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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.**



Willard - Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church

The Cornerstone

April 2011

Dear WMZP family:

Welcome to spring and the season of Lent. We are starting to see forsythia and daffodils in bloom and beginning to think about Lenten worship, Easter eggs and turning to the Lord in devotion and repentance.



The session and the "other" adult Sunday school class have been studying Robert Schnase's book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. We have shared with you some of our gleanings about Radical Hospitality, and now we are looking at the second practice, *Passionate Worship*. Here is a taste of what the author has to say: "In spiritually passionate communities, there's a palpable air of expectancy as people gather for worship. Musicians, ushers, greeters, and other hosts arrive early, and with care and eagerness they prepare together, encouraging one another. ..The gathering congregation, even when it includes many first-time visitors, never feels like a crowd of strangers. ..Clearly, the pastor, music leaders, and worshipers expect something important to take place, and they're eager to be part of it. They expect God to speak to them while they experience God's presence, forgiveness, hope, or direction. Singing together, joining voices in prayer, listening to the Word, confessing sins, celebrating the sacraments, they intermingle their lives with each other, and they connect to God. Expectancy pervades the congregation, the active passion to serve God and to love one another. You can feel it...Am I allowing God's Spirit to form me, change me, transform me through these (worship) experiences, or am I evaluating the quality of entertainment?" (pages 38 and 39.)

We would love for you to join the conversation as we seek to continue to put these ideas into practice: we incite you to read the book and accompanying study guide and to be part of the discussion and planning. What better time than Lent to ask the Spirit to breathe new life into our corporate worship life? We seek to increase our fruitfulness for God, as we are open to his leading and guidance.

Glad to be on the journey of faith with you in this time and place,
Pastor Lorraine

Lenten Opportunities for Worship and Study

- Lenten Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m. March 20 (led by men's group), March 27 (adult Sunday school class), April 3 (youth) and April 10 (PW). As we have offered in the past, these are 30-minute informal worship experiences to enrich and deepen our connection with God. Join us!
- We continue our sermon series on the book of Acts on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.
- Bible study on Wednesday evenings, 5:30 to 6:30 (adjourns in time for choir practice). We are studying the parables of Jesus. All are welcome!
- Two adult Sunday school classes, 9 a.m. Each would be happy to have you be part of the study and discussion.
- Palm Sunday, April 17, choir cantata, *Lord of Glory*, 10 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday worship, April 21 at 7 p.m. We will walk through the stations of the cross and celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- We gather to celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, April 24. Sunrise worship at 7 a.m. at the Willard United Methodist Church with combined choir and breakfast to follow; One Great Hour of Sharing, the ringing of the bell choir and lilies at 10 a.m.



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 24



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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No regular meeting was held for Presbyterian Women in March. We continue each March alternating with the Willard United Methodist Women the tradition of hosting World Day of Prayer.

On March 4th, the program on the country of Chile was presented by the Willard United Methodist Women, after which a delicious luncheon was served. Thanks to Suzy Bunge, Leah Pachi-Nipper, Geneva Tranbarger and Linda McCown for the lovely table decorations.

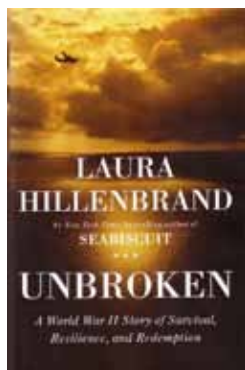
Our organization participated in the church's Job Fair on Sunday, March 13th with two women signing up to join us.

The next project is planning and preparing to host Spring Gathering here at Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 30, 2011. We invite all women to attend. Reservations will be required for the lunch and due by April 20 to Suzy Bunge (phone 833-0221). The price of lunch is \$7.

Many, many thanks to Eddy Bunge, Leon Baertschi, John Keitzer and Jim Tranbarger for installing our new microwave. The kitchen now has a built-in one.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m.

H. Bloomer
Acting Secretary



WE'RE READING AND READING AND TALKING AND TALKING!
Our women's Book Club is meeting on the fourth Monday of each month now—it just sort of evolved that way—and we're really enjoying the discussions our books create!

We'll discuss our March book—"Unbroken", by Laura Hillenbrand—on March 28. If you've read this amazing true story, come on over to the church at 7:00 p.m. Monday evening and join us.

We take turns selecting books, and Pastor Lorraine has picked our April book. It's "Unsqueezed", by Margot Starbuck (subtitle: Springing Free of Skinny Jeans, Nose Jobs, Highlights and Stilettos). I took one look at her copy and went straight to Amazon when I got home to order my own. This is a book with 100% 5-star reviews, described by its readers as funny and deep at the same time, and sure to make us look at ourselves and our culture differently and in a more God-centered way. We'll discuss "Unsqueezed" on April.



