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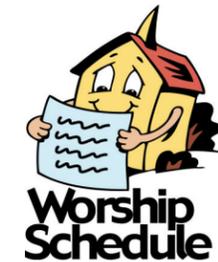
WORSHIP SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
SATURDAY at 5:00 p.m.



WEEKLY PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS		
SUN	Pray w/Stephen Min	10:30 am—Prayer Room
MON	Intercessory Prayer	2:00 pm—Library Lounge
TUE	Joyful Bells	1:00 pm—Music Room
TUE	Pastor Academy	2:30 pm—Wilson Fellowship Hall
WED	GriefShare	9:30 am—Library Lounge
WED	Art & Soul	9:30 am—Wilson Fellowship Hall
WED	Write Your Story	2:00 pm—Music Room
THU	Choir	7:00 pm—Sanctuary
FRI	Disciple III	1:30 pm—Library Lounge

OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Fri—8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch—12:00-12:30 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Saturday Sabbath Celebration
5:00 p.m.—Chapel
...
Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary
...
Sunday Mosaic Worship
11:00 a.m.—Chapel



**DEADLINE FOR the APRIL, 2020
Good News is MARCH 6, 2020**



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Willowbrook United Methodist Church
OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER
The ministers of this church are its members; those who assist them are:
Dedicated Lay Ministry—Stephen Ministry
Gary Kennedy—Senior Pastor
Sande Kimbel—Associate Pastor
Steve Marshall—Associate Pastor
Ruth Blum—Associate Pastor
Rev. Jon Ierley—Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Robb Butler—Music Director
Carol Virolainen—Organist
Loretta Nash—Sabbath Musician
Russ Koan—Lay Leader



March 2020 Issue

GOOD NEWS

Willowbrook United Methodist Church
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"
19390 North 99th Avenue
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Left: Pastor Gary Kennedy, Bob and Wally Henry, and Liz Peck anticipating the addition of 150 more pillows to add to this mountain of pillows.

**PILLOW PROJECT
A MOUNDING SUCCESS!**

On January 11th & 12th, Willowbrook held our first "Pillow Project". The response was overwhelming! One hundred thirty-seven (137) pillows were received plus additional funds to purchase another 150 pillows. We were also blessed to receive pillow cases made by the Kris Krafters. (See below)

The pillows and pillowcases were delivered to the Veterans Furniture Center. The Center's mission is to assist formerly homeless veterans as they transition into permanent housing under the VA's HUD-VASH program by providing them, free of charge, the new furniture and household goods they need to make their apartment a home and successfully transition back to society. The center currently delivers furniture and household goods to over 300 veterans a year.

To learn more about the Veterans Center and the work they do, visit www.veteransfurniturecenter.org.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

This year we will once again undertake Our Lenten Journey with a series of speakers, light meals and brief activities. Each week we will focus on a different spiritual discipline (that is to say, a practice we purposely engage in to seek closeness to God). Plan to join us on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 to 6 pm in Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$5 per week and can be purchased for one week or multiple weeks beginning February 21. They will be sold before the Sabbath service and between services on Sunday, as well as in the church office. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance to allow for set-up and meal planning. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance to allow for set-up and meal planning. The deadline is the Sunday before the event (i.e., for March 4th you must purchase your ticket by March 1st)

Speakers and topics are as follows:

- March 4 – Rev. Duane Combs on **Service**
- March 11 – Dr. Ron Hamilton on **Celebration**
- March 18 – Rev. Michael Pearson on **Prayer**
- March 25 – Rev. Tom Wick on **Humility**
- April 1 – Rev. Lois Hedden on **Lectio Divina**

Our journey begins and ends with special worship services. Join Pastor Sande on February 26 for our Ash Wednesday service in the Chapel at 3:00 pm. This will include the imposition of ashes for those who wish it.

During Holy Week on April 10 at 3:00 pm, join Pastor Ruth for a Good Friday Taizé service in the sanctuary.

