



A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAUREN If you haven't already, please highlight Friday, June 27th 5pm - 7pm on your calendars and plan to join us for our first ever Ag Day in Argyle!

This fun-filled evening started with a question months ago in a Session meeting: how can we open our doors to the community - especially the community of commuters who drive past our church everyday? We imagine that many people see our beautiful old brick, stained glass, and soaring steeples and wonder: is that just a building? Or is there anyone in there?

In German, there are two different words for "church". *Kirche* refers to the building, while *gemeinde* means "community". Our Elders (and Deacons) keep returning to the question of how we can show our neighbors that we are not merely a *kirche*, but also a thriving *gemeinde*. As we wondered this, we thought about what a great asset our large parking lot with plenty of space for fun activities is and brainstormed different ways to use it for a community gathering. As we talked, Elder Molly Shipton pointed out this is a great opportunity to strengthen our partnership with the Beaver Valley Clippers 4H Club who meets in our building. It made sense, then, to highlight this church's ties to the agricultural community. This line of thinking led us to **Ag Day in Argyle**: an evening of community fun where kids of all ages can explore farming equipment (new and old!), consider how things grow, and pet some fluffy animals.

Please spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to this free event! We are also hoping folks just stop in as they drive by, curious about what we're up to here on the corner of Belvidere & Highway 173. Let's all embrace this opportunity to show our neighbors that our *kirche* is truly a beautiful place, but not only that. Our *gemeinde* is a place full of God's love and grace where all are welcome.

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Starting **June 2nd**, 2025, our Church Office will have new Summer hours! Our office will now be open **Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:30a-12**. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Church Office.

SPECIAL RECEPTION Plan to join us after worship on **Sunday, June 1st** to honor **Donna Hamilton** who is moving out of state. Let's take the opportunity to say goodbye and honor all that she and Les have meant to Willow Creek.

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES: Mark these special Sundays on your calendars!

- JUNE 8TH PENTECOST - Everyone please wear red, yellow or orange!
- JUNE 15TH WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT 10am **bring a chair**
- JUNE 29TH VBS SUNDAY AND CHILDREN & YOUTH RECOGNITION SUNDAY 10am in the Sanctuary
- JULY 13TH WORSHIP IN THE PARK 10am @ Aberdeen Park
- AUGUST 3RD The youth who go to **Triennium** will lead worship.
- AUGUST 10TH SUMMER HYMN SING
- AUGUST 31ST 10AM WORSHIP OUTSIDE THE CHAPEL AT SCOTTISH ARGYLE CEMETERY **bring a chair**
- SEPTEMBER 21ST Kirkin' Sunday!

A NOTE FROM LIZ O'LEARY Special Music Schedule~

- June 1st: Tom Andrew, Keyboard
- June 8th: Kathy Clark, Alto
- June 15th: Deborah Dunnavan, Keyboard
- June 22nd: Mandy Nelson, Flute & Piano
- June 29th: VBS Sunday

SESSION SUMMARY The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle met on May 6, 2025 for the regularly stated meeting. The meeting opened at 6:30pm with prayer and devotions.

In attendance were: Pastor Lauren Patrus-Betzel (Moderator), Karli Rankin, Katherine Ralston, Rebekah Landi (Clerk), Tom Andrew, Lon Clark, Molly Shipton, Jeff Cummings, and Pat Nortch. Cindy Nelson was excused. A quorum was declared.

The following actions were taken:

Consent agenda was received and approved as stated.

- A motion was made and seconded to add Bryan and Brianne Ambrose as new members. The motion passed
- A motion was made and seconded to move the Labor Day Sunday service to the cemetery. The motion passed.
- A motion was made and seconded to have communion on 8/31 instead of 9/6/2025. The motion passed.

A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS The deadline for submissions for the Deacon's fundraiser Cookbook is fast approaching. We are still in need of your favorite recipes to make our cookbook an actual book and not just a pamphlet. If you have a family recipe or a special dish you like to bring to our potlucks, please bring us a copy or email it to recipes@willowcreekpc.org before June 22. Thank you!