SAVE A LABEL!

Don't forget to continue to save your Campbell product labels (entire label) and your Best Choice UPC codes. These are turned in for items for our youth and for cash that the women put to good use.



AUDIO TAPES OF WORSHIP SERVICES



Nearly every Sunday we tape the worship service. If you would like to listen to a particular tape or to the services on a regular basis, contact the church office Tuesday through Thursday, 9-11 am or let the pastor know.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

We have received word that the Willard Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Personal Hygiene products (they do not need toothbrushes) bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc. Household cleaning supplies (do not need laundry or dish washing supplies) comet, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose spray cleaner, oven cleaner, cleaning utensils, etc.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

There are no need for specific food items at this time. If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, please place them in the front hallway by the sanctuary. Thanks for your help with this community outreach.

SITUATION REPORT – JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

Following the March 11th earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan, the island nation is facing multiple crises, including the increased threat of radiation exposure from several nuclear power plants. The reported combined death toll and missing as of March 16 stands at 11,521 people, with fear of thousands more unaccounted for. Nine mission workers, along with their families, are living and working in various cities in Japan. As of March 16, PC(USA) World Mission has confirmed that all of them are safe. They are continuing in their ministries and are seeking ways to be helpful in responding to the current crises.

PDA Response: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) – the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. – has sent \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds to help in the initial response providing the basic needs of food and water to 250,000 individuals in 100 evacuation sites in the northeastern area of Japan (Miyagi, Fukushima, Iwate, Ibaragi, Tochigi prefectures) in cooperation with our ecumenical partner Church World Service (CWS). PDA is working closely with PC(USA) World Mission in identifying the best way to respond to the needs of our long-term mission partners as they become engaged in the disaster response.

How to help: Give. Act. Pray. Many of you are asking how you can help. Complete assessments have just begun. You can help the church in this response and stand in the GAP for those affected by this disaster.

Faithful members who share their financial blessings through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering are already helping to fund the ongoing work in Japan. Please consider increasing your support to this special offering this year. Special needs and opportunities have arisen in response to this current crisis, and PDA invites you to share your blessing to designated gifts that will provide the resources needed to assist with immediate, long-term and unmet needs of this and other disasters.

Individuals may give by phone at (800) 872-3283, through your congregation, on the secure PC(USA) website, or by mailing a check to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Support exclusively for response to the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami disasters can be designated for DR000117.

PC(USA) leaders have issued a Call to Prayer. Please keep the people of Japan, and other areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami, in your thoughts and prayers.

From: Situation Report – Japan Earthquake and Tsunami (March 16, 2011). Japan – PDA Index of Response. Retrieved online March 17, 2011 from <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/japan>



SIN SURVIVORS YOUTH GROUP

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that came to our Mexican Lunch Fundraiser February 27th. We raised \$357.00 towards our

summer mission trip. We hope that everyone had a great time!

We are still planning to have our next big fundraiser Saturday April 23, 2011 at the church from 6-8 p.m. We will be having a Trivia Night. Start getting your group of six people together and if you don't have a group/team, don't worry because you can come and make a group that night. The cost per person is \$5. Bring snacks for your team (drinks will be provided for a small fee). We will have several rounds of questions of different categories. In between each round there will be games to play while the scores are tallied. Remember, this is a fundraiser so bring cash to buy questions for your

team, drinks, games, etc. All proceeds will go to our summer mission trip! People of all ages are welcome to come and participate.

We will be selling Easter lilies this year again. You will find information in your bulletin the next couple of weeks. Please return your form and money to Joyce Cook.

We would like to remind everyone that the youth will be leading the April 3 Lenten service at 6 p.m. at the church. We will also be having our annual Youth Sunday May 15. During this time we will be recognizing the new confirmation class and our graduating Seniors. Please mark your calendars for two wonderful worship times lead by our students.

We hope you have a wonderful Easter and rejoice for the Lord has risen!

God Bless,
Michelle Dale
Michele Dale, Youth Director
E-mail: mkdale80@yahoo.com



Sympathy is expressed to the Newman family. Nick's father John passed away in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Services were held Saturday, March 5.



