



WILLOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE COMMUNICATOR

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARIANNE:

Just this week my “little sister,” Marabeth, loaded up the car and took her youngest to college for the first time. This is a difficult and wonderful time in her life. Her baby Payton is becoming more independent. But it is not happening at home – she’s in another state in fact. The daily lessons lovingly taught by Payton’s parents and influence of the church in her life will be a guide to Payton in this new stage of independence. Payton will do great! (I hold you in my heart, Marabeth – I know it’s not easy.)

Marabeth is on staff at the United Methodist Church that I grew up in – in Kansas. She writes a monthly article and I want to share it with you all. It’s not just that our children learn from us . . . we too, learn many lessons from our children . . .

Marabeth writes: “I remember very vividly one particular night when our girls (Brenna and Payton) were small. It was bedtime and we were going through our nightly routine of talking about our favorite part of the day, saying our prayers and reading our daily devotions. I started thinking about what the girls would do about this routine if they were to spend the night away from home. So I asked them, ‘If you spent the night with a friend, would you read your Bible before you went to bed or would that embarrass you?’

Brenna said that she would take her Bible with her and it wouldn’t embarrass her. That was the answer that I expected from her. Then I turned to 5 year old Payton and she said, ‘I would be too embarrassed.’

Feeling a little panicky, wondering if I had done something wrong in my teaching, I asked, ‘Oh, but honey, why would that embarrass you?’

To which she responded, ‘I can’t read.’

For one flashing moment, I thought that my little one was embarrassed to read her Bible in front of her friends. That wasn’t it at all. I had jumped the gun!

Do you ever jump the gun – jump to conclusions and assume something only to find out that you were not completely correct or you were flat out wrong? This is an easy thing to do. We get caught up in our own ideas, and we assume that we know how people feel, what they think, or why they do the things they do. The fact is, there is a lot that we do not know and jumping to conclusions can be harmful and dangerous.

In James 1:19 it says, ‘My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.’

Listen first. Speak second. A simple command. Or is it? I wonder how our days might be different if we gave this a try. Things might not always be as they seem. They just might be a whole lot better!”

- Memos from Marabeth

And, “big sister Marianne” says a big AMEN!



Sermon Titles and Texts for September

September 6: "Talking Back to God"

Mark 7:24-37

September 13: "Hot Mic!"

James 3:1-12

September 20: "Heavenly Wisdom"

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

September 27: "This is Your Brain on Prayer"

James 5:13-20



We Welcome our newest Member to Willow United Methodist Church ~ Bernice Skarsgard

Bernice comes to us by transfer of membership from Milan Free Methodist Church. She is a widow with 3 grown children, 5 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild. Bernice and her daughter live together.

Bernice retired after working 28 years at Beyer Hospital in a variety of roles throughout her employment. Some of her interests include going to garage and estate sales, fishing, movies, playing cards and antiques. Bernice also likes to travel.

When asked how she chose Willow United Methodist Church, she said that it was through her good friend Judy Buttignoli (whom she worked with at Beyer Hospital) and the chicken dinners. She enjoys the intimate, friendly, and helping community of Willow Church.

Bernice's sponsor for membership is Judy Buttignoli.

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.



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, 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.

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.

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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

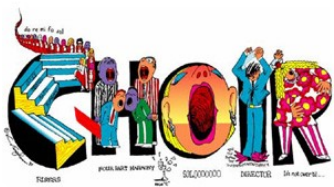
Willow Church Cook Book

Thank you to all who submitted recipes for the Willow Church Cook Book. **NOW ON SALE!!! \$10.00 each. Great Christmas gift!!!** Please see Martha Molnar for purchase.



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: When the way seems impossible, God provides a path forward.



September brings the opening of our music year here at Willow. We are so grateful for all the emotional and financial support we get from our congregation. It is our belief that God shares his Word through our music so we try very hard to share the talent He has given us. You know, it doesn't take a 'beautiful' voice to be a choir member. You don't even need to be able to read music. All you need is one night a week to come and share what He has given you. God will make our voices beautiful.

Our first practice will be September 2 at 7:00 PM. We generally practice on Wednesday evenings. We have CD's that we give each member to practice their music. At Christmas we have a special cantata that we sing as our gift to the congregation. This year, our cantata is called, "Breath of Heaven", with a special video surprise. If you would like to use the gift God gave you, come on Sept. 2 for our first practice



Special Thanks for Movie Nights 2015!!

Thank you, John Tarr and crew, for hosting the wonderful summer of 2015 Movie Night Events for our community. Thank you to Willow UMC for extending warm hospitality to all of our friends who came to enjoy a free night of family fun.

Thanks to this Summer's 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!

Would you like to become a member of Willow United Methodist Church?

If you are considering becoming a member of Willow UMC, you are invited to attend a New Members' Class on September 6 right after the Worship Service. Please speak with Pastor Marianne about your interest. If this date does not work for you, we can be flexible.

Upcoming Events:

October 3 and 4 is New Boston's Apple Fest Weekend. Willow UMC will be sponsoring a booth, selling Apple Fritters and games for the kids. Please contact Laura Haydamacker or Helena Lilly if you have any questions or would like to participate in the community event.





Children's Church meets every Sunday.

After the Children's Time – Story and Discussion and Singing - in the Worship Service, children of all ages are invited to the Children's Church Area in Fellowship Hall.

Children's Church includes 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 serving our children!

Do you know a child/ren and/or family who would benefit from our community of faith? Why don't you take time to invite them to church on Sunday!

