

WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

THE COMMUNICATOR APRIL 2018



Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.” Mark 16:6

An excerpt from the book, “Pauses for Lent” by Trevor Hudson:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! This Easter greeting reminds us that God’s action in raising Jesus is the bottom line of our faith. On the third day, after his crucifixion, Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of James, and Salome find Jesus’ tomb empty. The love that Jesus proclaims, the love he lives, the love he is, is not defeated by the powers of evil and death.

And the strongest evidence for the Resurrection is the transformed lives of Jesus’ disciples. How else do we explain the sudden transformation that took place in their lives? Within days those frightened and grieving disciples are transformed into bold and courageous witnesses willing to die for their faith. The One whom they follow is raised from the grave, and they encounter him in a way that convinces them he is now living beyond crucifixion.

We can celebrate this good news: The risen Christ is in our midst. He continues to make available another kind of life to anyone and everyone. He has promised that all who seek will find. May the words of Paul be our own prayer today: “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death” (Phil. 3:10).

I am grateful for this beautiful season of Easter with all of you, serving as disciples of Jesus Christ!

God’s peace and blessings to you all!

Pastor Kelly



PASTORAL VISITS

Pastor Kelly is available for pastoral visits! If you would like a visit or know of someone who would like a pastoral visit please let Pastor Kelly know via a phone call, text, email or a note on her desk to set up a date and time.



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Office Hours Wednesdays and Thursdays

1:30—3:30 PM and upon request

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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

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: The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. Psalm 139:6



BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will resume Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 pm. We will wrap up our study from the DVD series "Defiant Joy"

by Candace Payne. The study focuses on how to embrace the freedom and Joy God intends for us.

All are welcome!!!



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. Sept.—May

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: coordinated by Jennifer Johnson.

Were you here??

When Pastor Kelly assured us that God keeps His promises (Genesis 9:17), we are precious in His sight.

When so many of us laughed, smiled, and joined in for Willow Churches' "GAME DAY".

When our sermon reminded us that Jesus was lifted up upon the cross so that ALL would be drawn to Him.

When we came together on Maundy Thursday for soup, bread and communion.

When Willow served a warm, free dinner to the community at our God Works Community meal.

When we were encouraged to rejoice in God's goodness and to give thanks for all we have.

When Calvin sang a solo during the choir time at Sunday service.

When our choir's Easter Cantata "REDEEMED" was enjoyed by each of us.



*Christ
is
Risen!*

GOD'S WILL

Everyone wants to know what God's Will is for their life. His Will is that you have a deep relationship with Christ and walk the path of Salvation that leads to Eternal Life. It is to passionately feel God's Love inside you and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

As you convey His Love to others, people will want the relationship with Christ that you have—the love, peace, joy, and trust in an eternity with Him. Then, the miracle happens; others will want to be saved. How amazing it is to lead another soul to Christ! Now that is truly living in the Will of God!



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**COME TO THE HEALER
HE IS YOUR REFUGE**

8TH Annual Women's Luncheon

Date: Sunday MAY 6

Time: 11:00am

Place: Willow Methodist Fellowship Hall

All ladies are welcome to join us for a fun luncheon. Complete with guest speaker, a craft, delicious food, and fun fellowship!

Invite your friends and family to join us as well.

Tickets: Adult - \$10.00, Children under 12 - \$5

Willow Church



Happily invites all to our 8th annual:

Free-style 2018!

Willow Church is hosting our **FREE** (*gently used*) clothing event to benefit anyone in the communities struggling to afford these items. Just show up, take what is needed, and pass it on...no questions asked! While browsing our Fellowship Hall transformed into the Free-Style boutique, grab a snack at "Nickster's Brew & Crew," "**Free**" snack bar! For any questions, please contact our Church at (734) 654-9020 or email: farmerwilson@gmail.com.

When?

Please join us on **Saturday, April 21st, from 10-3** (*or until all items are gone*) in our Church basement and take home any clothing items available that you might need.

Where?

Willow United Methodist Church
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Phone 734 654-9020



Clothing, clothing accessories, shoes & purses (ONLY PLEASE) are being accepted from now until April 15th. Please understand **no items will be accepted** past these dates so that we are prepared for a nice, successful Free Style experience. Any items received afterward will be sent to another organization.

We look forward to seeing you!! Think spring!!

Your friends at Willow Church



Willow United Methodist Church
Administration Board Meeting
March 11, 2018

Meeting opened at 10:42 a.m. with prayer from Pastor Kelly

ATTENDANCE: Jan Holland, Pastor Kelly, R.P. and Helena Lilly, Martha Molnar, Katherine Buck, Mark Buttignoli, Donna Lee, Sheryl Karls, Tyler Johnson, Greg, David Lochner, and Debbie Carter.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD: February minutes were read. R.P. motioned to accept the minutes as read. Greg supported. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Kelly gave a list of the activities that are in the future, game night which is being held March 18 after church, Good Friday Service at Carleton at 1 pm. She will be preaching at St. Paul's in Monroe (she committed before she was assigned here). The church use on 4/28/18 was canceled. A person outside of the church is requesting to use our kitchen to prepare her salsa that she sells. Liability concerns were raised. After discussion it was referred to the trustees to investigate the possibility.

TRUSTEES: The township bill regarding the drain was paid in full to avoid paying interest. The sale of the three lots is still being worked on. A variance is needed to make it into two lots requested by the buyer. The light by the coffee pots will be installed this coming week.

FINANCIAL: N/A

PASTOR PARISH: Pastor Kelly will be taking vacations, but it will not affect Sundays.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave motioned to adjourn. Greg supported. Meeting adjourned 11:10 am. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary — Janet Holland



TEA CUPS

The ladies that are planning the annual women's luncheon are asking for tea cups and saucers. If you have any that you no longer want, please bring them to church when you can.

Please note: they will NOT be returned to you.

Thank you



April 2018



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| 1 EASTER All Church Breakfast 8:30 Communion Children's Church | 2  | 3 Rotary 6:30 | 4 AA 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 | 5 Bible Study 7:00 | 6 Richard Maxwell | 7 Deborah & Brad Lewis |
| 8 Children's Church Amy Harrison | 9 | 10 Rotary 6:30 | 11 Chicken Supper | 12 Bible Study 7:00 | 13 | 14 Venessa & Robert Lenz |
| 15 Children's Church Ad Bd Mtg. | 16 | 17 Rotary 6:30 | 18 AA 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 | 19 Bible Study 7:00 | 20 | 21 Calvin Haydamacker |
| 22 Children's Church | 23 Laura Haydamacker | 24 Rotary 6:30 | 25 AA 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 | 26 God Work's Community Meal | 27 Lilly Johnson Haley Johnson | 28 |
| 29 Children's Church | 30 Edna Moore | 1 Rotary 6:30  | 2 AA 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 | 3 Bible Study 7:00 | 4  | 5 |