Easter worship on April 12 will take place at our Sunrise service at 6:15 as well as at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (The Chapel service at 5:00 pm on April 11 is also an Easter service.) We hope you will celebrate this holiest of days by worshipping with us at Willowbrook!

PILLOWS NEED CASES!

KRIS KRAFTERS What do the service-minded Kris Krafters do when over two hundred pillows are donated to the Veterans Furniture Center which assists formerly homeless veterans? They keep making pillow cases, of course!

Pictured are Wally Henry and Karen DeVerna with some of the pillow cases



Special thanks to Ophelia Latham for her many years of unselfish service as an Acolyte. She started her service in 2006. After almost 8 years she accepted the task of recruiting Acolytes while continuing to serve as one herself. Thank you, Ophelia for your selfless giving to Willowbrook Church!

Thanks for Serving!



MY CALL AND YOUR CALL

"Our church's attendance is increasing!" "If you are late, good luck finding a parking spot!" These are the great things that are said this time of year. One very big blessing is our winter visitors. We love what happens to the church when they arrive bringing their energy and stories of what is happening at their churches back home.

Another thing that happens is we become busier this time of year with studies, dinners, activities and even committee work. Some of our "year around folk" even step up and get involved more this time of year because more is happening around the church. It's all contagious as joyful activity and Christian growth go hand in hand. We tackle more and accomplish more. We have more workers this time of year with so much going on. Sometimes we have so much going on that we are stretched for leaders. Whether its committee work or activities, sometimes we just haven't matched up the activity with the potential leader.

Let me say a word about that. Many times folks have an idea for another activity or have a desire to jump right in and teach a class or to become a leader of something. If this is ever true for you, sit down with one of the pastors and share your idea of how you would like to help. We pastors love those conversations. Sometimes together we determine the nudge is from God to do something, but, unfortunately, we often talk ourselves out of it rather than accepting that God could be leading us to something.

In the book of Judges, Gideon receives a call; you know, one of those spiritual nudges, and he challenges God rather than receiving it. In fact, he questions God's logic of picking him to receive a "call". In Gideon's case, God asked him to be a leader. Gideon says to God. "Pray, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." Gideon says in essence, I am unworthy and I am from a family that's unworthy. Maybe it sounds like, "Not me God! Pick someone better qualified please!" But what is interesting to me is that God's call is sometimes to the least qualified in order for God to show the empowerment to fulfill the "call" comes from Him and not our own strength. In fact, God answers Gideon by saying, "But I am with you..." That's what God says to us as well! So, the next time you see things getting busy around here and you see a way you could help, jump right in and help. We do have a few holes to fill around here. Scripture says the church requires all of us working together to be complete.

What nudges are you feeling these days? The pastors welcome those conversations. If you don't feel any "nudges" keep on doing what you're doing and be open to God. Another nudge is probably on its way. That's how it works around here. Isn't that cool?

See you in Church!

Pastor Gary Kennedy



MARCH Birthdays

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (We celebrate 90 years or more)

- 1 Joyce Neary
- 5 Betty Jones
- 5 Robert Siebert
- 6 Madge Buehler
- 7 Mary Ruth Linde
- 8 David Monk
- 14 Mary Banks
- 17 Betty Miller
- 17 Irma Vance
- 19 Joanna Lynn
- 21 Inez Craig
- 21 Irene Dusenberry
- 22 Ray Leafstedt
- 23 George Hoffman
- 23 Phyllis MacTough
- 28 Mary Moore

MARCH Anniversaries

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES (We Celebrate 50 years or more)

- 10 George & Jan Caruso 58
- 16 Fred & Bonnie Anderson 63
- 21 Jacque & Jerry Allen 61
- 25 Ron & Norma Hamilton 64

ATTENTION PRAYER WARRIORS!

 Pray about joining the Intercessory Prayer Team which meets at 2:00 p.m. Monday afternoons in the church library.

