



A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAUREN Your Session is delighted to announce that our congregation is a recipient of the **Cora J. Pope Trust Grant**. This grant helps people age 55 and older remain safely and securely in their homes through timely, dignified support. Funds may be used for needs such as utility assistance, home repairs or modifications (installing ramps or grab bars, etc), key household items (such as window air-conditioning units), paying for home health aids, or other expenses directly related to housing stability.

If you are 55 and older and have a need like this, please fill out the brief application (in the Fellowship Hall, or call or email the Church Office) and turn it into the Church Office (by email, mail or in person) by **Monday, October 5th**.

The Mission Working Group will review all of the requests and then notify recipients of their awards as soon as possible after the 5th. We anticipate awarding 10 grants of \$400 each. However, we may learn that our congregation's needs don't quite match up with a format of 10 grants at \$400 each. If that's the case, further information will be sent out after **October 5th** on how we will proceed in our efforts to disperse the full grant. The Session and the Mission Working Group appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we learn more about our community's needs and navigate managing the grant. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or Clerk of Session Rebekah Landi. ~ Pastor Lauren

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY will be observed during worship on **Sunday, November 1st**. If there is a name you would like to have honored, let Pastor Lauren or the Church Office know by **Wednesday, October 28th**.



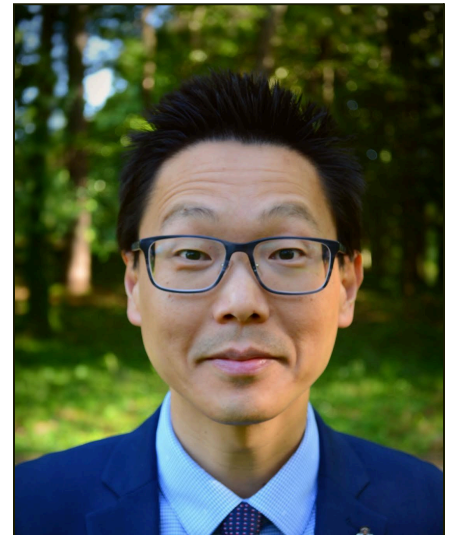
AG DAY IN ARGYLE was wonderful! Thank you to everyone who made it happen, especially our planning team (Rebekah, Molly, Karli & Brianne) and Paulson's Agricultural Museum of Argyle, Belvidere FFA and Green Oaks! And thank you to everyone who brought pies. We welcomed many guests from our community who were especially grateful for a fun, free outdoor event on a beautiful fall day that celebrated our agricultural community. Thank you, Willow Creek!

FALL SERMON SERIES Inspired by *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans.

Oct 4th Wisdom Stories * Oct 11th Resistance Stories (Pastor Tanya Preaching) * Oct 18th Gospel Stories
Oct 25th Fish Stories * Nov 1st Church Stories

NOVEMBER GUEST PREACHER AND BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITIES We will welcome the Rev. Dr. William Yoo as a guest preacher and presenter at the Presbytery Assembly meeting (at Willow Creek) on Tuesday, November 10th, and as a guest preacher here at Willow Creek on November 8th.

Dr. Yoo is a respected author, professor and public theologian who interprets the most challenging and urgent issues of racial justice with clarity, depth, honesty, and precision. His conviction is that deeper engagement with history aids us in more faithful and effective participation in our present ministries exhibiting God's love, justice, grace, and righteousness. When studying the development of Christianity in the United States, he is motivated to find both beautiful moments of awe-inspiring faith and ugly episodes where it is difficult to discern the divine presence. He is a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a member of Cherokee Presbytery (Northwest Georgia). He previously served on the Board of Directors for the Presbyterian Historical Society. William and his spouse, Sarah, a middle school educator in Atlanta Public Schools, reside in Decatur, Georgia with their two teenage children and two cats.



One remaining **book club meeting** is scheduled as we prepare to welcome Dr. Yoo. These books are not necessarily the focus of what he will share with us in November, but are opportunities to get to know the author and explore his area of expertise as the Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary. *Thursday, July 30th at 1pm at Stronghold to discuss What Kind of Christianity*
Thursday, November 5th at 1pm at Stronghold to discuss Reckoning with History (new date)
While the hope is that participants can complete the books before the meetings, all are welcome to the discussion. Please see Pastor Lauren if you'd like her to order copies of the books for you. *If you are interested in discussing one or both titles, but can't make the meetings, please let Pastor Lauren know. If there's enough interest, additional book discussions will be scheduled.*

SESSION SUMMARY The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle met on September 1, 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, Lon Clark, Molly Shipton, Pat Nortch, and Cindy Nelson. Jeff Cummings was excused. A quorum was declared.

