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

“What we do in love in kindness is all we ever leave behind” Carrie Newcomer

I have received some reactions from you all re: the ending of my tenure here at Willow Creek. I am grateful for those who have expressed their sadness that I am taking a new call and have been grateful for the time that we have shared.

Life is meant to be enjoyed. Just ask Herb Greenlee. I have been the recipient of many enjoyable stories especially those of his “growing up” years around here.

I hope that the stories that we have told each other and The Story (of how God has been and is redeeming our world) have intersected. I hope you have experienced how our stories and the reality of Jesus and his stories have collided.

That is what a life of faith is all about- discovering how our story fits in with Jesus.

The Christian life finally is not about whether we have been naughty or nice.

That is the story about Santa.

The Christian story is about keeping our eyes on Jesus no matter how our bodies have betrayed us, our sadness overtaken us, what wrongs we committed, how changeable weather frustrated us, what joys we experienced, or how our precious child has gone off on her own. Sometimes life brings us moments of celebration, sometimes great grief, and sometimes both.

Life is meant to be lived. There is sadness in any parting. And blessing as well.

For when there is sadness in the parting that means that we have found a way to love one another. The new commandment after all. (Matthew 13:34)

I know that I have been changed by you all- especially those sassy teenagers of yours -Abbie (N), Abby (G), Athena, Amanda, Bryson, Connor, Emily, Katie, Kylie and (um) Riley. I have had the privilege of being part of the youth group that Maren and Lucas so ably lead. I have to mention both Hailey and Sara R as well.

We learned from each other. They helped my spirit grow a bit younger.

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Pastor Glen's letter continued from first page:

And now for my blessing for you:

- May you continue to learn how to see the beauty of every heart.
- May you discover unexpected kinship wherever you go.
- May you surround all in their grief, support folks when they fall, and stay connected to each other as we make our way through this life of ours.
- When the fever of life is over, may you find rest in God's presence. Jesus did, after all.

Peace be with you. I hold you all in prayer. Please continue to hold me in yours.

In Faith, Love and Hope, (Pastor) Glen

PS. Some have asked me, "What are we going to do after you are gone?"

My response is simple: "When you were in need, Jesus brought me here.

Jesus will bring the next Pastor to you as well. God is not done with this church yet."



In person Worship Services are canceled for now.

Updates? Check your email.

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



To everyone who participates in the on-line WCPC YouTube programs, a great big "Thank You" and blessings for sharing your talents.

Lee Pickett

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place” (Acts 2:1). So begins the account of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church in the book of Acts. As we approach the day of Pentecost in the year 2020, we understand that it may not be possible for the members of our congregation to be “all together in one place” this year.

While some restrictions are being lifted in some places and for some people, the ongoing threat of the Covid-19 global pandemic will require that we return to church in a way that is measured and mindful of the needs of the most vulnerable among us. While some may begin to attend public worship in person, we know that some will need to continue to worship at home for some time.

We give thanks, then, for the promise of our faith—that the Lord God will bless and keep us, the risen Christ is with us, and the Holy Spirit connects us with believers near and far. We take comfort and inspiration from the example of the earliest believers, who “spent much time together in the temple” and “broke bread at home ... with glad and generous hearts” (Acts 2:46).

As Willow Creek begins to resume public activities, please know that we will do so through a careful process of discussion and discernment, with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, upon consideration of the best scientific knowledge at our disposal, in the spirit of constant prayer, and with full trust in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We may make mistakes along the way. There will surely be awkward moments as we adjust to new protocols and practices. There will be times of frustration, discontent, and grief. We will have countless opportunities to exercise the spiritual gifts of patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

And... there will also be blessings. There will be wonderful surprises, great celebrations, and moments of deep satisfaction. We will get to see glimpses of the new thing God is doing, even now. We will have opportunities to savor the spiritual gifts of love, joy, peace, generosity, and faithfulness.

Let us be faithful, then—to God and to one another—as we receive the gifts and work through the challenges of this time in the life of our congregation and world.

Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Spirit, and open to the grace of God. Let us remember that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus.