Each month we join other churches in prayer for churches of the West District in the Desert Southwest Conference.

MARCH
Christ Community UMC, Avondale
City Square UMF, Phoenix
Community Church of Buckeye



MESSAGE SENT TO PRAYER CHAIN: Joyce and Roger Keslar extend their thanks to everyone who prayed for them, sent cards and called when Joyce had her knee replacement surgery. She is recovering well, so your prayers were answered!

 I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards regarding my recent total knee replacement. I am currently in physical therapy and praying that everything goes well.
Joyce Keslar

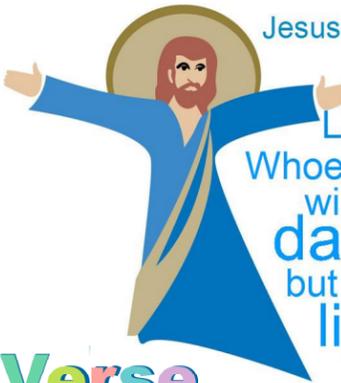
From a recently received thank you note:

I want to write and thank you so very much for all that you do! I'm extremely grateful for the gifts Angel Tree was able to provide for my 3 daughters. Being away from them is unbearable, even more so, during the holidays. So, being able to say they got "gifts from mom," means more than you know. God bless you and Angel Tree for not forgetting about all the moms incarcerated, and their children! Thank you again! Happy New Year!

Thank you, Willowbrookers, for making such a difference in the lives of these families.



 To my Family and Friends,
Thank you for the Surprise Birthday Celebration that was enjoyed by all. It was a happy day for me to celebrate 90 years of God's blessings surrounded by family and friends. Thank you for the many birthday cards and expressions of birthday wishes.
A heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome extended to my sons, Edward and Ronald and my daughter, Karen. Willowbrook truly lives up to it's name (reputation) as a warm loving and friendly church. A special thanks to Liz Peck for her help in preparing the food.
"Smile. Keep on the Sunny Side of Life."
Love,
Mary Bailey

 Jesus spoke to them saying
"I am the LIGHT of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
JOHN 8:12



NOTICE WILLOWBROOK READERS!



Willowbrook Readers! Have you thought about coming to our Willowbrook Book Club, but just haven't made it? It's never too late to join us. We have some lively, enjoyable discussions and we would love to have you come be part of our group!

Upcoming books are:

Mar 26 *THE END OF YOUR LIFE BOOK CLUB*—Will Schwalbe
Remember, we welcome ALL Willowbrookers and friends who enjoy reading. Please join us on the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Willowbrook Library.

Questions? Call Karen Gurian 480-371-6980 or Barb Christie 623-376-7941



**EASTER IS COMING!
PRAISE HIM FOR HIS SACRIFICE OF LOVE!**

Yes, Easter is our reminder that the **power** of His cross and resurrection brings **victory** to our lives . . . **freedom** to our spirits . . . and perfect **love** to our hearts!

The Stephen Ministers of Willowbrook Church want to bring His **power, victory, freedom, and love** to you when you need someone to talk to. To walk alongside you during life's crises, both big and small, and make the journey a little less daunting.

If you're going through an emotional or spiritual struggle, it will come out in a physical way if not addressed. It can make you unable to cope as well. This speaks of the mind, body and spirit. You're made up of more than your physical body . . . you're emotional and spiritual . . . and the Stephen Ministry is here to meet those needs. If any one part of you isn't well, it brings down the rest of you!

Some of you may be unsure about seeking care and wonder whether you, a strong person, should ask for care. Please remember that God sent us to help one another. The Stephen Ministry is one way God provides that care.

For Heaven's sake, don't be bashful or feel in any way embarrassed to call on us. We have often said, "We'll be there for you" and we'll do it with the utmost confidentiality.

Do believe it . . . it's true!

May this celebration of Easter be the beginning of a year full of Easter days.

