



# STREAMER

Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle

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*from the Pastor's Pen:*

In the Middle Ages, religious orders in Europe made use of special uniforms for the men and women who were to serve God in convents, monasteries and out in the general population. While some nun habits were meant to be a visible outward sign that this person had consecrated her life to the Lord, there were some habits which were by definition meant to be inconspicuous, helping a nun blend in with the people she was serving. Those habits were like simple garments common at the time of their development. But then a peculiar thing happened. As the centuries progressed, in an effort not to change the appearance of the habit because of tradition and respect for former leadership, the clothes once meant to blend in were now quite conspicuous, the nuns now appearing in sharp relief among the people they served.

Likewise, the Protestant Reformers of western Europe during the Renaissance rejected the traditional dress worn by Roman Catholic priests because they disagreed with the pomp and show and all the garb represented. Instead, they began attending church in their daily clothes, which happened to be long, black robes normally worn by the scholarly class. These Geneva Robes eventually became defined as liturgical dress and the traditional garment for those in ecclesiastical leadership roles. It is amazing to me that these black robes are still around among clergy almost half a millennium later!

Sometimes trying not to change means we find ourselves changing without meaning to, drifting from the original intended purposes in the process. In other words, if the nun habits had remained consistent with humble garments from the current decade or even quarter of the century, they would have preserved the desired effect of blending in with the people they served. If our clergy still dressed as the scholarly class, as professors teaching in colleges, what would that look like today?

How we live out our mission to serve God and one another takes on different outer garments depending on the situation. Even so, Jesus taught that the outer shell often loses touch with the inner core God intends. *"I know you've heard..., but I am telling you now..."* Jesus challenged the religious authorities with statements like this in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:21-22): *You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire.*

There may be ministries or traditions in our congregation where there is a disconnect between the current outer shell and the original inner core of that activity. Can you spot the anachronisms or theological near-misses? This isn't an exercise about making superficial changes or keeping up with the latest fashionable (ministry) trends. It is instead an opportunity to ask ourselves: "Why do we do this? Why do we do it this way? Would our core purpose be better served with a new rendition of this essential ministry of the church?"

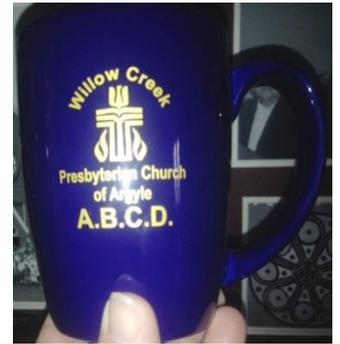
This calls for discernment of purpose and discernment of the church's cultural context--not a bad theme for a Session winter retreat this year, especially since much of the congregation has been helping with such discernment through the New Beginnings curriculum. I can see the possible retreat titles already... "Getting in the Habit" or ""Robed in Change" ...

Grace and Peace, Pastor Judith

## STEWARDSHIP RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Dianne Londo, Rich Londo, and Herb Greenlee recent recipients of the ABCD award.

ABOVE and BEYOND the CALL of DUTY recognizes individuals, couples or groups that serve God through Willow Creek Presbyterian Church. Nominations forms can be obtained on the welcome stand outside Fellowship Hall near the Education Wing. Completed nominations can be deposited in the box on the welcome stand. Nominations can also be made directly to members of the Mission, Membership and Stewardship Committee (David Ensminger, Pat Nortch, Delores Hall, Jim Hall) or Pastor Judith.



## AUGUST MISSION

It came to our attention that the Christian Union Pantry in Rockford had suffered fire damage and was in need of some assistance. Three of the ladies of the church, Delores Hall, Pat Nortch and Pastor Judith, visited them on two occasions providing assistance in their distribution of food and personal need items.



It was rewarding to see how well organized and smoothly operated their pantry was run and how they were able to serve the people in the community.

It was determined that the best way we could help was through financial donations and thus we were able to provide our monthly Mission donation of \$225.00 plus a collection of \$186.00 for a total of \$411.00.

We wish them continued luck in their efforts to serve!



