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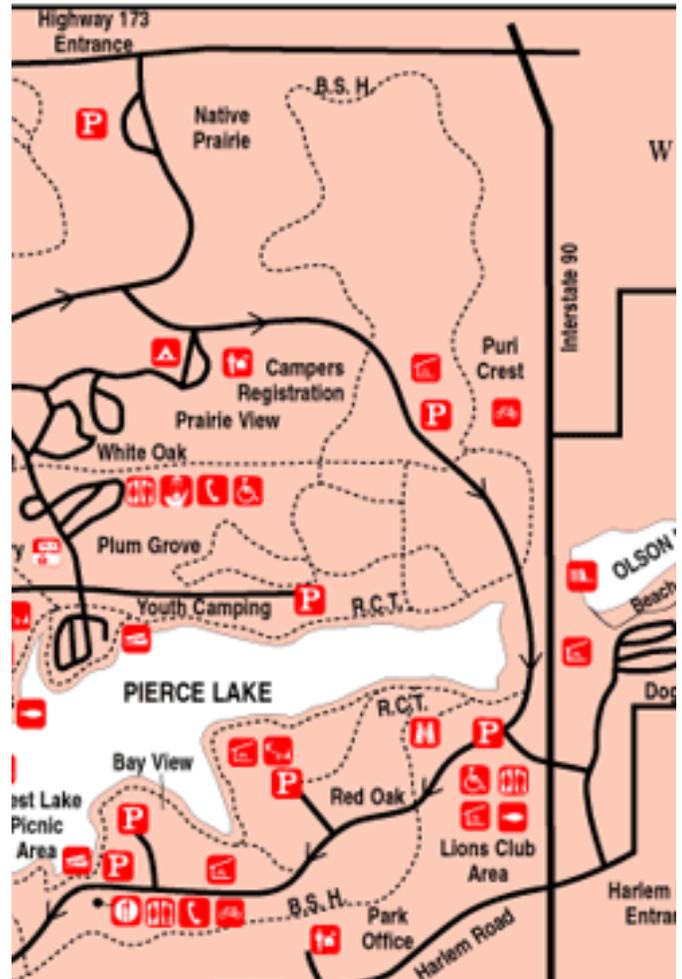


WORSHIP IN THE PARK JULY 20TH AT 10:00 A.M.

Here is the map, and the directions I have been promising to everyone for our July 20th Worship (and picnic) in the Park!

The easiest way to get there is by entering from Harlem Road. Take the first left at the stop sign and go over I-90. Take the next left, and the Lions Club Parking and Pavilion will be quickly on your right.

From the 173 entrance, cross through the prairie and then take a left towards the campgrounds. Do not go into the campgrounds, but drive past the Puri Crest. The Lions Club Parking and Pavilion will be on your right as you come around the east side of Pierce Lake.



Summer is finally here! Summers have always seemed to me a welcome, though sometimes HOT, time of the year. During childhood my family traveled, my father preaching and teaching Bible courses in various Presbyterian camps and churches in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and even Scotland. In my teens I traveled to camps and missions, like Montreat, NC, the Navajo Reservation, AZ, and Mo-Ranch, TX. Even when not traveling, summer time was filled with activities that helped me to rest, relax, and enjoy life in a way that was a welcome break from “normal life.” Summer still tends to be the “growing season” for me.

My hope for all of us this Summer is that we can get out of the doldrums of “normal life” and enjoy a “growing season” together as we encounter God in some new ways together. Perhaps this Summer can be for us a Sabbath time, of sorts. May we each find a time of rest in the hands of God, a time of exploration in the nature of our gracious God, and a time to try new things and meet new people. But, most of all, may we spend this time growing together, growing in faith, and growing in the knowledge of our mission together in Christ!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Judith



The Bereavement Committee wishes to extend our thanks for the generous and immediate response from the congregation when asked to contribute to a Memorial Service. Special thanks for Carol Norem, who works the phone requesting cakes and salads and to all who readily say, "Yes, you can count on me!" This makes her job easier. We also appreciate the "guys" who come both "day of" and "day before" to help set up the tables and arrange easy access to the sanctuary. Often these preparations are put together on short notice and we feel gratified that we at Willow Creek can take some of the pressure off of grieving families.