The following actions were taken:

- A motion was made and seconded to pay Dr. Yoo \$150 for pulpit supply plus \$200 for his hotel accommodations. The motion passed.
- A motion was made and seconded that any money made over the dinner expenses from the spaghetti dinner will go to the family in need fund. The motion passed.
- A motion was made and seconded to award Phoenix Greenlee the Flora McEachran Scholarship of \$500. The motion passed.
- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Molly to serve as the elder on the nominating committee. The motion passed.

A NOTE FROM LIZ O'LEARY Hi Willow Creek Friends! We have a good line up for Special Music in October. 🎵 Liz

- **October 4th:** Dianne Londo, Keyboard
- **October 11th:** Ron Muzzarelli, Vocalist
- **October 18th:** Dan Holmes, Voice and Guitar
- **October 25th:** Tom Andrew, Organist

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL All Preschool through 5th graders are welcome to join us after the Children's Moment on Sundays around 10:30a. This month we will meet on the 11th, 18th & 25th. Please mark these dates on your calendars! See Rebekah, Karli or Molly if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP All 6th - 12th graders are welcome to join us at 11:30a for lunch, fellowship and fun at church. We will continue to meet about every other Sunday throughout the Fall. This month we will meet on the 11th and the 25th. Please mark these dates on your calendars! See Maren or Lauren if you have any questions. **There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to provide lunch for the Youth Group.**

LIVING WITH GRIEF GROUP Join us on **Tuesday, October 6th at 1pm** for our **Living with Grief** Group. We will be discussing the second chapter of the book Understanding Your Grief by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. Come and join us!

WCPC OPERATING STATISTICS August was an average for giving at Willow Creek. We are seeing a decline in giving compared to last year. Our expenses were below average for a Summer month. Currently we are in the red for the year \$28,545.18. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church.

	August, 2026	Year-to-Date
Income	\$14,021.58	\$101,919.68
Expenses	\$13,146.53	\$130,464.86
Excess/(Deficit)	\$875.05	\$(28,545.18)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Thursday 1 st	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 4 th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 6 th	1p	Grief Group, 6p Session Meeting
Wednesday 7 th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 5:30p AA Meeting, 6p Nominating Committee
Thursday 8 th	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 11 th	10a	Worship - Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Youth Group
Monday 12 th		Indigenous Peoples' Day! - No Argyle Preschool, Church Office Closed
Wednesday 14 th	5:30p	AA Meeting
Thursday 15 th	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Friday 16 th	5:30p	A Taste of Talent - Spaghetti Dinner & Variety Show
Sunday 18 th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Deacon Meeting
Tuesday 20 th	8a	Buildings & Grounds Meeting, 5:30p Music & Worship Meeting
Wednesday 21 st	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant, 5:30p AA Meeting
Thursday 22 nd	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 25 th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E, 11:30a Youth Group
Wednesday 28 th	5:30p	AA Meeting
Thursday 29 th	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Friday 30 th		 Argyle Preschool Halloween Party

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Clocks will “fall back” one hour at 2am on **Sunday, November 1st**.

BUILDING UPDATES If you haven't lately, be sure and swing by the kitchen and see the hard work from our small group that's working on building updates! Bryan Ambrose, Katherine Ralston, Karli Rankin, Riley Rankin, Kim Reid and others put a lot of energy into this recent round of clean up and reorganization. We also have two new refrigerators that fit better into the space. I am especially grateful that the beautiful stained glass windows are more visible.

The Church Library and Fireside Room are also looking better and better! The Church Library needed to be shifted some to make space for our second Children's Sunday School class. It's very exciting to need to create more space for more kids.

More updates are planned for the kitchen and other spaces in the near future. Stay tuned for opportunities to help as we work hard to make sure our church building is in the best shape possible to welcome and care for our community!

PASTOR LAUREN will be on **vacation** October 8th - 13th.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 2026 will be November 15th.



Thank you all for another wonderful Kirkin' O' the Tartans service and potluck!
Feel free to take your tartans home, but **please leave the dowels for next year.**

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 8:30a - 12:30p.

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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