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From The Pastor's Pen

The Gospel is a story of Good News--God's radical generosity in Jesus Christ. Grace poured out in such abundance – not only forgiveness of sin, but also God's highest blessings of love and belonging (Ephesians 1:3). That is radical hospitality—God takes us and loves us as we are. When we welcome and love others, we give God the highest praise because we are truly following Christ.

Radical generosity creates radical hospitality. Generosity empowers, enables and encourages—it proclaims God's love. When we give money, time, love, possessions or energy away, we are not only participating in God's work, we are giving love, trust, and honor to God as we truly follow the ways of Christ.

We want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. (2 Cor 8:1-2)

The Macedonians gave richly because they loved God. Generosity has nothing to do with your wealth, but everything to do with love. When we give up following our own ways, and chasing after our own dreams and visions, and turn in faith towards God to follow Christ, anxiety and fear turn into overwhelming joy and love—which happen to be the key ingredients of true hospitality and generosity.

Faith, generosity, and hospitality are the keys to transformation because they demonstrate the Good News that in Christ *all* are welcomed, loved, and commissioned to carry that same love and care to all creation (Mark 16:15).

R. G. LeTourneau was a man of faith and an inventor of earthmoving machines. His work so blessed him that he was able to give 90 percent of his income to God. "I shovel out the money," he explained, "and God shovels it back to me – but God has a bigger shovel."

Radical generosity taps into the heart of God. Like love, when given away, it grows; when hoarded, well.... Generosity actually increases generosity, creates radical hospitality, and changes lives through a radical faith. When we live in radical generosity, we have nothing to lose but everything to gain, as we see God transform lives around us, including our own!

This way of living, of following Christ, of actually *being* the Church, is the key to transformation. Let God's grace empower us to let go of our worry and choose to live with joyful faith, overflowing generosity and unwarranted hospitality, proclaiming the Good News (the Gospel) of God's love and grace to each and every person we encounter. Let's BE God's Church together!

Pastor Judith



We thank all who have signed up to host Fellowship on Sunday mornings. We hope you will also help us provide refreshments on the blank Sundays. When you are baking at home, bake extra for the church. We will “Bank Baked Goods” in the freezer (labeled & dated) and get them out for Fellowship whenever we have a blank Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP RECOGNITION

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.



Peace & Global Witness Special Offerings September 3 – October 2

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

WCPC Operating Statistics May 2016

Offerings averaged \$9,380/month for the first four months. May's offerings of \$12,278 exceeded that average by \$2,898. While encouraged by the offerings increase, we still fell short in meeting the operating expense by \$1,328 as reflected below. Your continued support is necessary and greatly appreciated.



Thank you.

WCPC Operating Statistics

	May, 2016	Year-to-Date
Income	12,741.00	50,261.00
Expenses	14,069.00	69,119.00
Excess/(Deficit)	(1,328.00)	(18,858.00)



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Mission Opportunity/Show Love & Hospitality at Boone County Fair



This year Willow Creek Presbyterian Church is going to host a Respite/Rest tent at the Boone County Fair!! We will have a 10x10 canopy with electric fans, chairs, a table, cold water to be served in small cups and at least two members of our church to greet and share time with perhaps new friends and probably some old friends. A diaper changing station will also be available for parents and their babies.

We are going to need lots of people to "work" in the tent for a few hours at a time. We have to be "open for business" from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, August 9 thru August 14. The MMS committee will set up on Monday the 8th.

There will be a schedule/sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Hopefully, whether you come to work for another group or just to see all the exhibits, you will find a time to come rest in our space and help us reach out to the rest of the fair-goers.

We will have available for those who are interested brochures with information about our church and pamphlets about our mission--the baby angel closet. This is a great opportunity to serve our community, come help us be present with God at the fair!



Special Summer Music for Worship will begin on Sunday, July 3. The choir will get a well-deserved rest for two months.

I wish to personally thank my wonderful choir for a great year. It is a small group, but they do a fine, fine job. The members are talented, dedicated, and super people. Thank you, my dear choir, for all of your hard work.

A Ladies' Trio will sing July 3, followed by Les Hamilton on July 10, Renee O'Dell on July 17, Picnic featuring John Harden on July 24, and Ann Sayner on the "fiddle" on July 31.

And, of course, thank you Tom, for your continuing excellent proficiency on the organ and the piano.



Greetings! I am very pleased to be the new handbell choir director at Willow Creek Presbyterian. I look forward to being in worship with you on occasion, and building new relationships. Thanks to Kim and John Reid for hosting a meet and greet to introduce me to several "ringers." If you are interested in joining in this ministry, please let me know - we'd love to have you! We will begin rehearsing in August, and will play in worship on September 18 for the first time. Sharon Beu



Mariners

Tuesday, July 12 @ 11:30 am

Location TBD

Mariners

On Friday, July 29 the Mariners will be attending the White Pines Theater.

Please meet at the church parking lot at 9:45 am to car pool.

Tickets have already been purchased. For more information, contact Jim and Delores Hall.



Martha Ruth Circle

Tuesday, July 26 @ 9:30 am

at the home of Pat Nortch, 11511 Wagon Lane, Roscoe

Skiffers

Dave and Phyllis Cummings will host the Skiffers in July

Details at a later date



Olde English Faire

October 1st & 2nd, 2016



During the first weekend in October, Stronghold transforms itself from a modern retreat and meeting facility to the site of the Olde English Faire. Wandering players perform both onstage and off as crafters and merchants display their wares. Minstrels fill the pathways and stages

with melodies while children gather in the Gremlin's Garden for stories and other children's activities. These and many more delights await you at the Olde English Faire!



