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

AUGUST 2025 STREAMER

A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAUREN As I look through the pictures from Ag Day in Argyle, I’m filled with gratitude for that wonderful evening here in our parking lot. It was a time of fun and fellowship for everyone who was here. Just like the week of VBS that preceded it, it’s a delightful celebration of the Body of Christ - many people coming together to exercise their strengths for the good of all.

The Session and Ag Day planning committee are strongly considering making this an annual event, and many of you have graciously shared your feedback with us through the surveys the church office provided.

One repeated suggestion for the future is “more advertising”. And I think that’s true! We can certainly do more to get the word out.

And also, research shows that people don’t show up for events at churches because of advertising. They show up because a friend invited them.

This makes sense, doesn’t it? We are constantly advertised to. From TV to radio to social media to podcasts to signs and billboards, it seems that someone is always trying to grab our attention, usually so they can sell us something.

In that advertising landscape, a notice for an event at a church is easy to look over, or, frankly, to be suspicious of.

But when a personal invitation is extended from someone we trust, we are far more likely to consider taking the risk of showing up somewhere for the first time.

I am grateful for everyone’s feedback, and we will do more to advertise the next Ag Day in Argyle. And also, I wanted to share this with you as we turn our calendars to August and September. We have several great opportunities ahead to invite folks to join us here at Willow Creek. We have our Respite Tent at the Boone County Fair (August 5th - 10th, be sure and sign up for your shift!) Outdoor Worship at Scottish Argyle Cemetery on Sunday, August 31st, the Bed Build on Saturday, September 6th, and the Kirkin’ on Sunday, September 21st. Each of these are wonderful ways for people who are not yet a part of your church family to get to know who we are. I hope you can join us, and I hope you can invite someone new to join us as well! ~Pastor Lauren

BOONE COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 5TH - 10TH 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. This is one of our favorite ways to serve as a church family and let our wider community know what a caring congregation Willow Creek is.

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Our Church Office will be open **Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:30a - 12p until Thursday, August 28th**. We will return to regular office hours (**MWF 8:30am - 1:30pm**) on **Wednesday, September 3rd**. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Church Office.

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

- 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!

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SUMMER MISSION DRIVE FOR THE BABY BANK We need your help collecting items for the Belvidere Baby Bank. Their current wish list: *Diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 and 6), Wipes, Baby Safe Shampoo and Detergent, Rash Creams, New and Gently Used Stuffed Animals, New and Gently Used Baby Clothes and Supplies.*

A NOTE FROM LIZ O'LEARY Here is the line up for this month's Special Music! 🎵 Liz

- **August 3rd:** Tom Andrew, Keyboard
- **August 10th:** Mandy Nelson, Flute
- **August 17th:** Joyce Zartman, Bells and Bill Zartman, Violin
- **August 24th:** Elizabeth O'leary, Contralto
- **August 31st:** Lucas Greenlee, Pipes

SESSION SUMMARY The Session traditionally takes the month of July off, so there is no summary for this Streamer. Check back next month for updates on what your Elders have been up to!

WCPC OPERATING STATISTICS June was a below average month for giving. We are seeing a general improved giving trend compared to previous years. Our expenses were slightly above average due to some staff and office admin activity. Currently we are in the red for the year \$13,745.79. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church.

	April, 2025	Year-to-Date
Income	11,665.67	85,473.60
Expenses	15,464.76	99,219.39
Excess/(Deficit)	(3,799.09)	(13,745.79)

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday 3 rd	10a	Worship - Led by our Presbyterian Youth Triennium Team with Communion, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a Christian Education Meeting
Monday 4 th		Boone County Fair Set Up
Tuesday 5 th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals 1st Day of the Boone County Fair
Wednesday 6 th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 7 th	11:30a	Ladies Luncheon
Sunday 10 th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 12 th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals, 6:30p Session Meeting
Sunday 17 th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 19 th	8a	Building & Grounds Meeting, 5:30p Worship & Music Meeting, 6p Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Wednesday 20 th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Sunday 24 th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 26 th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Sunday 31 st	10a	Worship- Outside the Chapel at Scottish Argyle Cemetery, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E

LIVING WITH GRIEF GROUP will resume in September. Stay tuned for details.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume regularly (3 Sundays each month) after Labor Day. Check the September Streamer for precise dates.

