

Willard - Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church

The Cornerstone October 2013

The Peacemaking Offering will be received on Sunday, October 6. The 25% we retain will be donated to the Willard Food Pantry. Please give generously.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2013 following worship for the purpose of electing officers.

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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.



PW BAZAAR!!!!!!!
Saturday, November 9, 2013
9am to 2pm

Thank you to all who have contacted me regarding the Bazaar. I really appreciate you!!

Are you working on crafts for the craft room?
We sure hope so!

Are you collecting recipes for the bake room? We hope so!!!! Remember we call it "The Bake Room" but there is a lot more in that room; Jelly, pickles, relish, candy, cookbooks. This is the time to make those things with all the produce in your gardens.

Dorcas room.....handmade items for babies, throws and all the things this wonderful group of women make.

Please put it on your calendar to have lunch with us 11am to 1 pm. We will be serving turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, salads, pies, cookies and cake.

If you can help us, please call Suzy Bunge 833-0221.



The monthly meeting of Presbyterian Women met on September 5, 2013. Anna presented the devotions from Psalm 23. God tends his flock like a shepherd. Jesus Christ is the true lamb of God redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Anna closed with prayer.

Our group encourages all women of the church to come to our meetings the first Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. We welcome all women.

The current issue of Presbyterians Today has an excellent article "*How to speak Presbyterian*" and was brought to our attention by Suzy. This is a guide to some of the most-used terms and abbreviations in the Presbyterian Church. It is worth your time to read.

The free lunch on August 25 was organized by Delores for which we thank her very much. She did a good job.

Dorcas ladies still meet every second and fourth Wednesdays to make baby quilts for Newborns-in-Need. Finished quilts are delivered to them frequently by Anna.

The new slate of officers selected for 2014 are: Moderator, Suzy; Vice Moderator, Helen; Treasurer, Nancy and Secretary, Anna.

The Presbyterian Women's Presbytery is sponsoring personal hygiene and health kits. Our group voted to contribute \$30 to cover the cost of three kits.

We were happy to learn that Debbie Esselman was elected Presbyterian Women's representative in the Synod of Mid-America of JCP. We learned from her that it has been 25 years since PW mission work was formed, so a \$25 pledge toward this celebration was suggested. Our group voted to send in our \$25 pledge.

Raffle tickets will soon be available for a \$1 donation. The afghan (made by Delores) and other suitable items will be among the contents of the basket.

Free lunch Sunday, October 27

Ham & Beans (white & brown)

Slaw

Cornbread

ALL ARE WELCOME!

AN OCTOBER "SHOWER OF BLESSINGS"

Our congregation's response to the July Shower of Blessings for the Regional Girls' Shelter was wonderful! We were able to deliver two very large tote boxes full of all the personal care products girls love and need. The shelter personnel were delighted, as the theme of our shower meshed perfectly with their new program, which prepares high school-age girls for their transition to life on their own.

As colder days approach, our next shower will be for the benefit of residents of the Willard Care Center. Some have no relatives nearby to aid in their care, or have limited financial resources. What sorts of needs might they have? Very practical ones: socks (men's and women's), knit slippers, cardigan sweaters, sweatshirts and pants, ball caps for men, hairbrushes and combs, body or hand lotion, and similar items. Many of us have visited there, and have perhaps noticed other needs that we might include in that list.

Please bring your contribution to this Shower to church by Sunday, October 27. Meanwhile, why not add the residents of the Care Center to your own prayers each day? And remember the Jan Karon prayer: "Lord, make me a blessing to someone today."

From Your Pastoral Presbyter

Hebrews 10:22-25

The Message (MSG)

²²⁻²⁵ So let's *do* it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.

Currently I am reading a book called Being Church: Reflections on How to Live as the People of God by John F. Alexander. Melana recommended this book to me and I suggested it to a devotion group in which I participate, so we are taking one chapter a week and having an online discussion. I have learned a lot from this book about being church. One statement the author makes in the third chapter is this, "*Church isn't the sort of thing you can go to. You can be the church, you can become the church, you can even do the church, but you can't go to church.*" I totally believe that statement. We can go to a building, but the building is not the church. We are the church. I have been thinking a lot about this statement. As a matter of fact, it has inspired a few sermons. What intrigues me about this statement is the fact that many people seriously believe that the church is a building and if you are a member of the church, you belong in that building to worship and praise God. While this is a part of being the church, it is not solely what Christians do. I have to admit that I love worshipping with a community of believers. There is something about coming together and giving God glory that speaks to my soul. But if that were all there was to being a Christian, the world would not have changed much when Christ became our Savior. So there is more to faith than just worshipping and worshipping does not have to take place in a building.

This building-less concept is also interesting because as our New Worshiping Community Team has been discerning a new community, the one thing which is clear to us is that we are not looking for a building. We are looking for people. We want to connect with people who have a longing for God but don't necessarily long to worship in the same place week after week. We want to connect with people who see the church as something they are or something they will become. It is a concept which allows the priesthood of believers to become a wonderful reality.

