



# STREAMER

Willow Creek Church of Argyle  
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May 2022

## ***A Faith Community, Growing Together, Sharing the Love of Christ***

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is our refrain as Easter people. This is our prayer - that we might believe in the truth of resurrection.

This Eastertide we will consider the reality of resurrection through the Acts of the Apostles. For the next few weeks, we will read lectionary stories that describe what happened after Jesus rose from the dead. How did people encounter the risen Christ? What miracles occurred? What changed? How did this unbelievable story spread and impact the whole world?

Throughout this season, our paraments in the sanctuary remain white - the color of resurrection. We also use white paraments on Communion Sundays - when we *eat this bread and drink this cup to proclaim the saving death of our Risen Lord until Christ comes again - and Christ will come again!* And, we use white paraments when celebrating Baptisms, symbolizing the new life we have because Christ is risen. White paraments are also used at weddings, indicating a new family being formed rooted in the covenant of God's love. Finally, we use white paraments at funerals, when we often read these verses from Romans 6:

*When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that, as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ into a death like his, we will certainly be united with Christ in a resurrection like his.*

This is what we believe - that we will **certainly** be united with Christ in a resurrection like his.

This is the belief that gives us hope and empowers us to live in hope - to live as though this world is not all there is, as though there is resurrection and reunion promised to us, as though we are not merely our work and our stuff but something more.

As we consider the word of the Lord from the book of Acts in this season of white paraments, my prayer is that all of our hearts will be open to the otherworldly hope that is ours in Christ Jesus - what new things might we dare to hope for? In what new ways is God calling us to share heavenly hope with others? How is God speaking to us about the reality of resurrection?

May we have a Blessed Eastertide! Alleluia!

Pastor Lauren

Dear Willow Creek Friends,

I wish to thank all of you who made music on Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season. It was quite glorious! We do not lack for musical talent at Willow Creek.

The music line up for May is as follows:

May 1. . . God Squad – youth from First Presbyterian Church in Belvidere (and our area), including Ruth and Nathaniel Harden from Willow Creek. This will be a special treat!

May 8. . . More special treats for Mother's Day – Aiden Greenlee on the cello and also the Monroe Family Singers!

May 15. . . Dan Holmes, one of our favorites and always special.

May 22. . . Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

May 29. . . Willow Creek Handbell Choir, directed by Dianne Londo

What a great lineup for May – now if it would just warm up!

Seeking Inchoiring Minds,

Elizabeth



Thank you to our church family for helping us celebrate Emmett's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday!

Your cards (and gifts & donations to the Baby Angel Closet!) were so thoughtful, and we loved having you over to the manse for his party. We are so grateful that you are our church family!

♡ Pastor Lauren & Scott



Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission thank you for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through the Presbyterian Mission Agency!

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people here in the United States and abroad in over 70 different countries. We are encouraged by God's faithfulness, signaled by the recent support we have received from you. Because of you, the world is waking up to new possibilities in Jesus Christ.

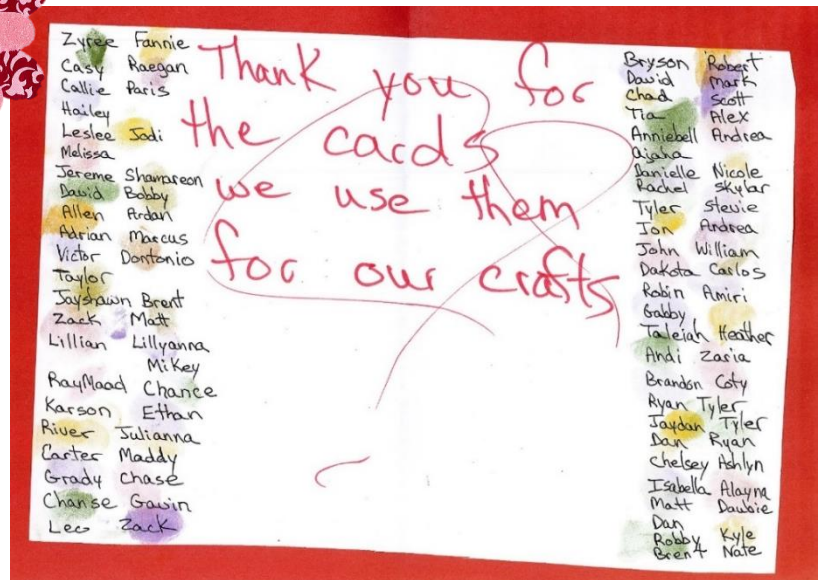
The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: On March 9, 2022, we received \$25.00 for 102 Shared Mission Support.

