



November Streamer

Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle
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NOVEMBER 2022

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

As the leaves continue falling we turn our focus toward gratitude. We have much to be grateful for at Willow Creek. A growing church family - not simply more members, but we are growing together, being built together in Christ into a holy dwelling place of and for God.

Gratitude is like an inhale, and the exhale is giving. This church remains faithful and generous in every expression of giving - serving on committees, donating, financial pledges and contributions. Certainly I am very grateful for each of these, because without your faithful generosity, the beacon we offer to this community would dim.

Over the past year, the way we shine for the community has changed, and now a new season is upon us. We will begin our very first donation drive for our Mission Closet this month! (More information about our first Mission Closet project later in the Streamer).

Another new opportunity is on November 20th, the day of our Congregational Meeting and annual Hamball Dinner (recipe enclosed!). At the Hamball Dinner, we will have the chance to pack over 10,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger. We'll take turns meal-packing and enjoying our hamball potluck. It will take us about 2 hours to pack nutrient-rich, shelf-stable meals that will be sent around the world to folks suffering from famine, violent conflict, natural disasters, or other reasons that make food difficult to attain - a struggle we can hardly fathom.

This service project has opportunities for all ages and ability levels - we need folks who can simply sit and scoop rice into a bag, and we need folks who can quickly move around the room, refilling supplies.

This will be a different kind of fellowship for our hamball dinner - but as the Session considered all that we are grateful for, we wanted the opportunity to give as well. As we break bread (and hamballs!) at one of our favorite feasts of the year, we will also be able to serve and feed others.

I look forward to seeing you on November 20th!

Pastor Lauren

TIME CHANGE! REMEMBER: SUNDAY, NOV. 6TH, THE TIME “FALLS BACK”

On Sunday, Nov. 6th we will observe All Saints' Day, remembering the saints who are now in God's presence and honoring those whose memorial gifts have been used in the last year. We will ring a bell for those who have died in the last year. If there is a name you would like the bell rung for, please let Pastor Lauren or the church office (office@WillowCreekPC.org) know.

It's not too late to return your pledge card! Pledge cards are available in the Fellowship Hall. Pledging helps us to know what you intend to give as we make our church budget, and the forms are an opportunity for you to tell us how you'd like to serve. We currently have 88 giving units (individuals or households who give), and so far 20% of those units have pledged - we would love to increase our percentage pledged! If you give by direct deposit, you can fill out the pledge card or email Diane Van Vleet (bookkeeper@WillowCreekPC.org) to confirm the amount.



Per Capita Please submit your Per Capita prior to December 1, 2022 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" tab 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

SEPTEMBER, 2022 YEAR-TO-DATE

September was an average month for giving. Our expenses were average for the month of September. We were in the red for about \$800.00 for the month. We are in the red about \$8,600.00 so far for the year. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church!

	2022	Year-to-Date
Income	\$11,166.22	\$121,570.77
Expenses	\$11,987.07	\$130,257.74
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Excess/(Deficit)	\$(820.85)	\$(8,686.97)



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP & TREATS

Can you sign up to bring treats for Fellowship & Coffee one Sunday?
 When you bring treats, you **do not** have to make coffee! We have a team of coffee makers who are taking care of that! If you want to join the coffee making team, let Shannon at office@willowcreekpc.org or call, 815-885-3455 know!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday 11/1	6:30p 7p	Session Meeting CoRPB
Wednesday 11/2	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 11/3	11:30a 4:30p 6p	Ladie's Eat & Meet Sophia's Restaurant Bell Choir Extra Practice for new ringers Bell Choir
Sunday 11/6	8:45a 9a 9:30a 10a 10:30a 11a 11:30a	Choir Rehearsal Adult Sunday School Acolytes Worship - All Saints Children's Sunday School Coffee & Fellowship Youth Group
Tuesday 11/8	9a 6p-7p 7p-9p	Westminster Choir Pipe Band & Drumming CoRPB
Thursday 11/10	6p	Bell Choir
Friday 11/11		Veteran's Day!
Sunday 11/13	9a 10a 10:30a 11a	Adult Sunday School Worship - Pastor Tanya Preaching Change for Change Children's Sunday School Coffee, Fellowship & Christmas decorating!!
Tuesday 11/15	8a 6p 6p 7p	Buildings & Grounds Meeting Music & Worship Pipe Band & Drumming CoRPB