What would our churches look like without buildings? What mission could we do if we did not have to worry about upkeep for those buildings? These are questions that can make us think outside the box. What would it mean to your body of believers if you did not have a building but instead met on various homes? How would that impact your life, your mission, and your faith? I would be curious to hear your answers to these last three questions. My hope is that these questions help us better define who we are as people of God and how we can better serve the Lord. As always, I invite you to engage in conversation with me on this subject. My email is pastoralpresbyter@gmail.com and my phone number is (620) 674-1844.

May you be blessed as you bless others.

Pastor Susan Rosenbaum

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

Naomi O'Connell (mother of Amanda Sanger),
Ted Hansen, Jr. (brother of Sally Rader),
Dave James (brother-in-law of Sally & Jerome)

Continuing Prayer

Eli Rader, Ralph Cox (father of Deb Frey), Henry Wills,
Jerry Jones, Sam & Mary Lou Farmer,

New Prayer Concerns

Richard Whaley, Sandy Osborne (son of Glendora),
Mary Crighton, Stacey Johnson (daughter of Sam & Linda),

Military Personnel

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

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.

Session Highlights

Funding / Stewardship: still have money to pay bills so far. Pledges still down in August. The following financial information includes a transfer of \$207.07 from the building fund to the operating fund to cover utilities. Budget requests are needed by September 29. Stewardship kickoff will be October 20 following worship led by Rev. Dick Menzel. The committee met and will meet again on October 2.

August operating fund: income \$4,596.86, expenses \$6,171.41, balance including special funds \$20,557.46; August building fund: income \$430.17, expenses \$816.07, balance \$23,008.93; investments: \$26,465.29; total all funds \$70,031.68. Memorial and gifts: \$14,931.23. Morgan Stanley balance: \$3,822.42.

Advisory Committee for Memorial Monies: formal meeting held just prior to session meeting. Challenges were put on the table. They will meet again soon.

Facilities and Property: see article elsewhere in this newsletter

Faith Development: Chair of the committee reported Sunday school kickoff was September 8, with a special cake and punch served after church. Children's teachers are Janine Barry, Mary Snapp and Janet White. The parlor adult class shares teaching duties. Youth Group attended The Stand at Glendale Christian Church August 25, and heard an excellent message called "The Voice". On September 8 they spent an afternoon at Glow Golf in Springfield, followed by a visit to Andy's. The final September 28 meeting will feature Bible study and discussion.

PW Report: see PW article elsewhere in this newsletter

Personnel: no report

Member Care/ Reaching Out: Linda McCown will be taking over as chair of the committee.

Worship: no meeting held. Session approved receiving the Peacemaking Offering on the first Sunday in October. Our 25% that we retain will be given to the Willard Food Pantry.

Administrative Commission (AC) reported official word from Committee on Ministry (COM) that our delegate to the JCP meeting at Kimberling City could have spoken and voted on any action regarding our church. One of the members clarified about Rev. Gene Campbell. The Presbytery considered the time he served earlier in 2013 as a temporary interim which would make him ineligible to serve as a regular interim. Our Session thought he was pulpit supply. Another AC member gave copies of a list of interview questions that might be asked of potential pastoral candidates and a list of skill choices to consider (their church had recently been through a search process).

Miscellaneous:

The Session agreed for elder Mickey Goodson to replace Deb Frey as elder to serve on the 2013 church nominating committee along with Stephanie O'Neal and 5 members from the congregation.

Session authorized a by laws committee with Mickey as chair and members Suzy Bunge, Nancy Crighton, Glenn Kauffmann, and Anna Rafferty.

The Session received a form and discussed another interim pastor applicant.

The MO Annual Corporate Registration was filed.

Thank yous for donations were received from the Food Pantry and the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The Stewardship committee will review and update the church roll at their October 2 meeting.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 13 following worship to hear the report of the church nominating committee.

New 2013-2015 Book of Orders will be ordered.

" When you rehearse over and over in your mind the goodness and faithfulness of God, strength will begin to fill your heart."

YOUTH GROUP

Our tiny youth group (Maile and Annie in this case) attended “The Stand,” a tweens and teens program sponsored by Glendale Christian Church the afternoon of August 28. Their enthusiasm heightened by a Christian Rock Band (did you know Christian Rock Lyrics don’t ever seem to rhyme?) the hundreds of kids there heard a terrific message entitled “The Voice,” about listening for the voice of Jesus, the shepherd, in the midst of the daily noise around us. Afterward, we bought “The Stand” T-shirts and visited Andy’s and felt we had had a really good experience.

Our first September meeting was a strictly-for-fun trip to Glow Golf, an indoor (thank goodness, given the hot weather) miniature golf course, where we learned that the PGA will not be seeing us any time soon. It was lots of fun, though, and the girls also tried their skills in the lazer maze. That was followed by a trip to—where else?—Andy’s! The September 28 meeting will focus on service and Bible study, and, sadly, Andy’s will not be part of it.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The 2013-2014 Sunday School year kicked off September 8 with—what else?—cake and punch after worship service. Teachers Janine Barry, Mary Snapp and Janet White are leading our children’s classes. Their “Grow, Proclaim, Serve” material introduced the children to Deborah, Hannah, and Samuel in September and will focus on David in October.

