other hand, a bucket dipper takes away from others by using harsh or negative words, depleting not only another's bucket, but theirs as well.

God intends for us to be bucket fillers, using our lives and resources to pour life into others – helping them to be the very best that they can be.

What are we doing to pour life into those around us on a regular basis?

With the help of the Holy Spirit, let us be bucket fillers!

My love to you, Pastor Marianne

"Dear God, I invite you to dwell in my thoughts, heart, and attitude. I choose to follow your example in Christ and to bring good to others. Help me to be a reflection of your love in everything I do and say as I look for ways to pour life into others. In Jesus' name. Amen." (excerpts from "Love Your Life," Victoria Osteen)

Sermon Titles and Texts for August

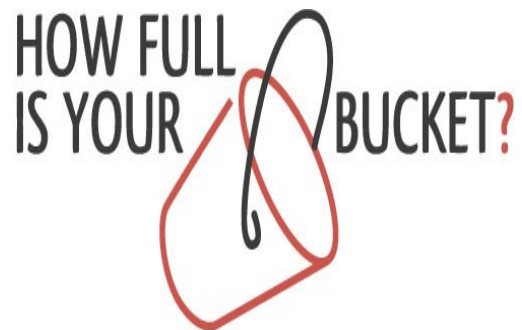
August 2: "Church With Integrity"
Ephesians 4:1-16

August 9: "10,000 Hours"
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 16: "Big Time"
Ephesians 5:15-20

August 23: "Paul's Product Proposal"
Ephesians 6:10-20

August 30: "Structural Integrity"
I Peter 2:2-10



Were you here???

When we were reminded that “through Christ we are made clean.”

When we welcomed BERNICE SKARSGARD as a new member.

When Donna Dent and Hannah Seward volunteered to be “Children’s Church Leaders.”

When Karen and Julie Struble stood before the congregation and gave us a wonderful message.

When Karen and Julie reminded us that God has given us many gifts and it’s our responsibility to use them in HIS name.

WELCOME BERNICE SKARSGARD..



Sunday, **September 6** – New Members Class

Wednesday, **September 9** – First Chicken Dinner of the season

Sunday, **September 13** – Rally Day with Teacher Dedication – Third Grade Bibles – Back Pack Blessing

Thursday, **September 17** – First Adult Bible Study meeting of the season

Thursday, **October 8** – Church Conference Meeting with District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Spaw



TO WILLOW CHURCH

Thanks to everyone for the cards, thoughts, phone calls and prayers during my lengthy illness. Please keep sending the prayers upward to God, as this is a chronic condition and pray that I stay out of the hospital—6 times in 3 months is too much!!.

Thanks again

Wanda Young



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 held each Sunday, Children's church is coordinated by Jennifer Johnson.

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 vases are purchased is \$12.50 each. 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.

NOW ON SALE!!! \$10.00 each.

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Jeanne Lochner: Children's Ministry Director

Karen Struble Organist and Music Director

FOOD PANTRY 24/7 734-753-4320

WILLOW CHURCH "WE ARE FAMILY!"



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.

Thanks to August Outdoor Movie Night Sponsors

Bill and Carol Wiley, owners of Wiley Coyote Grill in New Boston
If you dine there, please express our thanks!

Steve and Janine Chont, Huron Township Rotarians, were our July sponsors.
If you see them, please give them many thanks!

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

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 two of our movie nights!
Also, thanks to Linda Kemp and Mary Krzeminski for
their donations toward the movie night events!

AUGUST MOVIE



Friday, August 21st Willow UMC will be hosting the showing of

The Incredibles

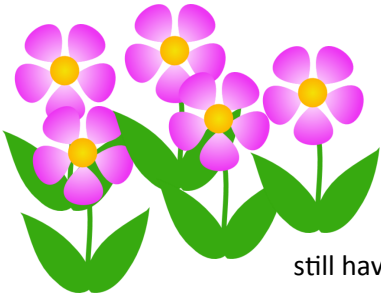
A family of undercover superheroes, while trying to live the quiet suburban life, are forced into action to save the world.

Free movie, free snacks, free beverages. Movie begins at 9:00pm.

Invite your friends, neighbors to this fun family event!