Wednesday 11/16	9a 3:30p	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant Argyle Preschool Meeting
Thursday 11/17	6p	Bell Choir
Sunday 11/20	8:45a 10a 10:30a After worship	Choir Rehearsal Worship Children's Sunday School Congregational Meeting Hamball Dinner & Rise Against Hunger Service Project
Monday 11/21		Thanksgiving Break! - Argyle Preschool Conferences
Tuesday 11/22	6p 7p	Pipe Band CoRPB
Wednesday 11/23		Church Office Closed
Thursday 11/24		Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday 11/25		Streamer Information Due!
Sunday 11/27	10a 10:30a 11a	Worship Children's Sunday School Coffee & Fellowship
Monday 11/28		Welcome Back Argyle Preschool!
Tuesday 11/29	6p 7p	Pipe Band CoRPB

CHANGE FOR CHANGE We collect this special offering on the second Sunday of the month! Our Change for Change offering helped fund our Bed Build service project in June, and now this special offering is going toward our November service project of meal-packing with Rise Against Hunger.



ARGYLE PRESCHOOL 2022-2023

It's hard to believe we have been in school for almost 2 months!! The students have been enjoying our fall themes: apples, pumpkins and fall on the farm. We've had apple taste tests, tried donuts & apple cider. In our farm unit, students enjoyed helping with farm chores: like milking cows, feeding animals, raking, tending the garden and collecting eggs. In the coming weeks we will open dress up and our new science center. In November we will spend time talking about being kind, thankful and good friends. It's always an adventure at Argyle Preschool.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



November 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

We will gather downstairs or outside if the weather permits after the children's sermon until 11:00a.

SUNDAY, NOV 20TH

During our hamball dinner, we will take turns eating and packing meals. In just a couple of hours, we will pack over 10,000 nutrient-dense, shelf-stable meals for those suffering from hunger.

All ages and ability levels are needed! Plan to stay, eat and serve on Nov. 20th - what better way to enter a season of thanksgiving than by giving! Each meal costs 0.38 cents - a donation of \$3.80 pays for **10** meals, a donation of \$38.00 pays for 100 meals, and so on. If you feel moved to give to this service project, please indicate "Rise Against Hunger" on an envelope and/or the memo line of your check.



FALL 2022 WILLOW CREEK YOUTH SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Activity	Location
11/6	11:30-1:30	Lesson & Games	Church
11/20	11:15	Rise Against Hunger/ Hamball Dinner	Church
12/18	11:15 - ?	Lunch & Caroling	Community

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30a-3p or contact the church office at 815-885-3455 or office@willowcreekpc.org. In case of an emergency, members should contact Pastor Lauren Patrus-Betzel at 1-678-230-7549 or, Lauren@WillowCreekPC.org.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

All are welcome and encouraged to join the Worship & Music Committee to decorate the church on November 13th for the Christmas holidays after the worship service. With enough participation, the job will take about an hour.

Thank you,
The Worship & Music Committee



A NOTE FROM LIZ O'LEARY

Hello Willow Creek Friends!

As autumn settles in on us, I have a very nice music schedule for November:

November 6. Lucas Greenlee, pipes

November 13..... Willow Creek Bells

November 20..... Willow Creek Choir

November 27 Joyce and Bill Zartman, bell tree and violin

The music all sounds good, but I am especially excited about the choir getting started again. We will be rehearsing on November 6th & 20th at 8:45a.. It's not too late to join this month's music.

Just show up for rehearsal.

-Liz

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Catch our final two *Testimonies* classes on Sunday, November 6th and Sunday, November, 13th - meet in the Library at 9am to hear how God is working in the lives of others in our church community.

No Sunday school on Sunday, Nov. 20th - plan to remain after worship for the brief congregational meeting, and then our Rise Against Hunger service project and annual Hamball Dinner!

Advent 2022 Sunday School series:

The Women In Jesus' Genealogy

Matthew 1 provides a genealogy of Jesus which includes forty-two men and only four women.

For the four Sundays of Advent,
we will learn more about these women -

what are their stories

and

what can they teach us about God?