Thank you to everyone that sent cards, thought about me, prayed and wished me a happy 85th birthday, it was wonderful!

Sincerely, Frank Lyford.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your PNC is working in creative ways to amplify our reach to candidates. We are positive that this, along with your prayers, will lead us to the pastor God has in store!"

On behalf of the PNC, we send blessings and love to you all!
Marie Wiersema



PNC Members: Ed Rottman, Brenda Benning, Steve Picken, Pat Nortch and Marie Wiersema

During the Illinois "Stay at home", the church office is closed. Please email the church office at willowcreekchrch@aol.com. Until Willow Creek has a Pastor or there is a new Interim Pastor, in case of emergency members should contact:
Maren Reid (Clerk of Session) 815-978-5307 or
Jim Hall (Chairperson of Deacons) 815-633-1784



Summer Camps are Canceled

With everything that's going on in our world and church right now, the Christian education committee has decided to cancel VBS/summer camp for 2020. We will miss offering this enjoyable week for our youth, but look forward to holding it again in 2021!
Christian Education Committee

If you would like to contribute to Change for Change or 175th Anniversary Celebration, please mail your offering check to the church and indicate in the "memo" to which account (Change for Change or 175th Anniversary) to direct your offering.

"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!**

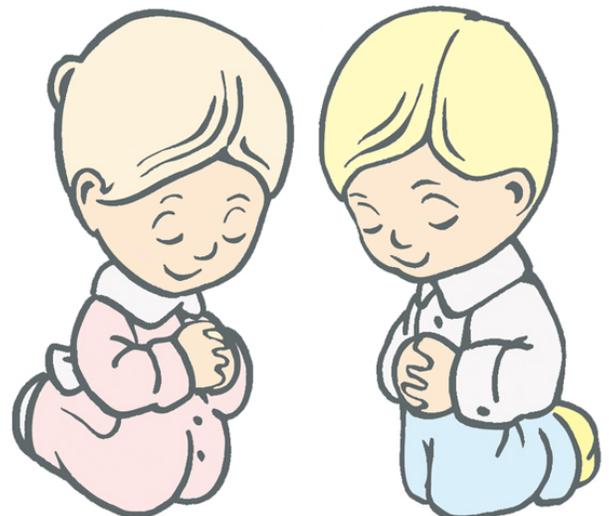


Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle was begun 175 years ago. On September 27th, we will be celebrating our history and our heritage. In order to defray the cost of this magnificent moment, on the first Sunday of each month, we will be receiving (in a Scottish Tam) a "freewill offering". The suggested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

Thank you,
Session and the 175th Planning Committee

A Little Child's Prayer:

Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess.





WCPC Operating Statistics

As you might expect, it is not every month we receive offerings that total more than our monthly expenses. This happening during the current health crises makes it that much more special. We are truly blessed with a loving and caring congregation.

Thanks to each and every one of you and may God continue to bless you.

WCPC Operating Statistics

	April 2020	Year-to-Date
Income	11,431.41	44,970.26
Expenses	10,731.32	54,291.73
Excess/(Deficit)	700.09	(9,321.47)

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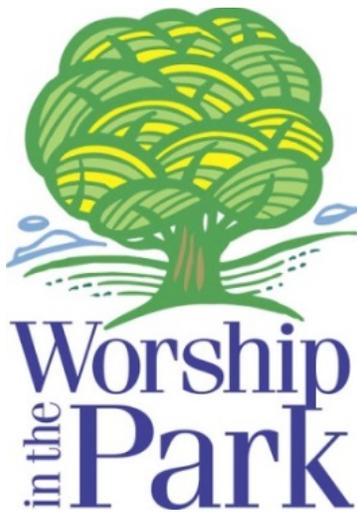
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Willow Creek PC of Argyle
We are a faith community growing together sharing the love of Christ. We gather to worship, deepen our bonds, and grow in Christ serving others.

Check out the latest photos and events on our Facebook and Instagram pages!

