



June/July STREAMER

Willow Creek Church of Argyle
7300 Belvidere Road
Caledonia, Illinois 61011
815-885-3455
June/July 2022

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

Dear Willow Creek Presbyterian Church Family,

It was a lot of fun planning Youth Sunday with the middle and high schoolers and their fearless leaders, Maren and Lucas. They helped write and approve the liturgy, and then we started talking about hymns.

It was a great opportunity to choose some favorites, including *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, which was the theme of the most recent Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which several of us attended. They also chose *Joy to the World*, because it fit with the proclamation in Psalm 67 that God's blessings will be known to the ends of the earth, *and* we talked about how even though we usually sing this hymn during Advent, it's not in that section in the hymnal. Advent hymns are #82 - #107, and the "Jesus Christ: Birth" or Christmas section is #108 - #156. *Joy to the World* is #266, way later, in the "Jesus Christ: Ascension and Reign" section.

Then we started talking about another favorite they were interested in singing, #697 *Take My Life*. This happens to be one of my all-time favorite hymns. As the youth group opened to that page in our planning meeting, someone (who shall remain nameless) said "We don't need to sing all of the verses, though!"

At first, I thought this was a joke. Then everyone else agreed! And I realized my opinion about singing all of the verses of hymns was the unpopular one.

I shared this story with the youth: My Great-Aunt was the music minister at her Baptist Church in Willard, NC. This was a small church that loved to do hymns sung during worship. Every now and then someone would dare to shout out "Hymn #8, but just the first two verses!". My Aunt Helena would fix her gaze on them and say: "The good Lord wrote four verses for this hymn, and *that* is how we'll sing it."

Now, beliefs around who wrote hymns and whether or not we should treat them as Scripture aside, apparently I have inherited a bit of that perspective. Sometimes, when I'm considering a particularly long hymn (like the six verses of *Take My Life*), I do wonder if we should just choose to sing some of it. But then when I start looking at the words that might be cut, I feel that it would be a loss. While I don't think "the good Lord" wrote these hymns, I do believe folks were moved by God's love to create beautiful music that helps us worship. I want to honor their hard work and intention, and I also always have such a hard time knowing *which* verses are cuttable! They all feel important to me - especially our hymns that are expressly Trinitarian. Many of the hymns in our hymnal have a verse dedicated to each Person of the Trinity, then one more verse pulling the ideas together and worshiping the Triune God - those are the hardest for me to cut from.

It was a very enlightening conversation with the youth and Maren and Lucas! I realized that I might be overthinking the hymns a bit, and that some folks might prefer a shorter version of some of our favorites. I will try to keep that in mind (and especially be mindful of our amazing musicians as they accompany our congregational singing!). But I wanted to share this with all of you and invite you to share your thoughts about the hymns with me: what are your favorites that you wish we would sing more often? Do you have an opinion about whether or not we should sing all of the verses? Are there hymns that aren't in our current hymnal (Glory to God) that you miss singing? Keep me posted, and let's keep making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Pastor Lauren



Welcome Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli!

We welcome Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli (Commissioned Lay Pastor) as she helps lead us in worship. She was commissioned in September 2014 after completing the program through the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She recently retired after serving for seven (7) years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Marengo. She worked at Westminster Rockford for fourteen (14) years and served as Chaplain at Swedish American Hospital for eight (8) years. She is currently on the Presbytery Mission Committee.



Welcome Shannon!

Willow Creek is pleased to welcome Shannon Reagan as the new Office Admin/Secretary. While new to the position, she is a long-time family friend of the Ralston/Cunningham families. She's excited to meet everyone!





Welcome Confirmation Class 2022!

We are delighted to welcome our Confirmation Class as they join the church on June 5th! These youth have been meeting with Pastor Lauren each week this spring to explore their faith, the history of the church, and how they might continue to shape the future of the church. We are so grateful for them! Celebrate with us on Pentecost, **Sunday, June 5th**.

