

WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 2013

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARIANNE

“Whatever good or bad fortune may come our way we can always give it meaning and transform it into something of value.” Hermann Hesse

One of my favorite authors, Emily Barnes, has written a book that has the subtitle, “A Welcome Refreshment for the Soul.” She speaks of how transformation is all around us – in nature, in ourselves, everywhere we look. And that is good. We should always be changing and growing. We were not meant to sit still in our physical bodies or in our spiritual lives – and when we do, we feel it. I feel the effects of “non-movement” in my hips after my commute in the car. It reminds me that I need to exercise – to keep moving. I have also felt the effects of “non-movement” in my spiritual life when I have neglected the spiritual practices that draw me close to God and God’s people.

This month, we will begin a focus on Spiritual Growth through a series of sermons. I hope you will take these messages to heart and seek to apply their principles into your lives. May God bless us all as we seek to grow in Christ.

My love to you, Pastor Marianne

Sermon Titles and Scripture Texts:

June 2: Spiritual Growth Series: Holy Communion/ Children’s Church
“Food for the Journey” John 6:51-58

June 9: Spiritual Growth Series: Graduation Sunday
“Keeping Constant Company With Christ” Psalm 139:1-8

June 16: Spiritual Growth Series: Father’s Day
“Keep My Words” John 14:23-27

June 23: Pulpit Exchange with Milford UMC. Rev. Sherry Foster, Deacon, will be preaching at Willow and Certified Lay Speaker, Mark Buttignoli will be preaching at Milford UMC

June 30: Spiritual Growth Series: VBS Sunday
“Life Together” Acts 2:42

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around
for you to talk to? THAT'S GOD wanting you to talk to Him

We're on the WEB!!!

www.willowchurch.org

Check us out!!!

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

Altar Flowers Altar flowers can be displayed as a memorial or in honor of someone or something



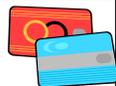
or a special event. Cost per bouquet if only 1 bouquet is purchased for the same week is \$15.00. Cost if 2 bouquets are purchased for the same week is \$12.50 each. Please remember.. Do not take the vases. They must be returned to the florist. Make all checks payable to Darlene's Flowers. If interested 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.**



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 items:

JAMS AND JELLY

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.

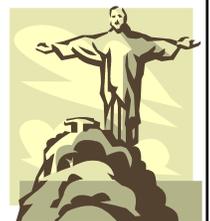
Thank you for your continued support

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)

God Is My Rock

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken.

PSALM 62:2



COMING TO WILLOW CHURCH:



Graduation Sunday is June 9th

Please let Pastor Marianne know of any graduations for the year 2013 so that we can recognize and bless the hard working students that we know and love.



Parenting Study – New 4 Week Study has Begun!

YOU ARE INVITED – Parents of all ages of Children

Willow UMC is offering a free parenting study for parents of children of all ages. The study, facilitated by Pastor Marianne, 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.

“**Discipline With Children and Teens**” will be the focus of the next 4 week study. The goal of this particular series is to help parents develop reasonable boundaries, limits, consequences for their children at each stage of childhood and teen development. The author focuses on empowering children to be responsible, accountable and dependable by the time they leave the parental home.

This class will meet on Sundays after Worship on June 9, 23 and July 7 from 11:00am to 12:00pm in the home of Laura and John Haydamacker who live about 2 minutes from the Willow UMC at 24340 Waltz Rd. New Boston. Jeanne Lochner, Children’s Ministry Director, provides a Children’s teaching time at the Haydamacker home during the study.

The format includes a 15 minute DVD teaching by the author, Jim Williams, and group discussion. 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). If you have questions regarding children’s time, please contact Jeanne Lochner, Children’s Ministry Director (734-243-3163).



Father’s Day Fun!

Fathers – We want to lift a glass (with a Root Beer Float in it) to you on Father’s Day, June 16. Please join us as we celebrate fathers and men!



**Please note that there will be no Outdoor Movie Night in June
July Outdoor Movie night is on Friday, July 19**

.... Stay tuned for title of the evening’s feature



.Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a department store where you had just seen something you needed, but couldn't afford? THAT'S **GOD** knowing the desires of your heart.



Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it was going to get better, how the hurting would stop, how the pain would ease, but now you look back on it. . . .THAT'S **GOD** passing us through tribulation to see a brighter day.

