



Willard - Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church

The Cornerstone

April 2013

Pastor Gene and Betsy want to say **THANKS** for the good times we have had with you folks here at Willard Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church these last two months. You have been a wonderful congregation. Pastor Gene will continue to be the Moderator of Session and available for Pastoral care if needed until an Interim is secured. Do not hesitate to call if you have a need. 417.737.0138.

Thursday, March 28

Soup & Bread 6 p.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary 6:30 p.m.



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Presbyterian Church
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Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Worship Service- 10:00 AM

It is the mission of Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church to serve God, to reach out in love and care for our congregation, our community and the world; to be people who are Christ centered, fed by God's word and led by the Holy Spirit.
COME HOME TO CHURCH.



Easter Sunday at Willard Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church

- Sunrise at Methodist Church 7AM
- 10AM ONE Great Service with...
 - Communion
 - Confirmation
 - Communication the Easter Message:

The Resurrection: Fraud, Foolishness or Fact



Remember Special Offering ...

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
Palm Sunday and Easter
Sunday**



“World Day of Prayer”

The PW met with the women of the Methodist church March 1st for World Day of Prayer.

The program was presented by the Methodist Women on the country of France. They had fifteen (15) women participate in the very interesting program. We enjoyed guest pianist Marie Alberti-Thomson. Special music was provided by Michelle Bunge and Jim Tranbarger was our sound technician. The blessing for the day and the luncheon was given by the Rev Dr. Gene Campbell.

We gathered in the all-purpose room for a luncheon prepared by the PW women. We served Anita Farmer's Chicken/Spaghetti casserole, roasted vegetables, fruit salad and croissants. Dessert of the day was strawberry shortcake made by Mildred.

The tables were beautifully decorated by Stephanie with Eiffel Towers on each table from a collection of her sister, Susie. Everyone enjoyed looking at each tower.

We served thirty-two (32) people.

While the women were preparing the casserole for WDP we made come casseroles for our freezer. These casseroles are given to members that are sick or going home from the hospital if we are aware of the need.

The Dorcas Group is still tying knots for items being given to Newborns-in-Need. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month and can always use more help.

All women are members of PW and welcome to our meetings the 1st Thursday of each month at 9:30AM.

God's Blessing,
Suzy Bunge

From Your Pastoral Presbyter

April is supposed to be the month for showers and if it is anything like this past March, we should be experiencing a relief from the drought. When I first entered the ministry, one of the things I heard as a rural pastor was the “wisdom” of nature in sayings that seemed as old as time itself. From the spoons is a persimmon seed which predicted snow – sometimes true, sometimes not – to the one which proved true more often that not – if it rains on Easter, it will rain for the next six Sundays. That one is pretty sure because Easter comes in a couple of the rainiest seasons in southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas. These *Old Wives Tales* always intrigued me. The people who came up with them must have been very close to nature and very observant so they could see patterns in what happens in God's creation. It has caused me to think about how attentive I am to what God is doing all around me. I have to admit that now that I live at the lake, I am more attentive to God's creation. I listen for the turkeys, the Phoebes, the crows and the lapping of the water on the shore. When it snows, I love the silence of the forest which seems to be amplified by the snow. And something I discovered this fall is that I can hear leaves as they fall to the forest floor. My appreciation for God's creation has grown a lot in the last few months.

In another vein, my appreciation for the body of Christ has grown a lot in the last ten years. I have witnessed how people care for one another. I have seen the love of Christ lived out faithfully when towns have been devastated by tornados, floods and ice. I have watched as churches struggle with leadership and have ended up stronger because of the struggle. I have seen relationships blossom and flourish in spite of distance and differences. The body of Christ is amazing and my appreciation for it grows each day. In light of this, I just want to say thank you to each member of this Presbytery for taking our connectionalism seriously. It is because of members like you that we can be stronger and more effective as we live out our faith each day.

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Dial-A-Prayer

Please remember that Member Care has revised the prayer concerns list. The new prayer concerns will be left on for about a month. If you would like your concern left on longer or removed sooner, you will need to notify us. We are all in need of prayer and urge you to continue praying for the members of our church and their families.

Prayer Concerns in This Part of Christ's Family

If you have a prayer concern for the next newsletter, please advise the church office, Linda Cameron or Mickey Goodson.

