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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.



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The Cornerstone

March 2011



Reverend Lorraine Dill

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Several groups in the congregation, including the session and one of the adult Sunday school classes, have been studying the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase. Some among us have been quite captivated by the chapters on radical hospitality. For many, this material is relatively unfamiliar territory; for others, it confirms long-held passion to reach out to others with the love and welcome of Christ. The discussion emerging from study of the book is often intense. Two examples from the book:

Too many churches want more young people as long as they act like old people, more newcomers as long as they act like old-timers, more children as long as they are as quiet as adults.

To become a vibrant, fruitful, growing congregation requires a change of attitudes, practices, and values. Good intentions are not enough. Let's move from abstract intentions to practical and personal directions for ministry.

At least two church groups have accepted the challenge to walk through the building and pay attention to possible impediments to a welcoming, inviting church presentation. The Reaching Out Mission Team is committed to helping us move toward such a ministry of radical hospitality. If you share this passion and/or have ideas to contribute, speak to any session member.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

CONNECT

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

For more information please see page 6.

I invite you to join us as we truly seek to become ambassadors for Christ in the Willard/Springfield community.

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

Pastor Lorraine

(with thanks to Debbie Newman for her session devotions, to Mark Shull for inspiration and to Michelle Dale and the youth fellowship for helpful suggestions.)

Please keep these Sunday evenings open. March 13 Fellowship Night 6 p.m. We will be having a Lenten Service on these four Sundays at 6 p.m. The services will last approximately 30 minutes.

March 20 & 27

April 3 & 10

More information will be in the March 6 bulletin.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our postponed meeting, because of the lovely snow and cold, was held on February 7. Eight of us braved the weather to attend our 9:30 am meeting in the fellowship hall and enjoyed lunch at the Back Porch Tea House.

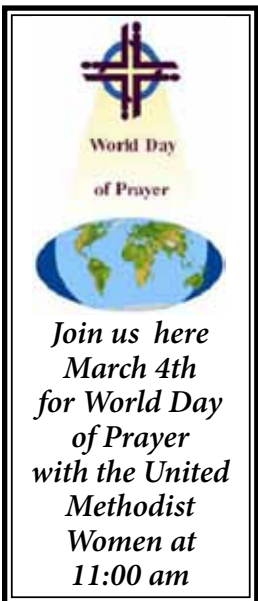
Hopefully, at this newsletter reading the sanctuary will be cleaned of food, drink, stains, scratches and dings and shined up before we host **World Day of Prayer** on March 4. Our guests will be the Methodist ladies for our annual meeting. The menu was planned and a list made of the members preparing food, decorating tables and contributing our services to help make it a success.

We received thank you notes from Mildred Blankenship for food and flowers, from Debbie Burks, District School Social Worker for monetary contributions, and Jo Lynne Palmerton for flowers.

After a majority vote, the microwave will be mounted on the wall so the counter tops are freed up for much needed food preparation space.

Our prayer concerns are for Amy Anderson, Helen Bloomer, Stephanie O'Neal, Janet Wallace, George Keller, Suzy's cousin Marsha, John Nipper's daughter Laura, Suzy Bunge and Dick Pidwell.

The meeting was concluded by holding hands and saying the Lord's Prayer.



MEN'S GROUP

The Sweetheart Breakfast for 2011 was another great success for the Presbyterian Men's Group even though the first of February was off to a shaky start. Old Man Winter tested our spirits with a blizzard and one to two feet of snow along with sub-zero temperatures. By the morning of the breakfast most of the snow had melted and temperatures were in the 50's and 60's.

It was great to see so many smiling faces at the Sweetheart Breakfast. You could even feel a little bit of spring in the air. If you looked out the window, you saw a few robins hopping around the church yard and a few daffodils peeking out of the ground.

The decorating team of Leon Baertschi, Geneva Tranbarger, Leah Nipper and Merlyn Goodson had the fellowship hall decorated in red, white and pink Valentine decor.