**Live simply
Love generously
Speak kindly
Care deeply
Leave the rest to God**

Did you know it has been said that when you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache, when you open it, he collapses, when he sees you reading it, he loses his strength AND when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!



Fifth Grade Assignment

Wouldn't this be great if it was taught in every school. A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God.

Here are some of the results: scroll down.
God is like.

BAYER ASPIRIN
He works miracles.



God is like.
A FORD
He's got a better idea..

God is like.
COKE
He's the real thing.

God is like.
HALLMARK CARDS
He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like.
TIDE
He gets the stains out others leave behind. ..

God is like.
GENERAL ELECTRIC
He brings good things to life.



God is like.
WAL-MART
He has everything.

God is like.
ALKA-SELTZER
Try Him, you'll like Him

God is like.
SCOTCH TAPE
You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like..
DELTA
He's ready when you are.



God is like.
ALLSTATE
You're in good hands with Him.

God is like.
VO-5 Hair Spray ;
He holds through all kinds of weather

God is like.
DIAL SOAP
Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?
(that one is my favorite)

God is like .
The U.S. POST OFFICE
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like.
Chevrolet. . . the heart beat of America
God is like
Maxwell House. . . .
Good to the very last drop

God is like.
B o u n t y He is the quicker picker upper. . Can handle the tough jobs. . And He won't fall apart on you

Why, Why, Why,



Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they

already know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put a 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

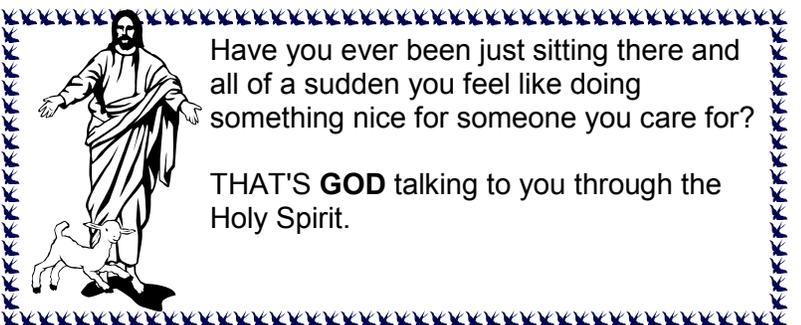
How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And my FAVORITE.....

The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.



Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for?

THAT'S GOD talking to you through the Holy Spirit.

KINGDOM ROCK

WILLOW CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23rd through 28th

Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. Here, God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever

At Kingdom Rock VBS, kids experience God's Word in fun and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it super easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!



Willow Church extends an invitation to ALL CHILDREN...

Were you here???

When Lilly and Hailey Johnson gave their faith interview?



When we were assured that God's shoulders are greater than ours and we can bring our concerns to Him?



Or when the children of Willow church led the service on Mother's Day?



When Pastor Marianne told us Christ is truly present whenever we receive the Lord's Supper?



When the girls of Willow Church had fun at the annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon?

Have you ever been thinking about somebody that you haven't seen in a long time and then next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them? THAT'S **GOD** There is no such thing as coincidence.

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

FOOD PANTRY 24/7 734-753-4320

Pastor Marianne has a new address:

350 Cabot, Milford, MI

June 2013



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2 Holy Communion Children's Church Karen Struble John & Elaine Malaric	3 John Haydamacker	4 Rotary 6:30 Tom Shy	5 AA 6:00	6 Mary Grover	7	8 New Boston Car Show
9 Graduation Sunday 11:00 Parenting Class	10 Sharon & Brian Dagenais	11 Rotary 6:30 Terry June	12 AA 6:00 Sheila Odom	13	14 Women's Ice Cream Social at Willow Church 6:00 Nelson Haydamacker	15 Brian Dagenais Tom & Mary Van Meer
16 Father's Day with Root beer Floats after Worship to Celebrate	17	18 Rotary 6:30	19 AA 6:00	20 	21	22 Kimberly Cole
23 Pulpit Exchange with Milford UMC Children's Church Ad Bd Meets Parenting Class 11:00	24 Vacation Bible School 	25 Vacation Bible School  Rotary 6:30	26 Vacation Bible School  AA 6:00	27 Vacation Bible School 	28 Vacation Bible School 	29 Marianne McMunn Jamie Edford
30 VBS Sunday Coffee Hour after Worship	1  <i>July</i>	2 Rotary 6:30 John & Laura Haydamacker Donna Risch	3 AA 6:00 Nick Barnett	4 th 	5	6 Vanessa Lenz