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alex Mann
- 2 Rachel Knapp
- 3 M. J. Sanger & Rob Ferguson
- 5 Nathan Hart
- 6 Joe Smith
- 9 Angela Curry
- 10 Earl Holmer
- 11 Sadie Blakey
- 13 Rhett Hammers
- 14 Dave Shull
- 16 Anthony Shull
- 19 Dallas Clevenger
- 20 Tim Smith
- 21 Sandy Hammers
- 22 Max Hardman & Michael Lockhart
- 23 Jordan Lockhart & Carol Spragg
- 25 Virginia (Hap) Loeber
- 29 Dick Pidwell
- 30 William Mello

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Ed & Susan Bunge
- 8 Steve & Amy Snelson
- 11 Harold & Joanna Carter
- 13 Al & Lorraine Nolte
- 14 John & Leah Pacht Nipper
- 19 Tim & Sally Smith
- 27 Richard & Connie Whaley

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

A Building Fund CD matured. Janet, on authority from session, purchased a one year CD with Freedom Bank that will earn 1.2%.

Faith Development: Confirmation classes led by Kevin Peterson are going well. May 1 will be the first Z night this year. The youth mission trip is scheduled for July 17 - 25. Session approved a "trivia night" fundraiser to be held April 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. Michelle Dale is planning this event. Session approved a change for the Connect Program. It will be held once a month for the regular meetings on Angel Food day (usually the fourth Saturday) and weekly as needed for the special classes like cooking and auto maintenance. VBS will be held July 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an intergenerational theme. The session approved an Easter egg hunt for April 23 from 1-3 p.m. Glenn Kauffmann will continue the youth Sunday school as he is able with Jerome Rader his back up.

Facilities and Property: Daniel Dale checked with Ed Bunge to borrow tables. They will be returned on Saturday, March 12 prior to the job fair on Sunday, March 13. Jerome Rader accepted the thank you card for snow plowing but would not accept the \$50 Cracker Barrel gift card. Various alternatives were discussed with the session agreeing to donate \$50 to WCCF in honor of Eli Rader.

Health Ministries: Additional AED signs were donated and installed to meet protocol (one angle sign over office door and four static cling in entry door windows). WMZPC contributed a total of \$365.51 for the Havens Girls Fund (\$265.51 from the congregation and \$100 from HMMT). There was discussion about Gift of the Heart Kits - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance that JCP is working on as a mission project. It was suggested WMZPC try to fill two Clean-up buckets (cost about \$56 to fill to be distributed in the US) and 10 Hygiene Kits (cost about \$10 to be distributed world wide) for the delegate to take to the June Presbytery meeting. Content lists to be available at the job fair or see Kathy Davis. Daniel will lead a CPR class May 21 from 1-5 p.m. (after Angel Food).

Member Care: Team members make contacts by phone, mail, or visits to those needing to be contacted or comforted. Team continues to try to stay in touch with less active members and lets them know of up-coming events, etc. The Job Fair is scheduled for Sunday, March 13 after church in the fellowship hall.

Reaching Out: Team established a Task Force of Dawne, June, and Jim to work on a Welcome Center with welcome packets for visitors and new members. There will be a Chili Cook-off April 9. Flyers and registration form have been approved. Three awards will be given. Jim will research military families in the Willard area that might benefit from Angel Food. The team is considering if and how to support the Willard School backpack meal program (food or cash). Orchard Hills School serves dinners three nights a week. Session granted request of team to have a Thanksgiving dinner served at the church on Thanksgiving day from 12 - 2 p.m. Volunteers will be needed. Team will help with Cox C.A.R.E. Mobile on June 9. Internet upgrade and Wi-Fi were installed in February, 2011 and is working great.

Worship: There will be Lenten services on four Sundays at 6 p.m. led by the Men's Group on March 20, the young adult Sunday school class on March 27, the Youth Group on April 3, and the Women's Group on April 10. The choir will present the cantata, "Lord of Glory" on April 17 during worship. Maundy Thursday service will be held April 21 at 7 p.m. with The Stations of the Cross followed by Communion by intinction. Easter sunrise worship will April 24 be at 7 a.m. at Willard United Methodist Church. The Willard-Mt. Zion Ringers bell choir will play at the 10 a.m. service. One Great Hour of Sharing will be received on Easter Sunday. Youth Sunday is scheduled for May 15. The Youth Group will do the service. That Sunday will also be Confirmation Sunday and the honoring of graduates.

The session discussed the changing of the sign. It would be good if one person would take charge of doing this once or twice a week. Mark Shull will ask Ray Hardman if he would be willing to do that.

Session agreed to have a retreat April 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Willard Library.

Bible Study is being held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. with 10-15 in attendance every week.

A thank you was received from the Willard Church of Christ for the congregation's monetary gift to the Haven girls.

Kathy Davis volunteered to be the delegate to the June Presbytery meeting.

Update:
Daniel & Michelle Dale
3223 College
Springfield, MO 65802

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, Mickey Goodson or the pastor.