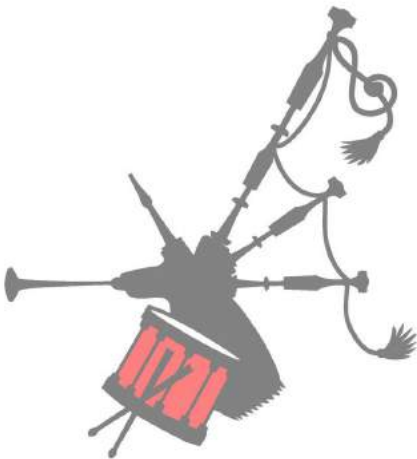
Summer Bells Program

Interested in learning more about bell/chime ringing? We will meet for 1 hour 5-6 times between June 20 and July 30. All ages are welcome!

Minimum 4 participants required, so please contact Dianne Londo with your days/time availability and contact info by calling/texting 815-543-8667 or emailing to amctmama@outlook.com.



Piping and Pipe Band Drumming School



The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle approved a proposal to start a school of piping and pipe band drumming at the church. If interested in learning to play the bagpipes or pipe band drums (snare, tenor, or bass), please plan to attend an informational meeting at one of the dates below. During the meeting, I will collect contact information, class schedule preference, provide information regarding required materials, and provide a brief orientation. All are welcome! For questions, please contact Lucas Greenlee 815-505-5309.

Sunday, June 5th

or

Sunday June 12th at 9:30 a.m.

Meet in Fellowship Hall.

Summer Church Office Hours

Open Mon, Wed, Fri from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm or
email the church office at office@willowcreekpc.org.

In case of emergency contact:
Pastor Lauren Patrus-Betzel 678-230-7549



May 2022 Session Summary

The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle met on May 3, 2022 for the regularly stated meeting.

WCPC Operating Statistics

March, 2022

Year-to-Date

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 on the year. We expect that to decrease as expenses reduce throughout the year and consistent giving continues. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church.



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Income	10,316.43	42,627.24
Expenses	13,764.90	49,631.58
Excess/(Deficit)	(3,448.47)	(7,004.34)

Worship in the Parking Lot

We plan to worship in the Parking Lot again this Summer! Join us outside on:

June 12th

August 21st

September 18th

Bring a chair or sit in your car! (weather pending)



Coffee & Fellowship

It's time for Coffee & Fellowship! Please stay after worship to enjoy coffee and fellowship with our church family. Take a moment to sign up to bring cookies one Sunday (Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall, or scan the QR code below).



Pentecost Offering Sunday, June 5th



The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$18 million for ministries of education and spiritual formation including events such as the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, Young Adult Volunteers and the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative. In addition, 40% of the Offering stays with local congregations to support their own ministries.

Please give generously, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. We will receive the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, **June 5th**.

Willow Creek Volunteer Opportunities

Scan the barcode or go to the link below to see Willow Creek's various volunteer opportunities such as coffee and treats during Fellowship and Liturgist/Usher assignments.

<https://signup.com/Group/767022625636514050/>



2022 Bed Build



Join us on **Saturday, June 25th** for our Bed Build from **9am - 2pm**! We plan to build 20 beds again for local kids and youth. We will provide brown bag lunches. Sign up to build and/or help with lunch. The build will go from 9am until we're done, probably around 1pm. We do need volunteers to help with clean-up afterward, so if you can stay until 2pm, that's much appreciated! Sign up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall, or go to our Volunteer Sign-Up link on page 5. Let Pastor Lauren or Mary Beth Gratz know if you have any questions.

Ladies Meet & Eat

June 2nd & July 7th

11:30 a.m.

Sophia's Restaurant, Roscoe, IL 61073

1st Thursday of every month – come and get to know each other, as there are no programs or projects! Please feel free to invite and bring guests. If you have any questions, please call Pat Nortch at 779-475-1593 or Barb Greenlee at 815-270-0248.



