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Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle

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“A Faith Community, Growing Together, Sharing the love of Christ”

This is such a weird time, isn't it? We are following the guidelines for self-isolation and social distancing in the hope of not curing, but slowing, the spread of COVID-19 so that our health systems might keep up. As elder Rachel Yates has said, “Social distancing during a pandemic is a very Presbyterian thing to do. This health strategy assumes that many of us might get the coronavirus eventually, but we're going to do it “decently and in order” rather than all at once. By slowing the pace of infection, we increase the ability of the healthcare system to keep up.”

However, we do not need to keep spiritually distant from each other nor do we need to stop checking in with each other. Please call friends, neighbors or even someone that you do not know well in the congregation. Social interaction, from a distance, is encouraged. Christine and I have been taking regular walks and on the way, we meet and talk with friends/acquaintances for short meaningful chats. We keep our physical distance but still interact socially. We continue to FaceTime with our children. Might all of us find ways to chat with each other?

We are heading into the last week of Lent before we delve into the great mystery of Holy Week. Here are questions to ponder near the end of our Lenten journey:

- What has caught our attention this Lent?
- From what have we fasted?
- On what have we feasted?

Life, for Christians, is meant to be lived in a deliberate way. We are to become more fully human, more fully alive. We are called to consistently consent to God's movement in our lives and, at the same time, expect and are on the lookout for how God is on the move in our church and in our community.

As we continue praying for our next Pastor, we are called to do so with patience and with expectancy. Our PNC is hard at work. How might we support them? How might we “step up” our commitment to the mission and wonder of our church?

What will God tell us? Where is God at work in us?

How might we deepen as individuals and as a church?

As we help the children of this church follow their calling to provide wells for those who do not have access to clean water, how might we become sources of living water to those who are around us?

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Now, once again, we follow Jesus into Holy Week. We can respond by just rolling our eyes- "oh, this again?" or we can open our hearts to what this sacred week might teach us this year.

What will catch our attention: the celebratory but ephemeral crowds?

The intimate sharing of a meal on Holy Thursday? Maybe we might experience some of the pain that Jesus went through on Good Friday: betrayal, physical abuse, torture and corporal punishment leading to death?

Whatever catches our attention remember this: Even though Jesus was not in charge of how that week ended, as the new week began, he showed us all what it means to be fully human and fully alive in God. Resurrected. A Child of God. That is our faith; that is our hope.

Blessings during this holy time of the year.

Pastor Glen



In person Worship Services are canceled thru Maundy Thursday.

Worship Services can be found online at: <https://willowcreekpc.org/sermons>



**Easter Morning Services are TBD (to be determined).
Stay tuned to the church's announcements.**

The family of Gene Taylor would like to thank you all for the cards, your cares and concerns and the visits in the passing of our Dad.

Pastor Glen for the visits and the service provided was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Tom & Barb Taylor
Kathleen Lee



The Greenlees would like to express their thankfulness to our Willow Creek family for all their thoughts and prayers during the February hospitalizations for two of our boys. There were so many things done for us, it would be hard to list them all. As of now, Mike (the one with the open heart surgery) is getting cardiac rehab and back at work 3/4 days. Todd is on a wait and see (depends on how much improvement the latest rounds of radiation show on the brain area). Again, thanks to everyone.

I am very grateful for my friends at Willow Creek Church who have prayed for me, sent cards, and called. I am doing fine.
Thank you! Lee Pickett



I am very grateful for Church, the Pastor and the Congregation's support. I am doing well.
Herb Greenlee



friendship and support.

Dear Willow Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your recent donation to the General Mills Box Tops Program. This program has been of great benefit to our on-campus school. To date we have received over \$30,000 dollars since the inception of the Box Top Program.

Thank you to the Willow Creek Congregation for their longtime

Sarah Gives Back

We received a phone call regarding the closet. This is different, clients go through One Body and the requests are sent to us by e-mail. Sarah had been a client about a year ago when she had twins, a girl and a boy. She needed help at that time. Our closet helped her



and she remembered. She wanted to give back! I said sure and we set a date. On her way to the appointed time she had a flat tire and called to reschedule. She was scheduled to come on Thursday and she did. She brought three bags of baby clothes from newborn to twelve months for both girls and boys. She arrived early (1 and ½ hours) but Carol helped her, she found the bag I had prepared for Sarah in the baby closet and accepted the three bags of baby clothes. They have been prepared to give to other needy mothers and we thank Sarah so very much and wish she and her twins the very best.



PASTOR
NOMINATING
COMMITTEE

Your prayers are working and the PNC continues to review applications while also reaching out to potential pastors. Please continue praying that our positive conversations continue at this productive pace. Whew – that's a plethora of P's!

Sincerely, The Pastor Nominating Committee



Pastor Glen distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday. Wind-chill was 12 degrees with winds out of the North at 17 mph.



