

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ARGYLE
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AUGUST 2023 STREAMER

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



A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAUREN

I first learned about the Boone County Fair on the very first Zoom conversation I had with the Pastoral Nominating Committee. I thought the Respite Tent sounded like a lovely way for a church to serve the community. Beyond that, I had a really hard time imagining the fair or the tent. And now, as it is with so many of you, it's a highlight of my year.

Our Respite Tent strikes me as precisely who the church is called to be in the world as we provide simple necessities like water, shade, and the privacy to care for little ones. We are called to be:

- Servants - giving with no expectation of receiving anything in return.
- Humble - these are simple things to provide - not flashy, not attention-seeking, we are there to meet a need, not receive credit for our presence.
- Consistent - at the Respite Tent, we get to live out our faith.

St. Francis of Assisi is credited with saying: “Preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary, use words.” Our Respite Tent is simply one more opportunity for us to do just that - to preach the Gospel with our actions and presence, and if anyone happens to ask why we're hanging out at the tent when there are so many other things we could be doing at the fair, we might tell them something about our church: that it's a community full of folks ready and willing to show up and serve and care for others.

I look forward to spending time in the Respite Tent with you in just a few weeks! ~ Pastor Lauren

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT CAPRON ELEMENTARY!

- **BOOK DRIVE TO BEGIN IN AUGUST:** Be on the lookout for details!
- **BREAKFAST FOR STAFF:** **Wednesday, August 16th!** A sign up sheet will be available soon so we can provide fruit, juice, muffins and other yummy breakfast treats. Plan to bring everything to church by **12pm noon** on **Tuesday, August 15th.**

AUGUST 8TH - 13TH, 2023 BOONE COUNTY FAIR RESPITE TENT: Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for a time to volunteer at our Respite Tent! See Pastor Lauren or Mike Landi if you have any questions.

WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT! - Join us on Sunday, August 20th, 2023 at 10am.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Tuesday 8/01	6:30p	Session
Wednesday 8/02	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 8/03	11:30a	Ladies Meet and Eat at Sophia's Restaurant
Sunday 8/06	10a	Worship - Communion
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
	11:30a	Deacons
Tuesday 8/8		1st Day of the Boone County Fair
	6p	Pipe Band and Drumming
	7p	CoRPB
Saturday 8/12		Last Day of the Boone County Fair
Sunday 8/13	10a	Worship
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
Tuesday 8/15	6p	Pipe Band and Drumming
	6p	Worship and Music
	7p	CoRPP
Wednesday 8/16	8a	Breakfast for Capron Elementary Staff
	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 8/17	11:30a	Ladies Meet and Eat at Sophia's Restaurant
Sunday 8/20	10a	Worship in the Parking Lot!
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
Tuesday 8/22	6p	Pipe Band and Drumming
	7p	CoRPB
Wednesday 8/23	3:30p	Argyle Preschool Board
Friday 8/24		Streamer Articles due!
Sunday 8/27	10a	Worship
	11a	Fellowship and Coffee
	11:15a	F/P/E Meeting
Thursday 8/31	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Children's Sunday school kicks off on September 10th, 17th and 24th!

YOUTH GROUP - Will begin meeting after Labor Day! All 6th - 12th graders are invited. Be on the lookout for more details.

SERMON SERIES: THE ROMANS ROAD - From August 6th - September 3rd I will be preaching on the book of Romans. At a glance, this book can appear simple. Indeed, a classic evangelism technique is called “the Romans road”, and uses a handful of verses to present the Gospel in an understandable way. But, when the verses are read in context with all of Paul’s writing, the supposed simplicity is replaced with the complexity of someone trying to understand their faith. Throughout this book, Paul wrestles - not with whether or not to believe in God, but with wondering why his faith hasn’t more quickly and fully transformed him. He wrestles with his identity as a sinner saved by grace, asking questions we can all identify with. I look forward to exploring this theologically rich book with you.

WCPC OPERATING STATISTICS: June was a below average month for giving. Our expenses were average for the month. We were in the red on the year about \$6,000.00 so far and in the red about \$3,000.00 for June. The summer months are usually slow months in terms of attendance and giving. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church.

	June 2023	Year-to-Date
Income	\$10,505.74	\$89,782.05
Expenses	\$13,439.45	\$95,751.58
Excess/(Deficit)	<u>\$(2,933.71)</u>	<u>\$(5,969.53)</u>

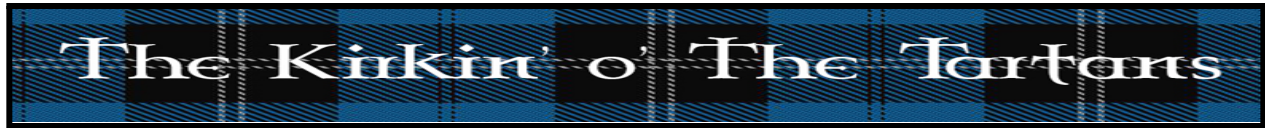
A NOTE FROM LIZ O’LEARY- Hello Willow Creek Friends!

Summer is indeed upon us and the rest of it will go fast. There is a nice line up for August. Next week, I will talk about choir and our Fall schedule. We have many good things coming up! All for now! ~ Liz

August 6th - Marilyn Cade, Piano
August 13th - Mandy Nelson, Flute
August 20th - Jim Burright, Baritone and Guitar
August 27th - Deborah Dunnavan, Piano and Organ

A NOTE FROM ARGYLE PRESCHOOL- We are so excited for our new school year to begin on Wednesday, September 7th! We have a few spots remaining in our PM class. Please call the Church Office at 815-885-3555 or email us at argylepreschool@willowcreekpc.org for more information. Best of luck to all our Argyle Preschool Alumni who are getting ready to start their adventures in Kindergarten. Remember:

Be Kind, Be Great and Be You, because YOU are amazing!  Ms. Rachel



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2022 - SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE & POTLUCK : Remember, we are not all of Scottish descent - we celebrate any and all backgrounds! The dowel for the flag/banner will be provided. Hard copies of the banner tutorials for the Kirkin' will be in the Fellowship Hall, Argyle Room and outside the Office door.

MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

For more information about our staff and volunteers, visit our website.

The church office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am - 3pm. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya, please reach out to the church office.

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