Come join **Men's Coffee Club** on the following **Wednesdays**



June 8th	9:00 <small>AM</small>	Men's Coffee Club @ Boone Cty Restaurant
June 22nd	10:30 <small>AM</small>	Men's Coffee Club @ Willow Creek
July 6th	9:00 <small>AM</small>	Men's Coffee Club @ Boone Cty Restaurant
July 2nd	10:30 <small>AM</small>	Men's Coffee Club @ Willow Creek

Get to know us!



Find Willow Creek on social media by scanning the QR code or going to <https://linktr.ee/wcpcargyle>.



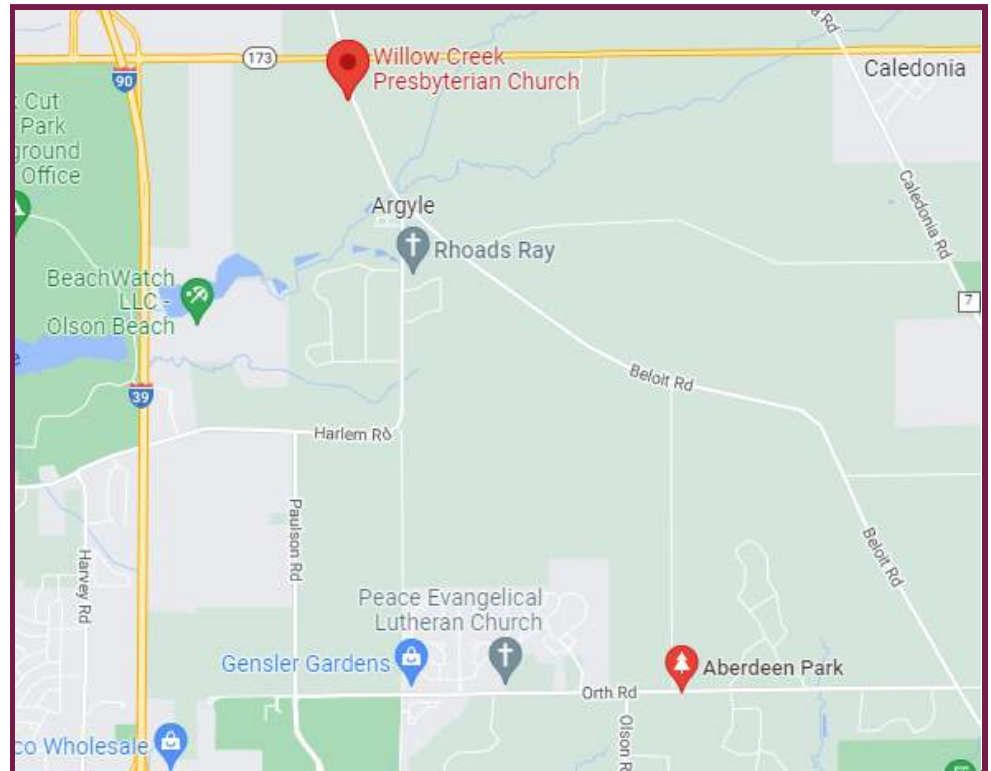
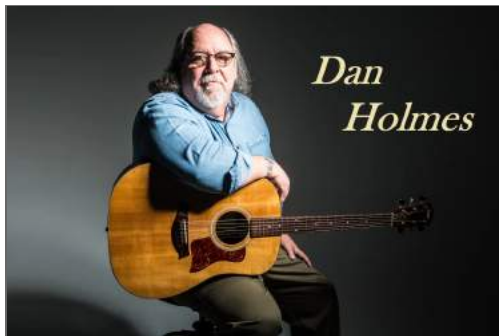


Worship in the Park

Sunday, **July 10, 2022 @ 10:00 am**,
Aberdeen Park at 1343 Orth Rd,
Belvidere, IL 61008

Come worship with us surrounded by the beauty of God's great earth!