Stephen Ministry



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women are encouraged to attend the Women's retreat on March 21. Further information is on page 3 of this newsletter or at the United Methodist Women table. The retreat is taking the place of our monthly meeting. Our next meeting at the church will be a Spring Salad luncheon on April 20 with a Hat contest. So bring your best Easter bonnet.

Please add some recipes for the cookbook or give recipes to Sue Marshall or Nancy Styren. Make sure to add a note about how this recipe was used either at Willowbrook or in your family. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Marshall or Nancy Styren.



Willowbrook Women's Retreat

It's time to think about attending a wonderful retreat:

"Promise of Flowers"

Saturday, March 21, 2020

9 am to 4 pm

*Desert Outdoor Center @ Lake Pleasant
41402 N 87th Avenue, Peoria*

The United Methodist Women of Willowbrook will be sponsoring this wonderful event, for all women in the church. Invite your family members and/or friends to the wonders of our 2020 retreat.

Rev. Ruth Blum is the facilitator who has helped us come up with some great ideas to experience "freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ and to develop a creative supportive fellowship." There will be partial or full scholarships available if there is need. Come enjoy a spiritual, fun, exciting day of singing, crafts, beautiful scenery for reflection, prayer and learn how flowers are portrayed in scripture.

Cost: \$40 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch.

For information call Nancy Prevost, 623-476-5277 or email nancybp7@gmail.com.



Visit our FaceBook Page
www.facebook.com/willowbrookumc



PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Recently the Personal Assistance Program team members visited Benevilla in Surprise. They told us about the many programs available through Benevilla. Benevilla offers Life Enrichment Day centers for those suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's and those recovering from a stroke.

They offer some free home services, caregiver support groups and educational events. If you know of a need, please check the P.A.P. table for information on Benevilla. The P.A.P. team will meet on March 11 at Wooddale for a tour of this residence.



Food Collection

Feb 29 & Mar 1, 2020

Non-perishable food or cash

REMEMBER OUR FOOD BANKS

- When we receive communion the first Sunday of the month, remember our local food banks.
- Your support is continually needed.

Just think: 1 + 1 + 1

**1st Sunday+1 person+1 food donation
BOTTLED WATER ALWAYS WELCOME!**



Broadway on 107th Avenue—

Mountain View Center in Sun City, Sunday, March 15, 2:00 p.m., \$10. Enjoy an entertaining afternoon of Broadway musical theater hits starring our very own Patty Mason. There is a limited number of tickets. Transportation is on your own but we will be sitting together.

Chili & Game Night—Friday, March 27, 5:00 p.m., \$5. Enjoy an evening of chili, cornbread, dessert and Bingo with your church family.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR unless a reservation was made by the **reservation deadline of 3/22/2020**. This must be enforced to order food in advance. Tickets will be sold at Youthful Seniors table or contact Nancy Prevost at 623-476-5277.

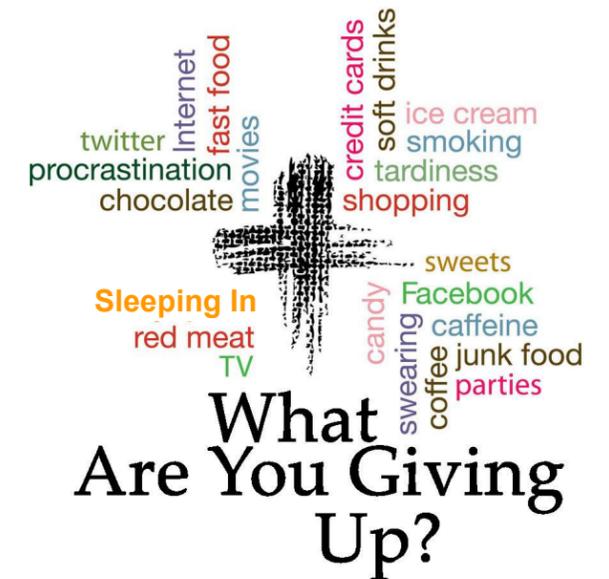
Youthful Senior monthly activities are open to everyone—family, friends, and neighbors.

