

WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

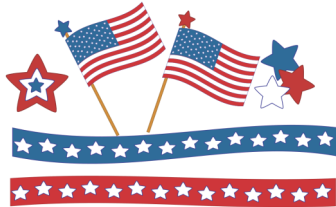
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OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

THE COMMUNICATOR

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR BRAD:

Over the last several months I have attended numerous baseball games watching my two grandsons play ball. It's been exciting and frustrating at times. What I find interesting are the parents of all the young players. Many of them will take a day off work on Friday to get their child to the game played on Friday morning and then make sure their child is available to play any time on Saturday and Sunday. There

is a definite commitment and faithfulness to the kids, the ball team, and the game of baseball. What if there was that level of faithfulness and commitment to involvement in church by the parents?

In the following comments Professor Dean makes a similar point except from a different perspective.

"You can't lead where you don't go." So says Kenda Creasy Dean, a professor of youth ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary, in a video interview on the ChurchNext website. She's speaking of Christian parents who are eager to drop their children off at church to learn the rudiments of the faith, but who rarely come to church themselves and have never shared with their children their own faith stories.

Church, she says, is not like the multitude of soccer and baseball games to which so many parents dutifully chauffeur their overbooked children. No one expects these parents to don a uniform, jog out onto the field and start playing alongside their progeny. Cheering from the stands is enough.

Not so with the church. If children don't see their parents playing the game, chances are slim to none they'll remain active participants themselves. In all too many cases, once these teenagers become young adults, they'll walk away from the church of their youth -- and very possibly from Christianity as well.

Why is that? Because, even in the sullen independence of their teenage years, these young people still quietly look to their parents as their leading spiritual exemplars.

"Parents need to tell children their own faith stories," Dean continues. "We can bring them to church and tell them all kinds of wonderful faith stories, but the most important story they need to hear is ours."

As we have the opportunity may you and I tell of our love of Jesus through not only our words, but just as importantly, through our commitment and involvement in God's work through the church.

Pastor Brad



Worship Themes for July 2016

July 3, 2016

2 Kings 5:1-14

Title: Hydro chromatic Healing

Because of the "rain" in your life you have the opportunity to see the glory of God.

July 10, 2016

Luke 10:25-37

Title: Rate My Service

How well do those on the margins believe we -- who are in the "good neighbor" business -- are doing?

July 17, 2016

Colossians 1:15-28

Title: Christ Trek

At the farthest edges of the universe are strange new worlds, as well as the Christ who holds all things together.

July 24, 2016

Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19

Title: Your Li-Fi Life

Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is the source of all that we need.

July 31, 2016

Colossians 3:1-11

Title: Your Spiritual Emoji

Appearance matters, and the Bible gives us some guidelines.

Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Day Camp is coming to Willow UMC:

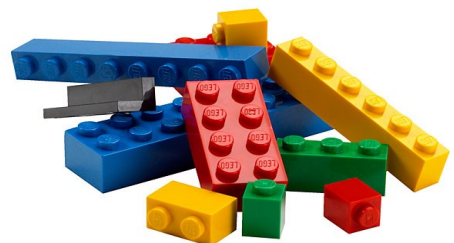
Bricks 4 Kidz® camps are a fresh and fun way for kids to spend their school break! Children will enjoy using LEGO® Bricks to build specially-designed models, play games, explore the world of engineering, architecture and movie-making.

July 11th - 15th & July 18th - 22nd

9 AM - noon & 1 - 4 PM each day.

Register on line at www.bricks4kids.com

Contact Laura Haydamacker for more information.



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. **WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER**

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. **Will resume in September.**

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.

This newsletter is compiled by Donna Lee Hornyak. A special thanks to Gail Sobeki and all who submit articles. If you would like to add to "The Communicator", please e mail dhornyak2@gmail.com.

Thought for the Day: Love is the greatest gift we can offer Jesus—or anyone.

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.

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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

**BECAUSE I AM A
CHILD OF GOD, I AM
ALWAYS LOVED.**



BOOK to read!