Teaching duties are shared in the adult class that meets in the parlor and studies “The Present Word”. Join them to learn, and deepen your understanding!

Finally, plans are already in the works for a Christmas program that will involve both children and adults (yes, Christmas!)

Donation Opportunities



Aluminum cans for the Boy Scouts



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

Teacher – Glenn Kauffmann


The following class roster represents the finest group of young Christian folks I have ever had the privilege to meet and spend time with. Their families and the Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church can be very proud. It seemed like a good idea to have a dinner at the church for the young folks, their parents, and their mentors that shepherded them through confirmation class. The menu – I cooked the spaghetti sauce with meat balls, Lindy made her famous white cake for dessert, of course a veggie salad goes with spaghetti, and Donna, Milli and Mickey cooked the spaghetti and served. The young folks were– Zach Newman, Lucas Peterson, Justin Cook, Tanner Gardner, Stephanie Newman, Katarina Cook, Alex Newman, Tessa Peterson, and Danielle Sanger. M. J. Sanger, Brock Gardner and Logan Stokes were unable to attend because of work obligations. Parents able to attend were Debbie and Nick Newman, Lee Anne and Kevin Peterson, Mandy Sanger (Mike had to work), Joyce and Harry Cook, Dawne and Richard Gardner. Mentors Jerome Rader – Lucas, Kevin Peterson – Zach, Lindy Cameron – Stephanie, Debbie Newman – Tessa, Merlyn Goodson – Logan. The other mentors were unable to attend for various reasons. Glen Frey mentored Tanner and I'm sure he was there in spirit. Donna, Milli and Mickey had dinner with us. The total present was 25.

This was not a fancy affair, my reason for having such was to gather at home plate one last time to commiserate in good fellowship. I'm sure God smiled down on us that 7th day of August, 2013. It was joyful for me to see so many together again but a bit sad – I do miss those Sunday mornings. Old Sunday school teachers, like soldiers, never die – we just fade away.

At this point in the evening, after food and conversation, I asked each of the young folks to stand up and tell the group what they were doing or hoped to do. Stephanie was first, just learning to drive, but not sure of what she might like to do – sooo I have scheduled her to run for President of our country in 2036. She is pretty tough and may just pull it off. Alex is active in ROTC and plans to be a Conservation Officer. Zach is beginning his third year at West Point learning soldiering and majoring in Environmental Engineering. Lucas transferred from Drury to University of Missouri majoring in Meteorology. He is active in a Campus Ministry Group. By the way, Zach sends me a quarterly report on his progress at the academy. Got an E-mail from Lucas a few days ago – he is hard at work; I owe him a book list. Tanner grew about a foot overnight, I think they must have immersed him in Miracle Grow. His interest is music and a bit of the thespian in him means drama as well. Justin would like to find his career in photo journalism and my guess is if he sticks to it he'll be successful. Danielle is into the Biological Sciences – Doctor? Researcher? Lots of avenues there. Katarina wants to help people with various handicaps through nurturing with animals – a noble avenue, difficult but a great contribution. Finally, the 9th one present, Tessa. Her aim is studies in the field of Psychology, clinical perhaps. A good calling – Tessa, stick to it. Don't forget your writing. When life is busy a daily ledger, even if brief is great. If they recall, I encouraged all of the young folks to remember their daily reflections and meditations with God, and yes, maintain a ledger to remember who, what and where they are in life, and yes, count their blessings.

I was most thankful for such a wonderful evening with such a group of beautiful people. A special thanks to Donna, Milli, Mickey and Lindy for their help and support. Thanks to parents, mentors and the young folks for accepting my invitation and making it a memorable evening. Ah yes, home plate, what it was, what it is and what it will be with God blessing us each day. I love you all and wish we could be together more often. Take care and God bless.

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Do Right 8:30 am	2 Choir 6:30 pm	3 PW 9:30 am	4 Scrapbooking 6 pm	5
6 Peacemaking Offering Received	7 Yoga 6:30 pm	8 Do Right 8:30 am	9 Dorcas 9 am Choir 6:30 pm	10 Session 7 pm	11	12
13 Congregational Meeting following worship	14 Yoga 6:30 pm	15 Do Right 8:30 am	16 Choir 6:30 pm	17	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Willard United Methodist Church Bazaar
20 Stewardship Brunch after worship	21 Yoga 6:30 pm	22 Do Right 8:30 am	23 Dorcas 9 am Choir 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Free PW luncheon	28 Yoga 6:30 pm	29 Do Right 8:30 am	30 Choir 6:30 pm	31 		

October Birthdays & *Anniversaries

5 Ralph Wyman
8 * Bill & Mary Snapp
10 Kathryn Cox
11 Donna Cameron
11 * Ray & Mary Hardman



12 Ray Hardman
13 John Keitzer
19 Theda Keller
26 Audrey Davis
28 James Davis



A big supply of already-dug day lilies is available at the north door for adoption in the next week or two—sacks are available. These are the big ruffled peach day lilies. Some stella d'oro, yellow ones from around the flagpole, are also available.

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