## SEPTEMBER MISSION

### Operation, Heal our Veterans

You may remember in early September Adam Finley made a moving plea for donations for this worthy organization. Its' purpose is to give "wounded veterans and their spouses the opportunity for spiritual refreshment, physical renewal and marriage enrichment".

The congregation responded with donations of \$352.00 (one of our biggest fund drives) and, that combined with our normal contribution of \$225.00, gave us a total of \$577.00.

Thank you to all who participated in this worthwhile program!



# MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kemmerer Village has been a small part of the Mission of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church for a very long time. We support it with our Christmas Card Tree donations and the Box Tops for Education that we send periodically. The container to collect the Box Tops is in the fellowship hall on the credenza just inside the Educational Wing door. These box tops are on many products we might use frequently and if you aren't already saving them for a local school, clip them and bring them to church. When you drop your donation of box tops in the container, put your name on a small piece of paper and drop it in also. When the box is emptied a name will be drawn and you might be the winner of a commemorative gift of Kemmerer Village.

Thanksgiving is coming soon and the food baskets are awaiting your donations to take to the food pantries. When you see a special sale at the store or have coupons that you might not usually use, think of the pantry and bring an item or two to help those who might be hungry.

Dear Willow Creek Presbyterian Church:

Thank you for your congregation's recent gift (\$500) in support of our Saving Lives – Building Hope campaign for Pitney Place, our new Crisis and Life Recovery Center for women and children. I'm grateful you've chosen to be part of this important project.



Because you and other friends have shared your compassion and generosity, more homeless women and children will have safe refuge from the streets. They'll have guidance and training to overcome their challenges and regain their independence. And they'll have the opportunity to learn of God's love and His plan for their lives.

Just knowing the community cares enough to provide this place of refuge tells our homeless neighbors that they're respected and accepted. And that means the world to them. I know they would tell you if they could just how much they appreciate your kindness.

On behalf of the women and children who will be impacted by your kindness for years to come, thank you again and God bless you.

Partners in Hope, Executive Director, Sherry Pitney

P.S. Pitney Place is scheduled to open Spring of 2016. Watch for the announcement on our website. Then I hope you'll schedule a tour to see the new facility and your gift in action.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of Operation Heal Our Patriots (Gift of \$577). This project of Samaritan's Purse offers a unique opportunity to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of wounded U.S. soldiers and their spouses. Your gift makes it possible for military personnel to continue their journey of healing as they find strength through God's transforming love.



Every day, men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces risk their lives and sacrifice the comforts of home and family to serve and defend our nation. When they return home, they often face other daunting obstacles. As military couples spend a week at Samaritan Lodge Alaska, they can draw closer to each other and closer to the Lord—building their lives on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. As the Lord says: *"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed"* (Isaiah 28:16, NIV).

Thank you again for your support of this life-changing ministry. Please pray for our soldiers, veterans, and their families as we seek to "give back" to those who have sacrificed so much for us. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely, Franklin Graham

Dear Martha Ruth Circle:

Thank you for your generous contribution to the work of Church World Service (\$112 for Shipping School Kits) which we appreciate more than ever in these challenging times.



Your compassionate support is helping impoverished communities:

- Develop clean, reliable water sources.
- Teach poor farmers sustainable ways to create food security.
- Provide food, water, shelter and other necessities to families struggling to rebuild their lives and livelihoods, after natural disasters and civil conflict.

I have seen both the resilience and the resolve of the women, men and children we assist. And I have been deeply moved by the generosity of people like you, who give hope and opportunity to people in need, here in the U.S. and around the world.

May God bless you for your kindness, Rev. John L. McCullough, President and CEO Church World Service



### **Thank You!**

I would like to thank everyone for all their prayers for me and all the cards I received and for Pastor Judith visit and prayers while I was in ICC. My triple by-pass surgery went well and I thank God everyday for letting me have a second chance to live on.

Ron Beyer

Dear Willow Creek Church,

Thank you for bringing grace to the lives of our members, residents and children who rely on the programs at Shelter Care Ministries to provide shelter, awaken hope and honor their dignity as the wonderfully created children of God. Your generous gift of \$167.00 allows us to do the work we are called to do.