Thank you for all your cards, thoughts, prayers and support during Roger's illness and passing. Special thank yous to Renee O'Dell for singing, Tom Andrew for playing before and during the service, and to the women that prepared and served the food after the service. We also want to thank Pastor Judith for putting together such a beautiful service. We have been very blessed by our Willow Creek Family during this difficult time.

Betty, Cindy and the family of Roger Greenlee

BABIES in NEED and MICHELE BOEKE

For the last couple of years we have had an ongoing relationship with LOVE INC. (Love in the name of Christ) As parties in need contacted LOVE INC, they in turn would refer them to us so that they might avail themselves of baby supplies that we stocked via our Babies in Need program.

The problem with this is and was, we did not always have all the supplies the various referrals might need. We did not have any ready cash to supplement what we did have and often turned folks away short of what their requirements were.

Michele Boeke, with her foresight and desire to GIVE BACK, was able to direct some of her memorial funds to our Babies in Need program to the tune of \$1,000.00! Because of this gracious donation, we will have monies available to buy items we lack in our baby supply inventory and no longer have families in need go away short of their requirements.

THANK YOU MICHELE BOEKE!



Lee Pickett would like to thank everyone for their Prayers, Cards, and Visits.



AFTER CHURCH ON JUNE 29th, the youth group will be washing cars and selling baked goods and lemonade to help raise funds for our mission trip. So, please, plan to come to church (6/29 will also be VBS Sunday!!). There will be a couple of parking spaces designated for the car wash in front of the Christian Education Wing (for the first two vehicles to be washed after church), and a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall where you can leave your keys with our attendant (for vehicles after those first two). In addition to the VBS

Fellowship Snacks, there will be baked goods you can purchase to take home for the week. Planning to be out of town that Sunday? (Or walking to church?) Never fear, you can also help us anytime between now and then by sending a donation to the church for our youth mission trip. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 to do Christ's work in the Greater Louisville Area!!



Skiffers-The Wheelers (Gene, Dick, & the '2' Carolyn's) will be hosting a Potluck and Cookout at the Gene & Carolyn Wheeler residence on July 18th @ 5:30pm.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP and PICNIC

Join us for FAITH, FOOD and FUN at Rock Cut State Park July 20th, 10:00 am. The Christian Education committee and the Worship committee invite you to join us for an outdoor worship, picnic and games at the Lions pavilion in Rock Cut State Park. The committees will provide worship, dinner ware, and drinks. We ask that you bring what you want to grill, and a dish to pass. Grills and grill masters will be available to help out. You are also invited to bring your favorite outdoor game to share. There will be activities for all ages. The pavilion is covered and has a paved walk way (for easy access), picnic tables, easy access bathrooms, fishing pier and more. So wear your picnic clothes, grab your sunscreen and get ready to enjoy God's gift of creation. We are looking forward to seeing you at the park. *Picnic Tables are available for seating. Please feel free to bring your lawn chairs.*



It is a *great time* to join the Bell Choir!!

Session 1 Rehearsals: Thursdays, Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18 @ 7:00 pm
Ring for Worship on Sunday, September 21.

Session 2 Rehearsals: Thursdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23
Ring for Worship on Sunday, October 26.

The Picnic committee is hard at work on the 2nd Annual Community-Wide Picnic. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 24th and be prepared to have a good time.



This year, our youth will travel to Cedar Ridge Camp, a Presbyterian Church (USA) camp and conference center located just outside Louisville, Kentucky. The camp will be our “home-base” as we engage in mission work, team building activities, Bible study and fellowship!

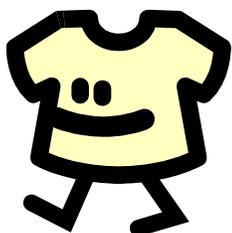
Cedar Ridge offers Christian hospitality and assistance to groups seeking to serve God by serving others. We will enjoy good food and fun activities at camp (like zip-lines or canoeing, make daily trips to work with Louisville-area non-profits (like Wayside Christian and Kentucky Refugee), take tours of the

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) headquarters and seminary, and visit local attractions, (like the Riverside Park Complex and the Louisville Bats Stadium for a baseball game).

Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc. (KRM), a non-profit organization, is dedicated to providing resettlement services to refugees through faith- and agency-based co-sponsorship in order to promote self-sufficiency and successful integration into our community. KRM is committed to offering access to community resources and opportunities and to promoting awareness of diversity for the benefit of the whole community. - See more at: kyrm.org.

Wayside Christian Mission responds to human need by providing temporary housing/shelter, food, clothing, nurturing, spiritual and social enrichment, encouragement and referrals and by providing the support services and skills that encourage self-sufficiency and human dignity and share the love of God.

Our trip will cost between \$3500-4000 (travel, accommodations and supplies). A youth carwash, lemonade and cookie sale will be held June 29th after church, and we will be accepting donations (think of it as an investment in the development and nurture of our youth). Please note Youth Mission Trip on your checks, and get them in to the church offering plate or office by July 3. THANKS!!



Exciting Fashion News! Colorful New shirts are here at Willow Creek. Place your order now.

July 2014 All Church Calendar

Tue 7/1	9am-noon	Babies in Need Closet Open for Distribution (Love Inc)
Fri 7/4	4:30 – 5:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Hassen & Mars)
Sat 7/5	4:00 pm	Wedding (Hassen & Mars)
Sun 7/6	10:00 am	Sunday Worship with Communion (Pulpit Supply) MOM-Carpenter's Place
	---	Pastor Vacation Begins
	11:00 am	Fellowship
Tue 7/8	11:30 am	Mariner's Ned's Restaurant (hosted by Wayne & Shirley Ashburn)
Wed 7/9	2:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
Sat 7/12	---	Pastor's Study Leave Begins
Sun 7/13	10:00 am	Sunday Worship (Pulpit Supply)
	11:00 am	Fellowship
Mon 7/14	9:30 am	Membership, Stewardship & Mission Meeting
Tue 7/15	9:00 am	Buildings & Grounds Meeting
Wed 7/17	Noon – 3:00 pm	Babies in Need Closet Open for Distribution (Love Inc)
Fri 7/18	5:30 pm	Skiffers-The Wheelers (Gene, Dick, & the '2' Carolyn's will be hosting a Potluck and Cookout at the Gene & Carolyn Wheeler residence
Sat 7/19	---	Pastor Returns
Sun 7/20	10:00 am	Worship in the Park (Lions Club Pavilion, Rock Cut State Park) Fun, games, & Food following Worship Service
Tue 7/22	9:30 am	Martha Ruth Circle
Sun 7/27	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	11:00 am	Fellowship
	11:20 am	Finance & Personnel Meeting
	---	Youth Mission to Kentucky thru Sat 10/2
Mon 7/28	---	Youth Mission to Kentucky thru Sat 10/2
Tue 7/29	---	Youth Mission to Kentucky thru Sat 10/2
Wed 7/30	---	Youth Mission to Kentucky thru Sat 10/2
Thur 7/31	---	Youth Mission to Kentucky thru Sat 10/2

Future Dates Worth Noting

July 27 to August 2–Youth Trip to Kentucky
 August 24–2nd Annual Community-Wide Picnic
 August 3 –Schuster/Neff Wedding
 October 6 –Nadia Bolz-Weber, Belv. Com. Ctr @6:30 pm
 October 1–Kickoff meeting for Cookie Walk @10:30 am
 November –Daylight Savings Time Ends
 December –Cookie Walk

Treasurer's Report:

WCPC Operating Statistics

May, 2014

Income	9,415.00
Expenses	16,380.00
Previous Month - Excess/(Deficit)	(3,417.00)

Great America!



Just a couple weeks ago 11 youth and 3 adults made our bi-annual trip to Six Flags Great America, coinciding with the opening day of the park's newest record-breaking (fastest-72mph, tallest-164ft, steepest-180ft drop at an 85 degree angle) wooden roller coaster, Goliath! It started out with a foggy, rainy day road trip, but the weather stabilized and stayed pretty cool for our time at the park. One group rushed to wait two hours and twenty minutes to ride Goliath as soon as we entered the park, and another did the same after our picnic in the parking lot (full disclosure: two adults and three kids chose to encourage others, but not ride LOL). The lines for that ride truly looked like an encampment, or even a small city, the crowds were so enormous (fitting for a ride named Goliath). We had a gigantically good time before returning home in the midst of a humongous thunderstorm. It was a monumental day!