Cancer Patients

Barbara O'Quinn, Bob Ivey (father of Lee Anne Peterson)

Continuing Prayer

Eli Rader, Harry Cook, Henry Wills, Jerry Jones, Ralph Cox (father of Deb Frey), Sam & Mary Lou Farmer, Bid Doucette (granddaughter-in-law of the Noltes),

New Prayer Concerns

Janine Barry & family, Anna Rafferty & family

Military Personnel

Captain Dylan Farmer (grandson of Sam & Mary Lou Farmer) Helicopter pilot in Afghanistan

**Join The
Coffee Group
Tuesdays at
8:30AM**



***Your
Thoughts are
valuable***

The group plans to enjoy biscuits and gravy March 26th, 2013. Please join us. All are invited to come. We share friendship and ideas for the future of this church.



**Pastor Gene is available for
Pastoral Care/visitation...
Call 417.737.0138**

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session received with regret the formal resignation of Harry Cook as webmaster of WMZP.com. No one was suggested as a possible replacement.

Funding / Stewardship: \$1,106 received in February for Anita Farmer and Jack Rafferty memorials.

February operating fund: income \$35,850.90 (includes \$30,000 transfer from Morgan Stanley), expenses \$6,980.35, balance \$35,593.11; February building fund: income \$329.34, expenses \$1,199.49, balance \$25,621.79; investments: \$26,442.67; total all funds including special funds \$85,367.46. Balance in the Morgan Stanley account of the Leo Day Memorial is \$2,717.15. Balance in other memorials is \$14,679.55.

Deb Frey, chair of the Advisory Committee for Memorial Monies, has secured five members to be on the committee. Session agreed that Janet not be a part of the Advisory Committee for Memorial Monies as she is treasurer and to ensure there is no conflict of interest.

Facilities and Property: Due to high winds some of the shingles came off the roof. Eagleburger Roofing replaced the shingles at a cost of \$100. Thank you to Raymond who noticed the shingles on the ground and for meeting the worker. Also, thanks to J. M. for giving Raymond the name of the roofing company. Raymond was told that the tarpaper was also gone and it was down to the bare wood and that if it had rained before the repairs, there would have been damage to the ceiling.

Faith Development (FD): Team is still looking for a youth Sunday school teacher for one student. It was decided to continue with Children's time during worship, as parents consider it important. Plans were made for the Easter party during fellowship time on Easter Sunday, March 31. There will be cake in honor of Maile Barry's confirmation, punch, egg hunt, and bubble-blowing. The session will

examine confirmation student, Maile Barry, after Palm Sunday. Team is checking with members of the congregation to see how the Youth Group might help them.

Health Ministries: Plans for the Cox Care Mobile sports physicals are moving forward. The dates are June 20, 21, and 27. Information is being prepared for the school.

PW: World Day of Prayer was a great success – good program and good food. The PW JCP is looking for someone to fill the vice moderator position. If you know of anyone you think would be interested, please call Judy Wyrick at 417-883-0706 (home), 417-861-0129 (cell), or email at jwyrick54@gmail.com.

Member Care / Reaching Out: The session empowered and encouraged Sam McCown to continue placing our church information in the free faith section of the Springfield News Leader.

Personnel: Deb Frey needs to form a team. Janet will get job duties and descriptions to Deb.

Worship Team: There will be a Maundy Thursday service on March 28. There will be a light meal of soup and bread at 6:00 p.m. A worship service will be held in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Regular communion will be served on Easter Sunday.

Miscellaneous: Rev. Campbell is covering pastoral care for WMZPC. Pastoral visits were made.

Rev. Campbell is available for pastoral care and can be reached at 417-737-0138.

The Administrative Commission from JCP is still available if someone has a need or questions.

You may contact Julie Mercer-Kidd or Melana Scruggs.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	GS 3-5p		Choir 6:30 pm Worship team meeting 7:30 pm	PW 9:30 am	Scrapbooking 6-Midnight	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	GS 3-5p		Dorcas 9 am Choir 6:30 pm	Session 7 pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	GS 3-5p		Choir 6:30 pm			Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	GS 3-5p		Dorcas 9 am Choir 6:30 pm			
28	29	30				

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 M. J. Sanger
7 * Ed & Susan Bunge
13 * Al & Lorraine Nolte
14 * John & Leah Nipper



19 * Tim & Sally Smith
20 Tim Smith
23 Carol Spragg
27 * Richard & Connie Whaley

"MARCH SHOWERS
BRINGS APRIL FLOWERS"