Honor the life or memory of a loved one.

Purchase the altar flowers for a worship service as a beautiful expression of your love.



Locate the FLOWER BOOK in the Narthex. Write your name, your loved one's name, the occasion you want to remember (birthday, anniversary, etc.) and the date you would like to have the altar flowers presented. **—Place your \$40 check marked "flowers" into the offering plate or bring it to the office.**



**What
Are You Giving
Up?**

ONE CHURCH, THREE WORSHIP STYLES

Willowbrook offers three different styles of worship. The Saturday Sabbath service meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This informal service offers an old-fashioned hymn sing and communion every week. People who attend say it reminds them of their small church "back home".

Our Sunday morning traditional service at 9:30 a.m. features a more liturgical worship with robed clergy and a full choir in a beautiful stained-glass sanctuary.

Mosaic is a 45-minute informal service on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. that uses the creative arts—music, drama and drawing—to present God's Word in an entertaining and relevant way.

If you haven't already, you owe it to yourself to attend each service once-in-awhile and experience the many ways Willowbrook offers superb worship.



FROM MOURNING TO JOY

GriefShare is a nationally known support group for people grieving loss through death. Each session is "self-contained" so you can attend any time you want and you do not have to attend in sequence. No matter when you begin, you will find encouragement. You do not have to be a member of the church to be a part of the GriefShare program.

The continuing GriefShare schedule at Willowbrook is:

March	4	Complicating Factors
March	11	Stuck
March	18	Lessons of Grief: Part One
March	25	Lessons of Grief: Part Two

GriefShare meets each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge.

KRIS KRAFTERS KEEP MARCH-ING ALONG



The Kris Krafters are "March"-ing along as they continue to sew pillowcases for the Willowbrook Outreach Pillow Project. With over 200 pillows collected, there is a need for more pillowcases! The Veteran's Furniture Center has quite a supply of needed items for formerly homeless veterans going into apartments. The Kris Krafters are cutting, pressing, sewing and assembling pillowcases in colorful and patriotic red, white, and blue designs. Everyone is welcome to come help with this project. The Kris Krafters welcome all who would like to cut, pin, sew, press and help with this project. In addition, the Kris Krafters knit, crochet and craft items for those in need. The Kris Krafters will meet on Thursday, March 5 and March 19 at 9:00 a.m. in Wilson Fellowship Hall.

The Kris Krafters are also busy knitting many colorful lap robes, over 200 baby bonnets, and crocheting kitchen dishcloths. Helping each other is a part of the Kris Krafter mission, even if a Kris Krafter moved to Nebraska. Murt Meierhenry is working on finishing several quilt tops donated to the group, and we expect to see the beautifully finished quilts in time for the Holidaze Craft Faire in November.



UNITED METHODIST MEN LUNCH THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 11:45 A.M. WILSON FELLOWSHIP HALL

JESSE RAMIREZ
Founder, Valley View Food Bank

Jesse will bring us up-to-date on the growth of the Food Bank, the new Food Pantry and Thrift Shops. Willowbrook was helpful in the start of Jesse's venture of neighbors helping neighbors as we help those with needs.

Special THANKS to John and Cathy Calhoun for filling in for the February meeting when Jesse was not able to come.

Lunch is ONLY \$5.00
Sign-ups at UMM Table in Wilson Fellowship Hall
Women are always welcome!



HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FOR AN INVITATION?

This is a **SPECIAL INVITATION** to come to Writing Your Life Story which meets every Wednesday afternoon 2:00—4:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Now is a good time to learn how to write your story for your family.

