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Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle

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May 2021

"A Faith Community, Growing Together, Sharing the love of Christ"

Something Old - Something New - Something Changeless

This month the church celebrates its birth of some two thousand years ago. Willow Creek Presbyterians celebrate baby Emmett Betzel's birth of just a few weeks ago. The church experienced God's blessing as tongues of fire descended upon its founders. Emmett will soon be acknowledged a new recipient of God's blessing in his baptism. What joy both events will bring to our fellowship.

So it is that the old and the new are acknowledged here at Willow Creek. But also to be acknowledged is something that is changeless because it has been a part of creation from the beginning. Paul declared that "... faith, hope, and love abide", but that "the greatest of these is love."

I will conclude my review of love as described in 1 John. My sermons will reflect the difficulty of loving everyone as much as God loves us and consider today's problems that need to be addressed with such love if they are ever to be resolved. My tenure here will end as we commemorate Pentecost and the Holy Trinity.

Thanks once more for the honor of serving you during Pastor Lauren's maternity leave.
Pastor David W. Jones

Hybrid Worship

We have returned to hybrid worship! Our local public health guidance allows for 50 folks in our sanctuary, and so if you feel comfortable, you are welcome to join us in person for worship on Sunday mornings at 10am. You are also welcome to continue worshipping virtually on Facebook live, YouTube or our church website.

Per current public health guidelines, we will wear masks in the building at all times, practice social distancing between households, and we will not be able to sing or recite together. Our hope is that these restrictions are temporary.

If you do choose to join us for worship in person, we ask that you sign our updated WCPC Covid-19 Waiver.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask! Call or email the church office.



As updates happen to the Phase 4 public health guidelines, Session is doing its best to adapt our own protocol. The newest update says that a fully vaccinated individual (including the two week waiting period) does not 'count' in the total limit of having 50 people gathered in one space. That being said, if you have been fully vaccinated and are willing to share that info with us, we can then welcome more people into our sanctuary. If being fully vaccinated and willing to share applies to you, then we ask that show your vaccine card to the host on Sunday morning (the hosts are the ones receiving waivers at the little table on the stairs). They will put a check by your name that you are fully vaccinated and will then know that you should not be counted in the total of 50. You only have to show your card once - we'll keep record of it. Please know that this is 100% voluntary and we will not ask for your card. Simply show it if you are willing. Please let us know if you have any questions!



Congratulations to Pastor Lauren & Scott on the birth of "Emmett Scott Betzel" born April 17, 2021 weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz. Everyone is doing well.

May 9, 2021 - We want to wish all the Mother's a very Happy Mother's Day. May it be a blessed, fun-filled day with lots of memories!!



Dear Willow Creek Family,

Thank you so much for your remembrances of Mom over the last few weeks. We did not expect this outcome, but, we are so thankful for our memories of the many families who made us into the people we are today. Your kindness and generosity will be a bright light in the days ahead.

Jeff, Jackie, Jodie and the whole Cummings Clan

*Thank
You*



To My Willow Creek Church Family and Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this. I have served as Treasurer of the Church for over 12 years now and am saddened to find myself in a position that I must surrender this position as I can no longer perform the duties required to a satisfactory level. Due to a fall a couple of months ago, I have some fractured bones that require months of therapy and healing. One could say I am a “work in process,” and that would be correct.

I have informed the Finance and Personnel committee and the Session, that my resignation is effective immediately upon the Session’s appointment of a new Treasurer to succeed me.

My gratitude for all of the kind expressions of encouragement and support over the years, and for all of the cards and get well wishes I have received since my accident. May the peace of the Lord be with each and every one of you.

Thanks and stay well.

Loren Buffington



Per Capita

Please submit your Per Capita prior to December 1, 2021 in order to meet the Blackhawk Presbytery Deadline.

Bank Draft

A Bank Draft is an easy way to give monthly. Many of our members have chosen this method. Several advantages include: no church weekly giving envelopes, no need to write checks, no handling by the Church Financial Secretaries & there are no fees. Please contact our bookkeeper Diane Van Vleet at the church for assistance to set up a bank draft.