Special Thanks to Karen Wilson, Nick Wilson, and Willow UMC Trustees
for all their efforts in setting up and hosting Willow's First Blessing of the Animals Service. Many hands contributed to
the success of this special outreach service. Thanks congregation!!

GETTING RID OF WORRY....From the Upper Room



The pink flowers in my garden brought joy to my heart. On the day I planted them, the petals and leaves consumed all the available space. But sometime later weeds began to appear, and I was too busy to address the problem. By the end of summer, the bed that once overflowed with colorful flowers was filled with weeds. If only I had maintained the garden and pulled each weed as it appeared, I would still have an abundance of flowers.

I've notice that this same phenomenon occurs in my spiritual life. When I ignore the worries that invade my mind, they eventually choke my spiritual growth and the beauty and fragrance of Christ disappear from my life. Like the flowers, I do not mature.

As with weeds, the key is to act when each worry arrives on the scene. I can maintain the soil of my heart by meditating on scripture, since its truth is the best tool for weeding out worry. If I look up verses that speak to the issues that worry me and meditate on those passages, I can be prepared when worry invades my mind. The result will be a life that produces a good crop instead of an abundance of weeds.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: God's word can help us overcome worry.



All Invited to Potluck Dinner and a Concert in Milford Thursday, August 13 at 6:30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship and music on the deck of Pastors Doug and Marianne's home at 350 Cabinet Street.

Each Thursday evening Milford sponsors a concert in Central Park, just across the street from the McMunn's house.

The music is easily enjoyed on the deck or you can walk across the street to the park to watch and listen. The August 13 band will be playing Modern Rock – so bring your dancing shoes too if you like! Bring a lawn chair if you wish and enjoy a relaxing summer evening. Doug is cooking on the grill. Beverage and table service will be provided. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by Tuesday, August 11. There will be a sign up sheet at church or you can call Pastor Marianne at 248-875-3783. We will meet rain or shine.



New Members Class set for September 6, 2015

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 September 6.

Growth and Revitalization Workshop at Willow UMC



Rev. Taek Kim, pastor at Carleton United Methodist Church, has been a leading pastor in our Conference and we have the blessing of his leadership and experience as he leads a workshop on Church Growth and Revitalization here in our own church facility. Rev. Kim led this particular workshop at our Ann Arbor District Leadership Conference this year. I attended and was inspired and asked if he would consider coming to Willow UMC. He graciously agreed.

All are invited to this 1 hour workshop after worship service on August 30.

Light refreshments will follow the worship service and we will begin the workshop at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Our desire is that Willow UMC will be all that we can be and do all that we can do in the name of Christ in this precious community God has placed us in to serve.

Rev. Kim stated, "Jesus taught and led others not only with his words but also with his actions. He calls us to do the same. In his workshop we will look at some of the many ways we can lead church revitalization and growth that are surprisingly simple, but can be easily forgotten and neglected."

Come and prepare to be encouraged and inspired in our ministry together.

In Christ, Pastor Marianne



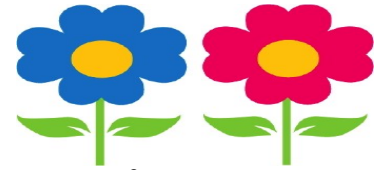
It is with great joy that we announce that Children's Church will be meeting every Sunday of the month.

Children of all ages will be invited to attend Children's Church during the Worship Service each Sunday. There will be a Bible Story time and activities for the children to participate in to enhance their time of learning.

Jennifer Johnson is our Children's Church Coordinator. Children's Church Team includes Jennifer Johnson, Jeanne Lochner, Donna Dent, Hannah Seward, Raeann Burkhart, Tessa Bailey, Krista Burkhart, and Hollie Morrison.

Thank you all for volunteering to serve our children!

August 2015



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9 Coffee Hour Children's Church Donna Lee Hornyak	10	11 Rotary 6:30 Emmalyn Green	12 AA 6:00	13 Outdoor Concert: McMunn's Deck in Milford	14	15
16 Children's Church Ad Bd Meets PPRC Comm. Mtg. Jason Dent	17	18 Rotary 6:30 Tina Szalek	19 AA 6:00 	20	21 Out Door Movie Mary Krzeminski Carolyn McDaniel	22
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