WCPC OPERATING STATISTICS April was a below average month for giving. We are seeing a general improved giving trend compared to previous years. Our expenses were average for the month and will level off during the summer months. Currently we are in the red for the year \$12,040.12. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church.

	<u>April, 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	9,236.90	56,545.75
Expenses	13,424.36	68,585.87
Excess/(Deficit)	(4,187.46)	(12,040.12)

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday 1 st	10a	Worship - Communion, 11a Fellowship & Donna Hamilton Reception
Tuesday 3 rd	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals, 6:30p Session
Wednesday 4 th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 5 th	11:30a	Ladies Luncheon at Boone County Family Restaurant
Sunday 8 th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 10 th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Sunday 15 th		<i>Father's Day</i>
	10a	Worship in the Parking Lot **bring a chair** , 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 17 th	8a	Buildings & Grounds, 6p Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Wednesday 18 th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Sunday 22 nd	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Monday 23 th	9a-12	VBS Opening Day- "Is God a Farmer?"
Tuesday 24 th	9a-12	VBS
Wednesday 25 th	9a-12	VBS
Thursday 26 th	9a-12	VBS
Friday 27 th	5p	Ag Day in Argyle
Sunday 29 th	10a	Worship - VBS Sunday, 11a Fellowship , 11:15a F/P/E

THANK YOU ARGYLE PRESCHOOL STAFF FOR A GREAT 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR! On behalf of WCPC Family, Friends and Staff - Thank you to Ms. Katie, Ms. Delica, Ms. Karli, Ms. Lindsey and Ms. Shannon for all you have done to make this school year amazing! Can't wait for next school year!

THANK YOU TEACHERS & LEADERS! Our church is incredibly blessed to have so many amazing teachers and leaders for children of all ages. If you see these folks around, be sure to tell them an extra "thank you for all that you do!" No matter how busy they are, they still find the time and energy to give to support others in their faith development. *Children's Sunday School Teachers:* Rebekah Landi, Riley Rankin, Karli Rankin and Shannon Reagan. *Youth Group Leaders:* Lucas Greenlee and Maren Reid.

WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT We plan to worship in the Parking Lot again this Summer! Join us outside on **June 15th**. Bring a chair or sit in your car! (weather pending).

COME WORSHIP WITH US SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S GREAT EARTH! Table service and drinks will be 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 as well as a wheelchair will also be available for anyone who needs assistance getting from the parking lot to the shelter. **Sunday, July 13th at 10a Aberdeen Park at 1343 Orth Rd., Belvidere, IL. 61008** (Weather and playground construction permitting! If we are not able to enjoy Aberdeen, we will worship in the parking lot here at Willow Creek and have a traditional potluck in the Fellowship Hal).



Friday, June 27th 5pm - 7pm | 7300 Belvidere Road Caledonia
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Join us in the parking lot of
Willow Creek Presbyterian Church for an evening of fun for
the whole family! Explore farm equipment, meet some
animals, dig in the dirt, and more!



In partnership with: The Beaver Valley Clippers 4H Club,
Paulson's Agriculture Museum & the Beaver Valley Grange

MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

For more information about our staff and volunteers, visit our website. The Church Office hours are Tues. - Thur. from 10a - 2p. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya, please reach out to the Office.

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Please join us for an exciting, fun-filled week at **Willow Creek Presbyterian Church**, where children 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.

VBS will be June 23th - 26th, 2025 from 9a - 12p

The registration fee is \$10 for the week with a \$30 family maximum. We welcome any Preschool through 6th grade to Learn if "God is a Farmer" with us!

Registration forms & payments can be turned into the church office. If paying by check, please put **"VBS"** on the memo line.

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!

VBS - Is God a Farmer?- 2025 Registration Form

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

PHONE _____ PREFER CALL OR TEXT? _____

EMAIL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

ALLERGIES AND/OR MEDICAL INFORMATION:

For Office Use Only - Paid __ Cash/Check__ Check #__