The board and staff of Shelter Care Ministries continue to work towards creating a world free from poverty, homelessness and despair. Your gift makes a difference to the many adults and children who rely on the support and hospitality offered through our programs. Truly the generous support of community businesses, individuals and our wonderful volunteers help us continue to serve families who are homeless and adults suffering from a chronic mental illness.

You give more than gifts ... you give the miracle of Grace. Thank you for thinking of Shelter Care Jubilee Members, Housing Residents and the many children who are served through MAYA'S House. Your generosity will not be forgotten.

Sincerely, Sarah Parker-Scanlon, Interim Executive Director

*Thanks so much for your continued support of our families, children and adults.*



The Deacon Committee has DVD recordings of our church services. If you or a family member is interested, please take advantage of this service. The DVDs and player can be checked out by our church secretary. For more information, please contact Phyllis Cummings @ 815-654-1923.

## Willow Creek Youth Group

**Sunday, Nov. 8, 1-3 pm** – Games & Lesson

**Sunday Nov. 15, 1-3 pm** – Distribute fliers & bags for canned goods collection

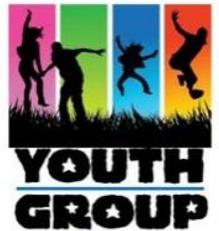
**Sat-Sun, Nov. 21-22, 4:00 pm-10:00 am** – 30 hr Famine/Lock-in. Pig out at Ham-ball Potluck.

**Sunday, Dec. 6, 1-3 pm** – Games & Lesson

**Saturday, Dec. 19, 4:30-8:30 pm** – Progressive Dinner/Toy Drive

**January – Spaghetti Dinner/Auction to raise money for Presbyterian Youth Triennium**

**July 18-23, 32016** – Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT)



**No Sunday School on the Following Dates:  
November 29, December 20 & 27**



## Sunday, December 13 will be Special Music Christmas

**Sunday.** This year we are creating our own "Cantata." Music will include the Chancel Choir, Young People's Choir and various soloists and musical numbers. Details are still being worked on, but the choir will probably sing three numbers, possibly four. Anybody wishing to join us for this special Sunday, please contact Pastor Judith or Liz. Rehearsal for the Cantata will begin November 8. Christmas music practice will be from about 9:00 to 9:30.

### Sunday, November 1

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:30 (time may change because of bell schedule...will keep you informed)

Chancel Choir sings for Worship

No Young People's Choir rehearsal



### Sunday, November 8

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:30

Chancel Choir sings for Worship

Young People's Choir rehearsal 11:00

### Sunday, November 22

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:30

Chancel Choir sings for Worship

### Sunday, November 29

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:30

Chancel Choir sing for Worship

Young People's Choir rehearsal 11:00

### Sunday, November 15

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:30

Chancel Choir sings for Worship

Young People's Choir rehearsal 11:00

### Bell Choir Rehearsal:

Thursday, November 5, 12, 19 @ 6:45 pm

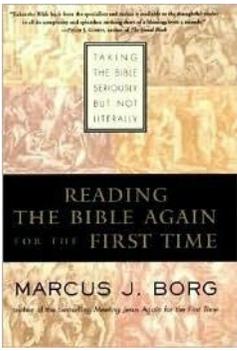
### Bell Choir



In the Roman Catholic tradition, All Saints Day (the commemoration of the "official" saints, apostles, and martyrs) is followed by All Souls Day (the commemoration of *all* the faithful departed). Protestants don't like to separate the big-name "official" saints from the ordinary, garden-variety ones. We have our own hymn for the day, and it's "For *All* the Saints." After all, Paul addressed his letter to the "saints" in Corinth (even when writing to censure them for heretical views and divisive behavior. We are all saints because we have been made holy in Christ, not because we have distinguished ourselves with holiness.

Please join us the first Sunday of November (don't forget to set your clocks back one hour) for a special service marking All Saints Sunday. We will hear the Chancel and Bell Choirs, and spend some contemplative and some creative time together. In a world that rarely offers the space we need for such things, this service will give a space for lament, for thanksgiving for the lives of those who have shaped us, for remembering and dedicating the gifts of those who have passed, and for proclaiming the hope we have in God's love, which swallows even death! Invite your friends and let us all gather at the Lord's Table to remember that death is NOT the victor! All are welcome.

