



A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAUREN When we start working on the Streamer, we always glance back at what was going on a year ago. For the June 2025 Streamer, I wrote this about our then upcoming Ag Day in Argyle: “We are hoping folks just stop in as they drive by, curious about what we’re up to here on the corner of Belvidere Rd. & Highway 173. Let’s all embrace this opportunity to show our neighbors that our church is not only a beautiful building. Our church is a community full of God’s love and grace where all are welcome.” These things all continue to be true - our church and grounds are reminders of beauty and peace to all who drive by. And our community remains full of love and grace where all are welcome. And, we continue to offer opportunities for neighbors passing by to wonder what we’re up to here on the corner of Belvidere Rd. & Highway 173.

The last few days have been full of activity behind the manse as a committed team of volunteers have installed **raised garden beds**, filled them with rich soil, and begun planting. If you want to get in on the fun, see Mary Beth Gratz or Pat Nortch to help with our growing church community garden. .

And soon, the parking lot will be busy as **Pickleball Courts** are chalked in and a group begins playing at 5:30pm on Mondays throughout the summer - all are welcome! Extra paddles are available and this group is very hospitable to beginners. If you have any questions, see Stephen Clark or Lon Clark.

On Sunday, June 21st we’ll continue one of our favorite summer traditions and **worship in the parking lot**.

Then, it’ll be time for our wonderful **VBS** week as we explore how “*Out of This World!*” God’s love is.

Registration is open and volunteers are welcome! See Rebekah Landi for more information.

And of course, we continue to work on cleaning out our building’s nooks and crannies and updating space so that it can be used by more of our community.

What a wonderful season this is at Willow Creek. Even while we carry grief of those no longer with us, there are signs of spring: energy, creativity and hope. Having just celebrated Pentecost this past Sunday, let’s pause deeply, breathe in God’s mercies, and breathe out God’s blessings, as we consider what ministries the wild, wonderful Spirit of God is rustling up and calling us into in the coming months. That will include our second *Ag Day in Argyle* on Saturday, September 26th. A year ago, Ag Day was a new idea, with the Fireside Room not yet painted and still awaiting flooring and furniture. Think of all that you have made happen for our church and community in the past year - we have so much to be grateful for and excited about. Look at what God *did* over the course of a year. What is God doing now, what is God doing next? I’m grateful to be on this journey of finding out with you. ~ Pastor Lauren

SUMMER SERMON SERIES *For the Love of...* everything you ever hoped there *wouldn’t* be a sermon about?

This summer we’ll spend a few weeks on **For the Love of Money** - what *does* the Bible say about money?

This is *not* a stewardship series! But money is, of course, an important part of our daily lives, and often a source of stress, and an area where questions around ethics and morality arise. Thankfully, our faith does have something to say about our relationship with money.

Then, on July 5th, the focus will be **For the Love of Country**. It seems like everyone has an opinion on politics and patriotism and honestly, that’s not what this service will be about. But we will turn to Scripture’s guidance for what it means to love our country, to love our communities, and to love our neighbors as God has loved us.

Finally, in August, we will spend a week or two on **For the Love...** what does the Bible say about love, marriage and relationships? Plenty! But it may not be what we *think* it says.

What other topics do you kind of wish the preacher wouldn’t mention... while also wishing someone would explain what the Bible says about them? Let Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya know!

SUMMER BOOK CLUB Join us this summer as we read one of my favorite books, *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans! We will meet on Thursdays 6/18, 7/9 and 7/23 at 10:30am. This book explores the different “genres” within Scripture. You are welcome to join the discussions whether you read along or not! This topic is perfect for folks new to Bible study, and for those who have been studying for decades. *Support your local bookstore! If you would like to order the book through Inkwell in Rockton let Pastor Lauren know. Another message will be sent out with pricing info.*

CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING! Confirmation is an opportunity to explore our faith and consider joining the church, and is especially for rising 8th and 9th graders. A class is forming that will meet July 27th - 30th from 10am - 2pm. There will be a couple of Sunday meetings in August and September as well. See Pastor Lauren for more information.

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

- JUNE 21ST WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT 10am **bring a chair**
- JUNE 28TH VBS SUNDAY 10am in the Sanctuary
- JULY 12TH WORSHIP IN THE PARK 10am @ Aberdeen Park
- JULY 26TH SUMMER HYMN SING
- SEPTEMBER 6TH 10AM WORSHIP OUTSIDE THE CHAPEL AT SCOTTISH ARGYLE CEMETERY
- SEPTEMBER 13TH Kirkin' Sunday!

