



STREAMER

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Movement is life (Jude 3: 20-25)

I recently watched the blockbuster hit, World War Z. The boy and I (well, mostly them) had been looking forward to it for a long time. They had each read the book, but all I had to go on were the movie trailers and commercials (not another zombie movie, I thought). Brad Pitt didn't fail to deliver non-stop intensity for all but about 5 minutes of the movie.

There is a moment when his character is trying to give advice to an Hispanic couple about their need to change locations often in order to stay alive. Staying barricaded in one spot made them like sitting ducks. As he speaks through the young boy who is translating, he states it simply, "Movement is life." They stayed. It didn't go well for them (sorry for the little spoiler—it's not essential to the plot). The moral is that zombies are zombies ultimately because of an unwillingness or inability to move fast enough.

Movement, change and growth go hand-in-hand. When I talk about change among Christians, I always hear the same replies...

- "But change for the sake of change isn't good."
- "Change might be inevitable, but we should take it slowly and carefully."
- "We shouldn't change if we're going to leave people behind."

My life and leadership style have changed dramatically through my experiences pastoring churches. There are no sacred cows, nothing will separate me from the love of God, especially my hanging on to the past so tightly that I have that I have nothing left to grab the brass ring and move into the future. I have learned to embrace the pain of change for the win of seeing new people meeting and serving Jesus.

Change for the sake of change can be good, if it forces us out of our comfort zones into re-evaluation and revival mode. And when we change too slowly, the culture around us moves on without us, leaving



Empty and outdated spaces that gather fewer and fewer folks into "grandmother's sitting room".

And as for leaving people behind, God certainly doesn't approve of heartlessly leaving people behind, broken by disunity. But, the mission of redeeming a lost culture for God's glory matters far more than pleasing people or providing a safe and comfortable home for the old frozen chosen.

I have learned NOT to mess with God's Word. God's truth is eternal and always relevant in our lives. Godly principles do not change, even when our ways of teaching and showing them do. It is also important to change any system, structure, strategy that has become ineffective in carrying out God's mission. If it's dead, bury it. If it's broken, fix it., scrap it, or replace it. If it's not growing, diagnose it. If it's comfortable, challenge it. If it's a strategy that looks like a middle-aged child still living at home playing video games, raise it's rent and kick it the heck to the curb when it no longer pays up!

So , let's move! God will keep us from stumbling. Let's build up our faith, show mercy to others, and give glory to God! Let's not only survive, let's thrive. Let's reach out in love and service to God and neighbor. Let's take a new look at what God's sheep see when they come in or pass by. A new look at ourselves through the eyes of our community, today's culture, and God would also be in order. Let's get ready to move and follow God's Call to show forth the Kingdom of Heaven to the world!

First there were the Mariners, then came the Skiffers, next the Windjammers, and then the...???

We are starting up a young adult group (geared towards late 20's to late 30 year olds). Our first gathering will be August 30 at 5:30 at the church. We will grill out for dinner. Please bring your own meat to grill and a dish to pass. You are welcome to bring your children. After dinner, child care will be provided in the nursery so the adults can have a devotional and some discussion time. Our discussion will include the type of activities we would like to do as a group so please bring any brilliant ideas! Contact Maren Reid (815-978-5307) or Rebekah Landi (815-978-4982) with any questions.

Harlem-Roscoe Fire Department has committed to perform AED/CRP training for Willow Creek Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, at the firehouse. The class is usually completed in less than 4 hours. The training class is limited to 20 participants and is available to all church members. Your Session Members feel it is desirable to have, at least, all ushers trained so we could be responsive to any emergency should it occur. Participants will receive a certification card. If the interest is greater than 20, a second class can be arranged in another month or so. There will be a sign-up (since the class is limited, sign-up means commitment) sheet in fellowship hall on Sunday morning, July 21. If anyone already holds this certification designation, please register with the Church office. We hope this opportunity will be well received. Your Health Ministry and Worship & Music Committees.

Mission Giving

There is a new Mission Giving Envelope in the envelope holder in the Pews in the sanctuary. This envelope is for

The Mission, Membership and Stewardship Committee, took the idea to Session and the envelopes have been ordered. As it suggests on the envelope, this envelope is not to replace what you are giving, but will be an opportunity to give to Local Mission.

There is no a Mission Budget and what is given to Mission is only what is given for designated offerings or as individuals designate in their pledges. The committee feels this is what we are "called" to do as a church community. The message on the envelope encourages those who wish to use it to give something when possible to "2nd mile giving". This is over and above your normal pledge, since none of that is going to Mission. We realize this won't happen every month, but occasionally would be great.