## Explorations in the New Testament



Now is a great time to join our Book Study club!!! We will be discussing the Gospels and Paul at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 4th at 6:30pm. We will be discussing chapters 8 and 9 of Marcus Borg's Reading the Bible Again for the First Time. Although some of us have meticulously read the assigned chapters for each meeting, others haven't, and that's okay. We find we often learn as much from our discussions as we do from the readings (and we are all gracious and help to lift up important paragraphs and thoughts from the text). So, please consider yourself invited. Bring a friend, if you like. We meet at Mary's Market on McFarland at the big table nearest the jewelry store and salon on mutually chosen dates (usually Wednesday evenings every so often). We will be selecting our next book at this meeting (as there is only the chapter on Revelations remaining), so come with ideas for an interesting book to study!



## Mariners

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am

@ Ciao Bella Restaurant, 6500 E. Riverside, Loves Park

Speaker for the meeting will be – Charlotte Hackin author of the book, *Stay Young to 100!* **Anyone is welcome to join us!** For more information, please contact David and Janet Ensminger 1-815-633-8933.



Wednesday, November 18 @ 4:00 pm

All are welcome and encouraged to join the Music & Worship Committee to decorate the church for the Christmas holidays. With enough participation, the job will take about an hour or so and anyone who has worked up an appetite may wish to go out as a group for dinner...RBI's fabulous \$5.00 hamburgers has been mentioned.

## Skiffers

Friday, November 20 at 6:30 pm @ Rich and Dianne Londo's Home

"Stories, Sweets, and Skiffers". Bring a story to share.

Dessert and beverage provided.



Congregational Meeting



**The Annual Congregational Meeting** of the Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle, will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2015 @ 11:00 am for the purpose of electing 2016 Church Officers and approving the 2016 Pastor Compensation Package. **The meeting will be followed by a Ham-ball Potluck. Drinks, cups, plates, and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.**



## 2015 Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

2336 Freeport Road, Rockton

Everyone who attends is asked to bring canned/boxed goods for the Pantry at Old Stone Church. A cash offering will also be collected for the Pantry.



We had 40 participants at our information-intensive first session of "Home" Group Meetings on Tuesday night, October 13th, at the church. Pastor Judith presented us with much of the information on our church, our community, and the "vital signs" of vibrant churches derived from current research. New Beginnings Home Group Meetings, with 45 participants currently, will continue through much of the month of November, with groups meeting on different days both in homes and at the church. Of course not everyone will be able to make every meeting, but commitment to this process and to what God is doing among us is most desired.



While we have heard that some folks are staying away from this process in an attitude of either fatalism, "the pastor is going to have us do what she wants anyway," or exhaustion, "I'm too busy," or "I've done this before," or "I don't want to be on yet another committee," we are excited to know that we have well over half of our average worship attendance participating. Our pastor is called to proclaim God's Word of love and grace, to stir our hearts to passion for the Lord, to comfort and challenge us, but not to do all of the discerning and decision-making on her own. God has gathered us all together, perhaps for such a time as this, and we must trust that God is speaking to and through our bible study, our contemplation, our discussions, our prayers and our dreams. It's not too late, your voice *does* matter! Contact the church office if you would like to consider joining one of our small groups.



### Weekly Small Group Meetings, through December 1st, 2015

Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm at the Reid's home with John and Kim  
Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm at the church with Nancy P. & Dianne W.  
Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm at the church with Jim and Delores  
Saturdays @ 9:00 am at Maren's with Jill and Maren

## Annual Christmas Cookie Walk – December 5, 2015

What a Joy!! What a Blessing.....to be in a position to be able to assist a family in need! This is just what happened recently at Willow Creek Presbyterian Church when we learned of a mother with three small children who were in a dire economic and domestic abuse situation... father in jail, being evicted from their residence, unable to pay the bill to get furnishings out of storage and stranded in Rockford. The Mission Committee was able to settle her storage bill and secure lodging until the mother was able to move her family to Utah where she had family to help turn her life around. Just a week before Willow Creek stepped up, this defeated mother said, "my life just can't be any worse". This rescue was made possible with funds from our "Families in Need Fund" which is totally dependent upon our **Annual Christmas Cookie Walk.**