In the kitchen Master Chef Jim Tranbarger and John Nipper were busy preparing and cooking a delicious quiche. Along with the quiche we had lemon tarts, topped with a strawberry and blueberries, made by Geneva and Leah.

We had 31 guests for our breakfast and each lady received a beautiful red rose. It was great to see everyone enjoying the fellowship of that beautiful morning.

A big Thank You from the Presbyterian Men's Group to all who helped with decorating, preparing the breakfast and cleaning up. Also a very big THANK YOU to all that came to the 2011 Sweetheart Breakfast. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.



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.

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, Jack Rafferty

New Prayer Concern: Amanda Sanger, Amy Anderson,

Laura Kutz (daughter of Dr. John Nipper), Dick Pidwell & Dawne Gardner

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: March 6th & 20th (1st and 3rd Sundays)

See Daniel Dale, WMZPC Health Technician.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the congregation for your generosity! The collection taken for the Havens Girls Fund totaled \$265.51. In addition to your gifts, HMMT made a \$100 contribution. The funds go directly to the girls and their recovery. Please continue to keep this family in your thoughts and prayers. More information about help efforts can be found at <http://willardnorthelementary.wordpress.com/2011/01/18/> Follow along at <http://healthministries.blogspot.com/> or go to www.wmzp.com and click on Blogs.

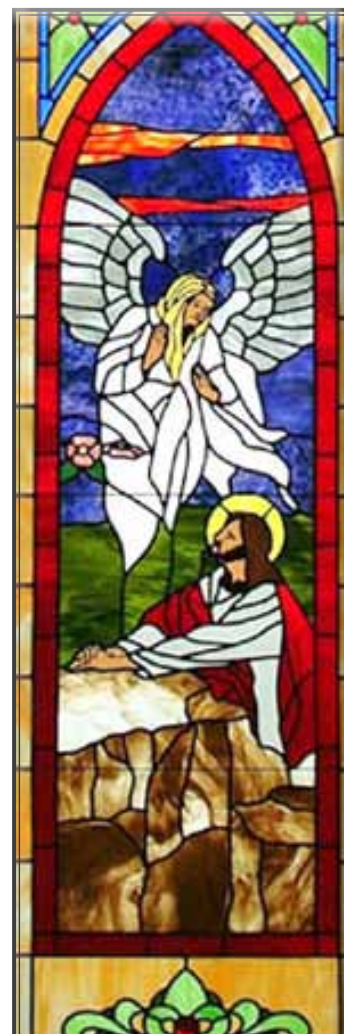
DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Donations of canned goods and non perishable items are received for the Willard Food Pantry. The Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10 am – 2 p.m.. Contact Rev. Jeff Johnson, WUMC at 742-3319 if you have questions.

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.



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**



Sympathy is expressed
to Delores Jones
and her family.
Delores's sister Opal
passed away
on January 26.



*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Phil. 4:13*



SIN SURVIVORS YOUTH GROUP

As I write this the youth group is gearing up to have our annual Mexican Luncheon on February 27. We are hoping to have a wonderful turn out to help about 15 members from our church travel to Ghost Ranch July 17-25. We hope that you will attend and help support us!

Last month the teens, myself, and Joyce Cook attended Youth Quake at Remington's. We enjoyed hearing Caleb Rowen sing and the Skit Guys made us laugh. It was a wonderful, uplifting event for all in attendance.

We have been studying I Kings the last month or so. It has been interesting to study King Solomon, his wisdom, the building of his palace, and building the Temple. We will continue to study this wonderful book for the next few weeks.

We are excited to have Annie, Carrie, and Tanner attend confirmation classes during our youth meeting time on Sunday nights. They will have about eight weeks to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and walk in faith everyday. We are attentively scheduling Youth Sunday on May 15th so mark your calendars for this encouraging Sunday worship with our teens.