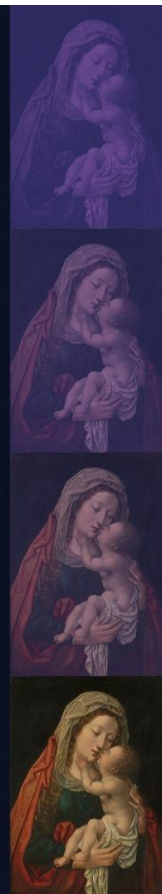
Nov. 27th: **Rahab** led by April Rottman

Dec. 4th: **Ruth** led by Pastor Tanya

Dec. 11th: **Bathsheba** led by Pastor Lauren

Dec. 18th: **Tamar** led by Pastor Lauren

Class meets at 9am in the Library



A Thank You from the Rottman Family

On behalf of my older brother Jim, younger sister Jennifer and our families, thank you to our Willow Creek family for your support in helping us grieve the loss of my mom Laurita. Please know all your thoughts and prayers, cards, handshakes and hugs made a difference. We certainly feel the love and continuing support. Willow Creek certainly is a special place.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session calls the Annual Congregational Meeting of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle to be held on Sunday, November 20th, 2022 following worship for the purpose of electing officers and approving Pastor Lauren Patrus-Betzel's contract for 2023.

The meeting will be followed by our beloved Ham-ball Potluck! This year you can choose to eat in the Fellowship Hall or take your dinner to go! Please bring a ham ball or turkey main dish and a side, salad or dessert. Drinks, cups, plates and to-go trays will be provided.

Ham Balls Recipe – Recipe by Mrs. Carol Norem & from the 1956 Women's Auxiliary WCPC Cookbook

*1 lb ground lean smoked ham
1-1/2 lb ground lean pork
2 cups bread crumbs
2 beaten eggs
1 cup milk*

Make into balls, mix 1/2 cup water, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon dry mustard and 1/2 cup vinegar to make sauce to pour over. Place in a shallow pan and bake for 1 hour or more. Baste occasionally.



“Let’s go! Let’s go!
Let’s go play in the
Snow!”

Nov. & Dec. 2022

Hello Willow Creek Friends & Family!

I am super excited to announce that I will be the ringleader for our very 1st Mission Closet Drive!

Pastor Lauren had a meeting with the Principal of Capron Elementary. When given an idea for a coat drive, Principal Nicole Difford said coats weren't the issue. It was boots, snow pants, gloves & hats.


So now through the end of December, we will be collecting donations of these items. Here's the fun part... I'm working with Principle Difford on an amount they need. Like, 20 pairs of snow pants and 15 pairs of gloves. If we reach that goal, I am thinking of a fun reward, like having a fun Hot Cocoa bar after worship one Sunday.

One of the best things about being a mom is bundling all of us up and having a blast in the snow, then going inside for hot cocoa with "mushmellows" (as my middle kiddo called them when he was little). Something I cannot wait to do with Ellie. We want all families to have this same opportunity, so let's get them the gear they need to enjoy our beautiful winter weather!

Stay tuned for more details on how many of which items to bring in. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Lauren, or myself.

Thank you! =)

-Shannon



ADVENT 2022
SEASON OF
ETERNAL HOPE
"COME, LET
US
WALK
IN THE
LIGHT
OF THE
LORD."

SUNDAY, NOV. 27TH 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT * COMMUNION
SUNDAY, DEC. 4TH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SUNDAY, DEC. 11TH LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE & COOKIE WALK
SUNDAY, DEC. 18TH 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH 5PM COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY, DEC. 25TH 10AM CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP & CAROLS
SUNDAY, JAN. 1ST EPIPHANY * COMMUNION



Poinsettia



Order Form

Would you like to order a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person?

The cost is \$11.00 each and they are available in white, pink or red. You may take your poinsettia home, or donate it for the Deacons to deliver to the elderly & infirm.

Please fill out this form and mail it to the church with your payment.

The deadline to order is FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2022.

Color _____ How Many _____


In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Donor Name-As you wish it to appear in the bulletin: _____


***Please make checks payable to: Willow Creek Presbyterian Church - With the Memo of "Poinsettia"**

Flowers not picked up prior to SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2022 will be delivered by the church Deacons to the elderly & infirm.



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