Thank you for your commitment and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. Please let me know how I can support your efforts.

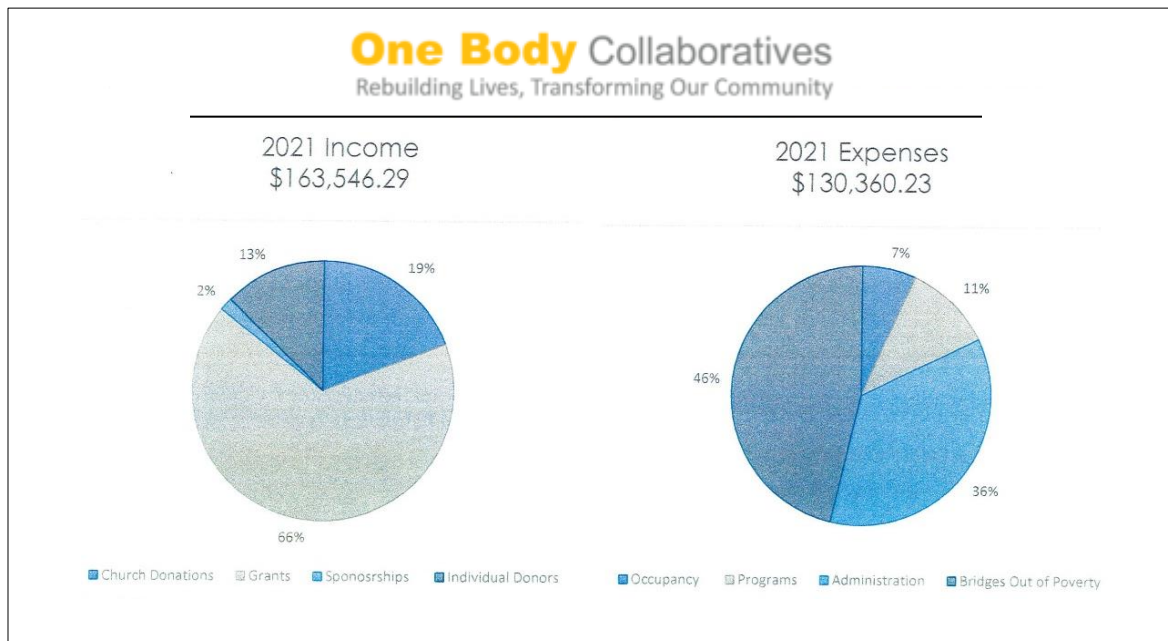
Yours in Christ,

Chris  
Rev. Chris Roseland, Office of Mission Engagement and Support

## Walter Lawson Children's Home



## One Body Collaboratives



There is much work ahead of us in 2022 in working toward our mission of **rebuilding lives and transforming our community**. Focus areas include Mental Health, Racial Reconciliation, and city-wide/church-wide book club on the book, "Be the Bridge." Your faithful and continued support and prayers make this possible!

With much gratitude,

Mary Cacioppi, Executive Director

## Gardens, Like Churches, Need Infrastructure – "Understanding per capita"

For many years, we had simply planted bulbs, tended vegetables and weeded flower beds. It was only when we had to start the garden from scratch that we became aware of how a healthy garden depends on infrastructure. We had never been particularly concerned with soil composition and drainage. We assumed and took for granted that the garden would be there year after year.

Congregations can be like that. We worship, teach Sunday school, and sing in the choir. We marry and bury. We advocate for justice. However, without the support that undergirds the way we do church, the plants in our congregational gardens would find it difficult to thrive. We are not often aware of the value of per capita, but it is there all the time – especially when we need it!

- Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Anderson, *Understanding per capita*

WCPC's Per Capita 3/31/2022

**\$1,437.00**

**25%+**

2022 Goal = \$4,440.00

### ***Session Summary***

Session met on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 for the monthly discussion. Several decisions were made during this discussion, including approval of relaxation of restrictions due to COVID (returning Coffee & Fellowship after worship services); approval of a school for piping (and potentially drumming) to meet at WCPC and allow regular use of the facility to CoRPB (City of Rockford Pipe Band); and Rise Against Hunger approved to occur November 20, 2022 in concert with our Hamball Dinner.

March was an average month for giving. Our expenses were up in March due to the cooler weather. We are in the red about \$7,000. so far this year. We expect that to decrease as expenses reduce throughout the year and consistent giving continues.