A NOTE FROM LIZ O'LEARY Special Music Schedule~

- June 7th: Mandy Nelson, Flute
- June 14th: Natalie Wooden, Vocalist
- June 21st: Ron Muzzarelli, Vocalist
- June 22th: VBS Sunday - Deborah Dunnavan, Keyboard

SESSION SUMMARY The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle met on May 5, 2026 for the regularly stated meeting. The meeting opened at 6:00pm with prayer and devotions.

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

The following actions were taken:

- Consent agenda was received and approved as stated.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the use of Bob Lamont and Marilyn Taylor's memorial funds to cover the cost of the couch, 2 chairs, and rug for the Fireside room. The motion passed.
- A motion was made and seconded to receive Stacy Lambrecht by certificate of transfer and Stephanie Berg, Stephen Clark, Mary Dodaro, Marisa O'Dell and Kathryn Whittaker by reaffirmation of faith into our membership. The motion passed.
- A motion was made to approve the F/P/E committee's decision to give our bookkeeper 2 days sick leave per calendar year. The motion passed.

WCPC OPERATING STATISTICS April was below average for giving at Willow Creek. We are seeing a general improved giving compared to last year. Our expenses were average for a Spring month. Currently, we are in the red for the year \$13932.06. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church.

	<u>April, 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	10,987.65	54,494.76
Expenses	15,220.28	68,426.82
Excess/(Deficit)	(4,232.63)	(13,932.06)

JUNE CALENDAR

Tuesday 2 nd	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals, 6p Session
Wednesday 3 rd	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 4 th	6p	Bell's Rehearsal
Saturday 6 th		Youth Lock In 6/6 - 6/7
Sunday 7 th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 9 th	6p	Pipe Band
Thursday 11 th	6p	Bell's Rehearsal
Sunday 14 th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a VBS Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday 16 th	8a	Buildings & Grounds, 5:30p Worship & Music, 6p Pipe Band
Wednesday 17 th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 18 th	6p	Bell's Rehearsal
Sunday 21 st	10a	Worship - Worship in the parking lot (bring a chair)!, 11a Fellowship
Monday 22 nd	9a-12	VBS <i>Opening Day</i> - "God's Love Is Out Of This World!"
Tuesday 23 rd	9a-12	VBS, 6p Pipe Band
Wednesday 24 th	9a-12	VBS
Thursday 25 th	9a-12	VBS, 6p Bell's Rehearsal
Sunday 28 th	10a	Worship - VBS Sunday, 11a Fellowship , 11:15a F/P/E, 11:30a Deacon's
Tuesday 30 th	6p	Pipe Band

THANK YOU ARGYLE PRESCHOOL STAFF FOR A GREAT 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR! On behalf of WCPC Family, Friends & Staff - Thank you to Ms. Natalie, Ms. Karli and Ms. Lindsey for all you have done to make this school year amazing! Can't wait for next school year!

THANK YOU TEACHERS & LEADERS! If you see these folks around, be sure to tell them an extra "thank you!" for the energy, imagination, resilience and love they give to the young people in our church. *Children's Sunday School Teachers:* Rebekah Landi, Karli Rankin and Molly Shipton | *Youth Group Leaders:* Lucas Greenlee and Maren Reid | *Nursery Attendants:* Emily Monroe and Will Monroe

WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT We plan to worship in the Parking Lot again this Summer! Join us outside on **June 21st**. Bring a chair or sit in your car! (weather pending).

WORSHIP IN THE PARK SAVE THE DATE Sunday, July 12th at 10am Aberdeen Park - bring a chair, a side to share and something to throw on the grill!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL We will be taking a break during the summer and resume in September.

VBS VOLUNTEERS INFO SESSION Sunday, June 14th 11:15am - 12pm All VBS Volunteers please plan to join us for a check-in and info session. If you've been thinking about joining us as a volunteer for VBS week, this meeting will be a great opportunity to learn more and get your questions answered!

MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

For more information about our staff and volunteers, visit our website. The Church Office hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9a - 12p. 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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Join us at **Willow Creek Presbyterian Church** for an exciting week of learning about God's love through fun-filled activities including music, a Bible lesson, crafts, science and games!

A snack will also be provided each day.

June 22nd - 25th, 2026 from 9:00a - 12:00p

The registration fee is \$10 for the week with a \$30 family maximum.

We welcome all children
Preschool* through 6th grade to join 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. * Children must be potty-trained to attend

VBS - God's love is Out of This World! - 2026 Registration Form

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE _____ SHIRT SIZE _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

PHONE _____ PREFER CALL OR TEXT? _____

EMAIL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL INFORMATION _____

For households with more than one child - please list additional names, ages and shirt sizes on the back of this form.

For Office Use Only - Paid ___ Cash/Check___ Check #___