Call Marge Starkey at 623-734-6218 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Communion Preparation

Consider joining our communion stewards the first Saturday morning of the month for about an hour. With enough help, that's all we need to prepare communion elements for the following Sunday.

Contact Nancy Prevost at 623-476-5277 or nancybp7@gmail.com.



SHARE-A-PRAYER with a Stephen Minister in the Prayer Room each Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Except the second Sunday of each month a Stephen Minister will be on hand to **SHARE-A-PRAYER** with you.



DID YOU KNOW?

We all know that Christ and His teaching were held suspect by the religious hierarchy of His time. 2000 years later, life is still very difficult for Christians in Israel. Unbelievably, in the land where Our Lord walked, talked, and was crucified, Christians still experience pressure in many ways. Converts from Judaism or Islam are commonly shunned by their families. Not only do they have a low social standing, there is little hope of job advancement. Messianic Jews have difficulty finding places to worship or get permits. Muslim converts face violence, especially if they live in areas run by Palestinian authorities. Anti-missionary groups sometimes protest and/or vandalize places of Christian worship.

On the positive side, Bible societies exist in both areas (Israeli controlled and Palestinian controlled.) Christians are allowed to have Bibles, and they are easily obtained. The Voice of the Martyrs organization supports workers in key regions, with training, Bible distribution, and legal aid for Messianic Jews.

During this time of Lent, as we remember the difficult path Our Lord walked, let us also remember the words written by another brave martyr, Paul. In Colossians 1:3-4, Paul wrote, "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus." Let US remember and thank God for the Christians in the Holy Land, and those who help them.

Spiritual Education, Enrichment and Prayer (SEEP) Committee



Willowbrook United Methodist Church Performing Arts

Sunday, March 8, 2020

NINE SOUTHWEST

Dale Gleason, Conductor

Sunday, March 29, 2020—4 pm

DESERT BRASS

Charles Musgrave, Band Master

Tickets are \$5.00 per person at the door.
(12 and under free)

Metho Travelers Trips: <www.methotravelers.org>



Historic Bisbee—Tuesday, April 28—April 30, \$349 ppdo. Cost includes 3 days, 2 nights, 5 meals, Historical Copper Queen Hotel, Kartchner Caverns, Queen Mine Tour, Mining Museum, Jeep Tour, Ghost Tour, bus and gratuities. Obtain additional details at the Metho Travelers table.

Scandinavia & Russia Cruise—Tuesday, August 11 to Monday, August 24, 2020, 11 days. Ports include: Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Berlin, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden.

Sign up at the Metho Travelers table or contact: Janet Glick at 217-725-1301, jmg6608@gmail.com or Carol Cooper at 623-217-5384, bobandcarol2@cox.net.

SEE something? HEAR something? SAY something!

The Deputy Sheriff has been working in our parking lot since November 2019 on Sunday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Deputy has reported twice he found vehicles with engines running with their doors unlocked during a Sunday morning service.

Stay alert and report anything that looks unusual.

LECTIONARY—YEAR A

March will take us through most of the season of Lent, a time of repentance and, for many, a time of fasting. (Maybe you're only giving up chocolate; but it's still a fast!) Lent prepares us for the celebration of Easter. You will notice that most of our Gospel readings have changed from Matthew to John. We will follow the ministry of Jesus as he is tempted by Satan; as he explains being "born from above" to Nicodemus; and as he speaks of living water with the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus teaches and heals. He raises Lazarus from the dead! All of these readings are important to our faith, but why not take the time to read the entire Gospel of John this month? You'll have a fuller understanding of Lent, and of Easter as well.

MARCH	LECTIONARY YEAR A (2020)
March 1	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
March 8	Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
March 15	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
March 22	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
March 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

**A UMC FOUNDATION MOMENT
THINK ABOUT IT!**



Welcome to a few thoughts about giving. The Foundation board will be sharing our thoughts with you on a periodic basis. So, keep watching this space!