COMMUNION MEMORIAL SERVICE AT SCOTTISH ARGYLE CEMETERY SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST AT 10AM

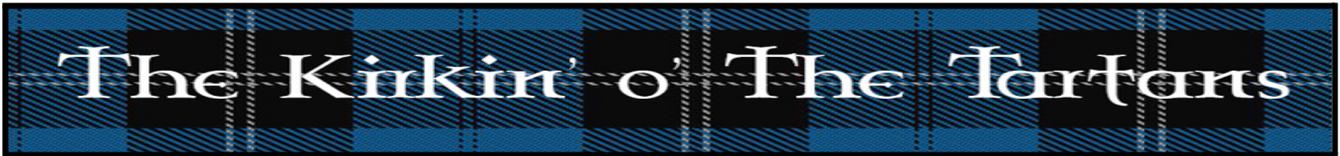
Last year, our church family found the *Memorial Service over Labor Day weekend* at the cemetery chapel very meaningful, and so the Session and Worship & Music Committee felt compelled to plan a similar service this year. Join us for this special Sunday where we will worship outside (*please bring a chair*) and celebrate the past, present and future of our church.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES TO BE PRINTED! The Church Office will print current Church Directories on **Thursday, August 28th, 2025**. The directories will be available for pick up at church or by mail if you let Lindsey know. ***If you do not want your contact information shared in the directory, please let Lindsey know by Thursday, August 21st, 2025 via office@willowcreekpc.org or 815/885-3455.***

YOUTH GROUP KICKS OFF ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH! All 6th - 12th graders are welcome to join us at 11:30am for lunch, fellowship and fun at church. We will continue to meet about every other Sunday throughout the fall. See Maren, Lucas or Lauren if you have any questions. ***There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to provide a meal for the youth group this fall.***

BED BUILD - SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH 9a - 2p Please join us for this important service project! We will build 30 beds for children in our community who are currently sleeping on the floor or couches. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers (if you'd like to donate lunch, let Pastor Lauren or Mary Beth know!) Details to come on a bedding drive to provide sheets, etc to go with the beds. Let others know of this great opportunity to serve our community!

ARGYLE PRESCHOOL WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR/TEACHER SARAH GOEBEL Sarah is not a stranger to Willow Creek, and is a highly qualified early childhood educator. We are delighted to have her leading our Preschool! Be sure and warmly welcome her. The first day of school for Argyle Preschool is Wednesday, September 3rd.



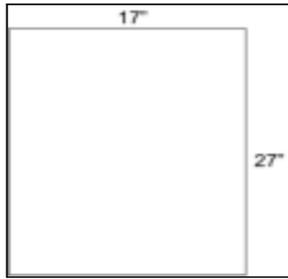
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025 SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE & POTLUCK Remember, we are not all of Scottish descent - we celebrate any and all backgrounds! The dowel for the flag/banner will be provided. Banner Instructions for the Kirkin' will be available on the following page, as well as hard copies available in the Fellowship Hall, Argyle Room & outside the Church Office door.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRAYERS FROM PASTOR LAUREN AND FAMILY Thank you to our wonderful church family for your prayers, cards, kindness and understanding throughout this summer. Losing my dad and then my brother's mother-in-law had me traveling back and forth to Georgia. Thank you for helping with Emmett (and Knox!) and for your patience as I worked from here and there and also took time off. I especially want to thank our wonderful church staff and Pastor Tanya for being flexible, and our Clerk of Session Rebekah Landi who was also the Director of VBS and a key leader for Ag Day in Argyle. She especially made it easy for me to step away and be present with my family, and I couldn't be more grateful. I am so thankful that you are my church family. Thank you. ~ Pastor Lauren, Scott & Emmett

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BANNER TUTORIAL FOR KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

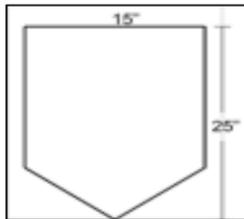
1. Procure solid or tartan fabric. You will need roughly 17"x27". Three sides of a brown paper shopping bag can be used as a rough template.



2. Fold both sides in approximately 1" to obtain a finished width of 15". Sew sides or use iron-on hem tape.
3. Fold top down approximately 2" to obtain finished height of 25". Sew or use iron-on hem tape. The dowel rod used to hang the banner will fit through this slot.



4. Fold in triangles at bottom till they meet. Sew or use iron-on hem tape.



5. Add family crest, family name, family photo, or any other appropriate decoration to individualize your banner.



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