After the Mexican Luncheon this Sunday we will be discussing some upcoming events and fundraisers. One of the fundraisers we will be talking about is Trivia night in April. We will let you know details in the near future. Another fundraiser that we will be doing again this year is the City Wide Garage Sale in June. As you are doing your Spring Cleaning the next couple of months please keep us in mind before you throw those wonderful treasures away. Like the saying goes, "One man's trash is another man's treasure."!! Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we plan these events and fundraisers for our teens.

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



The Sin Survivors are in the process of raising funds to go to Ghost Ranch on a mission trip on July 17-25. So far the following fund raising activities:

- Mexican Lunch Feb. 27
- Trivia Night in April
- City Wide Garage Sale in June

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session approved the 2010–2011 PC USA/JCP Statistical Reports submitted by the clerk.

WMZPC received \$940 from JCP for funds from the dissolved Compensation Fund. Session agreed to split the refund and send \$600 to General Mission of the Presbytery and to keep \$340 in the operating fund.

A Building Fund CD matured. Session gave Janet authority to shop for the best rate (Commerce Bank or Freedom Bank).

The Stewardship mission team is working on getting members for the task force requested at the congregational meeting to look into the Leo Day Memorial Funds. Adverse weather has caused delay.

Facilities and Property: Team did not meet due to weather. They hope to paint in the next two weeks and install a microwave in the kitchen. Jerome Rader plowed the parking lot after the huge snow early in February. The session agreed to purchase a \$50 Cracker Barrel gift card from the building fund to thank him for his work. Session approved request by PW to have a hamburger/hot dog lunch fundraiser on September 18.

Health Ministries: Session granted request by HMMT to host the Cox C.A.R.E Mobile June 9. Team plans to host the January/February 2012 (Health Awareness Sunday) fellowship night. During Connect Program the team is encouraging outdoor physical activity for children and adults (such as walking, running) and they are interested in working with Faith Development on cooking classes. The team has agreed to take \$100 out of savings to donate to the Haven girls who were burned in a house fire. The girls attend Willard North. Session decided to pass an envelope through the congregation for those interested in donating too. Daniel Dale will be certified under new 2010 American Heart Association standards by April 1 (courses paid for by his new job). Daniel plans to hold a CPR class in the spring.

Member Care: Session changed the date of the Job Fair to early in March and will expand participation beyond the mission teams (such as PW, men, youth, Kidz Club, etc). Host for fellowship nights are being lined up.

Reaching Out: Janet called to order MediaCom for one year. It will take about a month to get.

Worship: The meeting was cancelled due to the snowy weather. Ash Wednesday is March 9. Final details

will be planned at the next meeting but it will probably be similar to prior years with burning of sins, communion by intinction, and imposition of ashes. Information provided as soon as it is available.

Session agreed to have a retreat April 16 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Session approved pastor's request for vacation March 22–24. She will be in Springfield, IL.

Pastor Lorraine, Deb Frey and any one else interested will attend a Stephens Ministry leader training workshop March 26 at a Lutheran Church in Rogersville.

Pastor Lorraine convened a D. Ministries team consulting group that met February 6 following worship. The group consists of Janine Barry, Suzy Bunge, Harry Cook, Stephanie O'Neal, Kevin Peterson, Mark Shull, Jim Tranbarger, Connie Whaley, and Janet White. A ten page proposal is due this May on the major project that is due May, 2013.

Via e-mail the session approved request by Jim and Geneva Tranbarger to use the facility February 26 for a baby shower for Josh and Casey. They will work around the Connect program. The Connect program will meet at the Willard Library this day.

Via e-mail the session approved Lorraine's request to have Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 5:30–6:30 p.m. beginning February 16. This will replace the Sunday GIFT services.