Willowbrook United Methodist Church has been blessed by the generosity of many people just like you for many, many years. Our congregation participates in stewardship giving and various capital campaigns. That, along with "planned gifts" demonstrates a willingness of our congregation to share financial resources as well as time and talent. All three are important to the lifeblood of Willowbrook. Thankfully, it has been that way since we were founded.

A Word about Planned Giving

"Planned gifts" are placed into the church's endowment funds where they are managed by an outside, professional firm. From time to time, investment earnings from the endowed funds are made available to support various purposes of individual fund categories. Examples of the fund categories include: Ministry Training and Leadership, Music Ministry Fund and, the Wilson Scholarship Fund. The Willowbrook Foundation, has responsibility for overseeing the endowment, and has a philosophy of spending a percent of the total endowment which includes earned income. That can vary of course, depending on earnings. The foundation avoids taking funds from the principle.

Your Gift Keeps on Giving

The Willowbrook Foundation Board of Directors and its management firm are constantly looking for ways to maximize earnings so that your gift might do two things: 1) grow and, 2) produce income for the various church projects and needs. Thus, the Foundation tends to be a bit conservative in spending endowment funds while seeking to protect the original investment and at the same time, producing additional income from the investment for worthy individuals and projects.

Gene Ambrosion, UMC Foundation Member




**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
NEED NO APPOINTMENT
PRAYER ROOM—SECOND
SUNDAY MORNING**

MARCH 8—10:30 A.M.

Did you know there is someone in the prayer room the second Sunday of each month to do Blood Pressure Screening? Be sure to take advantage of this ministry.

Habitat for Humanity® United Methodist Church Building a Habitat House in Phoenix



The Mighty Methodist Habitat Coalition (MMHC) is made up of 30 United Methodist Churches across the valley. They are helping to build a house in Phoenix, scheduled to start February 15, 2020, with a planned completion date of June 20, 2020. The MMHC decided to set a goal of funding 1/2 the cost of building the house. Progress has been made meeting this goal, however, currently the Coalition is still short of the goal. Therefore if you are interested in financially supporting this project, checks can be made to Willowbrook United Methodist Church. On the memo line write (for Mighty Methodist Habitat Coalition). If you are interested in working on the house (all work days are on Saturdays) or if you have questions contact Loren Littlefield at 623-826-4910.

HELP FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE



Our church is still collecting **ALUMINUM** pop tabs to go toward helping Ronald McDonald House Charity. Please drop your saved **ALUMINUM** pop tabs in the plastic jar at the United Methodist Men table in Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your donations. Please note: They do not want steel pop tabs. (If it sticks to a magnet, it is steel.) If you have questions contact Don or Elaine King 530-559-3968.



Our condolences to family and friends on the death of the following Willowbrook members & family & friends:

- Shara-Dawn Chambers' father, Barry Avery, on January 27
- Nancy Little's sister Margery Roe in OH
- Dwayne Pearson on February 7
- Joe Brooks' brother, Jerry, on February 14 in CO

Our Perryville card ministry meets once again on Friday, March 27th at 2:30 p.m. in the conference room. This month we will be sending Easter cards. You bring cards and stamps; we provide address and return address labels. Remember: no glitter or attachments on your cards!



If you are able, please also bring full-size toiletries, which we will donate to St. Peter's bridge ministry program for women being released from prison. Questions? Call Pastor Sande, 623-974-5637.

SCAM ALERT!

If you receive an automated call saying, "Attention! This is an important notification! Press 9 NOW!"

DO NOT PRESS 9! HANG UP! BLOCK NUMBER!



ALL-ENCOMPASSING SAVIOR

Christ be with me, Christ within me.
Christ behind me, Christ before me.
Christ beside me, Christ to win me.
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me.
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.
Christ in hearts of all that love me.
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

—Hymn attributed to St. Patrick

WILLOWBROOK COLLECTS EYE GLASSES, HEARING AIDS AND CELL PHONES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

Willowbrook has a deposit box in Wilson Fellowship Hall for used eye glasses, reading glasses, sun glasses, cell phones, and hearing aids.