Have you read a good Christian Book lately...one that you would recommend to others? We will start now listing book titles submitted by our congregation that others might enjoy.

"What's in a Word" by Richard Rohr

Were you here when?

Our sermon assured us that “we need not fear death, Jesus will meet us.”

We were reminded that “Christ gives our lives purpose.”

And that “everything we have is a gift from God.”

On Memorial Day, we were told there is “no greater love than to give one’s life for another.”

The our pastor told us “Jesus calls us to walk along, walk away and walk on believing in the promises of the Kingdom of God.

When children of all ages joined together for a blessed and fun VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.



Women’s ICE CREAM SOCIAL...Friday, July 8th...Donna Lee Hornyak’s home...if you would like to bring your children/ grandchildren to swim...come anytime after 3:00...we will cook some hot dogs around 6 or so and have ICE CREAM for dessert. Swimming, talking and eating...true SUMMER FUN!



SISTER CHURCH

Please don’t forget to add ‘WHITE PIGEON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH’ to your prayer

list.

They are our SISTER CHURCH .. Always keep them in our prayers.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC.

Sunday, July 17th. ASH PARK..POT LUCK...12:00 noon

Bring a chair or blanket ...and table cover...the church is providing the meat...all are asked to bring a dish to pass, beverage and your table service.

We’ll play some fun games and have plenty of time to visit.



COUNTRY FAIR at Willow Church

Years in the past Willow Church hosted at **COUNTRY FAIR**. Everyone was invited, everyone helped and everyone had fun. So the women’s group decided to host a COUNTRY FAIR this year.

Saturday, September 17th. Time TBD.

Several booths will hold baked goods, produce, crafts and gently used items, etc. And of course the kitchen will serve up some delicious food. Some have already volunteered to chair a booth, help where needed and are attending preliminary meetings. We’re reaching out to all our congregation to help, add ideas, and busy themselves making items for sale.

Each month, the newsletter will provide an update on the progress of the plans...we need HELP so please volunteer. If you’re interested in helping have some ideas to guide us, please let Karen Struble know.

Country Fair

or

The Lord is my Shepherd Psalm 23: 1-6

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with *too* little

The Lord is my Shepherd ---- that's a *Relationship!*

I shall not want ---- that's *Supply!*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ---- that's *Rest!*

He leadeth me beside the still waters ---- that's *Refreshment!*

He restoreth my soul ---- that's *Healing!*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness ---- that's *Guidance!*

For His name sake ---- that's *Purpose!*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ---- that's *Testing!*

I will fear no evil ---- that's *Protection!*

For Thou art with me ---- that's *Faithfulness!*

Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me ---- that's *Discipline!*

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ---- that's *Hope!*

Thou annointest my head with oil ---- that's *Consecration!*

My cup runneth over ---- that's *Abundance!*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life---- that's *Blessing!*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ---- that's *Security!*

Forever ---- that's *Eternity!*

Face it, God is crazy about you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 at WILLOW CHURCH



OUR MS JEANNE AND HER FRIENDS





July 2016

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Sat

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3 Holy Communion Children's Church	4 	5 Rotary 6:30	6 AA 6:00 Vanessa Lenz	7	8 Women's Group and children's Ice Cream Social at Donna Lee's	9 Shirley Olson
10 Children's Church Coffee Hour Chicken Supper Mtg.	11 Lego Camp	12 Lego Camp Rotary 6:30	13 Lego Camp AA 6:00	14 Lego Camp	15 Lego Camp	16 Shelly Gardynik Don & Andrea Gambino
17 Children's Church Ad Board Mtg. ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT "ASH PARK" 12:00	18 Lego Camp	19 Lego Camp Rotary 6:30	20 Lego Camp AA 6:00	21 Lego Camp	22 Lego Camp	23
24 Blessing of the Animals Children's Church Stephanie Baker La Raine Fowler	25	26 Rotary 6:30 Kathy Farr	27 AA 6:00	28	29	30
31 Children's Church		2 Rotary 6:30	3 AA 6:00	4	5	6