Via e-mail the session approved request from Janine Barry to use the church for a fifth birthday party for A. J. Barry on February 19 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m., fully cleaning up before the Connect program at 2 p.m.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - Please join us on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. for Ash Wednesday worship including communion by intinction, burning of sins, and optional imposition of ashes as a symbol of repentance. Lenten devotional booklets will be available. Join us as we begin the Lenten season with a time of quiet reflection and worship.

CONNECT ON SATURDAYS AT 2 - Join church members and friends of all ages every Saturday afternoon for games, lessons, snacks, conversation, walks, movies and fellowship. Those who have been attending have a blast and would love to welcome you! Speak to any session member for more information.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 has begun and we are reserving a spot for you. We are currently beginning a short-term study of the parables of Jesus and then plan to focus on the gospel of Mark. There is interest in working through a Bible overview (using material such as *The Bible in 90 Days* or Don Elliott's *The Journey*) as well. We incorporate scholarly assistance and lively discussion and dismiss in time for choir rehearsal. Come check us out as your calendar allows.



March Birthdays of the Month

- 1 George Justice & Jeanne Hart
- 2 Mike Hardman & Sam McCown
- 3 Madison Craig & Meredith Ferguson
- 4 Joshua Meads
- 6 Janet White & Lucas Peterson
- 7 Andy Rhodes
- 8 Joy Mello & Debbie Newman
- 9 Angela Curry, Logan Stokes & Tom Morrel
- 10 Krystal Douglas & Bill Snapp
- 11 Kelly Staley, Elizabeth Ferguson & Hannah Ferguson
- 14 Sally Smith
- 15 Jerome Rader
- 16 Erik Reuterfors
- 19 Dennis Boatman
- 20 Jo Anne Schahuber
- 22 Molly Greenwade & Sara Snelson
- 23 Kenny Kalinowski & Brock Gardner
- 24 Ginny Ross
- 26 Brenda Sinclair
- 27 Sam Mcroskey
- 29 Rich Pope



- 4 Will & Kandace Rhodes
- 8 Dave & Paula Velten
- 9 Eric & Liz Helwig
- 16 Glen & Debby Frey
- 19 T. J. & Angela Stevens, Ibrahima & Janine Barry, William & June Gilmore
- 27 Merlyn & Mickey Goodson

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March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Jewish, Islamic and Orthodox Observances</i> 7: Orthodox Great Lent begins 20: Jewish Purim</p>		<p>1 No Bells</p>	<p>2 Bible Study 5:30p Choir 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Mtg. (approx.) 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 11 a.m. World Day of Prayer w/ Methodist Ladies Scrapbook Night 6 p – Mid.</p>	<p>5 CONNECT 2 p.m.</p>
<p>6 Transfiguration of the Lord Exod. 24:12-18; Ps 2 or Ps. 99 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17: 1-9 Youth Group 5-7 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Bells 6:30 p.m. International Women's Day</p>	<p>9 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12; Ps. 51:1-17 Dorcas 9 a.m. Bible Study 5:30p Worship 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Session 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 CONNECT 2 p.m.</p>
<p>13 1st Sunday in Lent Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps.32; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11 Job Fair after Worship Fellowship Night 6 p.m. Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Bells 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Bible Study 5:30p Choir 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day </p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 CONNECT 2 p.m.</p>
<p>20 2nd Sunday in Lent Gen. 12:1-4a; Ps. 121; Rom.4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 Care Center 3 p.m. Lenten Service 6 p.m. First Day of Spring</p>	<p>21 Spring Break</p>	<p>22 Bells 6:30 p.m. Lorraine Vacation</p>	<p>23 Dorcas 9 a.m. Bible Study 5:30p No Choir Vac.</p>	<p>24 Vac.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Angel Food 9:45am CONNECT 2 p.m. Stephens Ministry Workshop</p>
<p>27 3rd Sunday in Lent Exod. 17:1-7, Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 3:1-17 Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Lenten Service 6 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Health Ministries Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Bells 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30 Bible Study 5:30p Choir 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p>		