Thank you for contined support to Willow Creek Presbyterian Church!



### ***WCPC Operating Statistics***

	March 2022	Year-to-Date
Income	10,316.43	42,627.24
Expenses	<u>13,764.90</u>	<u>49,631.58</u>
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ (3,448.47)	\$ (7,004.34)

### ***Youth Group LOCK-iN***



Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Gather at WCPC, 4:00 p.m. on Saturday

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Youth leading worship  
& LOCK-iN ends after worship that day, which is  
***Youth Recognition Sunday!***



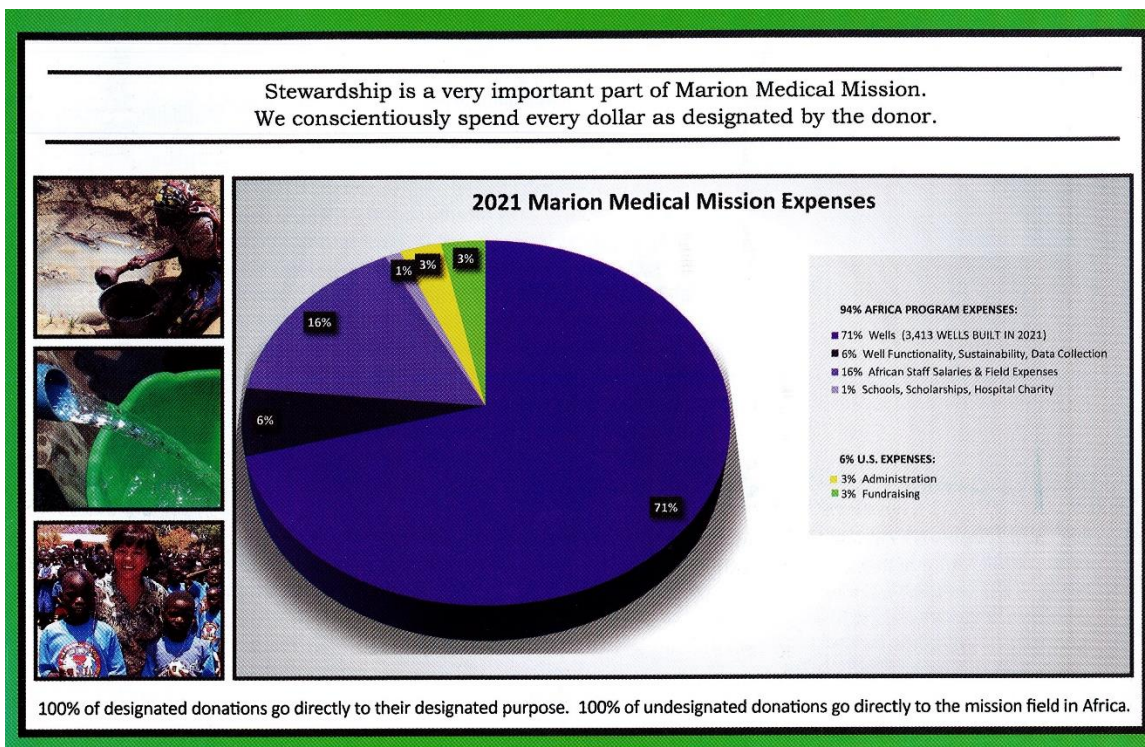




### Coffee & Fellowship Returns

It's time for Coffee & Fellowship to return! Please take a moment to sign up to bring cookies one Sunday (Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall). Also, plan to stay after worship to enjoy coffee and fellowship with our church family.

### Marion Medical Mission



### VBS - Save the Date(s)



June 20 – 23, 2022

9:00 AM - Noon

\$10/Child (\$30 Family Limit)



In commemoration of



# MEMORIAL DAY

***Sunday  
May 29, 2022***

8:00 a.m. Special Worship Service  
Bagpipes played by Lucas Greenlee at  
*The Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery*  
8791 Picken Road, Caledonia, IL 61011

*\*Please remember to bring your military member's American Flag to the service if  
you would like a blessing bestowed by Pastor Lauren.*

Followed by 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
& 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship at  
*Willow Creek Presbyterian Church*  
7300 Belvidere Road, Caledonia, IL 61011



### ***Flanders Fields***

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarcely heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

By John McCrae



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

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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.

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

**YouTube**

Come Learn, Worship and Share  
with us every Sunday

9:00am 10:00am 11:00am

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