Three Missions that have been suggested are: Habitat for Humanity/Harlem High School. The high school building class is going to partner with Habitat for Humanity and build a home beginning in the fall in the district area for deserving family. Another is Stronghold and Students in need.

The amount of monies collected will be made known by means of the Bulletin and Streamer and the Mission it has been sent to. We hope this will be something with which you will want to participate.

Fall Fest will be on Saturday, September 21, 2013!

Mark your calendars and save your rummage. We hope this year will be bigger and better than ever. It is earlier in the fall, hoping for nice warm, fall day. A full day of activities is planned. In addition to the rummage sale, which will include gently used clothing this year; we plan to have crafters/vendors, food, games for children and perhaps some entertainment. All of this will be outside with good weather. We will need help of course and donations of rummage, baked goods, etc. . . . If you or someone you know would be interested in a space to display and sell something, call the church or David and Janet Ensminger @ 815-633-8933 for more information.

The worship and Music committee is interested in finding out if there is sufficient interest at Willow Creek to for a children's choir, most likely grades 2-5. They would rehearse on selected Sunday mornings. Bethinking about it and more information will follow.

Willow Creek Operating Stats—June 2013

Income	\$9,537.00
Expenses	\$10,329.00
Previous Month-Excess/(Deficit)	10,727.00)

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME and EXPENSE
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Contributions - General	66,300	58,643	(7,657)
Contributions - Special	400	474	74
Other Income	4,639	3,003	(1,636)
REVENUES: Endowment	-	-	-
School & Event	878	76	(802)
Total Revenue	72,217	62,196	(10,021)
Personnel	52,062	52,936	(874)
Christian Ed & Youth	2,375	2,506	(131)
Music & Worship	1,000	754	246
Member & Stewardship	587	311	276
Building & Grounds	22,715	25,570	(2,855)
Session	2,964	2,437	527
Deacons	150	70	80
EXPENSES: Missions - Budgeted	500	-	500
Unbudgeted	-	279	(279)
MINISTRY OF:			
Total Expense	82,353	84,863	(2,510)
Change in cash from operations	(10,136)	(22,667)	(12,531)
Dedicated Accounts, Pre-School			
& Liabilities	-	(1,102)	1,102
Net Cash Transfers To/(From)			
Investments	-	-	-
Change in cash since January 1, 2013	(10,136)	(21,565)	(11,429)



I would like to thank you all for making my time as the Secretary of Willow Creek so very enjoyable. I will miss you all so much, and I will miss the work I was able to accomplish here, after a fair amount of training from Pastor Judith and patience from those of you with whom I had the pleasure of working closely! I wish I could stay, but I am looking forward to being back "home" in Ohio. Thank you again, and I will always remember you! May God continue to bless your ministry here.
-Beth Porter

Thank you so much for the many cards, phone calls, and visits I received at the hospital and Van Matre. Doing well, but it just takes time. I'm used to doing things a bit faster.
God Bless, Jeane Shallenberger

Thank You Presbyterian Women who participated in the Birthday offering this year. The proceeds are going to the Wesminister neighborhood Ministries, Near Eastside, Indianapolis, Indiana. I am happy to say that our donations totaled \$373.20 toward this worthy cause.

Janet Ensminger
Coordinator of Missions

Portugal Missionaries

The Butterfiled's wound up our mission visits this spring with a very interesting and entertaining presentation on May the 12th. A thank you is extended to all who were involved in hosing them as well as supporting their endeavors. We are sending \$258.00 to Presbyterian World Missions in their behalf.

Again, Thank You!

Thank you Willow Creek for taking us to Purdue!

Sara R. and Skylar Cummings

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 MMS 2pm Session 5:30pm	2	3 Women's Bible Study 10am	4 Bible Study 9am Bells 7pm Independence Day	5	6		
7 9:30am Worship w/Communion 10:30 Fellowship	8 VBS	9 VBS Mariners @ Ned's 11:30am	10 VBS	11 VBS Bells 7pm	12 VBS	13		
14 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship	15 Youth to Stronghold	16 Youth Triennium 16th-20th B & G 9am	17 Women's Bible Study 10am	18 Bells 7pm	19	20 STREAMER DEADLINE!		
21 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship	22 F & P 9am	23 Martha-Ruth 9:30am	24 Women's Bible Study 10am Deacons 2pm	25 Bible Study 9am Bells 7pm	26	27		
28 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship	29	30	31 Women's Bible Study 10am					

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COME ONE, COME ALL!

Please mark August 25, 2013 on your calendar for the CHURCH PICNIC! It will begin after the church service on the 25th and last about two hours. Check future church bulletins & newsletters for continued details.