“Change for Change Sunday”

Each Third Sunday of the month is "Change for Change Sunday". The children as part of the worship service will be collecting change from the congregation so that their chosen Mission projects can be fully funded. We have pledged to raise these our children in the faith. The children have taken the lead in this mission project. They have given us the opportunity to show, surround and saturate them in the Gospel value of generosity. **Thank you for your support!**



Support Kemmerer Village through Box Tops

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way cash is earned. Participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your grocery store receipt. To find more information and to download the app, go to:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>



Save the Date
Worship in the Park
Sunday, July 12

Dan Holmes will be with us for Special Music on the following Sundays:

- May 31
- July 12 (Worship in the Park)
- August 16
- September 13



WCPC Operating Statistics

February seemed to repeat January's expense activity with our maintenance repairs and ice/snow salting/removal. We can all relate to expenses of this type. On the bright side of things, our income rebounded nicely. Thanks be to God!

Thank you for your faithful support.

WCPC Operating Statistics

	February 2020	Year-to-Date
Income	12,990.26	22,710.69
Expenses	14,664.49	30,004.82
Excess/(Deficit)	(1,674.23)	(7,294.13)

Miss a Worship service?
Check out recordings on
Willow Creek's new YouTube channel!



*Come Learn, Worship and Share
with us every Sunday*

*Adult
Sunday School*



9:00am

Worship



10:00am

Fellowship



11:00am



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February 26 - April 12, 2020

One Great Hour of Sharing

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

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**You shall be called
repairers of the breach**

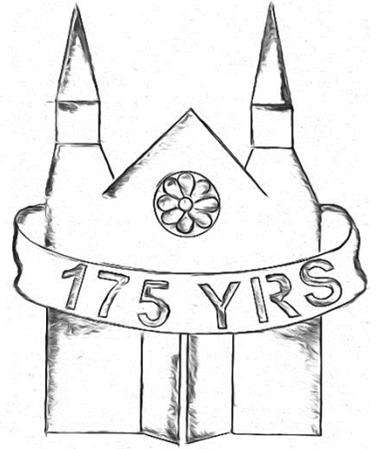
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from natural disasters,
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and support for the
poor and oppressed.



One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Sunday



Kirkin & 175th Celebration Sunday, September 27th



The **175th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee** would like all members of the congregation, including past members, to feel welcome in planning our 175th-anniversary celebration scheduled for September. Specifically, we are looking for significant stories, historic events by year/month and/or artifacts as well as individuals willing to be interviewed to share memories of their experiences and family in the church. Please contact Lucas Greenlee, Tom Andrew and Annie Picken at events@willowcreekpc.org, or sign up in the back of the fellowship hall to be interviewed between now and June 28th.

Let us celebrate together our wonderful history!



Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle was begun 175 years ago. On September 27th, we will be celebrating our history and our heritage. In order to defray the cost of this magnificent moment, on the first Sunday of each month, we will be receiving (in a Scottish Tam) a "freewill offering". The suggested monthly donation is \$1.75/person.

Thank you,
Session and the 175th Planning Committee

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Willow Creek PC of Argyle
We are a faith community growing together sharing the love of Christ. We gather to worship, deepen our bonds, and grow in Christ serving others.

Check out the latest photos and events on our Facebook and Instagram pages!
<https://www.facebook.com/willowcreekpc>
<https://www.instagram.com/willowcreekpcargyle/>



2020 Willow Creek Presbyterian Church Summer Bible Camp
Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17
7300 Belvidere Road, Caledonia

<p align="center"> Pre-K (Ages 4-5) Vacation Bible School M-F </p>	<p>9:00am-noon</p>	<p>\$15/student</p>
<p>Preschoolers (ages 4-5) will participate in songs, crafts, games, and developmentally appropriate Bible study.</p>		
<p align="center"> Elementary (Grades 1-5) Stronghold Day Camp M-F </p>	<p>9:00am-2:30pm</p>	<p>\$30/student</p>
<p>Stronghold's Day Camp is for children entering 1st grade through 5th grade. Day camp is full of games, Bible study, crafts, and tons of fun! Snacks will be provided, but children need to bring their own sack lunch.</p>		
<p align="center"> Middle School (Grades 6-9) Local Mission Tour M-F </p>	<p>9:00am-2:30pm</p>	<p>\$30/student</p>
<p>Middle School Students (6th-9th grade) will go on a Local Mission Tour. Led by Pastor and Maren Reid, they will travel to different places in the community, to do service work for 1-2 hours. They will have a picnic at a local park (bring a sack lunch), along with games, projects, and a Bible lesson. Each day will begin and end with Stronghold Day Camp Fun at the church!</p>		
<p>Maximum Cost Per Family \$80</p>		
<p>High School Students are needed as volunteers to assist with Preschool VBS, Stronghold Day Camp, and Local Mission Tour. Please contact Rebekah Landi (815-978-4982) or the church office (815-885-3455) if you are interested in helping.</p>		
<p>Registration forms are available at the church or on the church website http://www.willowcreekpc.org Completed registration forms can be mailed to the church (7300 Belvidere Rd, Caledonia, IL 61011) or dropped off in the church office. Please register early as space is limited!</p>		