Table service and drinks provided. Grills will be fired up after the worship service. Please bring your own meat to grill, a dish to share, and lawn chairs if you'd like. A playground is close to the shelter. A wheelchair will also be available for anyone who needs assistance getting from the parking lot to the shelter. Music provided by Dan Holmes!



Vacation Bible School

June 20 - 23, 2022
9:00 ^{AM} - Noon
\$10/Child (\$30 Family Limit)

All Church Calendar – June/July 2022

Thu., 6/2	11:30 <small>AM</small>	Ladies Meet & Eat @ Sophia's Restaurant in Roscoe
Sun., 6/5	9:30 <small>AM</small> 10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Piping and Pipe Band Drumming School Informational Meeting Worship - Confirmation Sunday & Pentecost Offering Coffee & Fellowship
Tues., 6/7	6:30 <small>PM</small>	Session Meeting
Wed., 6/8	9:00 <small>AM</small>	Men's Coffee Club @ Boone Cty Restaurant
Sun., 6/12	9:30 <small>AM</small> 10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Piping and Pipe Band Drumming School Informational Meeting Worship in the Parking Lot Coffee & Fellowship
Mon., 6/13	10:00 <small>AM</small>	Deacons' Meeting
Sun., 6/19 Father's Day	10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Worship Coffee & Fellowship
Mon., 6/20	9:00 <small>AM</small> - 12:00 <small>PM</small>	Vacation Bible School
Tue., 6/21	8:00 <small>AM</small> 9:00 <small>AM</small> - 12:00 <small>PM</small>	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Vacation Bible School
Wed., 6/22	9:00 <small>AM</small> - 12:00 <small>PM</small> 10:30 <small>AM</small>	Vacation Bible School Men's Coffee Club @ Willow Creek
Thu., 6/23	9:00 <small>AM</small> - 12:00 <small>PM</small>	Vacation Bible School
Sun., 6/26	10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Worship - Vacation Bible School Sunday Coffee & Fellowship
Sun., 7/3	10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Worship Coffee & Fellowship
Mon., 7/4 Independence Day		Church Office Closed
Tue., 7/5	6:30 <small>PM</small>	Session Meeting
Wed., 7/6	9:00 <small>AM</small>	Men's Coffee Club @ Boone Cty Restaurant
Thu., 7/7	11:30 <small>AM</small>	Ladies Meet & Eat @ Sophia's Restaurant in Roscoe
Sun., 7/10	10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Worship in the Park (Aberdeen Park) Picnic
Mon., 7/11	10:00 <small>AM</small>	Deacons' Meeting
Sun., 7/17	10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Worship Coffee & Fellowship
Tues., 7/19	8:00 <small>AM</small>	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
Wed., 7/20	10:30 <small>AM</small>	Men's Coffee Club @ Willow Creek
Fri., 7/22	Today	Streamer Articles due to Office
Sun., 7/24	10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Worship Coffee & Fellowship
Sun., 7/31	10:00 <small>AM</small> After Service	Worship Coffee & Fellowship





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Vacation Bible School
June 20-June 23, 2022
9:00 am - Noon

Please join us for an exciting, fun-filled week at Willow Creek where children grades preschool through 6th grade will experience God's Word through fun-filled activities. Each day children will participate in songs, a Bible lesson, crafts, games, and a mission project. A snack will also be provided.

The registration fee is \$10 for the week with a \$30 family maximum. Registration forms can be turned into the church office. Please call Willow Creek Church (815-885-3455) or Rebekah Landi (815-978-4982) if you have any questions. Come, celebrate God's unconditional love with us!



2022 VBS Registration

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS _____

PHONE(S) _____ EMAIL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT (Name) _____

at (Phone) _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD _____

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL INFO _____



“On this day, we ask you to keep this nation, and all nations, under your care, that we may be peoples who are at peace, and who are a blessing to others in this earth.



Grant our nation's leaders wisdom, that there would be times of peace and justice in our land and in our world.”

Excerpt from Rear Admiral Mark Tidd’s prayer at General Assembly of the PC(USA) - July 4, 2012

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