And what more fun and yummy a way to fund a worthy cause than by sharing cookie baking and unique decorating talents with each other and the community. In just a few weeks the aroma of vanilla, chocolate and cinnamon will be floating throughout Caledonia. We know everybody will want to be involved, so here are the details:

Every WCPC family can expect to be contacted by phone and asked to contribute homemade and decorated Christmas cookies. Those unable to bake may wish to team up with others for a baking/decorating party. Willow Creek has become well-known for our beautiful and delicious cookies and it's even been said that our cookie walk is the best in the area.....so, now we have a reputation to live up to!! We would, again, like to have a table or two of Christmas cookies from other lands and a table dedicated to delectables for people with special dietetic needs (such as nut or gluten intolerance). Cookies can be brought to the church on Friday, December 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. While donations in lieu of cookies are welcome to offset cost of supplies, the primary need is for cookies so that we have adequate product for a successful event.

As has become customary, visitors can take a break from cookie shopping to visit our little coffee shop and chat with friends over sweets and coffee/tea/wassail.

We are looking forward to another successful Christmas Cookie Walk and when we are needed to provide assistance for another Family in Need, we'll be ready!



### GIVE A GIFT OF GREAT PROMISE.

When you give to the Christmas Joy Offering, you are faithfully keeping those promises by supporting church workers through assistance in their time of need and cultivating racial ethnic education and leadership development.

With your generosity, we can continue to make and keep these meaningful promises with life-changing potential.

Please give today.



**Christmas Joy Offering, Sunday, December 20**



# Operation Christmas Child

Christian Education will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child



## Find a Shoebox

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.



## Girl or Boy?

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.



## Fill with Gifts

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



## Pray

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.



- Bring Shoebox to Church on or before November 22
  - Obtain Boy/Girl Label (provided in Fellowship Hall) and affix to Shoebox
  - Donate \$7 for Shipping (If you are unable to provide a Shoebox, but would like to donate to shipping costs):
    - Write check to WCPC with memo line "Operation Christmas Child," place check in Bookkeeper's Mail Slot
  - Place shoebox in Collection Box located in Fellowship Hall
- Thank you for participating in Operation Christmas Child!**

## November 2015 All Church Calendar

Sun 11/1	---	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back 1 hour)
	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship with Traditional Communion; All Saints Day; Chancel Choir & Bells Ring
	11:00 am	Fellowship
Mon 11/2	<b>7:00-9:00 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
Tue 11/3	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>*House Meeting 4 @ John &amp; Kim Reid's House</b>
Wed 11/4	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Preschool Meeting</b>
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>*House Meeting 4 @ Church with Delores and Jim Hall</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<i>Book Review @ Mary's Market (New Testament Explorations: The Gospels and Paul)</i>
Thur 11/5	6:45 pm	Bell Rehearsal
Sat 11/7	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Music &amp; Worship Meeting</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>*House Meeting 4 @ Maren's with Maren and Jill</b>
Sun 11/8	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Young People's Choir Rehearsal
	1:00-3:00 pm	Youth Group Games & Lesson
Mon 11/9	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mission/Membership/Stewardship Meeting</b>
Tue 11/10	---	Presbytery Meeting @ Stronghold
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>*House Meeting 4 &amp; 5 @ Church with Nancy and Dianne</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>*House Meeting 5 @ John &amp; Kim Reid's House</b>
Wed 11/11	---	Veterans Day – No Preschool
	<b>Pastor Off for Continuing Education 11/11 thru 11/17</b>	
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<i>Mariners – Meet at Ciao Bella's Restaurant, 6500 E. Riverside, Loves Park. Speaker: Charlotte Hackin author of the <u>Book Stay Young to 100!</u> Anyone is Welcome to Join Us! For more information contact David &amp; Janet Ensminger @ 1-815-633-8933.</i>
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>*House Meeting 5 @ Church with Delores and Jim Hall</b>
Thu 11/12	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
	6:45 pm	Bell Rehearsal
11/14	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>*House Meeting 5 @ Maren's with Maren and Jill</b>
Sun 11/15	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Pulpit Supply- John Harden)
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Young People's Choir Rehearsal
	1:00-3:00 pm	Youth Group: Distribute Fliers & bags for canned goods collection
Tues 11/17	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Buildings and Grounds Meeting</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>*House Meeting 6 @ Church with Nancy and Dianne</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>*House Meeting 6 @ John &amp; Kim Reid's House</b>
Wed 11/18	<b>Pastor Returns from Continuing Education</b>	
	11:30 am	Presby Lunch
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>*House Meeting 6 @ Church with Delores and Jim Hall</b>
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<i>Church Christmas Decorating followed by Dinner Out</i>
Thur 11/19	6:45 pm	Bell Rehearsal
Fri 11/20	6:30 pm	<i>Skiffers meet @ Londo's house for "Stories, Sweets, and Skiffers ". Bring a story to share. Dessert and beverage provided.</i>