Gates shall open at 9:00am and close at 4:00pm.

The Faire shall conclude at 5:30pm.

All proceeds benefit the work of Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center



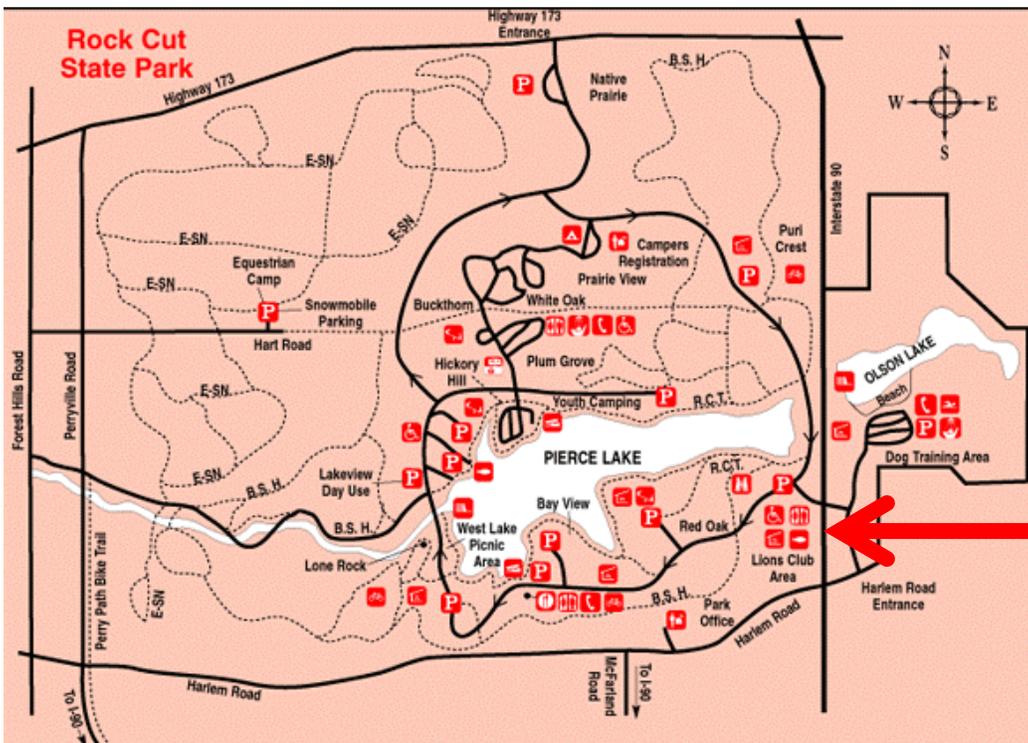
Worship in the Park
Sunday, July 24, 2016
10:00 am



Come join us for Worship in the Park on Sunday July 24th at 10:00 am. It will be held at the Lion's Club shelter at Rock Cut State Park (Handicap parking available). There will be a potluck lunch after the worship service. Please bring your own meat to grill, a dish to pass, and lawn chairs.

Table service and drinks will be provided. Games will be available for play after worship.

Come enjoy God's beautiful outdoors!



**Rock Cut State Park
Lions Club Shelter**



Sunday, September 18 - Kirkin' o' The Tartans

Planning Meeting: Sunday, July 31 @ 11:15 am
After Worship in the Kitchen Table Area



July 2016 All Church Calendar

Fri 7/1	9:00 am-noon <i>Vacation Bible School (Ages 4-5)</i> 9:00 am-3:30 pm <i>Stronghold Day Camp for Elementary (Grades 1-5)</i> 9:00 am-3:30 pm <i>Middle School Mission Tour (Grades 6-9)</i>
Sun 7/3	10:00 am Worship; Communion by Intinction; Mission TBD 11:00 am Fellowship 5:00-6:00 pm AA Meeting
Mon 7/4	--- Fourth of July Holiday
Wed 7/6	10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Session Meeting
Thur 7/7	Noon Pastor-Stateline Clergy Lunch
Sun 7/10	10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 5:00-6:00 pm AA Meeting
Mon 7/11	9:00 am Mission/Membership/Stewardship Meeting
Tue 7/12	11:30 pm Mariners - Location TBD
Wed 7/13	10:00 am Bible Study Noon Pastor- New Beginnings Pastor Lunch
Thur 7/14	9:30 am Christian Education Committee Meeting at Landis 1:00 pm Deacon Meeting
Sun 7/17	10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 5:00-6:00 pm AA Meeting
Mon 7/18-Sat 7/23	--- <i>Pastor and Youth at PYT</i>
Tue 7/19	8:00 am Buildings and Grounds Meeting
Wed 7/20	10:00 am Bible Study
Sun 7/24	10:00 am Worship in the Park followed by Church Picnic; Baptism Malcom Kenney 5:00-6:00 pm AA Meeting
Tue 7/26	9:30 am Martha Ruth Circle - Pat Nortch Hosting
Wed 7/27	10:00 am Bible Study
Fri 7/29	<i>9:45 am Mariners @ White Pines Theater meet at church at 9:45 am to car pool. Tickets have already been purchased. For more information contact Jim & Delores Hall.</i>
Sun 7/31	10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:15 am Kirkin Planning Meeting – Kitchen Table Area 5:00-6:00 pm AA Meeting