<https://www.facebook.com/willowcreekpc>
<https://www.instagram.com/willowcreekpcargyle/>



Worship in the Park
Sunday, July 12

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

- May 31 (planned to be a recorded service)
- July 12 (Worship in the Park)
- August 16
- September 13



April 13 - May 31, 2020

Pentecost

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

**God,
from my youth
you have
taught me.**

— Psalm 71:17

Building a Life of Faith

PHOTO: MICHAEL ERDELYI, PYT

If you would like to contribute to the Pentecost Offering, mail your offering check to the church with “Pentecost Offering” noted in the memo.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come; children, youth, and young adults.



Kirkin & 175th Celebration Sunday, September 27th

Let us celebrate together our wonderful history!



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 27th, 2020. Our theme is "Witness the ties that bind us together", so we are looking for your stories, historic events, explanation of artifacts, and any memories that define the Willow Creek Community.

Please send your personal reflections to Lucas Greenlee, Tom Andrew, and Annie Picken at events@willowcreekpc.org.

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Video Interview Questions

Thank you for agreeing to spend time telling your Willow Creek story. Here are some questions we may ask to get you thinking.

1. How long have you been a member/attended Willow Creek?
2. If you weren't born into the church, why did you stay?
3. If you were born into the church, do you know how your grandpa and grandma or parents met?
4. What was your relationship with your grandparents? Do you know any stories handed down by your ancestors?
5. Did you ever leave the church and come back?
6. What is/was your full-time job?
7. Who else in your family attends Willow Creek?
8. How old are you?
9. What are your hobbies?
10. What talents do you share with the church?
11. How have you participated in the church? (committees, Sunday School, dinners, session, etc.)
12. What impact has the church had on your life?
13. What is the 1 thing you want to be remembered by?
14. What memory of the church no longer exists?
15. How is church today different than when you were younger?
16. How has the church landscape changed?
17. Do you have any photos and recipes passed down by family/ancestors?
18. Anything else you would like to share?

Sharing Our Historic Identify - How do we define our identity (ages, music, clothes, career, hobbies, food) - Finding our identity through our history





You are not alone.

We're all being asked to stay at home and avoid those outside our homes to contain the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). That can be scary, especially if you think you have symptoms.

But we want you to know you are not alone. To ensure you get the care you need without leaving your home, OSF HealthCare is offering the Pandemic Health Worker program to provide the care, support and comforting assurance you need.

How to be assigned a Pandemic Health Worker (PHW)

- If you are experiencing symptoms, you must receive an initial screening for COVID-19 using Clare, our digital health assistant, at osfhealthcare.org, or call the COVID-19 Nurse Hotline at 833-OSF-KNOW (833-673-5669).
- Based on that screening, you will receive an invitation from a physician or advanced practice provider to enroll in the PHW program.
- You'll be contacted within 24 hours by a PHW to discuss your needs and make an appointment for delivery of a kit with essential tools to monitor your situation. Your PHW will follow up with you daily over a 14-day period.



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Who is a Pandemic Health Worker?

A Pandemic Health Worker (PHW) is a trained and trusted member of the community working to provide access to the proper level of care to individuals as they recover at home from COVID-19.

Why do I need to connect with a PHW?

Your condition needs daily monitoring. Your PHW plays a role in slowing the rate of new COVID-19 cases by allowing you to stay home, decreasing the risk of further exposure in your community.

How will they care for me?

The PHW will call you to sign you up and explain everything. They'll schedule a time to drive to your home to deliver a kit with essential tools needed to monitor you and will review with you the digital tools you'll be using together. Daily follow-ups will take place for 14 days.

What if my condition worsens?

The PHW will direct you to the Acute COVID@Home program for care by a physician or advanced practice provider. They will digitally check in on you twice a day using tele-home monitoring and treatment, all while still in the comfort and safety of your home. Treatment may include respiratory therapy and intravenous medications and fluids.

If your condition continues to worsen, you'll be admitted to a facility where you'll be cared for until your symptoms improve and you can return home. Once home, you'll again be monitored through the Acute COVID@Home program until you are symptom free.

To learn more, visit osfhealthcare.org/phw

During these times, you hope for a safe, healthy community and a brighter future. So do we. You are not alone. Joy comes in the morning, and we will be there to see it. Together.



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