Lions Clubs around the world sort these donations and take them along with professionals to countries around the world and fit them to people in need. Cell phones are converted to cash to pay for restorative surgeries.



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STAFF EMAILS

SEND PRAYER REQUESTS TO:

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CAREGIVER CONNECT EVENT
Benevilla™ Friday, March 6—8:00 am—1:00 pm
Bellevue Heights Church
9440 W Hutton Drive, Sun City

Are you a family member caring for a loved one? This event is offered to family caregivers providing expert guidance, valuable information and in-person advice for support on their caregiver journey.

DR. MARIBETH GALLAGHER
Hospice of the Valley

The Language of Distressed Behaviors

LORI NISSON, MSW, LCSW
Family & Community Services Director
Banner Alzheimer's Institute/Phoenix/Tucson
Banner Sun Health Research Institute/Sun City
Ambiguous Loss: Living with Uncertainty

BONUS PRESENTATION
by Benevilla Vice President of Program Operations
and Sr. Director of Enrichment
Choose Life Enrichment: The Option of Benevilla Day Programs

Free Event—Register at 623-584-4999
Complimentary Breakfast—Expert Presentations—
Senior Care Vendors—On-Site Resource
Specialists—Raffle Prizes—and More

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1 9:30 am Worship—Sanc 10:30 am Share A Prayer—PR 11:00 am Mosaic Worship—CH 	2 10:00 am UMW Team Mtg—MR 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL 6:00 pm Stephen Training—CR	3 9:00 am Staff Parish—CR 1:00 pm Spiritual Enrichment—CR 1:00 pm Joyful Bells—MR 2:30 pm Pastor Academy—WFH	4 9:00 am Trustees—CR 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 2:00 pm Writing Class—MR 4:30 pm Lenten Journey—WFH	5 9:00 am Kris Krafters—WFH 9:30 am Caregiver Support Group—LL 10:00 am UMM Board—CR 2:00 pm Worship—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc	6 GOOD NEWS DEADLINE 10:00 am First Friday Leadership—CR 1:30 pm Disciple III—LL 	7 8:00 am P.O.W.W.O.W.—PL 5:00 pm Sabbath Celebration—CH
8 9:30 am Worship—Sanc 10:30 am BP Check—PR 11:00 am Mosaic Worship—CH 3:00 pm Performing Arts/Nine Southwest—Sanc	9 9:30 am Martha Circle—WFH 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle—LL 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL 6:00 pm Stephen Training—CR	10 9:30 am Rachel Circle—LL 1:00 pm Joyful Bells—MR 2:30 pm Pastor Academy—WFH	11 9:30 am GriefShare—LL 9:30 am Art & Soul—WFH 2:00 pm Writing Class—MR 4:30 pm Lenten Journey—WFH	12 11:45 am UMM Lunch—WFH 1:30 pm Youthful Seniors Board—CR 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanc 	13 1:30 pm Disciple III—LL	14 2:00 pm Winsome Widows—LL 5:00 pm Sabbath Celebration—CH
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29 9:30 am Worship—Sanc 10:30 am Share A Prayer—PR 11:00 am Mosaic Worship—CH 4:00 pm Performing Arts/Desert Brass—Sanc	30 2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer—LL 6:00 pm Stephen Training—CR	31 1:00 pm Joyful Bells—MR 2:30 pm Pastor Academy—WFH			COMING IN APRIL 1 April Fool's Day 4 P.O.W.W.O.W. 5 Palm Sunday 10 Good Friday—Office Closed 12 Easter	Sanc - Sanctuary LL - Library Lounge CR - Conference Room WFH - Wilson Fellowship Hall MR - Music Room PR - Prayer Room CH - Chapel CT—Courtyard PL—Church Parking Lot KIT—Kitchen