## November 2015 All Church Calendar Continued

Sat 11/21	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>*House Meeting 6 @ Maren's with Maren and Jill</b>
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<i>Youth Group 30 hr Famine/Lock In. Pig out at Ham-ball Potluck</i>
Sun 11/22	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship; Thanksgiving Offering
	11:00 am	Fellowship (Annual Congregational Meeting & Ham-ball Potluck)
Wed 11/25	7:00 pm	2015 Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2336 Freeport Road, Rockton; bring donation for Old Stone Church Pantry
Wed 11/25-Fri 11/27		No Preschool Thanksgiving Break/Office Closed
Thurs 11/26	---	Thanksgiving Day
Sun 11/29	8:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion by Intinction; First Sunday of Advent; Christmas Joy Offering Begins
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Young People's Choir Rehearsal

**\*House Meetings subject to change, please keep in touch with Group Leader**

### Save the Date for these upcoming Events:



#### First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29



#### Cookie Walk

#### Cookie Walk

Sat., December 5



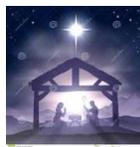
#### Young People's & Chancel Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 13



#### Christmas Joy Offering

Sunday, December 20



#### Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

9:30 pm Carols & Music

10:00 pm Candlelight Service

### PLEASE HELP US CONSERVE ENERGY

After using the library, please remember to turn off the power strip as well as the lights. It will help us conserve energy.

**Thank you!**



**WCPC Operating Statistics  
September, 2015**

Income	12,232.00
Expenses	14,998.00
Previous Month - Excess/(Deficit)	1,528.00

**WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF INCOME and EXPENSE  
Actual vs Budget  
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Contributions - General	101,325	92,943	(8,382)
Contributions - Special	750	1,055	305
Other Income	3,263	4,925	1,662
Endowment	-	-	-
School & Event	375	480	105
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>105,713</b>	<b>99,403</b>	<b>(6,310)</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
<b>MINISTRY OF:</b>			
Personnel	86,233	81,311	4,922
Christian Ed & Youth	3,769	2,474	1,295
Music & Worship	2,230	2,003	227
Member & Stewardship	881	596	285
Building & Grounds	35,303	31,203	4,100
Session	4,322	2,213	2,109
Deacons	150	-	150
Missions - Budgeted	900	500	400
- Unbudgeted		-	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>133,788</b>	<b>120,300</b>	<b>13,488</b>
<b>Change in cash from operations</b>	<b>(28,075)</b>	<b>(20,897)</b>	<b>7,178</b>
<b>OTHER:</b>			
Dedicated Accounts, Pre-School & Liabilities	-	2,424	(2,424)
Net Cash Transfers To/(From) Investments	-	-	-
<b>Change in cash since January 1, 2015</b>	<b>(28,075)</b>	<b>(23,321)</b>	<b>4,754</b>



**This Aerial Photo was taken by John Bryant of Dundee IL on October 6, 2015.  
Thank you John for sending Willow Creek this beautiful picture.**