A selfie while waiting in the Goliath line →



Extra! Extra! Exciting Mission News:

- Recent Mission Giving's include: The Birthday Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Presbytery Contributions. Thank you for your support!
- We are excited to open the Babies in Need Closet through Love Inc. The Babies in Need Closet will be open two days a week: the first Tuesday of the Month from 9:00 am to noon and the third Thursday of the month from noon to 3 pm.
- Future Mission Month includes Carpenter's Place in July, WAVE in August and LOVE INC in September, and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering for November.



Revd Steve Fulcher (steve@pcmanse.plus.com) sent the following message through the website:

Hi! I am the Church of Scotland Parish Minister for Southend, Kintyre, Scotland. I was just fiddling about on the internet, and discovered your congregation founders came from this parish in Scotland. Amazing! So I thought I would email with Greetings in Christ Jesus from Southend, Argyllshire. Southend is a very small parish of about 400

people - nearly all farmers. Our church was built in 1774, and on the site of where St Columba first landed in Scotland 1500 years ago, when he came to bring Christianity from Ireland. We can see the coast of Ireland from our beach - it is only 12 miles across.

God bless you all,
Steve

Attention Quilters

2014 Stronghold Quilt Auction and Silent Auction
Saturday, October, 4 (Quilt Preview 10:00 – noon)

Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center, 1922 IL 2 North, Oregon, IL.

Needed: Donated quilts for the Quilt Auction and items for the Silent Auction. To donate a quilt or silent auction item as an individual, church, or group, please contact Thelma Busker, Quilt Auction Coordinator, at 815-871-1655 or tkbusker@comcast.net or stop in the church office for additional information.

Also Greatly Needed: Bidders for quilts. If you know anyone who appreciates the hard work that goes into making a nice quilt, invite them to attend the auction to bid on a quilt and more importantly to support Stronghold. Quilts make a great birthday or Christmas gifts for someone to love. **Proceeds will benefit castle and camp improvement.**



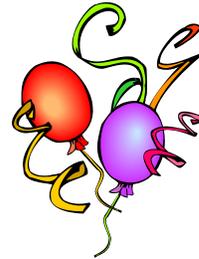


Preschool Up, Up, and Away Music Show!



We were certainly proud of our preschoolers, who performed beautifully in their Up, Up, and Away Music Show! The care that Mrs. Gallagher has taken to bolster their confidence was evident on the stairs...both in the stairwell as each child was showcased in a hot-air balloon, and on the chancel where each child's place was held by a picture. The show was terrific, and the special reception downstairs lovely as we all got a chance to say thank you and good bye to Mrs. Gallagher and her family before they moved to Oklahoma.

We will miss you, Mrs. G!



Vacation Bible School



VBS Jungle Safari has gotten off to a wonderful start this last full week of June. As of the first day, we have about 50 kids registered! We are all explorers, discovering the nature of God in a jungle safari created by our wonderful team of creative artists at WCPC (THANKS! You know who you are!) Monday we discovered God's creativity, and celebrated by planting new seeds and making lots of music. Tuesday we will discover God's provision, and celebrate by providing the needs for our seeds and meeting some Therapy dogs who provide God's love, care, and healing to those in need. Wednesday will be our tie-dye day. We will also discover God's protection, and create banners of encouragement and anti-bullying to display in our community. Thursday we'll see how God saves us through Jesus Christ and create a Christian Art Gallery that will be displayed at P.A. Peterson. And Friday we'll learn how God continues to reign both now and forever. Our final gathering upstairs will begin around 11:40, and will be followed (weather permitting) by a picnic celebration outside at noon. Please take this as your personal invitation to come see what we have learned and enjoy some good old-fashioned fellowship with us--THIS FRIDAY, June 27th from 11:40-12:30ish.

Please also come worship with us as we share what we learned from the Bible this week on Sunday, June 29th at 10am!