Back to School



Backpacks for Community Children

Willow UMC will once again be receiving backpacks and supplies to be distributed to the local schools. Last year many backpacks were filled and given to children who needed them. Helena Lilly is working with other community agencies/clubs/businesses to promote this project. Please consider how you may help make a difference in a child's life. Boxes for donations will be in entry of sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Backpack Blessing will be on September 13 – Rally Day.

Hollie Morrison, co-coordinator

Backpack Blessing

All children and students are invited to bring their backpacks to church on September 13 for a backpack blessing!

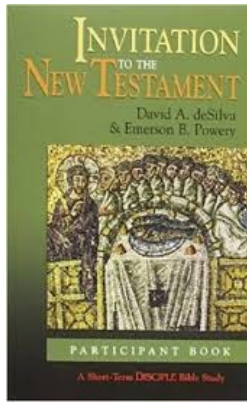
Third Graders to Receive Bibles

Sunday, September 13, 3rd Graders will be presented Bibles during Worship. Please contact Pastor Marianne and let her know names of those who would like to receive their Bibles.

Teacher Dedication

We honor those who teach us. Thanks to those of you who are teachers in the church, those of you who teach in the school setting and those who are employed in educational institutions serving as staff. We want to say a blessing over you as the new "school year" begins. Join us for Worship September 13. Is there a special teacher in your life that you could invite to join this time of blessing?

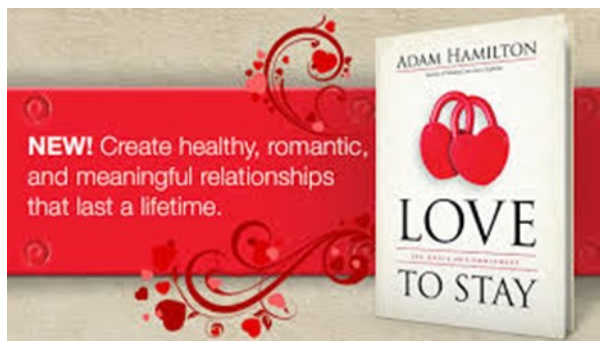




Fall Bible Study to begin September 17

DISCIPLE Bible Study has set a standard for in-depth Bible study. They have developed short term studies and it begins with an "Invitation to the New Testament." This 8 week study uses the Gospel of Matthew as a starting point. Participant books can be purchased through Amazon.com or let Pastor Marianne know by September 8 that you would like her to order one for you.

Bible Study will begin September 17 at 7:00pm and we will meet in the home of Wanda Young at 19070 Otto Court, New Boston. Come and join this small group as we gather to discuss things of the Bible, our faith journey and share our prayer requests with one another. This has been a special time to relax, reflect, and renew as brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have never been a part of a study, we invite you to try it out for a week or 2. Any questions? Please contact Pastor Marianne, facilitator.



Marriage Study to "Re-engage" on September 27

"Falling in love is easy, but staying in love takes courage, hard work and lots of grace."

Are you engaged to be married, married for several months or for 30 plus years? Then this study is for you! Willow UMC is offering a marriage study once a month.

"**Love to Stay**: Sex, Grace, and Commitment" is the title of the study written by Rev. Adam Hamilton lead pastor at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Hamilton is a nationally

known speaker and author and leader in the United Methodist Church. In this study "Hamilton explores the ups and downs and how to's of marriage and how; with God's help, we can make love last."

This study facilitated by Pastor Marianne (married over 31 years to husband, Doug) meets on the 4th Sunday of each month. The **class begins at 11:00am** with gathering time and snacks. Study time **concludes at 12:30pm**. We meet in the home of John and Laura Haydamacker at 24340 Waltz, New Boston. If you have any questions about the class or location, please contact Pastor Marianne, marriage study facilitator (248-875-3783), Jennifer Johnson, co-coordinator (734-625-5750). Hope to see you there!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS..JULY AT WILLOW CHURCH

Were you here????

When our Sunday morning video posted: "WHEN I THINK I'M GOING UNDER, PART THE WATERS LORD."

When we learned "Kairos" time shines God's love upon us.

When what we realized about words is that we need to use "words that give grace to those who hear."

When we remembered that "God moves through us to bring us peace; have we opened ourselves to Him?"

When we noticed our community reaping the harvest from the Willow Church Community Garden.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT WILLOW CHURCH....were you here???



September 2015

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		<p>1</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p>	<p>2</p> <p>AA 6:00</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Women's Group Craft Night at Willow UMC Sign Making Reservations Requested</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Theresa & Mark Buttignoli</p> <p>Shelly & Bob Gardynik</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>Women's Meeting</p> <p>New Member Class</p> <p>Children's Church</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Chicken Supper Prep 8:30 Am</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>CHICKEN SUPPER</p> <p>Tammie Cole</p> <p>Kristen Southerland</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Nominations Committee meets 6:00 PM</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Raeann & Chris Burkhardt</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Connie & Kevin Burke</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Rally Day</p> <p>3rd Grade Bible</p> <p>Back Pack and Teacher Blessing</p> <p>Children's Church</p> <p>Coffee Hour</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p>	<p>16</p> <p>AA 6:00</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p> <p>Sarah Buttignoli</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ryley McKart</p> <p>Wanda Young</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Children's Church</p> <p>Advisory Board Mtg.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p> <p>Mary Lou Kennedy</p>	<p>23</p> <p>AA 6:00</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Angela Cole</p> <p>Jennifer Johnson</p> <p>Madeline King</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Jim Farr</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Children's Church</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Angie Southerland</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rotary 6:30</p>	<p>30</p> <p>AA 6:00</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>