Online Giving

Through the website: willowcreekpc.org, click on the “Giving” or “Make a Donation” tabs and follow the instructions. This is a very simple method to give. There is a 2% fee per dollar amount on each transaction. On a gift of \$50 the fee would be \$1. If this is a recurring gift, and you would like to avoid the fees the church pays you may want to consider a bank draft.

Church Envelopes

This is a traditional method of giving. Church envelopes are generated for you and used to give weekly gifts. If you wish to receive or discontinue receiving a box of envelopes, please notify the church office.

WCPC Operating Statistics

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	April 2021	Year-to-Date
Income	14,166.03	31,098.75
Expenses	12,693.63	42,050.56
Excess/(Deficit)	1,472.40	(10,951.81)



Dear Willow Creek Friends,

There are 5 Sundays in May and there will be special music on all of them.

May 2nd Dan Holmes, Singer and Guitarist

May 9th Monroe Family Singers

May 16th Lucas Greenlee, Pipes

May 23rd Renee O'Dell, Soprano

May 30th Elizabeth O'Leary, Contralto

I feel so fortunate to be able to worship and make live music at church. So many other church musicians do not have that pleasure yet. Hopefully by fall, we will all be able to sing the hymns and liturgy and say the responses. I so look forward to that, In the meantime, I feel what we are doing musically is working quite well.

Carpe diem (Seize the day).

Liz

Our first ever Bed Build! Saturday, June 19th we are hosting a “Bed Build” in the church parking lot. The organization, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which helps provide beds to children in the community, will be joining us to host this. Stay tuned for more information and ways you can help in person and from afar.



VBS UPDATE: After much deliberation Christian Education reached the decision to not host a week long VBS this year. Instead, we have decided to offer 4 'VBS' Events spread throughout the summer. These will be for a couple of hours (11:00-1:00) on Sunday after church and for kids of all ages; from toddlers to seniors (both high school and age-wise). We'll fill the time with games, a lesson, and a picnic lunch (brought from home).

Here are the dates for the 'VBS' Events:

June 13, July 18, August 1, and August 29th.

Mark your calendars for the week of August 9.....because it is Boone County Fair time! We have registered to host our respite tent again this year, so we'll be looking for volunteers to offer our hospitality to fair goers as the time gets closer.



May 2021 All Church Calendar

Sun 5/2	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship; Communion; Special Music by Dan Holmes, Singer & Guitarist
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School
Tues 5/4	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
Sun 5/9	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship; Mother's Day - Special Music by Monroe Family Singers
	11:00 am	Youth Recognition – Rebekah Landi
Sun 5/16	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship; Special Music by Lucas Greenlee, Pipes
	11:00 am	Youth Group
Tue 5/18	8:00 am	Buildings and Grounds Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Music and Worship Meeting
Fri 5/21	--	Streamer Articles Due to Church Office
Sun 5/23	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship Service, Special Music by Renee O'Dell, Soprano
Mon 5/24	6:30 pm	Media Committee Meeting
Sun 5/30	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship Service, Special Music by Elizabeth O'Leary, Contralto



The Church Office will be open M – F from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact Peggy or email the church office at willowcreekchrch@aol.com. In case of emergency during Pastor Lauren's maternity leave, members should contact:

Maren Reid (Clerk of Session) 815-978-5307 or
Jim Hall (Chairperson of Deacons) 815-633-1784

"Change for Change Sunday"

Each Second Sunday of the month will be "Change for Change Sunday". We have pledged to raise 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.

Please mail your offering check to the church and indicate in the "memo" Change for Change. Thank you for your support!



The 175th Anniversary Celebration will be postponed until we can gather in full again. If you would like to contribute to the 175th Anniversary Celebration, please mail your offering check to the church and indicate in the "memo" 175th Anniversary.



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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/>

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

 **YouTube**

Come Learn, Worship and Share
with us every Sunday

Adult	Children	Worship
9:00am	10:00am	11:00am

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