PRAYER CONCERNS:

Cancer Patients: George Keller, Barbara O'Quinn, John Newman (father of Nick Newman)

Continuing Prayer: Eli Rader, Harry Cook, Henry Wills, Anita Farmer, Ralph and Edna Cox (parents of Deb Frey), Mike Dale, Jerry Jones, Jeannie Hart & Suzy Bunge

New Prayer Concern: Amy Anderson, Laura Kutz, Dick Pidwell, Mary Lou Farmer & Donna East

Please remember that Member Care has revised the prayer concerns list. The new prayer concerns will be left on for about one 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 congregation and their families.

HEALTH MINISTRIES MISSION TEAM MEETING

Monday, March 28, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church

Join us...body, mind, and spirit...in promoting health and wellness within our faith community.

Follow along at <http://healthministries.blogspot.com/> or go to www.wmzp.com and click on Blogs.

Blood Pressure checks: April 3th & 17th (1st and 3rd Sundays)

See Daniel Dale, WMZPC Health Technician.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) encourages youth and other groups to assemble Gift of the Heart hygiene, school, and baby kits. These are collected and ready to send immediately following a disaster. Find information at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/making-gift-heart-kits>



Sports Physical Clinic Date:

Thursday, June 9, 2011

Appointments at 9:00–11:30 a.m. and 1:00–4:30 p.m. Location: Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, 800 S State Hwy AB, Willard, MO

C.A.R.E. MOBILE JUNE 9 AT WILLARD-MT. ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church will host the Children's Miracle Network C.A.R.E. Mobile Thursday, June 9, 2011. Services will be limited to sports physicals only and will require an appointment.

This C.A.R.E. Mobile service is FREE and available to all children under age 18 with or without Medicaid or other private health insurance.

The C.A.R.E. Mobile program is a partnership between Children's Miracle Network, CoxHealth and a family of donors. All services on the C.A.R.E. Mobile are provided by a nurse practitioner, working with local physicians who serve as medical directors.

- Call 861-6773 (Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) to schedule an appointment at this location only. For information about other C.A.R.E. Mobile locations, visit www.coxhealth.com or call 269-KIDS (5437).

- Contact your school nurse for registration forms. Please complete them prior to your visit and bring them with you along with the patient's complete medical history.

- Check in 20 minutes prior to your appointment to complete any necessary paperwork.

- Parent or guardian (age 21 or older) of a minor child must be present during visit. If you wish to authorize another person to bring your child, a signed consent form is required.

Appointment check-in will be located inside the church. Signs will be posted to direct you. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please call the number listed above.



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CUSTODIAN:
Georgia (Cookie) Justice

April 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Jewish, Islamic and Orthodox Observances</p> <p>17: Orthodox Palm Sunday</p> <p>19-25: Jewish Passover Begins</p> <p>22: Orthodox Good Friday</p> <p>24: Orthodox Pascha (Easter)</p> |  | | | | <p>1</p> <p>Scrapbook Night 6 p - 12 a.m.</p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p>3 4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps. 23; Eph. 5: 8-14; John 9:1-41</p> <p>Confirmation 5p.m.</p> <p>Youth Group 5 p.m.</p> <p>Lenten Service 6 p.m.</p> <p>Parent/Youth Mtg. 6:30p.m.</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Bells 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>6</p> <p>KIDZ CLUB 4-6:30 P</p> <p>Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Worship Team Mtg approx. 7:45 p.m.</p> | <p>7</p> <p>P.W. 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Faith Dev. 7 p.m.</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Reaching Out Chili Cook Off 2 p.m.</p> |
| <p>10 5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45</p> <p>Confirmation 5 p.m.</p> <p>Lenten Service 6 p.m. PW</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Bells 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Dorcas 9 a.m.</p> <p>Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Session 7 p.m.</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Session Retreat 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. @ Willard Library</p> |
| <p>17 Passion/Palm Sunday</p> <p>Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16</p> <p>10 a.m Cantata – <i>Lord of Glory</i></p> <p>Confirmation 5 p.m.</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Bells 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Good Friday</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Angel Food 9:45 am</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>1-3 p.m. (CONNECT)</p> <p>Youth Trivia Night</p> <p>Fundraiser 6-8 p.m.</p> |
| <p>24 Easter Sunday</p> <p>Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24</p> <p>7 a.m. Sunrise Service at Methodist Church/ Breakfast</p> <p><i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i></p> | <p>25</p> <p>Book Club 7 p.m.</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Bells 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Dorcas 9 a.m.</p> <p>Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Spring Gathering 9 a.m.</p> |